FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORY

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The first adventure in authorship by a citizen of Franklin of which there is record was by Charles Applewhite Hill of whom mention has been made here before. Hill was a citizen first of Franklin, then of Warren, and afterwards in his last years to the close of his life of Franklin again, residing at Midway in Franklin near the county line and equal-distant from the two county seats, Louisburg and Warrenton, each of which had been the scene of his labors. A book in the library at Chapel Hill has this on its title-page. An Improvised Grammar of the English Language for the Use of Schools, by C. A. Hill, A. M., Principal of the Warrenton Academy, North Carolina. Raleigh, Printed by J. Gales 1818.

The next page bears this dedication:

Dedicated to
The Rev. William Bingham
The Rev. Joseph Caldwell.

As a testimonial of respect from their grateful pupil and humble servant.—The Author.

In the general field of authorship however the name that stands out admittedly in Franklin County above all others to this date is that of Edwin Wiley Fuller, whose two books, The Angel in the Cloud, a poem in blank verse, and Sea Gift, a novel of the Civil War period, each stamped him as an author of real ability and great promise and gave him a reputation extending beyond County or State lines. He was a native of Louisburg, son of Jones Fuller and Anna Long Thomas. Educated at the Male Academy in Louisburg under M. S. Davis with two years at the University of N. C. and one at the University of Va. It was while he was at the latter institution that he began to write for publication. While there as a pupil what afterwards became his first volume, Angel in the Cloud, appeared as a short poem in the University magazine and was highly commended by such eminent scholars as Dr. Schele DeVere, Dr. B. L. Gildersleeve and Prof. Geo. F. Holmes, all members of the University faculty. The poem was afterwards extended and was published in book form in 1871 by E. J. Hale & Son, of New York, the author being in his 24th year. The poem is a philosophic treatise in blank verse dealing in a fascinating way with the motives of human conduct. Never without the poets charm he writes of such grave matters as humane, free will and fate or divine Sovereignty and passes easily to something else just as difficult with this farewell—

None ever have or ever will
on earth
Reach truth of theory concerning fate.
It stands as whole from every
touch of man
As Oceans broad blue scroll
whose rubber waves
Erase the furrows of the
plowing keels.

This delightful poetical treatise on matters considered altogether meta-physical or philosophical concludes with these words which should have permanent place in the memory of those of us who remember him.

Man can not judge the eternal mind by his
But must accept the mysteries of life
As purposes divine with perfect ends.
And in our darkest clouds
God's Angels stand
To work man's present and
eternal good.

It is doubtful, however, if Mr. Fuller ever touched the poets Lyre to finer effect than in the poem found in his Sea Gift, Under the Pines, based on the last words of a Confederat soldier dying at the front—"Tell them to bury me under the pines at home."

The first verse is as follows:

I would not rest in the mouldering tomb
Of the grim church yard
where the ivy twines
But make me a grave in the
forest gloom
Where the breezes wave like
a soldiers plume
Each dark green bough of
the dear old pines.

There were published four editions of Angel in the Cloud which was the author's first volume in the matter of publication though not the first one he wrote—his more popular work—the novel, Sea Gift being his first extended effort. It was written before the author had reached his 20th year though not published until 1873—publishers being E. J. Hale & Son. It attained wide popularity. At the State University where just a few years before the author had been a very popular student, the book was said to be in such constant demand at the library as to necessitate frequent replacements and was generally known as The Freshman's Bible.

This fine young man absolutely irreproachable in life and character, brilliantly endowed constant in the use and application of his varied talents never reached his 30th year. 1847-1876 are the termini of his tenure here. Yet what he did within those limits hampered as he was with business cares and an incurable disorder may well make us pause and wonder whose thread of life has been so much longer. Some lines written by him a short while before his death and handed to his wife in sealed envelope with this request, "Do not open this until I am well or until my death"—began this way written in his smooth blank verse:

Life bloomed for me as if my
path thro' Eden
Led its flowery way. Success
had crowned
In many ways my efforts. No
dark strife
With adverse fate its portent
shadows cast
Across the calm blue scope
of heaven x x x At once
With scarce a rustle in the
rose leaves came
A shadowy form and standing silently
Before my pathway breathed
a whispered sigh
As if it loathed its office to
perform
Then laid consumptions
ghastly banner on my
breast
Its pale folds crossed with
fatal red.

We can not do better in writing thus of Franklin's gifted son than to quote further from these beautiful and deeply pathetic lines descriptive of his own life when its end here was distant only a matter of days.

Then down
I bowed my face and longed
to know mine end
T'were very sweet to leave
all toil and care
And join the blessed ones
beyond the tide:
And still t'were sweet beyond
compare to wait
Till eventide with loved ones
here and share
Their trial or woe Then came
a flute like voice
That thrilled the solemn air,
pursue thy way
Yet humbly walk and watch
and if I come
At midnight or at noon be
ready x x x Thus
I wish to live life's aim subserved to God
To wear the girdle of the
world about my loins
So loosely that a moment
will suffffice
To break the clasp and lay
it down.

Thus lived and wrote this sweet singer who went out in very early manhood leaving those behind and those yet to come to conjecture to what eminence he might have attained had it been part of that divine will of which he wrote so often for him to tarry here until his marvelous gifts could come to fuller fruitage.

Other authors in the field of fiction either natives of Franklin or at one time resident there are Robert Edgar Ballard, whose Myrtle Lawn, a fascinating novel dealing with the Carlist movement in Spain appeared in 1877, published by the Petersons of Philadelphia, and Mrs. George S. Baker, from whose fluent pen came The Master of Letrange and Vernal Dune in the early years of the present century, published by the Neale Publishing Co. , of New York.

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Following the windup of Africa you add Germany and Italy to a list of European low countries.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

—Sunday is Father's Day.

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—Cotton was worth 22 cents a pound in Louisburg yesterday.

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—Patrolman and Mrs. M. H. Bymen announces the birth of a son early Sunday.

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—Quite a lengthy Army Convoy in four sections passed through Louisburg Tuesday.

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—Don't forget to pay a little tribute to father, one who labors for your well being regardless of how foolish or old fogy you may think him.

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—Sheriff J. P. Moore reports the destruction of a 30 gallon steel drum whiskey still in Harris township on Thursday of last week and pouring out five barrels of beer. He was assisted by officers Neal, Gilliam and Joyner.

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FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Capitol Square has manifested some interest in reports that a boomlet for Victor S. Bryant for Lieutenant Governor was gaining some strength over the State. The Durham attorney by reason of long service in the General Assembly and on the budget commission has won admiration of most Capitol Square habitues. He is personally liked and his ability is highly respected. Injection of his name into the State Campaign revived lagging interest in it.

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The man of the hor is the fellow who promises to wait a minute for his wife.

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The goose that laid the golden egg is being given an awful run by the lowly hen.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Raynor and Miss Louise Webb visited Raleigh Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. T. King are spending this week in Philadelphia, on business.

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Miss Helen Elizabeth Lea, of South Boston, Va., is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Lea.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berryhill have returned to Charlotte after visiting her mother, Mrs. J. O. Wilson.

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Mr. Wilson Wood, who is with the Government in Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday with his family of near Louisburg.

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Miss Lucy Wilson returned to her home Sunday after visiting in Woodland and Littleton. Miss Wilson was an honorary bride's maid in the threewitts-Copeland wedding.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bennett and sons, Everett, Jr. and James Michael, of Fort Myers, Fla, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ire T. Inscoe and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Murphy.

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THE WINNER

The fellow who keeps himself in shape, who refuses to be discouraged by the bad breaks, who keeps hustling with the best he has, is always certain to make the grade. . . . Its the general average that counts, not a big day or a bad day.

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From Louisburg War Price and Ration Board

FUEL OIL

Application blanks are being mailed from the Ration Office to users of fuel oil for heat and hot water in 1942. Persons receiving these are requested to fill in the blank and return to The Ration Office as soon as possible. Ration for 1943 will be issued during the summer, thus avoiding the inconvience of credit purchases. All applications for fuel oil must be signed on the last line of section 4

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SUGAR

The Office of Price Administration has issued a bulletin stating that the purchase of sugar for canning by the use of stamps No. 15 and 16 is a violation of OPA regulations unless the purchaser has fruit ready for canning or preserving. All sugar purchased on these stamps must be accounted for in the proportion of 4 quarts of fruit for each pound of sugar used.

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INSTITUTIONAL USERS

Eating establishments may now receive the July - August allotments of processed foods, meat, sugar and coffee. These are issuable after June 1, 1943.

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Argentina Is Expected To Break Off Relations With Hitler Axis

President Ramirez Voices Pledge That Nation Will "Do What It Ought To Do"

Beunos Aires, June 16.—Optimistic observers today interpreted President General Pedro C. Ramirez's pledge that the new military Government will "do what it ought to do" as confirmation that Argentina contemplates breaking off relations with the Axis.

These sources coupled Ramirez's remarks with the statement of Foreign Minister Vice Admiral Segundo R. Storni Friday that Argentina intends, "step by step, to achieve the position she should be in."

Ramirez expounded his Government's foreign and domestic policies at his first press conference at the presidential palace last night. Argentina is the only country in the Western Hemisphere still maintaining relations with the Axis.

"We shall try to reach a greater accord with our sister American nations, consolidating the ties uniting us in common interests," he said. "We shall effect practical Pan-Americanism, avoiding with our acts the rhetorical verbalism that soldiers neither understand nor cultivate.

"Regarding the rest of the world, our policy for the present is neutrality, not fictitious, but loyal, sincere and true neutrality. Respecting future international policy, that will be done which must be done—acting with the same spirit of reality and sincerity as at present."

Political observers believed that Ramirez's reiteration of Argentina's intention to remain neutral "for the present" indicated his desire not to commit his Government to a rupture immediately, but leaving it free for future action.

Asked whether he personally were pro-democratic, Ramirez said:

"What is Argentia? That is what I am."

Once his administration has purged the Government of corruption and disorganization, he will hand it back to the politicians, Ramirez said.

The constitution will be restored, he said, and elections will be held at a date to be determined by "time and events."

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