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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION MONDAY, AUGUST 30th.

B. Griffin was elected Treasurer on the Seventh Ballot to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. J. A. Thomas, Deceased.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on Monday, August 30th for the purpose of electing officers to fill vacancies—all members being present.

Upon motion of J. H. Uzzell it was ordered that a county attorney be elected for the remainder of the year, whereupon Mr. W. H. Ruffin was unanimously elected by acclamation. His salary for the remainder of the year was fixed at \$50.00.

The matter of electing a Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. A. Thomas was then taken up, and the applications of the following gentlemen was taken from the file and read to the Board: J. C. Collier, P. B. Griffin, and J. D. Alston. In the seventh ballot Mr. B. Griffin received a majority of the votes and upon motion of Mr. J. H. Uzzell his election was made unanimous. Mr. Griffin is a very clever and efficient gentleman and no doubt the action of the Board will be commended by the public generally.

E. N. Williams was elected chief game warden for Franklin county. J. H. Uzzell and T. S. Collier were appointed a committee to settle up the books of the deceased Treasurer, J. A. Thomas, and turn same over to B. Griffin.

T. S. Collier, R. B. White and W. H. Ruffin were appointed a committee to draft resolutions for the Board upon the death of the late County Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Thomas. The Board then adjourned to their next regular meeting which will be on next Monday.

Farmers Union Rally.
On August 27th, at Centreville, there was a big barbecue given by Centreville, Wood, and Sandy Creek locals.

Early in the morning, the farmers from nearly every part of the county with their wives, sons, and daughters, began to assemble in the large, shady grove near the academy.

In the wagons and buggies were to be seen boxes and baskets filled with good things to eat, while at the same time, in the grove were pigs and sheep being cooked over the hot embers.

The crowd having assembled, Mr. Willie Upchurch ascended the platform, extended a cordial welcome to the visitors, and introduced Mr. T. S. Sledge.

Mr. Sledge in a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker of the day, Dr. Templeton, of Carey.

The crowd had expected to hear Mr. Z. Green, State Organizer of the Farmers Union, but when Dr. Templeton had ended his able, eloquent and forceful address, the people did not feel the least disappointed.

The crowd then gathered around the table where a most bounteous feast had been spread, and every one until he could eat no more, leaving many baskets full to be taken up and carried away.

In the afternoon a joint secret session of all locals represented was held in the academy.

The young people enjoyed a game of base-ball, and then the people began to return home, pronouncing Centreville a most delightful place to have a good time.

"FARMER"

Delightful German.

On Friday night of last week a delightful German was given by the young men of Louisburg at the Opera House, complimentary to Misses Beth English and Lessie Houston,

of Monroe, guests of Miss Eleanor Bryant Cooke. The dance was led by Mr. E. S. Ford with Miss Francis Boddie and the music was furnished by Levin's Orchestra, of Raleigh. Those present were K. K. Allen with Miss Beth English, W. D. Jackson with Miss Lessie Houston, Wilson Green with Miss Eleanor Cooke, E. S. Ford with Miss Francis Boddie, B. T. Holden, with Miss Nan Malone, E. B. Hart with Miss Annie Allen, Dr. F. K. Cooke with Miss Lula Bet Person, A. W. Person with Miss Bessie Jacobs, Willie Wilson with Miss Lillie Hayes, S. S. Williams with Miss Ernestine Hayes, T. G. Boddie with Miss Esther Harris, of Franklinton, W. E. Egerton with Miss Louis Williams, of Wake Forest, Sid Holden with Miss Ava Aycooke, O. Y. Yarboro with Miss Glennie Aycooke, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Boddie.

Chaperons—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooke.

Franklin Superior Court.

The August term of Franklin Superior Court came to a close on Saturday evening, after finishing its work.

The cases disposed of since our last report are as follows:

State vs Charlie Lewis, rape, continued.

State vs Walter Harris, a. d. w., guilty, ninety days on roads.

State vs Cis Perry, bigamy, continued to January Court.

State vs Walter Oakley, felony nol pros.

State vs Bud Capell, a. d. w., pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Walter Oakley, f. and a., not guilty.

State vs Addie Bobbitt, murder in second degree, two years in the penitentiary.

State vs C. C. Hudson, simple assault, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Ernest Jackson and C. P. Harris, scifa, judgment to pay \$30 and costs in each case.

State vs Lula Gay and Dock Whitley, scifa, discharge on payment of costs.

State vs Cassie Pope and Jennie Pope, nol pros with leave.

State vs Bose McKnight, selling liquor, capias and continued.

State vs Bud Pope, murder, guilty in second degree, twelve years in the penitentiary.

State vs Jordan Yarborough, c. c. w., guilty, six months in jail with leave to hire out.

The Judge gave Phil Alston, who was convicted of murder in the second degree on Thursday, a sentence of seven years in the State penitentiary.

Solicitor C. C. Daniels reported to the court that he had examined the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and found the same in good condition, the records properly kept and indexed, and the duties of the office well and satisfactorily performed.

Launch Party and Barbecue.

Several of our young men gave a launch party and barbecue on the "Princess Helen" last Tuesday, complimentary to Misses Beth English and Lessie Houston, of Monroe, guests of Miss Eleanor Cooke. Those present were Misses Beth English, Lessie Houston, Nan Malone, Francis Boddie, Annie Allen, Mrs. A. H. Fleming, and Messrs. K. K. Allen, A. A. Clifton, B. T. Holden, Dr. F. K. Cooke, W. D. Jackson, Jones Macon, T. D. Tyack, Badger Hart and Dr. A. H. Fleming.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to my friends and neighbors who so kindly rendered assistance and expressed sympathies in our recent sad bereavement. Their kindness will always be remembered.

Mrs. A. B. COLLIER.

THE LATE EDITOR THOMAS.

A Brief Tribute from Three Friends who Knew Him Well.

(News and Observer.)

The death of the late Mr. J. A. Thomas, editor of the Louisburg Times, has removed one of the most useful and patriotic men in North Carolina. This paper has already given its estimate of the life and services of Mr. Thomas. It requested three Franklin men, who knew Mr. Thomas well to write a brief tribute or penpicture of Mr. Thomas as they thought would be just to him. They are as follows:

WILL WE MORE MISS HIM THAN ANY MAN IN THE COUNTY.

To the Editor: Mr. Thomas will be more missed than any man who has lived or died in Franklin county in half a century. Reflecting upon the secret of his power and influence, I have concluded that they grew out of two qualities:

(1) The unflinching and unselfish loyalty of his support of any friends that he chose.

(2) The caution with which he formed his plans and gave his promises and the intense persistence with which he wrought in their execution.

He was a partisan, but his alignment was always with that element that stood for the best.

He was an honest man, with the courage of his convictions, and that sort of fighting quality that first organized for the fray, then considered compromise only when defeat was inevitable.

His sympathies were as quick and as tender as a woman's, and his freeheartedness was as a boy's.

F. S. SPURILL.

EDITOR THOMAS LOVED HIS FELLOW-MEN.

To the Editor: J. A. Thomas died in the prime of his manhood, but if we number his days "by heart throbs and not by figures on a dial," his was a long life. That he wielded an influence in Franklin county and throughout the State is known of all men. Why? What were the secrets of his power? Three things.

1st. He was the best Democrat I ever saw. His affection for the party was a passion. His faith in it was absolute. He was a party man through evil and good report. No matter what the party did he stood for his party. To him the chosen leaders of the party were the "God's anointed"—prophets, who could do no harm.

2nd. His loyalty to his friends. This was nothing less than beautiful. Nothing could tempt him to desert a friend. I have seen him tried in the fire. In the face of the fiercest criticism, at the risk of self destruction, he battled for the man who trusted him, or whose cause he had espoused.

3rd. His humanity. He loved men. To see a man suffer touched him to tears. A plea for pity, a cry for help went straight to his heart and roused all his resourceful energies. I write with rigid accuracy when I say that in proportion to his means he gave more than any man I have known.

He will be sadly missed in Franklin. "How many poor ones' blessings went. With thee beneath the low green tent. Whose curtain never outward swings?"

T. W. BICKETT.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 28, 1909.

THE PERSONAL SIDE OF EDITOR THOMAS.

Of the personal side of fifteen years friendship with J. A. Thomas, I could not willingly speak as yet. The sense of loss, of obligations incurred and unpaid, is too strong.

But, I wish that others might know something of the great usefulness of his life. His influence was known to be great. Newcomers

have often wondered how he held it persistently. After awhile they could understand it better, for back of it were years of service and back of that service was a great love for his own people.

Naturally as editor of the county paper he became familiar with all, but better than that, he was born with the instinct which loves to make friends and loves better to do the little things of life for his friends. Probably no day passed but he helped some one.

He was interested in all public matters, but his heart was with the people of his own county. He was a leader and his leadership meant ultimate good, but he never got very far from his folks. Some of us were possibly disappointed at times that he did not force an issue and draw the line. But in this he had the greater wisdom and his way was surer. Quietly he gave to good movements the steady, frictionless impulse of his own interest day after day. By far the greater part of his life was spent in planning and working for the public good as he saw it. Personally I know that Franklin county could never have made its steady progress in school development for him and his every day support. We shall know better what he was by the ways in which we shall miss him.

All in all, his was a life whose great power was his love for his people and his willingness to work for them day in and day out.

R. B. WHITE.

DEATH OF EDITOR THOMAS.

The death of J. A. Thomas will bring sincere regret to many friends all over the State. He will be missed especially by the brethren of the press, who were fond of him and who have honored him in a number of ways.

Mr. Thomas was an example of a man, who with scant opportunities, in point of education, but who by dint of energy and the exercise of good common sense earned his place among the leaders in his profession and in the counsels of the political party to which he gave constant and loyal service.—Raleigh Democrat.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas our Heavenly Father saw fit on the 24th of August, 1909, to call unto himself the spirit of our beloved brother and co-worker, Mr. James Adolphus Thomas, we the members of the Baraca class of which he was a most worthy member, desire to show our appreciation of his useful life, therefore be it

Resolved 1st—That we deeply feel and mourn the loss of our good and faithful brother, and our hearts are filled with sadness at the thought that he will meet with us no more on earth.

2nd—That in his death Louisburg has lost one of its best and most patriotic citizens, the community, Franklin county and the State of North Carolina, one, who with heart and hand was ever ready to do what he believed best for their interests, and the Methodist church a good worker, faithful friend and worthy member.

3rd—That we tender to his bereaved family our sincere brotherly love and tenderest sympathy in their sore distress, and pray that our merciful Heavenly Father may enable them to bear it all with humility and christian fortitude.

4th—That a page of our records be set aside to his memory, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the FRANKLIN TIMES, Raleigh Christian Advocate, News and Observer and the Evening Times with a request to publish them.

P. G. ALSTON

C. K. COOKE

J. I. PALMER,

Committee.

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.

P. B. Griffin went to Durham this week.

R. P. Taylor went to Henderson one day this week.

Mrs. Dr. E. S. Green, of Monroe, is visiting his people here this week.

Attorney General T. W. Bickett spent a few days at home this week.

Miss Pattie Aycooke returned this week from a visit to her friends in Raleigh.

Rev. John London returned Wednesday from a trip in the Mountains of Virginia.

Miss Lillian High returned home Tuesday from an extended visit to Ocean View.

Mr. J. W. Mastian, wife and Miss Mary Young returned one day the past week from a visit to Warrenton.

Mrs. John London and daughter Miss Mamie, returned this week from an extended visit to Wiloughby Beach, Va.

Henry Clay Williams, who has been clerk at the Virginia Bay Hotel for some time, returned home one day this week.

Mrs. J. H. Lockamy, of Lamberts Point, Va., who has been visiting relatives in town left Monday for Raleigh to visit her brothers.

Misses Beth English and Lessie Houston, who have been visiting Miss Eleanor Cooke, returned Wednesday to their homes in Monroe.

Mr. R. Z. Egerton left this week for the Northern markets to purchase the fall stock for his firm. He informs us that he is going to buy one of the largest stocks of dress goods, suits and ready made garments he has bought in a long while and that the prices will be low.

Tobacco Market.

Prices on all grades of tobacco offered this week have advanced to a considerably higher level and the farmers that have put on any of the tip grades are very well pleased indeed.

The Riverside warehouse, under management of Messrs. E. S. Ford and J. E. Harris, had its opening sale on Wednesday, September 1st. All the Warehouses are now open, and we predict that within a very short time Louisburg's streets will assume a more business look as the coming in of wagon after wagon load of tobacco has a tendency to put every man within the limits of the town on his tip toes. All the farmers of this and adjoining counties have to do to be convinced that the tobacco people here are looking after them is to visit the Louisburg market, and you will find every man's face beaming with a welcome to you. And prices on the floors are certainly an invitation for them to come again.

Tributes to Mr. J. A. Thomas.

Editor J. A. Thomas, of the Louisburg Times, lies buried, but the good that he did cannot be buried with him. He lived a life of honorable and, in the truest sense, successful endeavor. The end is peace.—Charlotte Observer.

It is with sadness that The Landmark records the death of Editor Thomas, of the Louisburg Times. He was a true man, a loyal friend and was exceedingly popular with his acquaintances. For years he was a controlling factor in his town and county. We trust it is well with him.—Statesville Landmark.

In the death of editor J. A. Thomas, of the Louisburg Times, which occurred Tuesday night,

North Carolina loses a valuable man, and the Press of the State one of its best members. It was our pleasure to know "Dolly" Thomas for many years; and he was the truest type of a man.—Greenville Reflector.

We announce to our readers with regret the death of Editor Thomas of the FRANKLIN TIMES. We did not have a personal acquaintance with him, but his reputation as a loyal, true son of our sister county, a strong, able editor and Christian gentleman was State wide. We extend to his family our warmest sympathies in this hour of their affliction.—Warrenton Record.

The announcement of the death of J. A. Thomas, of the Louisburg Times, came as a surprise to many of his friends over the State, although they knew that he had been in bad health for some time. Mr. Thomas had been fairly successful in the newspaper business and had done much for his party and his community, but to us he was simply one of the best fellows we ever knew.—Durham Herald.

People throughout the State will learn with sincere regret of the death of Mr. J. A. Thomas, the gifted and influential editor for the FRANKLIN TIMES. Mr. Thomas had been in bad health for several weeks and despite all that medical science and the ministrations of loving friends he passed into the great beyond on Tuesday evening at his home in Louisburg. He was one of the best known men in Eastern North Carolina and for years has been honored with the position of treasurer of Franklin county. He was a staunch democrat and stood high in his party's council. With his paper he has always stood for the upbuilding of his county and State which in his death, has suffered a sore loss.—Nashville Graphic.

Marriages.

Our efficient Registrar of Deeds issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of August.

WHITE—J. M. May and Bessie Bailey, Joe Chappell and Lucy Joyner, R. R. Perry and Almer Montgomery, D. C. Dorsey and Myrtle Aycooke, S. R. Johnson and Nita Perry, F. C. Denton and Jetter Fuller.

COLORED—William Harris and Susie Fisher, Ollie Davis and Ollie Stokes.

The Great Negro Contest.

The colored farmers of Franklin county met at the colored graded school in Louisburg on August 26th and organized a Farmer's Union for the benefit of the farmers of said county. They were favored with noble lectures and addresses by the following gentlemen: Prof. E. N. Dent, W. F. Robinson, J. H. Blanford, Greensboro, and Rev. J. R. Young, who spoke very encouragingly to those present. There is to be a corn, wheat and preserving contest among the colored farmers of this county and we hope that each one will be aroused to the extent that he or she will enter the contest. The colored farmers of this county, as well as others, need to grow more corn and wheat per acre.

No farmer can afford to buy corn, flour, meat and meal at the present prices and remain on the progressive list. By entering the contest you will improve your land, diminish your acreage and as a result the contents of the corn cribs, smoke houses and barn yards will increase. This means a smaller store account and a larger bank account, and in fact, it means greater wealth, independence and prosperity for the Franklin county farmers. Look for the nature of the contest in a future issue of the TIMES. Do not neglect to read the TIMES, as in it will be found information in reference to the contest.

J. H. SMITH, Field Agent.