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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEET IN REGULAR SESSION FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Most Enthusiastic and Largest Attended Meeting Since the Organization—Much Discussion.

The Louisville Chamber of Commerce met in regular session on last Friday night, with one of the largest attendances it has had since its organization. On account of sickness President J. R. Collie could not attend and Capt. P. G. Alston was selected to act in his stead, which he did very creditably. Secretary Fleming was at his post and did good work in assisting the acting President to get all out of the meeting possible. The attendance numbered about fifty and all seemed to enjoy the discussions made. After reading and approving the minutes of the preceding meeting it was announced that business was in order whereupon it was stated that the report of the Committee on Resources and Advantages was ready in part. Dr. D. T. Smithwick, Chairman of this Committee, was called on who answered in the affirmative and read a report which he stated was only in part and they expected to, at a near future date, complete the report. This report was discussed at length and facts were brought out which were both helpful and surprising. A motion was then made to extend a vote of thanks to this committee for their excellent work, which was carried.

A motion was then made that a committee of one be appointed by the President to confer with the proper officials of some railroad company with an end to having Louisville connected with some other railroad that they may have more than one outlet for their products. This motion was carried.

After the discussions adjournment was taken until next Friday night, when it is hoped to have as many or more present and to have reports from other Committees.

This meeting was by far one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the organization, and gives evidence what can be done if our people will only go out and take a part each week in the transactions of the Chamber of Commerce. As a town builder, an organization of this kind has no equal and it is the duty of every citizen of Louisville to go out and take a part. The part you can take may be small, but even if you will only lend your presence it will add greatly to the success of it. Let us all resolve to put our shoulder to the wheel and push.

Below we give a few items taken from the partial report of the Committee on Resources and Advantages.

Number of feet of timber shipped from September 1908 to September 1909, 7,371,290 — on which the freight amounted to \$39,119.00.

Number bales cotton shipped from the cotton platform here 6,000, freight on same amounting to \$3,600. The above estimate is based on the nearest factory points.

Wagon Factory freight on incoming material etc., year 1908 \$2,300.21. On outgoing products for 1908, \$2,333.24.

Coal shipped into Louisville each year 2,000 tons upon which the freight charges are \$5,000.

Number of horses shipped into Louisville from June 1908 to 1909, 315, freight on same being \$2,055.

Number pounds of tobacco shipped from Louisville from July 1, '08 to July 1, '09 3,498,692, upon which it is estimated that the minimum freight would be \$8,746.73.

There is about 4,000 tons of guano sold per year here, upon which the freight alone amounts to \$8,000. To estimate this item alone at \$100.00 per ton there is an out-put of

\$88,000.00 including freight.

There were 135 wagons and 300 buggies shipped into Louisville during the past 12 months.

The value of furniture shipped in the last twelve months is estimated at \$30,000.00 upon which \$3,750.00 freight was paid.

It was also estimated that 300,000 dozen eggs were handled on this market annually, 15,000 chickens, 1,500 beef cattle, 600 boxes fish and 1000-gallons oysters were handled here annually.

There was also about 1,200 tons of cotton seed handled by our Oil Mill in the past year upon which the freight alone amounted to about \$25,000.00.

Funeral of Mrs. C. W. Roberts.

The remains of Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who died at St. Vincent's Hospital at Norfolk on Thursday morning of last week, arrived in Louisville Friday evening at 4 o'clock and were taken from the depot to the Methodist church where the funeral services were held, the services being conducted by Rev. F. A. Bishop. The tribute made to the deceased by the pastor, was most beautiful in the portrayal of the Christian side of the life of this good woman and contained such comfort to the bereaved as can only be given through the help of our Heavenly Father.

Mrs. Roberts was fifty-three years old and leaves a husband and ten children, Mrs. R. A. Pearce, Mrs. J. F. Murphy, Mrs. Ed. Chaney, Mrs. Troy Williams, Mrs. H. W. Thompson, Charlie, Ollie, Dennis, Morton and Minnie Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left from near Louisville, where they had been living about twenty years, and moved to a place near Youngsville about two years ago. She had a host of friends both here and near Youngsville who deeply sympathize with the bereaved family.

Her remains were taken from the church to the Cemetery for entombment and tenderly laid to rest in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends. The pall-bearers were as follows: S. P. Boddie, J. W. Weaver, W. E. Murphy, W. B. Cooke, D. G. Pearce, A. F. Johnson.

The floral tributes were very pretty and bore evidence of high esteem.

Halley's Comet Coming

Halley's Comet, one of the most striking appearances ever seen in the heavens, will probably be visible next year. For centuries it has appeared each seventy-six years, and its last appearance was in 1835. When seen in 1758 its tail stretched one-fourth the distance across the whole visible sky; at other times it looks very small. Comets were seen in 1861 and again in 1880 and 1882, but these were not Halley's, which for thirty-eight years after 1835 went crashing through space away from the earth, and for thirty-eight years now has been coming back toward us in an orbit embracing more millions of miles than the mind of man can possibly comprehend. Becoming visible a few months hence, the comet will probably remain for a year the most striking feature of our nocturnal skies.

How Plowing Affects the Moisture Supply.

When land is thoroughly pulverized—that is, when the soil particles are broken up, very fine and of uniform size—its capacity for absorbing and holding water is greatly increased. Land that is hard and run together neither takes in so much water nor does it hold it so well. The depth of plowing also influences the storage capacity of the soil for water. The deeper the soil the larger the amount of water it will hold.

The capacity of the soil to absorb and hold moisture may largely influence its tendency to wash. A soil with a firm, unbroken surface

may wash less than one loosely broken; but on the other hand, a soil broken deeply will require much heavier rains to cause it to wash than when broken shallow, because of the fact that the deeper breaking will increase its capacity to take in and hold water. If, however, the rainfall—the accumulation of water—be great enough to move all the loose soil, then the deeply broken soil may wash more. On lands having a tendency to wash terracing an abundance of humus in the soil may be necessary to prevent washing but in such cases deep plowing will enable the lands to withstand much heavier rainfalls before they will begin washing. Lands, therefore, which have a tendency to wash should be broken deeply, but they should not be deeply plowed if they are to be left bare—without a growing crop on them—during the seasons of heaviest rainfall.

Plowing may aid the weathering of the soil in two ways—by turning up fresh soil and exposing it freely to the air, rain and frost, or by opening up the soil so that the air and rain may penetrate it freely. These are important considerations at all times, and in all sections, but in our territory where the effect of frost action is small, the washing during the winter, on freshly plowed soils, may more than counterbalance the beneficial effects of the frost action. —Progressive Farmer.

Phillips-Camp.

The editor acknowledges receipt of the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Camp invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Myrtle Young to Mr. Ralph Dixon Phillips Wednesday morning, September twenty-second nineteen hundred and nine at eight o'clock First Baptist Church Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Cards also accompanied the above reading "at home after October seventh, Rocky Mount, North Carolina."

Installation of Officers.

Excelsior Lodge No. 72 Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers, at their regular meeting Monday night.

Ben. T. Holden—Chancellor Commander.

F. W. Hicks—Vice Chancellor.

T. W. Watson—Prelate.

Dr. C. H. Banks—Keeper of records and Seals.

J. R. Collie—Master of Works.

C. K. Cooke—Master at Arms.

H. C. Bowden—Master of Finance.

J. S. Lancaster—Master of Excelsior.

VICIOUS DOG NO MAIL.

Postal Department Adopts Rule to Protect Letter Carriers.

Mail carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large.

As a protection to mail carriers, the following regulation has been adopted by the Postoffice Department:

"Carriers are not required to deliver mail at residences where vicious dogs are permitted to run at large. Persons keeping such dogs must call at the postoffice for their mail."

Notice.

The Episcopal School for colored children will open its seventeenth annual session, Monday Sept. 20th, 1909. We endeavor to instruct our children in their Home Conduct, as well as in their books. The conduct of our children has been spoken of many times as being far above the average. The rules of the school will be strictly carried out for the good of those who attend.

G. C. POLLARD, Missionary in charge.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

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

Mr. F. B. McKinnis and family visited relatives at Princeton this week.

Mr. B. G. Hicks returned the past week from a visit to Pancoak Springs.

Rev. W. B. Morton, of Columbia, N. C., is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Dr. W. H. Furman, of Littleton, is spending a few days with relatives in town.

Miss Martha Byrd Spruill, of Rocky Mount, is visiting friends in Louisville.

Col. W. T. Hughes and wife, of Chase City, were visitors to Louisville this week.

Mr. C. E. Sign, who has been off on quite an extended vacation, has returned home.

Miss Eleanor Thomas returned home Tuesday after a week's visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Maude Riggan, of Warrenton, visited Mrs. H. A. Matthews, near town, the past week.

Misses Annie Belle and Ina Harris left Tuesday for Greensboro to enter school at the State Normal College.

Miss Minnie Foster, public librarian of Bridgeport, Conn., and Miss Agnes Young, of Ansonia, Conn., visited the family of Dr. D. T. Smithwick the past week.

Mrs. O. T. Bryant and daughters, of Louisville, Tenn., who have been visiting her father, Mr. W. N. Fuller near Mapleville, returned to their home one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick returned one day the past week from a trip to Durham, where they went with their son, Daniel Pou, who has entered Trinity Park High School.

Mr. J. A. Tucker and wife, who have been running the Virginia Bay Hotel at Ocean View, Va., stopped over and visited relatives in town the past week, while on their return to Winston-Salem.

Mr. W. M. Shaw, of Petersburg, Va., was a pleasant caller at the Times office yesterday. He is visiting relatives in town and has many friends here who are pleased to see him looking so well.

Comet Has Famous History.

The cablegram received at Harvard observatory from Prof. Wolff, of Heidelberg, announcing that the Halley comet had been seen and photographed by him gave great pleasure. Prof. E. C. Pickering, the head of the observatory, said:

"I was highly elated by Dr. Halley's wire, and immediately cabled him my congratulations. Although the comet in this case appears earlier than expected, astronomers all over the world have had one eye open on the lookout for it. It is, you know, located in close proximity to the constellations of Gemini and Gamma.

"It was the first periodic comet whose return was predicted. Its discoverer based his deduction on the fact that its orbit was found in 1682 to be nearly identical with the comets of 1607 and 1531, and that he also found records of the appearance of great comets in 1456, 1301, 1145 and 1066. From these facts he drew his conclusions on the time that should elapse between its visible visitations.

"He noticed, however, that the intervals in certain years differed somewhat, but wisely saw that the differences were no way greater than could be accounted for by the

attraction of Jupiter and Saturn.

"The most remarkable of its appearances were in 1066 and 1456. The comet of 1066 figures in the Bayeux Tapestry as a propitious omen for William the Conqueror.

"In 1456 Calixtus III prescribed belief in the comet during the threatened invasion of the Turks in Europe and issued a bull."

Why we Plow.

The more important objects for which we plow are:

- (1) To pulverize the soil.
- (2) To turn under manures and trash.
- (3) To increase the storage capacity of the soil for water.
- (4) To prevent washing.
- (5) To allow the weather to act on the soil.
- (6) To deepen the soil and thereby increase the plant food and root pasturage.
- (7) To destroy weeds.
- (8) To warm and dry the soil.
- (9) To destroy insect pests.

We have placed the pulverizing of the soil as the first important object of plowing. This may be accomplished directly by the use of a plow having a short moldboard, with a sharp outward curve, or indirectly by a plow that will leave the furrow slice in the best position to be caught and pulverized by other implements to follow. The first method is the best adapted to lands free of turf or sod and having little material on the surface which it is necessary to turn under. For sod lands, or when it is desired to completely cover up large quantities of trash, a plow with a longer moldboard which does not give the furrow slice such a violent, quick turn, is required. In either case the pulverizing of the soil is the important object, but in the first case the direct pulverizing action is the greater; while in the second the pulverization obtained by the plowing is less, but the land is left in the best condition to aid in finishing the pulverization with other implements.

In plowing for the purpose of turning under green or stable manures and trash, the objects sought are to put these materials in the soil where the moisture will hasten their decay, which is necessary before they can aid in the feeding of the crops, and to put the surface of the ground in condition suitable for after cultivation. The time at which this is done is an important matter, especially if the quantity of material turned under be large. If such materials be turned under sufficiently long before the planting of a crop to allow them to partially decay, they will aid the soil to hold more water to supply the needs of the growing crop; but if turned under in dry weather, or immediately before planting the crop, they may cause the soil to dry out more rapidly and seriously lessen the supply of water that will be available for the growing crop. —Progressive Farmer.

Death of A. B. Collier.

"Go labor on; it's not for naught; Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain." Therefore, let not your heart be troubled, for "Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth."

Archibald B. Collier entered into eternal rest Aug. 22nd, 1909. His death occurred at his home, after a short illness of typhoid. He was 51 years of age.

On December 18th, 1890 he was united in marriage to Anna L. Murphy. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

Arch B. Collier was a man held in high esteem by all who knew him. Kind, faithful and honest he lived a clear upright life. He was a loving father and husband and a kind neighbor. One who was unselfish in every respect. He was engaged in merchandising at the time of his death and as an honest business man,

he will be missed in both town and county.

It is sad to know we will see our loved ones no more here, but we will meet "Over There," in that bright land above—Heaven.

"May God give the bereaved family the trust and confidence to say 'Thy will, O God, not mine, be done,' and may they remember that 'He doeth all things well.' For soon we all may meet him in That Blessed Land—The Land of Rest.

"O Blessed Land, O Land of Rest, Not with reluctance we shall go. Bid on our lips a happy song That it, the day looked for so long.

Has come to take us to That Blessed—That peaceful land, The Land of Rest"

To meet and dwell with our loved ones ever more.

A FRIEND

Important Notice.

Sandy Creek Lodge No. 145, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting at 9 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October. The District Deputy Lecturer will be present that day. Each member of the Lodge is expected to be present promptly at 9 o'clock, a. m. By order of the W. M.

S. G. BOWMAN, Sec.

Died.

Little Henry Thomas, the youngest son of J. T. and Julia Ann Hagan quietly passed away on the seventh of September, 1909. His stay on earth was only four years, when his little soul passed out of the little human basket into the region of the blessed. Little Tommie was a flower too beautiful and fragrant to live in this sinful world, so God took him home to live in Paradise. Although father and mother wanted the little jewel to remain in its earthly home God knew best, took it and translated it into a more congenial clime where its spring will ever bloom and never die.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a special meeting of the Board of Stewards of the M. E. Church south of Louisville N. C., the following paper was unanimously adopted—

Whereas, our beloved brother James Adolphus Thomas, was for years, a member of this official body, ever gladly giving his wise counsel in the care of the Church and bearing his part in the duties of a Steward, and has been called from our midst, we would place on our record, our appreciation of him as a man and brother—

Therefore, be it resolved— That in the death of Brother Thomas, we have been truly bereaved, not only as an official body but as a Church. As a brother he was ever of tenderest sympathy towards all suffering, troubled humanity, always ready to give the helping hand to the needy, and to lift up the fallen. He loved his Church and his spouse was ever heard in behalf of that which he regarded for its best interests. His love for his fellow man was not confined to the narrow boundaries of his town, but swept out to the needs of the entire human family.

Resolved, that in this sad bereavement we recognize our father is over all and directing these sad provisions in the interest of his own kingdom, so that we would bow in humble obedience to his will.

Resolved, that we tender the stricken family, our sincere and tenderest sympathy, and assure them of our earnest prayers in their behalf.

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in our town paper, the Raleigh Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the family of our brother and that a page of our records be inscribed to his memory.

E. A. REAVIS }
W. B. COOKS } Com.
J. J. BARROW }