

MAGISTRATES MEET

IN COURT HOUSE ON SATURDAY
AT NOON.

Make Organization That Has Promise of Bright Future—Nine Townships Represented.

Pursuant to a call issued by one of their number the Magistrates of Franklin county gathered in the Court House on last Saturday at 12 o'clock to form an organization for the betterment of the County. The meeting was called to order by S. P. Boddie and a roll call was had which resulted in the following yeas:

- Dunn—J. M. Stallings, Z. L. Cheves
- W. H. Williams (by letter.)
- Harris—F. W. Justice.
- Youngville—J. R. Tharrington.
- Franklin—J. E. Nicholson.
- Hayesville—R. L. Stokes (by letter).
- Sandy Creek—J. J. Cooper, E. N. Williams, W. H. Bledsoe, M. C. Gup-ton.
- Cedar Rock—T. W. Stokes, E. D. Parrish, J. P. Davis, G. S. Earp.
- Gold Mine—not represented.
- Cypress Creek—J. A. Boone, J. M. Sykes.
- Louisburg—A. W. Alston, J. L. Palmer, S. P. Boddie.

To form a temporary organization was the next business and Mr. S. P. Boddie, Chairman and Mr. J. E. Nicholson, Secretary and Treasurer were unanimously elected. After the object of the meeting had been stated by the Chairman a recess of five minutes was taken for the purpose of selecting permanent officers. After getting back to business the temporary organization was made permanent by a unanimous vote.

A motion prevailed that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to be known as a by-law committee. The Chairman appointed E. N. Williams, Chairman, A. W. Alston, G. S. Earp.

Mr. J. L. Palmer was called to the chair and Mr. S. P. Boddie introduced a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, providing that in all cases where conviction was had in criminal actions in the Superior Court and when the defendant served sentence on the roads, in jail or penitentiary, then the Magistrate and other officers are to receive full fees.

The Secretary was instructed to send copies of the resolutions to Franklin's representatives in Raleigh.

Upon motion the Chairman appointed Messrs. J. L. Palmer, T. W. Stokes, J. E. Nicholson as a legislative committee, to act until the adjournment of the present legislature. All Magistrates having in mind matters to be brought before the legislature will present them to the committee. The committee has been called to meet in Louisburg on Monday, February 8th.

A call meeting for this organization for the first Monday in March at 12 o'clock at the Court House, for the purpose of adopting the by-laws was ordered.

The Chairman was instructed to invite Mr. B. T. Holden to address the meeting on the first Monday in March relative to the jurisdiction of Magistrates in criminal law.

No other business coming before the meeting it adjourned, closing one of the most congenial gatherings had in some time.

No Fiddlers' Convention on Sunday.

By mistake the Mapleville reporter announced that the Fiddlers' Convention would be Sunday March 28th. This is a mistake, the Convention will not take place on Sunday but on Friday night March 26th.

The roads and weather will both be good by this time and the largest crowd that has ever attended a Fiddlers' Convention is expected to be at Mapleville Academy on March 26th.

New Moving Picture Show

Messrs. P. S. & K. K. Allen inform us that they will in the near future open a new moving picture theatre in the building now occupied by the Beasley-Alston Drug Co., which was purchased the past week by Mr. Allen. This will give Louisburg two shows of this kind which will place it on an equal with any town its size in the State in wholesome amusements.

Favor Whole-Time Health Officer.

The Board of Health pursuant to a call met in the office of Mr. J. A. Turner on Tuesday morning with all members present, for the purpose of

considering an all-time health officer for Franklin county. An invitation had been sent to all towns in the county and the Boards of Education and County Commissioners to send a representative to meet with them on this occasion. Chairman A. W. Perry, of the Board of Education was present. After some discussion a vote was taken and it was the unanimous opinion that Franklin county should have such an officer. Mr. J. A. Turner offered the following resolutions, which was unanimously adopted. "That a committee of two be appointed to ask the towns of Franklin to appropriate \$200.00, Louisburg \$300.00, Youngsville \$150.00, and Bunn \$50.00, also the Board of Education \$500.00 and the County \$600.00, making a total salary for a whole-time health officer \$1800.00." Chairman Collier appointed on this committee Mayor J. A. Turner and Supt. E. L. Best. They were instructed to ascertain if possible if this arrangement could be so arranged to start April 1, and to make a report to another meeting of the Board of Health to be held the first Monday in March.

This completing the business of the day the Board adjourned.

Town Commissioners Meet.

The Board of town Commissioners met in regular session on Friday night in the Mayors office with all members except Allen and Newell present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and business disposed of as follows:

It was moved and carried that Messrs. Faulkner and Alford be paid \$5.25 each for work done upon Dr. Malone's order, for the town.

It was ordered that the street committee investigate the opening of Perry street and report to the Board.

The claim of Mr. F. W. Wheelless was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Williamson, Allen and Newell, they to investigate and report to the Board.

Report of J. C. Tucker, Chief of Police was received and filed. He reports collecting pool room licenses \$15.00, licenses for selling books, \$3.00, costs \$15.20, fines \$15.00.

The report of A. W. Alston, Clerk, for water and lights for December was received and he reports collections as follows:

Light rents \$863.03; water rents \$302.80; light rents arrear, \$62.24; water rents arrear, \$45.50.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

New Officers of B. Y. P. U.

At the regular meeting last Sunday night the following officers of the Baptist Young Peoples Union of this place were elected:

President, Mr. A. O. Dickens, Vice-President, Miss Iantha Pittman, Secretary, Miss Marion Hollingsworth, Treasurer, Mr. Elias Beasley, Organist Miss Bertha Fulghum.

Group captains and various committees will be appointed at the earliest practicable moment, and the Union will enter upon a new era of prosperity, it is hoped. This organization furnishes a fine opportunity for young Christians to be trained for service. The new president makes a call for every Baptist young man and young woman in town to be present in the Sunday school department of the Baptist Church Sunday night promptly at 6:45 o'clock.

The Louisburg Baptist Church

"The call of the Church" will be the theme used in connection with the worship Sunday morning. The pastor has a special message for his Church and urges upon every member to be present. At the evening service 7:30, he will discuss the question in the book of Job, "If a man die, shall he live again?" This is a question of vital importance to all, and the Church and pastor extend to all a most cordial invitation to worship with them on that occasion.

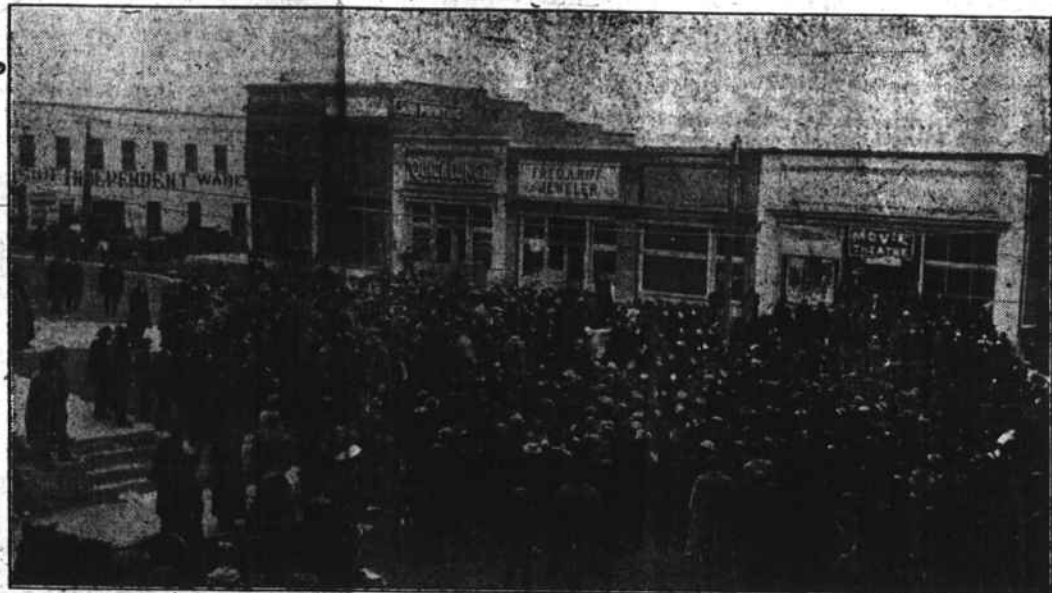
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 p. m.

Baptist Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met on Monday afternoon with Mrs. E. C. Allen. The subject for the afternoon was "The Child at Worship," led by Mrs. Walter M. Gilmore. An open discussion of the subject was held, led most interestingly by Mrs. Gilmore.

A few matters of business were attended to, and the society adjourned to meet again next Monday.

Just a Minute Before Drawing the Lucky Number Saturday



The above picture was taken by a Times reporter just an instance before the drawing of the lucky number that gave to Mr. W. J. Strickland, of near town his choice between \$500 in gold or a Ford touring car, and also marked the closing period of McKinne Brothers' Daddy Rabbit Sale, one of the biggest of its kind ever held in Franklin County. This sale was under the supervision of Mr. J. D. Ray, of Raleigh. The crowd was estimated at 3000 or above and everybody seemed to be especially well pleased at the fairness which prevailed. Little Miss Hassie Downey drew the ticket from the box and the contest was decided from the first draw made.

MRS. PHIL G. ALSTON.

Louisburg Mourns Passing of Most Estimable Woman.

Great sorrow has again come to this city on account of the death of Mrs. Phil G. Alston, in the forty-ninth year of her age, which occurred Friday night at 10 o'clock at the family residence on Main street in this city, after an illness of about two weeks of pneumonia.

Mrs. Alston's maiden name was Miss Temple Lou King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. King, of Nashville, and sister of Mr. Gray King, of Nashville, a member of the present Legislature, and Mrs. Herbert Boone, of Cedar Rock, all of whom survive her, as does her husband also.

She was reared and lived in the eastern part of this county, near Bel ford church, which is on the Nash county line, till her marriage to Capt. Phil G. Alston, of this place, about seven years ago, she being his second wife. In this marriage, two of the finest families in the State were united. The universal verdict of all who knew Mrs. Alston was that she was one of the best and most loved women in this section. She was an active member of the Methodist church of this city, and was closely identified with all of its work and interests. For many years she has had charge of the primary department in the Sunday-school, and has been prominently connected with all the ladies organizations in the church.

From the citizens of this fair town that she loved so well, day after day went up the silent prayer:

"Not here. O Death, not here, Is there no other flower for thee to take?"

All the world is thine, and its sake Oh! come not here."

But alas, "Death loves a shining mark"—and so it came.

In the death of Mrs. Alston we fully and keenly realize our loss. She was a true friend, and her devotion to those she loved would make a bright chapter in any life. Nothing but the thought of the loving hand that has removed her can reconcile us to her absence. While she has gone from the scene, the conflict, the sorrows and pleasure of life, she will still live in the hearts of those who knew her best. Her retiring nature led her to hide her best qualities from public gaze, but they were revealed to those who enjoyed her acquaintance, yet it was in her home that her true worth was most conspicuous. She was a kind, loving wife and her devotion to the family circle had no limit.

Her breath went out like the exhalation of a sweet fragrant incense, of the woodland and in her stead was left only a holy and beautiful memory—a memory that will last and sanctify as long as parental existence. "God touched her with His fingers, and she slept," the poet wrote. So may we say of this dear life—"God touched her with His fingers, and she slept," but not until a beautiful life

was lived, a noble example of patience, fidelity to truth and faith were given. Not until visions of a heavenly life, in Christ Jesus, had cheered and illumined the valley of the shadow. And now, that she sleeps, memory takes up the harp of life, and smiting the strings, finds that her virtues melt into music. So it ever is, when a life is nobly and divinely lived.

Life will never be quite the same to those who knew her, while those who were nearest to her will long for her with unutterable longings—long for a mother's counsel and advice, and a wife's gentle and loving sympathy. She was a woman of strong Christian character; patient, loving and self-sacrificing.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Methodist church of this place amid a wealth of beautiful floral designs, and in the presence of a large audience of sympathetic friends and relatives from far and near. Rev. A. D. Wicox her pastor, in conducting the service paid a most beautiful tribute to her memory. The interment was in Oak Lawn cemetery.

County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meetings the following business was disposed of:

Helen Gupton was placed on outside pauper list, at \$1.00 per month.

It was also ordered that a public bridge be allowed near J. R. Bunn's on Wild Cat branch in Cedar Rock township.

The allowance of Celia Allen as outside pauper was increased from one to two dollars per month.

It was ordered that R. H. Hicks, of Franklin township, be relieved of poll tax for 1914.

It was ordered that S. A. and B. B. Alford be relieved of special school tax in Pilot school district—not being in said district.

P. E. Dean was appointed Constable of Cedar Rock township to succeed Mr. E. E. Fulghum resigned.

W. G. Privett was relieved of special school tax in Pilot school district.

Upon order D. L. Kearney was appointed Constable in Hayesville township.

J. C. McKnight was relieved of taxes in Franklin township, same being listed in Hayesville township.

The bond of P. E. Dean, Constable Cedar Rock township, was received and recorded, and the oath of office was administered.

It was ordered that W. H. Ruffin and R. B. White be appointed a committee to settle account between County and the Board of Education.

It was ordered that \$300 be appropriated to pay for a farm demonstrator, and that the appointment be made under these conditions. First that the entire time be given to the work and that he shall go into all parts of the County for ten months. Second that

the demonstrator shall make reports in duplicate, one to the government and one to the County of the progress of the work.

E. L. Green, J. R. Pearce and John W. Perry were appointed Road Trustees in Youngsville township.

Walter Winston was relieved of Graded school tax in Franklin township—not being in said district.

J. M. Swanson was relieved of tax on land in Sandy Creek township—same having been paid by W. C. West-ter.

The above concluded the business for Monday and Tuesday business as follows was before the Board:

Report of F. R. Pleasant, Manager of the Medical Depository was received. He reports sales amounting to \$662.00.

Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 7 white and 6 colored.

E. N. Williams was ordered to get wood for County Home with hands he already has.

It was ordered that the Clerk of the Board notify all persons that have not listed their taxes for 1914 to come forward and list the same and pay their taxes and if not done by the first Monday in March 1915, there will be warrants issued against them and they will be charged 25 per cent on same.

It was ordered that Hence Hazelwood be elected janitor of the Court-house for 1915.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next meeting.

Death of Mrs. Gunther.

After a week's illness of acute bronchitis and other troubles, Mrs. Alexander Gunther died Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the 42nd year of her age. The deceased was a native of North Bridgport, Maine, where she lived till 15 years ago, when she came to this State as bride of Mr. Gunther, who was then living at Vass. They moved to this city several years ago, and have won many friends, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved relatives.

Her husband, one son, Otto F., and two brothers, F. B. Frisbie, of North Bridgport, Me., and E. S. Frisbie, Mrs. Gunther was a devout member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church of this city, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral service was held at the family residence, Rev. Walter M. Gilmore officiating, Friday afternoon at 2:30, and the interment was made at Oak Lawn Cemetery, just outside the city limits.

Daughters of Confederacy.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Malone.

The afternoon was spent in making plans for helping the soldiers Home in Raleigh, and will concentrate its efforts for some time in obtaining stones to mark the soldiers' graves in Oak Lawn cemetery.

THE BOOSTERS FESTIVAL

AN EVENT IN LOUISBURG THE PAST WEEK.

Largely Attended and Greatly Appreciated by Louisburg's Population To Return in Spring.

One of the most interesting events that has taken place in Louisburg in a number of years, was the Booster's Festival that gave two performances daily in the Opera-House here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. These attractions were secured through the Radcliff agency by a committee of local young men at quite a considerable cost, but they are glad to announce that the patronage was most pleasing. The attendance increased from the beginning and the house was crowded the last night which was quite a compliment to the high class entertainments these Companies were giving and also showed a strong and growing endorsement of the people of Louisburg for this better class of attractions.

Our people were so much pleased with this series that upon the repeated endorsement of the audience that they would be glad to have it repeated.

A committee was formed and another contract signed for a return engagement some time this spring, the exact date to be announced later.

Each and every feature on the several programmes was of the highest order, clean and highly entertaining.

Board of Education.

The Board of Education met in regular session on last Monday with all members present except Harris. After reading and approving the minutes of previous meetings the following matters were disposed of:

R. B. White reported that he had seen the Superintendent in Vance county and that the deed for the Epsom school would be sent here.

The Board ordered that the Flat Rock school site remain as was decided in October.

C. P. Hunt, of Wake county was before the Board in the interest of his County relative to the collection of a special school tax from Franklin. He was advised to have his tax collector, collect for this at the same time, others were collected.

The Board appointed A. W. Perry, B. L. Best and R. B. White a committee to confer with a similar committee from the County Commissioners to formulate some plan of alleviating the financial embarrassment of the County school fund. This committee is to report the first Monday in March.

Mr. West Roberts was appointed a school committeeman for Youngsville township.

E. L. Best and A. W. Perry were appointed a committee to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the advisability of employing a whole-time health officer.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club

The Thursday Afternoon Book Club was charmingly entertained on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Ben Holden.

Spain was the subject for the afternoon, and was rendered in a very capable manner.

The meeting was opened with the roll call, and each member present answered with some interesting event of Spanish history or life.

Mrs. Gariand Ricks read a thrilling account of a Spanish Bull Fight. Mrs. W. W. Boddie read a synopsis on the Autobiography of the "Infanta Eugenia." Also a paper on the result of the war between Spain and the United States was read.

At the completion of this most enjoyable program, a salad course, coffee and minis were served.

The society was pleased to have with it as guests, Mrs. Bob Davis and the Misses Staley and Mildred Brown.

At Justice.

On Friday evening, February 5th, there will be a recital and a debate given in the school building. A small fee will be charged at the door for the benefit of the Eureka and the Philomath societies. Afterwards the Betterment Association will serve oysters. We cordially invite the public.

Cotton sold here yesterday for 5 cents per pound.