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GOVERNOR T. W. BICKETT BANQUETED By Citizens of Louisburg, on Wednesday Night, At The Franklin Hotel

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE GUESTS OF OCCASION

Large Crowd Present and Many Toasts Expressing The Great Esteem in Which The Governor is Held by His Home People and The State.

In honor of Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, whose inauguration as Governor of North Carolina took place in Raleigh yesterday, the citizens of Louisburg tendered a banquet at the Franklin Hotel on Wednesday night, which was largely attended.

At the appointed time the doors to the spacious dining hall of this popular hotel, which had previously been beautifully arranged and decorated, were thrown open and the guests invited to enter. Governor Bickett, accompanied by the Legislative Committee composed of Messrs. W. M. Person, Chairman, Geo. A. Holderness, A. M. Scales, R. F. Beasley, of the Senate, and J. Ed. Pegram, Chairman, T. E. Holding, Gallatin Roberts, Stanley Winborne, S. A. Newell of the House, entered last amid great cheers of enthusiasm. Mayor L. L. Joyner, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, delivered the address of welcome to the Legislative Committee, and a beautiful tribute to Gov. Bickett, giving expression to a deep feeling shared by the entire population of our little city and the good county of Franklin saying that we are gathered together here to do honor to the greatest man in the State prompted by the same motive that the State has done him honor, because the "Record is the Reason."

Senator W. M. Person responded with a tribute to Gov. Bickett as a man, and in his remarks stated that he had done more to put Louisburg and Franklin County on the map than any other man in the past one hundred and thirty years. Messrs. S. A. Newell and W. H. Ruffin made pretty responses. The former dealt with the appreciations of the public for Franklin's distinguished son, while the latter paid a just tribute to his high sense of wit and humor. Mr. R. B. White responded in a few very expressive remarks and in conclusion stated that "this is a loan and not a gift, we are letting the State have him because the State needs him." Capt. I. H. Kearney, who has just returned from the border, responded to an invitation to tell of the boys from home. His talk was especially interesting, as it was the first direct information that has been received from the boys, and was greatly enjoyed by all. He stated that we here were no more rejoiced over this occasion that were the boys at El Paso. Mr. G. M. Beam, responded in a very nice little toast, in quoting a verse he had composed the conclusion ran, "Bickett, from whose lips, eloquence flows, like water from a spigot." Messrs. Pegram and Scales, of the Legislative Committee responded in a very happy manner with toasts that were thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. E. H. Malone instead of responding with a toast read a letter from a distant county which was full of the occasion and good wishes. Senator Geo. A. Holderness, from Edgecombe, responded in a very pretty toast in which he stated that for him to speak at this occasion was like asking a man to speak at his own funeral. "However," he said, "I want to assure you that the people of Edgecombe admire and esteem Gov. Bickett as much as you do." Rep. Winborne in well chosen and well delivered remarks added a pretty tribute to the bigness and the far-sightedness of our Governor stating that "we know him and before his term is ended we will make the world know him as we do." Sen. R. F. Beasley's toast was excellent. He dealt with the larger and deeper public character of the Governor, declaring him to be a Democratic Governor of the old school and that when his term is ended he will be known, not as an educational Governor, a prohibition Governor, or a good roads Governor, but as a Governor of and for all the people, predicting that before many years Franklin County would have to give him up to the Nation as his county had given him up

to Franklin." Representative Roberts in his toast took occasion to refer to some of Gov. Bickett's success, stating that only a few years ago Bickett was not known west of the Blue Ridge, but in the Tennessee boundary case he had endeared himself to his people through service until now he is as popular in Buncombe as he is in Franklin." Rep. Holding's toast was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. Mr. R. G. Allen stating that he was too full of the occasion to give expression to his thoughts begged to be excused. Mr. Will Joyner, of Halifax, responded in a happy manner paying a beautiful tribute to the Governor as an orator. Referring to his speech at Charlotte eight years ago when he gave a second to the nomination of Hon. Ashley Horne for Governor, he said it was the greatest speech he had ever heard. He also stated that on that occasion Hon. Thos. W. Mason touched him and said "that is the coming man in North Carolina," and said Mr. Joyner "It is with the deepest pleasure that I join with you all in this expression of enthusiasm on the occasion of his becoming the Chief Executive of our great and glorious State." Mr. F. N. Egerton responded with a witty toast full of fun, but with lots of feelings of good cheer and friendship. At this point Mayor Joyner called on Mr. W. H. Yarborough who responded in his usual eloquent and interesting manner. His toast was a literary gem and our only regret is that we are unable to reproduce it in full. He referred to his meeting Governor on his first arrival in Louisburg to make it his home, his close association with him in the practice of law and proceeded to paint a beautiful picture of the character of the man who is to be North Carolina's greatest Governor. He also expressed the sorrow that our people feel in giving him up from their midst even for the short time of four years and in every word was an ocean of love and loyalty for a man who was worthy of the best from the life he has lived among his people. In part he said "Mr. Bickett, we give you to North Carolina, but it is not a gift that costs nothing, for our sorrow is deeper than words can express, but we glory in the honor that is being bestowed upon you." At the conclusion of Mr. Yarborough's toast the orchestra rendered "All hail the Chief" after which Governor Bickett responded to all the toasts that had been given. His response was filled with wit, humor and eloquence, bespeaking a love and devotion for his fellow citizens that we are unable to portray. His words were weighty and full of that divine loyalty that only such men can appreciate and the illustrations he used to drive home his points were well and appropriately used.

During the course of the toasting a most excellent and appetizing menu was being served by Mr. J. L. Harrison, of the Franklin Hotel, who has done himself much credit on this occasion. The menu follows:
Oyster Cocktail
Grape Fruit
Celery Queen Olives
Cold Turkey Cranberry Sauce
Asparagus Tips Green Peas
Chicken Salad
Neapolitan Cream
Assorted Cakes
Coffee Cigars

Levin's Orchestra, of Raleigh, furnished music for the occasion, which interspersed the entire program.

This ended one of the most brilliant social occasions Louisburg has ever witnessed. On Thursday morning the local committee accompanied the Legislative Committee and Governor Bickett to Raleigh on a special train, which also carried a very large number of Franklin County people to witness the inauguration.

Mr. A. D. Mitchiner Dead.
News was received in Louisburg on Wednesday morning of the death of

Mr. A. D. Mitchiner, one of Franklin county's most prominent and substantial citizens, which occurred at his home near Mitchiner's Cross Roads on Tuesday night after a long illness. Mr. Mitchiner was one of Franklin's best and most highly respected citizens, who has gained his influence and the admiration of all who knew him, by his strict honesty, integrity and neighborliness. In his death his community, the county and the State loses one of its strongest citizens and his neighbors a tried and true friend. He was 69 years old and leaves a wife, three sons, Rev. Jno. F. Mitchiner, Messrs. J. A. Mitchiner and Will Mitchiner, three daughters, Mrs. F. G. Banks, Mrs. Dr. C. H. Banks, Miss Laura Mitchiner, all of this county, and a host of relatives and friends who have the deepest sympathy of the entire county. He was a faithful and devout member of Perry's Chapel Baptist church. The funeral services were held from his home on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Mack Stamps and the interment was made in the family burying ground at his home in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives who had gathered to pay a last sad tribute.

Annual Meeting Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank, of Louisburg, was held in its Banking house on Tuesday morning. A report of the Board of Directors adopted at a meeting just prior to this was read in which a dividend of 8 per cent was declared. The reports from the several officers made a splendid showing for the past year's business. The old Board of Directors were re-elected for the ensuing year and is composed of Messrs. W. H. Ruffin, J. N. Harris, F. B. McKinne, S. S. Meadows, Malcolm McKinne, Dr. H. A. Newell, F. W. Justice, I. Allen, D. F. McKinne.

After the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the Board of Directors met and elected the officers for the Bank for the coming year: Messrs. W. H. Ruffin, President; F. B. McKinne, Cashier; T. W. Watson, Assistant-Cashier; W. D. Jackson, Teller; Miss Edna Allen, Stenographer and book-keeper, were re-elected unanimously.

This bank has been enjoying quite an enviable business the past year and is doing a good work for the community.

Spivey-Shearlin.

Quite a pretty ceremony was solemnized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shearin Dec. 24th, when their youngest daughter, Miss Ethel, became the bride of Mr. E. C. Spivey, of Tabor, N. C.

Mrs. A. A. Shearin, who presided at the chifon and crepe dechine presided at the piano. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the bridal party entered. The groom with Mr. H. B. Griffin. The bride handsomely attired in a dark blue suit entered with her sister Mrs. H. B. Griffin, of Louisburg, who wore white chifon.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Spivey left to visit in the Eastern part of the State.

The large number of beautiful and useful presents attest to the popularity of these young people. They will make their home in Franklin, Va.

Magistrates To Meet.

A magistrate in Franklin county is urged to attend a meeting of magistrates to be held in Louisburg N. C., on Tuesday, January 16th, 1917, for the purpose of discussing the fees as they must apply in regard to the new salary system in Franklin County, and such other business as may come before the meeting. Don't forget the date, Jan. 16th, 1917, at 10 o'clock. Be sure and come.

E. N. WILLIAMS, Asst. Chm'n.
J. L. PALMER, Sec'y.

Cigarette Displays.

In connection with an advertising campaign for Sovereign cigarettes beginning in this publication this week, all the merchants in Louisburg have agreed to make special displays of this popular brand for the next two weeks, and all other dealers in the County are urged to do likewise. Besides making the stores more attractive by changing the displays it will no doubt be the means of increasing their sales along this particular line.

THE FARMERS UNION

To Assist in Organizing National Farm Loan Association and a Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association in Franklin County

Recognizing the good that can be accomplished by the Federal Farm Loan Act and realizing the need of immediate action upon the part of the farmers in organizing National Farm Loan Association the Farmers Union at its monthly meeting in Louisburg, Jan. 4th, appointed a committee consisting of J. C. Jones, Chairman, J. M. Sykes, G. H. Pergerson, and M. R. Sykes to assist in organizing a National Farm Loan Association in Franklin County.

The Farm Loan Board has already placed the Farm Land Banks and these banks will be in operation in about thirty days.

It is only through the Farm Loan Association that money can be borrowed under the Farm Loan Act, and to secure the money at once it is necessary that these associations be formed by the time the Land Banks are in operation.

The United States Government has never before recognized our farm lands as security for borrowing money, and has never before given the farmer an equal chance with other professional business men of borrowing money, the farmer as a rule being able to borrow money only under most adverse circumstances. This has been the case for so long that it is hard for the farmer to realize that he can now borrow money for his farming operations equally as well as any business man.

As a lawyer remarked before the Farm Loan Board in its hearing at Raleigh recently "the trouble with the farmers now is they believe this act too good to be true."

The Union also appointed a committee consisting of W. J. Strickland, G. H. Pergerson and J. C. Jones, Chairman, to organize a branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association in Franklin County.

In this insurance association a farmer, or anyone owning country property, can insure their dwellings, barns, stables, etc., at less than half the cost ordinarily charged by insurance companies for country property.

A farmer can borrow money on his farm buildings through the Farm Loan Associations, but only if these buildings are insured.

Any one interested in either a Farm Loan Association or a Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association are requested to communicate at once with J. C. Jones, Louisburg, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1.

All those interested in these Associations are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, at Supt. E. J. Best's office in Louisburg, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Louisburg Society.

Delightful in every detail was the seven-course luncheon given by Mrs. T. W. Watson on Tuesday evening January 2nd, in honor of Miss Margaret Hicks, who was married the following evening to Mr. Cary M. Howard, of Danville, Va.

The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and crystal candlesticks. Covers were laid for twelve, the places being marked by artistic hand-tinted cards of miniature brides. At the conclusion of the fourth course, the hostess toasted the bride-to-be, and each member of the party in turn responded with a wish for the bride.

Between the fifth and sixth courses, Mrs. W. F. Clegg, of Greensboro, toasted the bride, to which the bride graciously responded.

After luncheon, several games of rook were played. The following is the list of the guests who enjoyed Mrs. Watson's hospitality: Miss Cora Monger, of Newbern, Miss Eugenia Franklin, of Winston-Salem, Miss Nita Masten, of Winston-Salem, Miss Tommas Tomlinson, of Troy, Misses Virginia and Ruby Howard, of Danville, groom's sisters, Mrs. W. F. Clegg, of Greensboro, Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, Mrs. E. H. Malone, Mrs. J. A. Hodges and Miss Margaret Hicks.

At her beautiful home on Main street, Mrs. Felix Allen, Friday evening entertained in honor of Miss Margaret Hicks, who became the bride of Mr. C. M. Howard Wednesday evening.

Upon arrival the guests were invited

into the reception hall and from there they were directed into the dining room which was decorated in red carnations and ferns, here a six-course luncheon was served. In the soft glow of the shaded candles, bride was teased by Mrs. J. W. Mann and Miss Annie Allen.

From the dining room the guests were invited into the west parlor where, amid decorations of poinsettias and Christmas greens, a miniature Christmas tree, laden with gifts from the guests, awaited Miss Hicks.

Those present were: Misses Margaret Hicks, Annie Allen, Annie Green Virginia Foster, Mary Belle Macon, Lucy Smithwick, Miss Waddell, of Selma, Grace Hall, Mattie Allen, Lynne Hall, Kate Furman, Mary Stuart Egerton, Mrs. J. W. Mann, Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, Mrs. Fred Hicks, Mrs. George Cobb, of Durham, and Mrs. E. H. Malone.

In honor of Miss Mary Stuart Egerton, who became the bride of Mr. Clarence Myrick, of Panama, on Monday, Miss Annie Belle King gave a handkerchief shower Saturday afternoon. Twenty guests were present and greatly enjoyed Miss King's hospitality. The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas holiday attire.

After playing games, and at the psychological moment, little Miss Sophy Clifton, entered the room drawing a little express wagon that was laden with all manner of beautiful handkerchiefs, gifts of the guests to the bride-elect.

Two recent brides, Mrs. R. F. Yarborough, and Mrs. E. H. Malone, and two out-of-town guests, Miss Louise Allen, of Warrenton, and Miss Yelverton, of Goldsboro, were present.

Will Money Take Root?

If you want to see how money will take root and grow just go to the First National Bank and "plant" a dime in the new Christmas Banking Club they just opened to accommodate the people of this community who want to start to save money.

This dime will grow in fifty weeks—before Christmas next year when you will feel the need of ready money—into \$127.50.

You only need to "water" the dime you plant regularly every week for forty-nine more weeks. The way you do this is to put in twenty cents the second week, thirty cents the third week and so on, increasing your deposit only a dime each week.

The little Christmas Banking Club book which the First National Bank will give you or any of your friends free will show you when to make your weekly deposit and how much you put in in order to get, in fifty weeks, the \$127.50.

Whole families are joining this Christmas Banking Club. It's the best thing that ever struck town to show us all how to really save money and get ahead. It gets us into the banking habit—the best habit anyone can learn. Money planted in the bank will surely grow if we let stay in the bank what we put in, and keep on adding to it. "Every little bit added to what you've got makes a little bit more."

First thing you know, if you only START to banking your money, you will become rich.

You can "plant" only a nickel in the Christmas Banking Club and in fifty weeks have \$63.75. You must put in ten cents the second week, fifteen cents the third week and so on, increasing the amount you deposit only a nickel each week. The biggest sum you put in at one time is only \$2.50. You will hardly believe this until you look into the little Christmas Banking Club book which the First National Bank will furnish you, and every member of your family free.

The "kiddies" can join the one-cent or the two-cent club and in fifty weeks have \$12.75 or \$25.50.

Every boy and girl and man and woman in our community should join this Christmas Banking Club. It's a good thing. Thanks to the First National Bank.

Rebuilding Storage House.

Mr. C. T. Stokes is rebuilding his storage house that was burned the past fall. This time it will be of brick and better constructed.

Mr. J. R. Wiggins was a visitor to Raleigh the past week.

ADVISES HOW TO AVOID AND CURE A COLD.

State Board of Health Issues Unique Card for Free Distribution On Avoiding and Curing Colds.

The cold germ will find little work to do this winter—in North Carolina if the advice of the State Board of Health is taken and strictly applied. In response to numerous inquiries received by the Board as to how to cure "bad colds" and how to avoid them, the educational department has prepared for free distribution an attractive, illustrated, vest pocket size card giving all the necessary information on one side as to "How to Avoid 'Bad Colds,'" and making suggestions on the other side as to "How to Cure a 'Bad Cold.'" The card carries also an illustration making clear the importance and proper use of the handkerchief in case of a cold in the following lines:

"If you have to cough and sneeze Do it behind your handkerchief, please."

In order to avoid colds, the card says, "Keep away from people with colds, grippe, 'sniffles,' and coughs. Live, work and sleep in fresh air. Avoid over-heated rooms, sudden chilling, wet feet, constipation and intemperance. Keep healthy, strong and robust at all times. Weak, 'run down,' overworked people often fall victims to colds which strong healthy people ward off."

After suggesting different remedies for the cure of a cold, the card concludes with the statement: "Avoid rock and rye, catarrh cures, and patent medicines, at least until you are sufficiently recovered to withstand such things."

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Dr. R. F. Yarborough and wife went to Raleigh Monday.

Messrs. W. H. Allen, J. J. Barrow, J. A. Turner, Ben T. Holden, W. H. Ruffin, E. H. Malone, H. A. Kearney, W. H. Yarborough, J. B. Yarborough, J. L. Palmer, A. F. Johnson went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. W. N. Fuller went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mrs. Harry G. McBrayer, will arrive today from Murphy, to join her husband. They will occupy the T. W. Bickett residence on Main street.

Lieut. G. A. Ricks, of Co. D, 3rd Infantry, N. C. N. G., stationed at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, arrived home the past week on a leave of absence.

Const. R. W. Hudson left Wednesday for Richmond to take his son, Marshall, to St. Luke's hospital for treatment.

Louisburg Baptist Church.

Public worship Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:15 P. M. Theme of morning sermon, "Sources of Happiness;" of night sermon, "The Church's Invitation."

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. B. Y. P. U. Monday, 7:15 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:15 P. M.

Pastor Glimore will conduct the services at Rock Spring church Sunday 3 P. M. A cordial invitation is given to all of these services.

Special Meeting of Farmers Union.

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Farmers Union in Louisburg in Supt. Best's office Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 1917, at 2 o'clock P. M. Every member of the Union is requested to be present to attend to some urgent business.

T. J. HARRIS, Pres.

J. C. JONES, Sec'y.

Repainting Depot.

A crew of workmen were busy the past week remodeling and repainting the Seaboard Depot here. The station now presents quite a neat appearance.

A writer in one of the city papers suggests that one week in each year be observed as "Take Back the Book You Borrowed" week. If this suggestion were carried out here, we imagine some of our men and women would look like a kid on the opening day of school.

Among other grand and rare sights is that of a child running to meet its father.

There is no salt in the tears of a hypocrite.