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BIG MASONIC RALLY.

THURSDAY, JULY 1ST A BIG DAY AT MAPLEVILLE.

Public Installation of Officers—Barbecue Dinner Served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star—Big Crowd Present.

As was announced The Annual Masonic Rally, which was given by all the Masonic Lodges of the county, including the Central Cross Lodge, which is just across the Nash line, but is composed largely of Franklin county citizens, was held on July the 1st, 1909, at Mapleville N. C. The whole affair was carried through without a hitch and was a success in every respect.

The Lodge was opened in an adjoining woods and repaired to the Church near by, where the immense audience was delightfully entertained by speeches from the following gentlemen: Prof. Alderman of Henderson was the speaker of the day, and owing to the warm weather and the large crowd, he did not deliver the speech he had prepared for the day, but the audience was delighted with his remarks, as evidenced by the various compliments paid him by those who heard him. We want him again. Rev. T. B. Justice from Franklinton also addressed the crowd with well chosen remarks. Judge C. M. Cooke, of Louisburg, then took the speaker's stand, and as he always does delighted the audience, as he knew all the old folks, and as he knew most of their births, marriages, their fathers, mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts, interested the "Home" folks to whom he was speaking.

Rev. G. M. Duke, the venerable and beloved "Father in Israel," spoke to those present in his usual earnest convincing way, in which no one but "George Duke" can talk. We refrain from commenting on his talk as we fear that we might detract from what this "grand old man" had to say. He was master of the Lodge ceremony, and all was carried through admirably. Mr. B. W. Ballard also made a few remarks, which were enjoyed by those present, who were delighted to see and hear one who was born and reared within two miles of this old historic meeting place, "Maple Springs." After the exercises of the Lodge, which were held in the Church at Maple Springs, the large crowd repaired to the tables which were placed in the beautiful grove of Mr. Willis Boone near the Church, and barbecued pig, lamb and beef with plenty of lemonade and ice water were served in abundance, and no one came away without being served plentifully, including all present, Masons and all. The dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter of Louisburg N. C. with the assistance of a number of young men. Especial thanks is tendered the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter for their able assistance. We cannot mention all who joined in to make the whole affair a grand success but think that Mr. Willis Boone in his untiring efforts and personal attention, to almost all the arrangements assisted by his excellent corps of able assistants deserve especial mention. Also Mr. E. N. Williams, Mr. Ira F. Fuller and W. T. Wilder, who conducted the barbecue, seeing that it was properly cooked and sent to the tables, deserve the thanks of all who participated in the dinner. They are all fine caterers and when they or either of them have a barbecue, we will try and secure an invitation. These rallies or picnics will be conducted annually by the Lodges of the county at places named by the committee appointed for that purpose. The bringing together of the Masons of the county and the visiting Masons, at these annual exercises, is to be

commended, and we hope they will continue for years to come, as their meeting together, is conducive to enlarge and promote that brotherly love and affection which the Masonic Order so forcibly teaches. Mr. C. E. Gupton our old friend was very active in seeing that all had badges, even to the women and children, and some were more attentive to the women and the girls than to the men, but we have no comment to make on this as we are with him on that line.

Let us continue to have our meetings and may all be as much a success as the one at Mapleville on July 1st 1909.

The Automobile Road

Mr. Frank Weldon, Secretary of the Association formed for the purpose of promoting the Capital to Capital highway of which association Mr. Leonard Tufts, of Pine Hurst is President visited Louisburg this week to confer with our people relative to having Louisburg on the National Highway. Mr. Weldon came to Louisburg to ascertain the sentiment of our people on this important subject, and he seemed pleased with the attitude of Franklin County. He has visited every county between Atlanta, Ga., and this place, and reports finding the people all along the line very enthusiastic and all desirous of having the road, except two counties. This movement is for better roads, in which everybody should be interested. Mr. Weldon discussed the matter with a number of our citizens, and outlined many of the advantages which would result from having the highway pass through Louisburg. It is the general opinion that such a National Highway through this section would be almost equal to another railroad in bringing men and capital to this country, and in improved roads, which would be a great blessing to all especially to the farmers in marketing their crops.

In order to get the road here, we should immediately begin action to place our roads in order, as several parties will pass through this section on inspection trips, with a view to locating the best road, and the best road will be the one selected. Therefore, let us act and act quickly. If this road is selected, it will mean government aid, and that will mean a National Boulevard through Louisburg, and the only road that can be used the year round, which would bring thousands of visitors through Louisburg. Mr. Weldon will soon return to look further into the matter and we hope that by that time our people will take definite steps to co-operate with him in this most commendable project.

The McIver Loan Fund.

On Saturday the 26th of June Miss Spier of the State Normal and Industrial College of Greensboro in the interest of the McIver Loan Fund met the alumnae and former students of the Normal College to perfect an organization for this county. Miss Florence Terrell was elected Chairman, Mrs. Maurice S. Clifton Vice President; Miss Frances Boddie, Secretary and Treasurer. The organization promised to raise two hundred dollars from this county to add to this fund which is a fitting memorial to the Dr. McIver. This amount raised from this county will be used by girls from the county to help them complete their education which otherwise could not be done. What greater work can we do than to help to educate and uplift our fellowmen. This means a great deal to our county and of course we cannot do it all by ourselves, therefore it becomes necessary for us to call on the philanthropic people of the county to rally to our support and help us raise the amount, and no matter how small the contribution is, it will do its proportionate part for the uplift of the community.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 5TH.

Matters of no Great Importance Before the Board—The New Jail Cell Received—Board to Meet Again Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday July 5th. All members being present. After the reading and approving the minutes of their former meeting the following business was attended to.

Booker Hunt was stricken from pauper list—being dead.

N. B. Young was appointed a committee to look after the road leading from Pilot to Riley's Cross Roads and see if bridges are needed.

The road leading from the mouth of Perry's avenue on the Raleigh road be declared a public road without cost to county.

Stephen Gupton was placed on outside pauper list with an allowance of \$1.00 per month.

Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of county home, was received and filed. He reports 11 white and 15 colored inmates. Also one death, and one white and one colored persons received since last meeting.

The Board allowed the Military Companies of Franklinton and Louisburg \$200 each as annual appropriation.

N. B. Young was appointed a committee to look after the Louisburg and Raleigh roads.

The jury list for August term of Franklin Superior Court was drawn. (This list appears in another column of this issue.)

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Superintendent of Health, was received and filed. He reports the county home and jail in good condition.

J. H. Cooke was appointed a committee to confer with like committees from Granville and Vance counties in regard to the boundaries of said counties.

N. B. Young was appointed to meet with Mr. J. R. Williams, Superintendent of Roads, to lay off road at Perry's Mill hill.

The Board received the new jail cell, which was completed Friday.

Several small accounts were allowed and the Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, July 12th, 1909 to hear complaints from the property owners of the county.

A Charming Reception.

One of the most delightful afternoon entertainments given in Louisburg in recent years, was Mrs. Wm. H. Ruffin's reception on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. P. R. White. From six to eight o'clock a large number of friends of this popular young bride called, notwithstanding the inclement weather, and were received in the spacious hall by Miss Helen S. Crenshaw and Miss May White, of Oxford. Here a delightful fruit punch was served by Mrs. William Bailey. From the hall which was elaborately decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, the color scheme being yellow and green; the guests were ushered to the parlor by Mrs. R. G. Hart where was seen a profusion of red phlox in settings of green, tastily arranged, and were greeted by Mesdames Ruffin, P. R. White, J. E. Malone, R. S. White, of Raleigh, and S. J. Parham. From the parlor, Miss Mamie London escorted the guests to the dining room where from a table laden with cut glass and silver amidst a most pleasing effort in floral decorations were served by Mrs. H. A. Crenshaw Mrs. John London and Misses Nan Richmond Malone and Eleanor Cooke. The library into which the guests were introduced by Miss Bos-

sie Jackson, had been made a bower of beauty by the use of perfect good taste in the arrangement of pink and white carnations and pink and white roses, and where cream and cake were served by Mesdames Robt. H. Davis, John W. King, W. H. Ferguson and Miss Fannie Boddie. Throughout the house the soft glow from a myriad of wax candles in shimmering candelabra added to the general beautiful effects.

Scoggin-Williams.

"All the world loves a lover." It was amid a scene of enchantment that the friends of this popular couple gathered in historic Emmanuel Episcopal Church at high noon on the 8th inst. to witness the ceremony that made one of Warrenton's sweetest maidens the wife of Mr. Lewis Edward Scoggin, of Louisburg, N. C.

Never has Emmanuel church been filled with a more refined and cultured audience than gathered on this occasion. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and lighted candles on the altar.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. S. Bronson, assisted by the rector, Rev. John C. Horton. Miss Mattie Hunter, of Portsmouth Va., presided at the organ and rendered Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride entered the church leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. Bolton Williams, of Petersburg, Va., who gave her away.

She was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. J. Palmer Scoggin. Miss Sue Williams, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and little Margaret Horne, of Rocky Mount, was flower girl.

The ushers were Messrs. D. S. Congdon, of Newberne, Herbert L. Scoggin, Edmund White, of Warrenton, and Dr. R. F. Yarborough, of Louisburg.

The bride was becomingly attired in a green cloth traveling dress, with gloves and hat to match, and carried a large bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was beautifully attired in whitemull and carried bride's-maid roses. Little Margaret Horne, the flower girl, carried sweet peas.

The following out of town guests were present: Misses Katie Battle, Rocky Mount; Nannie Smith, Scotland Neck; Mamie Beckwith, Petersburg, Va; Nena Ballard, Franklinton; Mrs. D. S. Congdon, of Newberne, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scoggin, of Louisburg; Miss Fannie Scoggin, Mr. Blackwell Scoggin and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Scoggin, Palmer Springs, Va.; Mr. Hannah Arrington and Miss Lillie Arrington, Petersburg, Va.; and Mrs. Peter Arrington, New York.

The young ladies occupying the seats in the choir, were especial guests of honor. Numerous and beautiful presents attested the popularity of the young couple. Louisburg society is to be congratulated upon the accession to its ranks of Mrs. Mattie Dallas Williams-Scoggin.

The Record joins the many friends of this couple in wishing their married life one of sweetest pleasure and contentment.

The groom is one of the leading druggists of Louisburg.—Warrenton Record.

Mr. Scoggin is one of Louisburg's popular young druggists and has many friends here who wish for him and his bride a long and happy life.

Cotton Growing Easily Overdone

Figuring on the cotton grown in different counties in North Carolina The Charlotte Chronicle estimates that the output could be easily doubled. Maybe so, but let us hope that it will not be, even if the price goes to 15 cents the pound. Cotton is all right as a money crop, but the all-cotton farming system means poverty and debt. The landmark is gratified—and, of course, The Chronicle is too—that the State does not live up to its opportunities in cotton growing, so long as it means, as we believe it does, more corn, grain, truck, grass, cattle, etc.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mrs. B. G. Hicks left Tuesday for Wise, N. C., to visit Mr. Hicks' parents.

Mrs. W. L. Meadows, of Oxford, N. C., is visiting at Mr. S. S. Meadows.

W. R. Mills, left Wednesday for Rocky Mount, Va., to visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. C. F. Best, of Franklinton, is spending some time with her people in town.

Mrs. C. H. Strickland and daughter, of Youngville, were in town the past week.

Mr. P. A. Reavis and family returned Monday from a visit to his mother at Cary.

Elliott Egerton, who has been visiting his people here, returned to Wilson Tuesday.

Misses Nina and Myrtle Dayvauit, of Concord, are visiting at Mr. F. B. McKinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pleasant, Jr., are visiting her parents in Warren county this week.

Captain and Mrs. C. W. Raney have gone to Panacea Springs for several weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Bishop returned home Friday from an extended visit to Wrightsville.

Messrs. Geo. W. Ford, F. H. Allen and W. H. Waddell left Saturday for Virginia Beach.

Mr. G. L. W. Pegrain, wife and little son are visiting relatives and friends in Richmond this week.

Miss Maude Whitaker, of McCall S. C., who has been visiting at Rev. L. W. Swope's, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White, of Raleigh, and Miss May White, of Oxford, are visiting at Mr. W. H. Ruffin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry House and Mr. Lyman House, of Thelma, are visiting Mrs. Webb at Mapleville this week.

Miss Martha Everett, who has been visiting Miss Blanche Egerton the past week, returned to her home at Laurinburg Tuesday.

Mr. C. B. Cheatham has returned from Buffalo Springs, reporting a pleasant time, and much benefit derived from his vacation.

Ira Williams, an old Louisburg boy, but now with the Philadelphia Evening Times is visiting his parents and relatives in this county.

Miss Sallie Martin, of Hickory, who has been visiting Miss Blanche Egerton, left Saturday for Wrightsville to visit friends before returning home.

Mr. F. P. Graham spent Monday in town in the interest of the University of North Carolina. While here he was the guest of Mr. Weldon Egerton.

Mr. K. P. Hill returned Friday from Philadelphia where he successfully underwent an operation. His many friends are pleased to see him looking so well.

Miss Mary W. Yarborough left last Saturday for Philadelphia. She will there enter the University of Pennsylvania for the six weeks summer course for teachers.

Misses Alma and Agnes Pegrain have returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Henderson and Middleburg. They were accompanied home by Miss Lucy Wiggins, from Middleburg.

Miss Florence Terrell left on Sunday last for Knoxville, Tenn. There she will take the teachers summer course, at the University of Tenn-

This is three of Louisburg's efficient teachers at the institution, Mrs. Ragsdale and Mrs. Williams entered some days ago.

The editor of the Times is still away from home—being treated by that skilled Physician, Dr. R. L. Payne, Sr., in Norfolk, Va. He writes that his general condition is improved and that he hopes to be at home in a very short while. His host of friends in Louisburg and Franklin county, will be glad to welcome him back with his usual good health and strength.

Oxford Falls to Score

In one of the prettiest games of base ball ever seen on the home diamond our boys trimmed the invincible Granvillians to the tune of 1 to 0 last Wednesday evening. The visitors fresh from the field of many victories were confident of winning the game, but their expectations never materialized, since they only had one opportunity to score in the whole nine innings when venturesome Thompson upon a daring dash for the home plate was thrown out by the army Monger from left field. Thompson was the only man for the visitors who reached third base while Louisburg had men on third several times.

There was no scoring until the latter part of the 9th inning and it happened thus: Monger fanned, Holden B. struck by pitched ball was given let and was relieved by Holden S. to score the winning run. Turner sacrificed Holden to 2nd and was out, pitched to first. Stuart the next man up had taken two strikes and three balls and since there were already two men down the bleachers were wild to know the results of the next pitched ball; everyone was on tip-toe anxiously watching its fate. Stuart made connection and the result was a line drive between 3rd and short scoring the swift-footed Holden S. and ending the fastest and most enthusiastic game of ball ever played by amateur teams.

Stone for Louisburg pitched a game that any leaguer should be proud of and the visitors were at his mercy from beginning to end. He yielded only four hits each of which were two innings apart, while the fielding of his position was not only spectacular but sensational as well. Stuart on short started not only on the diamond but at the bat also. He having made two out of the four hits that were made off Winston besides playing his position in a manner that would entitle him to courtly consideration by the Carolina League.

Public spirit and patriotism is always in abundance at Louisburg and since they have decided to have a base ball team they are determined to make it interesting for all who cross bats with them. Here is hoping that everybody will go out and see the games and make the fellows feel that we are right with them.

Firemen's Convention.

Louisburg's fire laddies are in Asheville this week attending the Annual State Convention.

The following members from Louisburg are in attendance: S. P. Boddie, J. J. Lancaster, J. A. Turner, B. N. Williamson, G. H. Cooper, Blair Tucker, W. J. Cooper, W. E. Bartholomew, M. S. Davis, J. E. Thomas, H. C. Bowden and H. E. Hight. The boys left on special train last Sunday and are expected back to-day. Jim Turner has promised a full report on his return.

Mesdames R. E. Harris, G. H. Cooper, W. J. Cooper, S. P. Boddie, A. M. Hall, Misses Grace and Lynn Hall, Katie Furman, See Alston, Ella Harris, Ina Harris, Anne Belle Harris and Messrs. J. H. Weathers and C. W. High are spending the week in Asheville, having gone with the "boys" on their special train.