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MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING

WITH LOUISBURG LODGE NO. 413
A. F. & A. M.

District Well Represented—Fine Exemplification of Work—Fine Ex-A General Good Time.

Urbic Masonic spirit prevailed in Louisburg Wednesday at the District meeting of the nineteenth Masonic District of North Carolina, where the sessions were held with Louisburg, Lodge No. 413, A. F. & A. M.

The first communication was called to order at 11:00 o'clock by Grand Master John T. Alderman of Henderson, assisted by Grand Sword Bearer, J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson, and District Deputy Grand Master J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton. After the opening ceremonies, Mayor, James A. Turner, very gracefully introduced T. W. Bickett, Attorney General of North Carolina, who welcomed the visitors on behalf of the town. His address was one of beauty and happiness and threw wide open the gates of the town and hospitality of all its people to the visitors within our midst. Following Mr. Bickett's address, Mr. S. P. Boddie, worshipful Master of the Louisburg Lodge introduced in a few pretty and well chosen words, Hon. Benjamin T. Holders, who delivered the address of welcome on behalf of Louisburg Lodge. Filled with the happy spirit of the occasion, Mr. Holden's speech was a gem and was greatly admired by all.

In these two addresses of welcome the opportunity was well made use of and no word was left unsaid that could have possible made guests feel any more at home and that the pleasure of being the hosts of such an occasion could have been more appreciated any where.

Grand Master John T. Alderman, of Henderson, responded to the addresses of welcome. His address was one long to be remembered by the large number present. He dissected Masonry and its principles in all its highest forms and pointed to instances of which he had painted such beautiful word pictures, to show the great pleasure it was to himself and the other visiting Masons to be present on this occasion. His address was one that makes the higher instinct of man assert itself and from it and the beautiful illustrations and ologies of Masonry by the two former speakers the truest kind of Masonic fellowship prevailed.

The roll call of Lodges was then had and many splendid reports were made which gave a broader idea of the work that is being done by the sister Lodges of this noble fraternity.

"The Masonic Drama" an address on the degree work of the order by District Deputy Grand Master J. Edward Allen, was of especial interest to all and was especially timely. It will be the means of more perfect work of the order that will wield a strong influence in its future rapid growth. This ended the morning session and the Lodge then went from labor to refreshments.

At 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon labor was resumed and the Franklin Lodge No. 123, exemplified the work in the first degree. This was very interesting as the officers in charge were well up on this work and everything passed off like a charm. The following officers presided:

B. F. Bullock, W. M. S. C. Ford, S. W. E. J. Cheatham, J. W. J. Daniels, Treas. D. F. Cheatham, Secy. G. R. Moya, S. D. C. W. Brown, J. D. A. C. Stuart, S. S. R. D. Collins, J. S. G. R. Crews, Tiler

The Lodge was again called from labor to refreshments and the guests spent the evening in social enjoyment.

At 6:30 a Dutch smoker and lunch was served in the Lodge room and was largely attended. Small corn cobs were presented to the guests as souvenirs of the occasion.

At 8:00 o'clock in the evening labor was resumed and the Master Mason degree was exemplified by a select team mostly composed of members of the Henderson Lodge. This was a very interesting and well conducted affair and the work was done in a most efficient manner.

Oncoming German Mass Beat English and French Back To Their Line of Defenses

At the evening communication the presentation of Past Master's jewels by Louisburg Lodge to Past Masters J. J. Barrow, Ivey Allen, H. A. Newell, and J. R. Jones was a part of the exercises. The presentation speech was made by Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Jr., who thoroughly thrilled his hearers in his many beautiful eulogies of the noble fraternity and the work of its Masters. His address was such that could only inspire a noble life and a noble opinion of and respect for the teaching of so grand an order as that of Masonry. Mr. J. J. Barrow in behalf of himself and the other Past Master's made a very pretty speech of acceptance.

At this meeting also was given the lectures of the first and third degrees assisted by a stereopticon. These were especially interesting and instructive. The Lodges in this district are as follows:

Johnson-Caswell, No. 10 Franklin-ton, No. 113, Sandy Creek No. 185, Henderson, No. 229, Cedar Rock, No. 286, Ionic No. 337, Henry F. Grainger, No. 412, Youngsville, No. 377, Louisburg, No. 413, Evening Star, No. 588, Vaughan, No. 804, J. H. Mills, U. D.

This was a great day for Masonry and a great day for Louisburg Lodge, who will await a return of the occasion with much enthusiasm and a warmer if possible, welcome.

The Teacher's Institute.

Louisburg has with it as guests of the town about sixty of the county's teachers this week, a teachers' Institute is being held, and enthusiastically attended in spite of the fierce heat and dust.

Prof. W. R. Mills is conducting the work in the Intermediate Department, and is at his best. Work or real vital need and helpfulness is being done, and the teachers will go to their school rooms strengthened, and enthused from the efforts Mr. Mills is putting forth in their behalf, and the hearty co-operation they are giving him. Mrs. Blalock of Raleigh is doing the work in the primary grade, and a good time they are having.

Theory does not enter very largely into this work, but real work of the school room is being accomplished, and many problems are working out into a well organized plan for future work.

The people of the town are glad to have this body of teachers with them, and have been very liberal with their hospitality, and forms of amusement, and entertainment.

The Beasley-Alston Drug Co., very kindly sent down complimentary tickets to their cold drinks, and the Manager of "The Movies" very liberally entertained them at a complimentary exhibition on Monday afternoon, Sept. 8. L. Best had to be absent from the session on Tuesday. His presence was missed, and everyone was glad to have him back on Wednesday.

Installs New Electric Appliances.

Dr. E. M. Perry received the past week one of the Joseph B. Fuy's improved Physicians perfect electric outfits and has installed it in his office on Market street. With this machine he is prepared to treat with electricity all diseases responding to it. It is also equipped with an X-ray device which will be of wonderful assistance in the diagnosis of broken bones, dislocation, fractures, etc.

The new machine is quite an addition to the Medical advantages of Louisburg.

Services at St. Paul's Church.

Rev. John Hewitt will preach at St. Paul's Episcopal church on next Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock. This is his second visit to Louisburg and those whose pleasure it was to hear him before will recall that he is a speaker of rare ability. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

Breaks Arm.

John the little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Williamson, had the misfortune of getting his left arm broken at the elbow at a ball game Friday, by falling off the seats on the bench. He is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

NAMUR AND FIVE PORTS ARE FALLEN SAYS BERLIN

French Army at Muelhausen Quickly Transferred to the Meuse to Try and Dam Up the Flood of Teutons Pouring In With Paris As Their Goal—Lord Kitchener Warns England That the Utmost Sacrifice Will Be Necessary If England Is to Survive—The Russians Make Progress on Eastern Frontier and Cossack Cavalry Does Execution—Japan Expects to Declare War on Austria Next.

The French commander has withdrawn his forces from the territory recently occupied and is massing them along with their British allies, in a strong line between Mauberge, on the north, and Donon, on the south, a distance of about 200 miles.

The allies, having abandoned the offensive, according to official announcement will assume a purely defensive attitude, in the hope of checking the advance of the masses of German troops endeavoring to break through the line.

A combined French and British force is holding the front Givet, along the river Meuse, about thirty miles below Namur, while French troops command the roads out of the great forest of Ardennes.

Upon the ability of the allies to hold the Germans, the French war office admits, depends the fate of France.

Announcement is made that British casualties in the recent fighting number 2,000. Field Marshall Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent, reports that the withdrawal of his troops to a position was successfully effected.

English Army Enlarged.

Earl Kitchener, secretary of State for war, announces that the 100,000 men asked for in the instance have joined the colors, and declared that reinforcements to the British army will steadily and surely increase, until there will be a British army in the field, which "in number will be not less than in quality and number unworthy of the power and responsibility of the British empire."

Reports from The Hague say that the Germans who have been massed in large numbers along the Dutch frontier have disappeared and that the mobilization of the Dutch army has ceased. Muelhausen again has been executed by the French.

Namur and Forts Taken.

Berlin Aug. 25.—By wireless to the Associated Press by way of Nauen, Germany and Saville, L. I., Aug. 25.—An official announcement made public here says that the city Namur and five of its forts have been captured by the Germans.

The bombardment of the four other forts continues and their fall seems imminent.

French Deny Report.

London, Aug. 25.—9:16 p. m.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris says it is denied at the French capital that the Belgian city of Namur has been taken by the Germans.

All French Army to Meuse.

Paris, Aug. 25.—12:10 a. m.—The war office has issued the following official announcement: "The commander in chief, requiring all available forces on the Meuse, has ordered the progressive abandonment of occupied territory. Muelhausen again has been evacuated."

Fate of French in Balance.

"A new battle is in progress between Mauberge and Donon. On it hangs the fate of France. Operations in Alsace along the Rhine would take away troops on which might depend victory. It is necessary that they all withdraw from Alsace temporarily, to assure its final deliverance. It is a matter of hard necessity.

Position of Troops.

West of the Meuse, as a result of orders issued Sunday by the commanding chief, the troops which are to remain on the covering line, to take up the defensive, are massed as follows: "The French and British troops occupy a front near Givet, which they gained by hard fighting. They are holding their adversaries and sharply checking their attacks.

"East of the Meuse our troops have regained their original positions commanding the roads out of the great forest Ardennes.

"To the right we assumed the offensive, driving back the enemy by a vigorous onslaught, but General Joffre stopped pursuit to re-establish his front along the line decided on Sunday. In this attack our troops showed admirable dash. The sixth corps, notably inflicted punishment on the enemy close to Virton.

Combined Attack Begun.

"In Lorraine the two armies have begun a combined attack, one starting from Grand Couronne de Nancy, and the other from south of Luneville at the time of writing. The sound of cannonading is not heard at Nancy as was yesterday."

Germans Driven Back.

London, Aug. 25.—10:58 p. m.—An Antwerp dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph Company says that early today 2,000 Germans bombarded Malines, 14 miles southeast of Antwerp. Two hundred houses were partly destroyed. The Belgians made an energetic counter attack and drove the Germans back as far as Vilvorde. Losses on both sides were considerable.

Germans Resuming Offensive.

London, Aug. 25.—11:07 p. m.—Germans in the north appear to be resuming the offensive, according to an official statement sent from Paris by the Reuter correspondent. The statement adds, however that this movement was stopped by the French army in conjunction with the British.

The Belgian troops, making a surprise sortie from Antwerp, drove the German advance guard beyond Malines.

Belgrade Still Bombarded.

London, Aug. 26.—1:25 a. m.—A dispatch to the Reuters Continued on page 12.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The study circle of the Woman's Missionary Society met on Monday afternoon at the Louisburg College, with Mrs. Ivey Allen.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton. A new book, "The church of the open country," has been taken up for study, and its first chapter was discussed, much interest was manifested and the meeting was a very interesting one. Several items of business were brought forward and settled, after which cream and cake were served.

The next meeting will be held three weeks later with Mrs. L. P. Hicks.

Afternoon Club.

On the beautiful lawn surrounding her home, Mrs. L. L. Joyner, on last Thursday afternoon very charmingly entertained the members of the Tuesday afternoon Bridge Club.

A delightful game was played, after which the hostess served a dainty salad course.

Those present were the hostess Mrs. L. L. Joyner, Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mrs. Felix Allen, Mrs. Jno. King, Mrs. Maurice Clifton, Mrs. S. S. Parham, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. Bennett Perry, Mrs. Garland Ricks and Miss Eleanor Cooke.

Picnic at Vann's Farm.

At Vann's farm, near town on Friday night, the young men of the town gave a most charming moon-light picnic to the visiting ladies of the town.

The guests went over by automobiles, leaving town about 7:00 p. m. A more beautiful place could not have been selected, an elegant supper was served, picnic fashion down by the beautiful spring house and the guests then did what seemed to them most pleasant, rowing on the lake, making an excursion over to an island in its midst and rambling along its margin being some of the favorite pastimes.

Everyone enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent and reluctantly turned homeward about 11:00 o'clock.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS REPUDIATE BLEASISM.

Fire Eating Governor Defeated by Senator Smith by Majority of From Eighteen to Twenty Thousand in Primary Tuesday.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—Elliason Durant Smith was renominated for United States Senate from South Carolina over Gov. Cole Bleasie in Tuesday's democratic primary by a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000, according to partially complete returns received here tonight. With a total vote of more than 123,000 reported, Senator Smith received 67,634 against 52,387 for Governor Bleasie. L. D. Jennings polled 2,282 and W. P. Pollock 1262.

With from 5,000 to 10,000 votes still to be heard from, it is not expected that Senator Smith's lead can be reduced to that point where a second primary will be necessary.

Richard I. Manning, Robert A. Cooper, and John G. Richards are leading in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, although the official tabulation probably will be necessary to determine which two of the candidates will enter the second primary September 8th.

Late returns tonight indicate that all of the representatives in Congress from this state were renominated.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11:00 a. m. conducted by the pastor. The night service will be in charge of the B. Y. P. U., the following program will be carried out:

Scripture lesson.
Introduction . . . Lillie May Aycock.
Why we need to build church houses on foreign fields. . . Luke May.
Why we must have schools on our mission fields. . . Cleveland Foster.
The use of the Printing press on mission fields. . . Janice Pittman.
The hospital and the Medical Missionary as helpers in Missionary work. Pauline Smith.

LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET

WILL OPEN ON THURSDAY SEPT. EMBER, 10th.

Riverside and Farmers Warehouses, Will Open on Sept. 10th, and the Hart's Warehouse on the 15th.

As will be seen from the several announcements in this issue of the several Warehouses the tobacco market in Louisburg will formally open for the sale of leaf tobacco on Thursday, September 10th. A full crops of buyers will be on hand as announced in our last issue and it is the opinion of some who should know that the weed is going to sell for fairly good prices. The managers are exerting especial efforts to give every attention and accommodation possible to those who patronize this market and the town as a whole is heartily in accord with them. This will result in many advantages to those who come to Louisburg this fall with their tobacco and other products.

The Riverside Warehouse will be run this year by Messrs E. S. Ford & B. N. Williamson, who all through their experiences in years has been short they have proven themselves worthy of the large patronage they have enjoyed. They announce that they will have a full corps of employees who will see that every accommodation possible is given those who attend the sales.

The Farmers Warehouse has been incorporated as the Farmer's Warehouse Co., and will be run this year with Messrs. S. S. Meadows and J. N. Harris as Managers. These gentlemen, who have been engaged in the tobacco business together in Louisburg for the past twenty years or more, need no introduction to you. Their knowledge of tobacco and the way in which to handle it is of the best and their efforts in the past has been crowned with appreciations from many patrons. They will have with them this season Mr. Charlie Johnson, an auctioneer whose ability is well known by every patron of this market, and Mr. Grover C. Harris, whose work on this market has been a credit to his ability, will have charge of the books.

The Harts Warehouse will be run this season by the Farmer's Union of Franklin county, and will have its opening sale on Tuesday, September 15th. This house will be in charge of experienced and accommodating gentlemen, who will look to the closest interest of the farmers. Mr. W. H. Jenkins, of Henderson, who has been long in the tobacco business will have charge of the house while Messrs H. E. Hight and W. D. Fuller, two Louisburg's most popular and experienced young men, will have charge of the books. As auctioneer they have secured Mr. E. H. Boone, of Lexington, Ky., whose reputation in this line is that of an expert. This will be a new firm for this season and they feel very much encouraged over the outlook for the fall business.

As a whole the Louisburg market is better prepared this year to handle the tobacco than before in many years. Besides having an additional warehouse open to the convenience of the public there will be additional buyers, buyers will have many orders and it is expected that the market will be quite lively this fall.

Look up the advertisements of the several warehouses in this issue and read what they have to say.

The Piercing Arrow Sale.

The Piercing Arrow sale at Candler-Crowell department store opened yesterday. For the past several days they have been busy making the many displays of various dress fabrics, millinery trimmings, etc. and as a result have a store, beautifully decorated. From their two page advertisement in this issue you will see they have reduced prices on many lines that it will be your interest to investigate. The Management tell us they are going to make this the most successful sale they have yet had. Look up this advertisement, familiarize yourself with the contents and then go in to see them. The visit will be a treat.