

THE FRANKLIN TIMES

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TAR DROPS

The crops and fruit were badly in need of rain.

The rain Tuesday was a most welcomed visitor.

Many wells were suffering from the long dry spell.

Cotton sold in Louisburg yesterday for 22 cents a pound.

There will be many tobacco plants put out on this season.

The Boddie Drug Co. is making some changes in their store that adds to the convenience and appearance.

An item from Franklinton Route 2, says that Mr. Ulysses G. Woodlief left Sunday for Lake City, Fla., to undergo an operation for eartrouble at the Government hospital.

RECEPTION, WELCOMING RECTOR TO ST. PAUL'S.

One of the most delightful social events of the past week was the reception given Friday night, from 8:30 to 10:30 at the rectory by the Woman's Auxiliary, assisted by the Young People's Fellowship of St. Paul's Episcopal church, to welcome the new rector, Rev. J. D. Miller, who has recently been called to St. Paul's, Louisburg.

The rectory was beautiful in its artistic decorations of Pink roses and lavender fleur de lis. The front hall was beautifully decorated with a mass of white lilies and lavender fleur de lis. The dining room was very attractive with a profusion of roses. The center piece of the quaint old-fashioned dining table was of lovely pink roses. The flowers, candles, old timey furniture and charming people carried one back, in fancy, to the days of old.

The guests were received at the front door by Misses Olivia McKinne, Adelaide and Elizabeth Johnson. They were shown to the study to remove their wraps and then to the punch bowl which was presided over by Misses Kattie Boddie and Felicia Allen. They were greeted at the reception room door by Mrs. Malcolm McKinne and Mrs. H. H. Johnson and were introduced to the receiving line composed of Mr. W. H. Ruffin, Mrs. R. H. Davis, Rev. J. D. Miller, Mrs. Ellis, of Kittrell, Mr. R. H. Davis, Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Mrs. M. S. Clifton and Mr. Ed Yarborough.

At the dining room door Miss Mary B. Spencer, Mrs. Pattie Plummer MacCn and Mrs. G. L. Aycooke received. In the dining room the guests were received by Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. C. D. Elmore, Mrs. John Yarborough, and Mrs. John King, and were served to delicious ice cream, angel food cake and devil's cake. Pink, white and green mints, and salted almonds were served by Misses Jessie Elmore and Elizabeth Clifton.

A large number of guests attended during the evening to enjoy the hospitality of the St. Paul's people and to meet their new rector, Rev. Mr. Miller.

ECONOMICS CLASS ENTERTAINS

Wednesday evening May 6 at seven o'clock, the beautiful faculty parlors of Louisburg College were opened to the members of the faculty and other invited guests of the home economics class. Miss Nell Woods, director of the department and hostess of the evening, with Mrs. A. W. Mohn led the way to the beautifully decorated dining room where the repast was served. Miss Woods presided, and the class served a delicious six course dinner. Miss Elizabeth Clifton in the capacity of head waitress directed the service, and was ably seconded by Misses Emily Douglas, Victoria Adcock, and Louise Egerton.

The pleasure of the hour was much increased by music furnished by the college orchestra, a delightful reading by Miss Maxine Watkins and a song by Miss Katie Richardson rendered in her usual charming way.

The class is composed of Misses Clifton, Payner, Ferguson, Brady, Timberlake, Douglas, Cox Egerton and Adcock.

BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION MEET

The Baraca-Philathea Union met with the classes at Duke Memorial, May 2nd and 3rd, 1925.

Saturday evening began the first service with a very interesting talk.

Sunday morning the devotional was conducted by Prof. Sexton. In words of welcome Miss Ruby Wheelers knew how to express herself to make every one feel welcome. Response by Prof. Sledge.

Roll call and reading of reports showed eighteen classes present. One new class was added to the Union.

Rev. C. B. Howard delivered the ad-

dress of the morning. He told us what Baracas and Philatheas were doing and could do for Franklin county. Committees appointed. Dinner on the grounds.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Rose the State Philathea president told about the coming State Convention at Raleigh, June 11-14.

New officers were elected as follows: Mr. Hayman, Spring Hope, president, J. W. Daniel, Franklinton, vice-president, Mrs. L. F. Perry, Wakefield, Secretary, Program committee; Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Mr. G. M. Beam, Mr. P. P. Pernell, Mrs. C. M. Vaughan.

The judges awarded the Banners to the Duke Memorial Jr. Philathea and Baracas and the Sandy Creek Baraca class. Franklinton Baracas won a pennant for next best.

Mr. J. W. Daniel was appointed to look after the absent classes.

Closing devotional by Mr. Howard, a Message of Love.

The next meeting will be held with the classes at Bunn 1st Sunday in November.

Forrest J. Joyner, Pres.
Mrs. L. F. Perry, Sec'y.

LOUISBURG RAILROAD AND JUDGE LONG

Mr. Editor—I have read with interest the several recent references in the TIMES to above matter. They have recalled to me memories of men and things of that day that are with us no more. I was somewhat surprised at the inaccuracy of some of the statements.

The Louisburg Railroad Company was chartered about 1881 I think. How ever nothing was done as to organization till 1884. The company was then organized in the first part of the year, and work on the grading was begun in November 1884, I think the day after Thanksgiving. Individuals in Louisburg and Franklinton subscribed for some of the stock, but the bulk of it was provided by bonds of Louisburg town and township. Ten percent of stock was paid in cash balance to be paid later. The Louisburg Company then contracted with the Raleigh and Gaston Co., to grade the road bed and furnish the cross-ties, and to lease it to the R and G. Co., for ninety nine years for five dollars, which Judge Cooke said was never paid. The R and G. Co., was to furnish rails and lay the track, furnish rolling stock and operate the road. After this some of the individual subscribers, on account of this lease refused to pay their subscriptions. These in and around Franklinton were placed in my hands for collection, that of Judge Norman Long being among them. He was a splendid, honest, honorable, upright man, and a client and friend of mine. I asked him to pay, he refused, as stated. I sent him before J. S. Joyner Esq., Justice of the Peace, another as fine man as ever walked on the soil of Franklin county. Judge Long was represented by Frank S. Sprull Esq., now of Rocky Mount. I obtained judgment, Judge Long handed me the \$45 balance due having before paid \$5. I delivered the certificate of stock. A few winters later he sold it to Capt. Joyner for 50 eggs, and got a good price for it. Eggs were then selling as high as five to six and a quarter cents per dozen. Later in the day I asked Judge Long about the sale. His favorite "cuss word" was "I dang." His reply was, "Yes, I dang, I sold it for fifty eggs, and carried them home and told the old woman to cook them every one. If she set one of them and raised a chicken from it I would beat her mighty near to death." Said he did not want a thing left to remind him of the transaction. This was the last of 1885 or first of 1886.

In 1892 Capt. Joyner died, and I qualified as his administrator. I found among his papers this certificate of stock, across the back of it was written in the handwriting of Judge ong, "For value received, fifty eggs, I hereby transfer this stock to J. S. Joyner without recourse on me." Signed, Norman Long. It was absolutely worthless. Capt. Joyner never thought enough of it to have it transferred on the stock book. The certificate remained in my possession till the Seaboard decided to merge all its lines into one, Seaboard Air Line. To do this they proceeded to buy up all stock in all lines under their control. I had settled up all the matters of J. S. Joyner, but finally they offered 33 1-3 per cent for it and it was sold and the \$16 2-3 paid to the family of Capt. Joyner. Not such a bad investment after all, for Capt. Joyner. Even if he had paid as high a price fifty cents for the eggs in 1886 it came back about fifteen years later as more than thirty times as much.

It is a long day from that day to this. Almost all of the men of that time are gone. No county in the state ever had a finer citizenship than Franklin had at that time, no part of the county surpassed Franklinton township for the sterling worth of its men and women, especially its women. I thank God, that in my journey of life. He guided my feet that way.

Yours,
N. Y. GULLEY.
Wake Forest, N. C., April 24th.

What are the Protestant Churches Coming to?

ARE YOU A PROTESTANT CHURCH MEMBER? Are you aware of the fact that American Protestantism is fast slipping from the rocky heights of true Bible faith? Do you know that scores of theological seminaries, where your future ministers are being trained, have ruled out an infallible Bible; that thousands of ministers are preaching a man-made gospel; and that literally hundreds of thousands of church members are being swept along by this ever-rising tide of "modernism"?

Do you know that this country today is thickly dotted with churches that are mere shells of their former selves? Do you know that a general collapse of American Protestantism was actually threatening some time ago; that a mighty counter-movement has started; and that we are IN THE GREAT CRISIS right now? We want to reach EVERYBODY that calls himself a church member—also those who do not read a church paper, and they are legion. Hence this general announcement in your secular paper. Men and women, are you in favor of retaining the Bible that your fathers believed in and that your mothers trusted in, that was their hope and stay in times of grief and sorrow, that gave them cheering visions of a heavenly rest—the rest that your liberals do not believe in because it belongs to the "supernatural" and, therefore, "unknowable"? Will you join us in saying "Whatever you do, or don't do, but HANDS OFF THE BIBLE?" Will you help save the Bible for America? Will you join in the fight for its integrity? Will you, too, deny modern scholarship the right to rob us of the only sure foundation upon which our feet can stand, in these shifting sands of time?

Then you are interested in the news that we are now able to convey to you—the greatest piece of news heralded for a long time. It is this, THAT A NEW REFORMATION IS COMING! There are rumblings everywhere of the approaching battle—the battle between faith and unbelief, between true religion and false science, between FUNDAMENTALISM and LIBERALISM. And there is yet more news. It is this—that A GREAT GENERAL MAGAZINE is now being published, for all the Protestant denominations, edited by the great leaders of conservative Protestantism, which is here to keep its readers promptly informed of every new development in the "new Reformation" movement, and which is blazing the way to a "new Protestantism" in America! The magazine is bigger than any denomination; it has nothing to do with this sect or that. It is interdenominational. It is here to fight, on a huge, nation-wide scale, for the sanctity of the Bible! It is here to place the Bible where our fathers placed it—far above all the thoughts, and philosophies, and imaginations, of mere men! And it is here to adore a DIVINE CHRIST in that DIVINELY INSPIRED BIBLE! That is the only Christ men and women would want for their Saviour in the hour of death; that is the only Bible they would care to rely on, when the chilly waves begin strike their feet, weary of travel.

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FOLKS IN COUNTRY TOWN

The Blarney Failed

By Edward McCullough

AUTOCASTER

I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS - HAVE USED UP EVERY CENT I HAD 'PAVIN' LINDY'S CLOTHES BILLS - HAD TO EVEN TAKE MY NEW SPRING SUIT BACK 'CAUSE I COULDN'T PAY FOR IT

MAYBE I CAN DIG UP A FEW DOLLARS FROM SOMEBODY

WELL, JUST MY LUCK - IF IT ISN'T OL' AMOS BUGGS - HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN YEARS - FOND OF HIS KIDS. PRAISE 'EM AN' HE'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHIN'

WHAT A FINE LOOKIN' BOY YOU HAVE AMOS - SUCH AN INTELLIGENT FACE - HE'LL SURE MAKE HIS MARK SOMEDAY - YES SIR - SOME FINE BOY

PST! COULD YER LOAN ME A TEN SPOT?

I COULD NOT - THIS IS ME WIFE'S SON BY HER FIRST HUSBAND