

### SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS FOR TERM

Franklin Superior Court Came To End When Available Cases Were Disposed of

The regular January term of Franklin Superior Court came to a close on Friday evening when it was learned that practically all the available cases had been disposed of. The following cases had been completed since our last report:

State vs Bill Thomas, larceny, guilty, prayer for judgment continued for two years upon the defendant paying costs and giving bond for his appearance at May and October terms to show good behavior.

The cases of State vs Bennie Lewis, Chester Smith and Hampton Smith, all for larceny, each pleaded guilty and judgment was continued for two years upon the payment of costs and giving bonds for their appearance at May and October courts to show good behavior.

State vs Doyett Hagwood, unlawful possession of whiskey, pleads guilty, 6 months in jail to be assigned by commissioners, execution to issue at request of Solicitor.

State vs Bennie Thomas, carnal knowledge of female under 16 years of age, not guilty.

The sentences in the cases of Allison Baker, Tolle Moore and Woodrow Leonard, were imposed as follows: Baker 15 months and Moore 12 months in State Prison. Leonard being under 20 years of age he was placed in the custody of the Juvenile Court.

State vs Lewis Smith, larceny, guilty, 6 months in jail, commissioners to work at any county institution.

State vs Morris Johnson, larceny, pleads guilty of receiving, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs James Arthur, alias, Stovepipe, alias James Williams, larceny, 6 months in jail, commissioners to hire out.

State vs W. W. Tucker, fraud, not pros with leave.

State vs Henry Rogers and G. B. Bell, obtaining marriage license unlawfully, Rogers pleads guilty, trial as to Bell, jury finds verdict of guilty, 15 days each in jail and pay costs.

The January term of court came to a close on Friday evening.

The grand jury completed its work late Thursday afternoon and were discharged after making the following reports:

**Report of Grand Jury**  
To Hon. E. H. Cranmer, Judge presiding

We have passed on all bills that have come before us to the best of our ability; we have visited the jail and find it needs some improvements. There should be some way for colored prisoners to bathe and all prisoners should be required to bathe once a week. There be some lids furnished to the stools. There is one prisoner who states that he has been in jail 78 days and has not had a bath. We also visited the county home and find it well kept. We recommend that there should be some way to carry off the water that comes from the roof and runs into the basement.

We have examined the records in the court house and find them in proper form. We also find the rooms in the court house in good shape up stairs and down.

J. E. HARRIS, Foreman.  
Solicitor L. S. Brassfield made the following report as to the Clerks of the Court:

**Solicitor's Report**  
North Carolina, Franklin County Superior Court, January term, 1928.  
To Hon. E. H. Cranmer, Judge presiding:

The undersigned Solicitor of the Seventh Judicial District respectfully reports to the Court that he has examined at this term of said court into the condition of the office of J. J. Young, the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, that he finds said office well administered in all respects, that said Clerk keeps in his office all the books required by law, properly indexed for speedy and convenient reference.

He further reports to the Court that, so far as he can ascertain, the accounts of the said Clerk are regular and correct.

He further reports to the Court that he has examined the report of the receiver of minors accounts and same appear regular.

Respectfully submitted,  
LEON S. BRASSFIELD, Solicitor Seventh Judicial District.  
E. H. CRANMER, Judge Presiding.

### BIG HOG

Mr. Z. L. Cheaves, of near Four Bridges, reports killing a hog on Friday weighing 915 pounds. For many months this hog has been quite a curiosity to a large number of visitors, many of whom traveled many miles to see him. Mr. Cheaves usually raises large meat and has at least one big hog each year. This year he had two, killing one about three weeks ago weighing 872 pounds. The two hogs made a total of 1787 pounds of meat. These weights were made after the hogs were dressed. Franklin county challenges the State for Mr. Cheaves equal in meat raising.

### GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR OF 1927

Industrial Committee Already Active

Change Meetings To Call; To Look Into Poor Freight Accommodations; Road Committee Directed To Put Forth Efforts for Hard Surface To Mapleville; Enthusiastic Meeting

Although the attendance was small due to the bad weather the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce held a very enthusiastic and encouraging meeting Tuesday in the court house.

The minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors giving the list of committees appointed and the objectives for the coming year were read and approved.

Acting upon the suggestion of the Directors the Chamber adopted a motion that the regular meetings of the Chamber be done away with and that in the future the Chamber would meet on the call of the president or the Board of Directors.

The Transportation and Rates Committee was instructed to look into and have remedied if possible, the present undesirable freight conditions.

The Roads Committee was instructed to get in touch with Mr. John Sprunt Hill, Highway Commissioner for this district and express to him the great dissatisfaction felt, here upon receiving the report that the highway to Nashville would be oil treated, and to make a determined effort to have the plans changed to the end that the road will be hard surfaced to Mapleville or further.

The following committees made reports: S. P. Boddie for the Industrial Committee, David Harris, Membership, W. E. White, Jr., Finance, and T. K. Stockard, Publicity.

Maj. Boddie made a very interesting report from his committee stating that they held a meeting the afternoon before with one hundred per cent attendance and proposed to get right behind, in earnest, the establishment of a Building and Loan Association, a cotton oil mill, a canning factory, a farmers produce sales plan cotton mill and knitting mill, chair factory, foundry. This committee has already been its work.

T. K. Stockard, of the Publicity Committee compiled an article showing the activities of the Chamber last year and submitted it, which was enthusiastically received. The article follows:

The most astounding infant prodigy of all times has been discovered in the town of Louisburg. This infant is only eleven months old, but in spite of its tender age it has accomplished almost unbelievable feats, which can be verified by any doubting Thomas. It was born January 31, 1927.

The name of this infant is the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, and we list below the feats performed by this child in the short period of eleven months. This child's success was plotted by President S. P. Boddie, Vice-President Fisher Beasley, and Secretary and Treasurer Arthur Fleming. The chairman of the various committees, or one might say the infants nurses were: A. W. Green, Membership; H. C. Taylor, Agriculture; M. S. Davis, Roads; David Harris, Civics; M. McKinne, Mercantile; T. K. Stockard, Publicity; A. F. Johnson, Transportation and Rates; F. A. Roth, Industrial; W. D. Egerton, Tobacco Trade; W. R. Mills, Schools; E. L. Best, Program; H. H. Johnson, Manufacturing; W. B. Tucker, Cotton Ginning; A. W. Person, Buying and Selling Cotton; T. W. Watson, Finance; C. Hatton, Lumber.

**Roads Committee**  
The Roads Committee was active and on the alert during the past year and did a great amount of commendable work. They were instrumental in having the Halifax Road put on the State Highway system with an extension to Halifax and having it treated with gravel and tar surface. They were instrumental in hastening the hard surfacing of the highway from Louisburg to Franklinton. This committee worked hard to secure a State highway from Clinton to Warrenton, via Pilot, Bunn and Louisburg on to Warrenton via the old Warrenton stage road. This road will materialize in the future if we keep working for it.

**Industrial Committee**  
The Industrial Committee secured a bakery for Louisburg, which is a great advantage to the town. It is up to the house wives of our community to demand our own bakeries bread and thereby support this industry. At present we are not giving our bakery the support that it should have. A special committee led by Dr. W. R. Bass, has established a creamery here for the benefit of the farmers of our community. This is one of the biggest steps toward beneficial diversification that has ever been undertaken in Franklin county. Our county is blessed with enviable pasturage facilities, and could be made one of the biggest producers of cream of any county in any State in the South.

**Transportation and Rates Committee**  
The Transportation and Rates Committee has been in touch with the Southern Power Co., in an effort to secure an inter-urban electric line from Louisburg to Rocky Mount. This is an effort to secure freight facilities

### MARKET TO CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 10

Sales On Local Market Past Week Fair With Good Prices

The sales on the local tobacco market this week have been fairly good with prices very satisfactory. The demand for all grades remains good and the bidding is lively.

Announcement has been made that the local market will close on Friday, February 10th. All those who have not sold their tobacco would do well to get it ready and bring it on before that date. Louisburg is holding its own with all markets in price comparison and you are invited to come here and share the good times with all the rest.

### HEDEGEPETH-MARSHBOURNE

Announcements as follows have been received by friends in Louisburg:

Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel Hedegepeth announce the marriage of their daughter, Willie Mae, to Mr. Wilbur Cardy Marshbourne, on Tuesday, December twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, Henderson, North Carolina.

Enclosed were cards reading: "At home after January fifteenth, Arlington Terrace Apartments, Rocky Mount, North Carolina."

The bride is one of Franklin county's charming young ladies, the daughter of the efficient superintendent of the Franklin County Home, Mr. and Mrs. John Hedegepeth, as is especially and deservedly popular among a host of friends.

The groom is a popular young business man of Rocky Mount.

for our community on a short route east and west.

**Membership Committee**  
The Membership Committee secured about eighty members. The dues are only \$2 for a firm and \$1 for individuals. We hope that the next year's work will enable us to double the membership for the present year. Every business firm and person in Louisburg should join the Chamber of Commerce and help to boost and build our town.

**Tobacco Committee**  
The Tobacco Committee did one of the best pieces of work that was done by the Chamber of Commerce. At the close of last season we faced the loss of able proprietors at two of our warehouses. The Tobacco Committee secured a strong combination to operate the vacated houses. Dorsey Nelms, Matthew Sykes and Frank Parham, operating the Union Warehouse. Will Sutton, Luther West and Ben Williamson operating the Riverside Warehouse. Sam Meadows, Marvin Perry and Grover Harris, operating the Planters Warehouse, have proved to be the best bunch of warehousemen that Louisburg has been fortunate enough to have in many years. Every one of them have proved to be a hustler and an able man. The result is that Louisburg will sell one million pounds more this season than it sold last season. These same men, if given ample warehouse space will build the Louisburg market up to a 7,000,000 market in two more seasons, with the aid of such splendid buyers as we now have.

**Civics Committee**  
The Civics Committee secured an extension of city mail delivery one block on South Main Street. This service is an added convenience to residents in that section.

**Buying and Selling Cotton**  
The Committee on Buying and Selling Cotton performed a most worthy bit of surgery in the removal of cancer to our cotton market. This cancer was the terrible road leading to the cotton platform. The committee had this road paved, so that our farmers could have a decent haul to the cotton platform and scales. The gentlemen of this committee are to be congratulated on this piece of work.

**Finance Committee**  
The Finance Committee did that which was called impossible. They raised almost \$1,000 with which to advertise Louisburg.

**Publicity Committee**  
The Publicity Committee has been active and has advertised Louisburg to an extent that it has never been advertised before. Twelve attractive 6x10 foot signs have been placed at strategic locations in Franklin and Vance counties. Eight quarter page ads have been run in the Franklin Times, advertising Louisburg's advantages as a trading place. Moving picture slides are in use at the Winner Theatre and at the Edward Best and Epsom High Schools. An advertisement will be placed on the Gold Sand High School curtain, the Louisburg College Annual will carry an ad, and possibly the Edward Best High School curtain. Two issues of a direct letter with a circulation of 3,000 addresses have gone out to our farmer friends, and a third will go out in the spring. Almost \$1,000 has been spent in a variety of ways of advertisement of Louisburg.

Taken as a whole the Infant Prodigy (The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce), has performed miraculous feats for a youngster. Become a member and help the kid to grow.

**FOR FIRST CLASS JOB PRINTING**

### LONNIE LANCASTER SERIOUSLY INJURED

James Hodge, Colored, Dead As Result of Automobile Accident Saturday Night

As a result of an automobile accident near the old county home Saturday night, Lonnie Lancaster is in a hospital suffering from internal injuries and James Hodge, colored, died at a hospital in Raleigh at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, according to information reaching Louisburg.

From the reports received here it seems that the Essex coupe driven by Lancaster, and in which Hodge was a passenger, failed to take the turn in the road that leads to Louisburg upon coming out of the road from Moulton, and crossed the road into the yard of Kit Basket, and turned over several times.

Lancaster and Hodge were brought to Louisburg that night and given treatment. Hodge was taken to the hospital Sunday and we understand Lancaster was taken to the hospital later.

### MRS. A. J. P. HARRIS DEAD

The tidings of the death of Mrs. A. J. P. Harris, which occurred at her home about eight miles southwest of Louisburg Monday morning was received in Louisburg with much sorrow. Mrs. Harris was 75 years old and had been confined to her room for several days from a sprain. She had been seriously ill for only a short while.

Mrs. Harris preceded to the grave several years ago by her husband, and she is survived by eight children, Messrs. J. E. Harris, and T. C. Harris, Mrs. J. P. Timberlake, Mrs. E. J. Cheatham, Mrs. J. T. Baker, Mrs. J. D. Morris, Misses Nannie and Marguerite Harris, all of Franklin county, besides a host of relatives and friends all of whom have the deepest sympathy of the entire county.

Mrs. Harris was a member of Harris Chapel Baptist church and lived a beautiful christian life. She was a devoted mother, a kind neighbor and a true friend to all and believed in sowing flowers and sunshine in the path of humanity.

"God touched her with his finger and she slept," but not until a beautiful life was lived, a noble example of patience, fidelity to truth and faith were given. Not until the visions of a heavenly life had cheered and illumined the valley. Life will never be quite the same to those who knew her.

The funeral services were held from the home on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. C. B. Howard, a former pastor, and the interment was made at the family cemetery nearby. The pall bearers were Dr. Claude Timberlake, Sid C. Eaves, Julius P. Timberlake, E. Joe Cheatham, M. S. Clifton, M. H. Frazier, F. W. Justice.

Large numbers attended the services which were especially impressive and the floral tribute was profuse and beautiful speaking a tender message of love and esteem for the deceased.

### ERROR

In our last issue the editor got Dallas and Houston confused and stated the Democrats had selected Dallas for the next National Convention. He should have said Houston had been selected. Any way it is a Southern city and we are mighty glad they have decided to come South. Now if they nominate a Southerner for President it will make a complete job, and give us a better chance of winning the election.

### EPWORTH JUNIOR LEAGUE

The Epworth Juniors met in the ladies parlor of the Methodist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock. The meeting was opened with a song, followed by prayer. Tell the Truth was the subject for the evening, and the Juniors in charge did their parts well. The program follows:

Being truthful means being happy, by Allen Cobb.

Being truthful means being honored, by Freddie Lee Herman.

The Commandment, by James Person.

Two Bible quotations on Truth, by William Lee Beasley.

Hero Stories, by Rosalind Harris and Jack Rouse.

The Juniors are anxious to have every member present every Sunday night and on time. They are planning a Valentine party in the near future. The following officers were elected: President, Jack Rouse; Vice-President, James Person; Secretary, Allen Cobb; Treasurer, Mary Fuller Beasley.

### AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Miller, rector of St Paul's Episcopal church makes the following announcements for next Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning prayer at 11 a. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. The new vestry will meet after the morning service to organize. All are cordially invited to attend all these services.

PHONE NO. 233.

### JAMES POST AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST 1928

The Following is a Letter To the Superintendents of the High Schools of Franklin County Sent Out by the James Post

Dear Sir:

Last fair week I stood upon a corner in Louisburg, and watched miles of marching school children pass in review. To me it was a parade of the future citizens of our America. I could not help expressing the hope that the American Legion would be an inspiration and teacher to these buds, who will soon bloom into the flower of our Nation. What if everyone of those children could learn to express themselves well in writing. If this could be, then we have built a monument that would be smiled upon by our gallant comrades of the World War, who are watching us from the Great Beyond.

The achievement of good essay writing in the schools of Franklin county is the monument that we hope to build to our departed "buddies." The James Memorial Cup is the incentive that we offer as a prize to the high school winning the annual James Post Essay Contest. The James Post American Legion Medal, is the prize given to the writer of the winning essay.

We have done our bit toward encouraging good writing in our schools, and the success of our efforts depends upon you. If you are not interested enough in so big a piece of work, as to insist upon your schools entering the contest, our efforts are literally thrown to the winds. The National Department of the American Legion thought enough of our efforts, to award our post a Distinguished Service Citation for community work, during the past year. Our State Department awarded us a beautiful Trophy Cup, for doing the biggest piece of community work in the State, of any Post our size. We are ashamed to admit that some of the superintendents in our schools, have not had vision enough in the past two years to see the possibilities in our Essay Contest, and to have their school compete. We sincerely hope that you will insist upon your English department entering this contest every year. Nothing except good can result from your entry.

The subject this year is: Peace Through Preparedness. This means preparedness in a military, educational, and religious sense.

Please cooperate with our Post in our efforts to make the winning of this annual essay contest, the greatest local honor that a Franklin county school can achieve.

### MRS. HATTON DEAD

Mrs. Mollie Durr Hatton, widow of the late W. C. Hatton, died at the home of her son, Mr. C. Hatton, on Perry Street at 1:20 Thursday afternoon of last week. She was 70 years of age and leaves one son, Mr. C. Hatton, of Louisburg, and one daughter, Miss Rosa Belle Hatton of Asheville. Mrs. Hatton was a member of the Methodist church, of Piercon, Ga., and lived a beautiful christian life. Her gentle disposition and pleasing manner made friends of all her acquaintances, to whom the news of her death will bring sorrow.

The funeral services were held from the home of her son, Mr. C. Hatton on Friday morning at 11 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist church, and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. The pall bearers were Jordan Toone, F. Avery, D. L. Wells, Sam Young, Grady Harris, K. L. Liles.

Large numbers of friends attended both services and the floral tribute was profuse and beautiful. The bereaved family and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

### QUARTERLY MEETING CHANGED

The people of Louisburg Circuit are asked to bear in mind the fact that the first quarterly meeting for the circuit will be held at Prospect church at 3 p. m. February 5, instead of at Piney Grove church as announced in Advocate. The people of the entire circuit are urged to attend this first meeting of the year.

Sunday being the fifth Sunday there will be no service held on the Louisburg Circuit.

### MY CHURCH

The subject for the morning sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday at the usual 11 o'clock hour will be "My Church." At the evening hour the subject of the sermon will be "My Church's Task." Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor, will preach at both services and extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

### U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will hold its regular February meeting with Miss Betts on Tuesday, February 7th, at Louisburg College. Please notify hostess if able to attend.

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### NAME OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 1928

Board of Directors Chamber of Commerce Meet, Approve Committees Appointed By President; To Arrange For Stenographic Work

The Board of Directors of the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce met in President E. L. Best's office on Wednesday night, January 18th, at which the list of committees appointed by the president was read and approved.

The following committees were appointed, the first named being chairman:

Executive—E. L. Best, T. K. Stockard, A. H. Fleming, W. E. White, Sr., S. P. Boddie, A. F. Johnson, Mc. M. Furgerson.

Membership—David Harris, T. W. Watson, O. C. Hill, W. B. Barrow, M. S. Clifton, R. W. Smithwick, T. K. Stockard, Mrs. H. G. Perry.

Agricultural—Q. S. Leonard, H. C. Taylor, F. J. Beasley, E. H. Malone, F. W. Justice, J. H. Boone, M. Stamps.

Roads—M. S. Davis, A. F. Johnson, W. E. White, T. W. Watson, E. H. Malone, F. A. Roth.

Civics—A. W. Green, H. G. Perry, F. W. Hicks, P. S. Allen, W. G. Tharrington, Mrs. W. E. White, B. H. Meadows.

School—W. R. Mills, A. W. Mohn, M. S. Clifton, T. W. Watson, H. H. Johnson, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. Ben T. Holden.

Mercantile—M. McKinne, H. C. Taylor, F. A. Roth, W. E. White, F. R. Pleasants, W. G. Tharrington, H. G. Harrison, M. C. Murphy, Jake Friedlander.

Publicity—T. K. Stockard, A. H. Fleming, A. F. Johnson, J. Friedlander, W. E. White, Jr., G. C. Harris.

Transportation and Rates—A. F. Johnson, G. M. Beam, Mc. M. Furgerson, S. H. Averitt, C. Hatton, David Harris, R. R. Kissell.

Industrial—S. P. Boddie, F. A. Roth, B. T. Holden, A. F. Johnson, A. H. Fleming, A. W. Person, C. K. Cooke, Dr. W. R. Bass.

Tobacco Trade—W. D. Egerton, F. H. Allen, T. K. Stockard, D. F. McKinne, M. S. Clifton, C. M. Howard, F. J. Beasley, T. H. Cheatham, G. C. Harris.

Manufacturing—M. S. Clifton, H. H. Johnson, M. Stamps, G. M. Beam, A. W. Green, W. D. Egerton.

Lumber—C. Hatton, G. T. Meade, C. R. Burgess, S. W. Young, S. H. Averitt.

Buying and Selling Cotton—A. W. Person, Ned Ford, F. J. Beasley.

Finance—W. E. White, Jr., S. P. Boddie, W. D. Egerton, A. F. Johnson, O. C. Hill, M. C. Murphy, Dr. H. G. Perry, T. K. Stockard, Miss Edna Virette.

Cotton Ginning—F. H. Allen, W. B. Tucker, W. J. Cooper.

A motion was duly made and carried that the Board recommended to the Chamber at its next regular meeting to change the By-Laws requiring a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce every two weeks and in its stead for the Chamber to meet upon call of the president or the board of directors.

The objectives for the various committees to work toward during 1928 were discussed and adopted as follows:

1. The membership to be increased one hundred per cent.
2. To create an intensive interest in the right sort of farming.
3. That the county get its share of good roads.
4. To clean up and beautify the town and highways.
5. To create a friendly spirit between the merchants and to foster movements for the good of all.
6. To let the people elsewhere know that we have a Chamber of Commerce.
7. To secure if possible better transportation and fair rates.
8. To bring new industries into the town and county.
9. To make our cotton and tobacco markets the best.
10. To foster school activities.
11. To organize at least one new manufacturing concern.
12. To increase our cotton growing and lumber facilities.

W. D. Egerton, T. K. Stockard and W. E. White, Jr., were appointed a committee to confer with the secretary and to make definite arrangements for stenographic work.

Several suggestions were made by the directors for various activities, they were referred to the proper committees.

### MANNY

Blanche Closs, who for twenty-seven years has been nurse and cook for Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor of this city, passed away last night from an attack of heart failure. She possessed many white and colored friends in and around Louisburg and many will mourn the passing of a faithful old Southern negro.

### COTTON REPORT

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 18,676 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin county, from the crop of 1927 prior to January 16, 1928, as compared with 24,557 bales ginned to January 16, 1927.