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BOY SCOUT WEEK.

Closes on Saturday, June 14th, 1919—Every Man in the County Invited to Join—Presidents Proclamation.

The Proclamation of the President, setting aside this week, June 8th to June 14th, as National Boy Scout week is proclaimed below. The object of this proclamation, and the campaign inaugurated this week by the National Organization of the Boy Scouts, is to enlist the active interest of the "Grown Ups" to become Associate Members of Boy Scout Organization. The associate membership fee is only \$1.00 and while the number of associate members called for by Franklin County's quota is only 48, there should be at least 500 men in Franklin County who will be glad to invest a dollar in one of the finest organizations for boy training in existence and thereby have a definite part in this work.

Mr. E. H. Malone, of Louisburg, has been appointed chairman of the Citizens' committee for Franklin County by Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, who is National Chairman of the campaign and it has been arranged for the Boy Scouts of the local camps to call on the people during this week, soliciting applications for Associate membership. This is a splendid organization and the boys deserve our encouragement so just give that Boy Scout, who calls on you, your name and \$1.00. He will turn in your name and the dollar to the County chairman who reports same to the National Organization and your certificate of associate membership will be mailed to you. If you can not see a Boy Scout send your name and the \$1.00 to Mr. E. H. Malone, Chairman, Louisburg, N. C.

A PROCLAMATION

The Boy Scouts of America have rendered notable service to the Nation during the world war. They have done effective work in the Liberty Loan and War Savings campaigns, in discovering and reporting upon the black walnut supply, in cooperating with the Red Cross and other war work agencies, in acting as despatch bearers for the Committee on Public Information, and in other important fields. The Boy Scouts have not only demonstrated their worth to the Nation, but have also materially contributed to a deeper appreciation by the American people of the higher conception of patriotism and good citizenship.

The Boy Scout Movement should not only be preserved, but strengthened. It deserves the support of all public-spirited citizens. The available means for the Boy Scout movement have thus far sufficed for the organization and training of only a small proportion of the boys of the country. There are approximately 10,000,000 boys in the United States between the ages of twelve and twenty-one. Of these only 375,000 are enrolled as members of the Boy Scouts of America.

America cannot acquit herself completely with her power and influence in the great period now facing her and the world unless the boys of America are given better opportunities than heretofore to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of citizenship.

Every nation depends for its future upon the proper training and development of its youth. The American boy must have the best training and discipline our great democracy can provide. If American boys to maintain her ideals, her standards and her influence in the world.

The plan, therefore, for a Boy Scout week during which a universal appeal will be made to all Americans to supply the means to put the Boy Scouts of America in a position to carry forward effectively and continuously the splendid work they are doing for the youth of America, should have the unreserved support of the Nation.

Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby recommend that the period beginning Sunday, June 8th, to Flag Day, June 14th, be observed as Boy Scout Week through the United States for the purpose of strengthening the work of the Boy Scouts of America.

I earnestly recommend that, in every community, a Citizens' Committee under the leadership of a National Citizens' Committee, be organized to cooperate in carrying out a program for a definite recognition of the effective services rendered by the Boy Scouts of America; for a survey of the facts relating to the boyhood of each community, in order that with the cooperation of churches, schools and other organizations definitely engaged in work for boys, adequate provision may be made for the larger proportion of American boyhood.

The Boy Scout movement offers unusual opportunity for volunteer service. It needs men to act as committeemen and as leaders of groups of boys. I hope that all who can will enlist for such personal service, enroll as associate members and give all possible financial assistance to this worthy organization of American boyhood. Anything that is done to increase the effectiveness of the Boy Scouts of America will be a genuine contribution to the welfare of the Nation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be fixed.

Done this first day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States of Am-

erica, the one hundred and forty-third. (Signed) WOODROW WILSON. By the President: Robert Lansing, Secretary of State.

RECORDER'S COURT.

I am greatly interested in Franklin County's having a recorder's court, for I think it one of the best most progressive and the most necessary steps that we, as a county, can take. I have often wondered if there was not some quicker and better way of disposing of many of the cases that come before our courts than by the slow method pursued by our Superior Courts; and since reading the bill giving the counties the privilege of deciding whether they should have a recorder's court I am thoroughly convinced that it is the surest, the most efficient and the quickest way of disposing of a great majority of the cases that have now to be settled by our Superior Court. All cases under felony may be settled in the recorder's court and that, very probably, within a week after the crime is committed, that very fact, I believe, will be a great deterrent to crime for few people would care to attempt a violation of the law if they knew that a sure punishment would be inflicted upon them possibly the same day the crime was committed, certainly within a week. The next term of our Superior Court for criminal cases convenes during next October. Now suppose a man should be arrested this week for an assault or other petty crime he would probably be tried in a magistrate's court and bound over to the next term of the Superior Court under bond, but if he should be unable to give bond, as frequently happens, he would have to be confined in jail and fed at the county's expense for several months until the next term of criminal court. Then at the term of court all who were witnesses or in any way connected with the case would have to attend court every day until the case is disposed of; and then there is a possibility of the case having to be continued until another term, as often happens, with the result that the county again has to board the prisoner for several months while the witnesses etc. will have lost much valuable time from their farms, or other business, uselessly, and will have to attend the next term of court. A case similar to this occurred at the May term of our Superior court here in Louisburg when a friend of mine was compelled to attend court every day during the week it was in session with several of his tenants and then the case was continued until the next term with the result that my friend, who is a farmer, and his tenants, lost a whole week during the busy tobacco setting, cotton and corn planting season and will still have to attend the next term of court. This same case could have been settled in a recorder's court within a week, and perhaps, with only one days attendance at court.

I have heard it said that a recorder's court would be an added expense to the county but I cannot see it that way. In fact, my information is all to the contrary, that it is to greatly reduce the expense of those counties now having recorder's courts is that as a general rule the recorder's courts pay in to the county more than the expense of operating them, besides the great saving of time through the more speedy dispatch of business.

I was in Warrenton a few days ago, where they have a recorder's court, and while there I asked one of the business men what he thought of their recorder's court and he replied that they liked it and would not be without it, he also said that they seldom had a criminal case in their Superior Court, practically all of them being settled in the recorder's court. I said "suppose your recorder's court should be abolished, would the people vote it back again?" He replied instantly "yes sir, we like it." He also said the county saves a great deal of money through this court. I told him that there was some opposition to it in Franklin county, he appeared much surprised and asked me on what grounds this opposition was based. From the information I can get it appears to me greatly to the interest of all the people and especially the farmers that Franklin county have a recorder's court for the time that it saves in attending court, the dispatch with which a case is settled after the crime has been committed (this alone I think sufficient to warrant a recorder's court), and the decreased cost of court proceedings.

I sincerely hope that all will investigate this matter thoroughly, and then vote so that Franklin County may have a recorder's court. JOSEPH C. JONES.

NEW PHARMACIST AT AYCOCK DRUG CO.

Mr. M. E. Dizer, of Zebulon, a registered pharmacist has taken a position with Aycock Drug Co. He entered upon his duties Friday.

Mr. Dizer comes well recommended as an expert in his profession painstaking and careful and a young man of ability.

CHEEK-SLEDGE.

The following announcements have been received: Mrs. Emma Sledge announces the marriage of her daughter Clara Bell to Mr. Thomas Irvin Cheek, on June 7th, 11:45 A. M., at the home of the bride, Louisburg, North Carolina.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

The North Carolina Epworth League Assembly meeting in Louisburg next week is attracting a range of talent rarely seen in a young peoples meeting. In addition to the following program, Reid and Stapleton, pianist and singers will be in attendance. These meetings will be held in the College auditorium from Monday until Saturday and the public is invited. The program follows: Monday, June 16—8:30—Registration and Social. Tuesday, June 17—Daily Schedule—7:30—Flag Raising, 12:00—Address: The Mount of Decision, Rev. Walter Patten. 8:30—Inspirational: Rev. W. A. Stanbury. Wednesday, June 18—Daily Schedule—12:00—Address: Rev. H. M. North. 8:30—Inspirational: "Americanism," Rev. E. K. McLarty. Thursday, June 19—Daily Schedule—12:00—Address: The Stewardship of Life, Rev. A. D. Wilcox. 8:30—Inspirational: Rev. E. K. McLarty. Friday, June 20—Daily Schedule—12:00—Address: Africa for Christ, Rev. R. S. Stewart. 8:30—Consecration Service: Rev. Arthur Moore. Saturday, June 21—Disbanding. Conference Theme: "Ourselves and Our Possessions for God."

Conference Leaders: Bible Study: Old Testament, Rev. W. A. Stanbury; New Testament, Rev. Walter Patten. Mission Study: Home, Rev. W. A. Cade; Foreign, Rev. R. S. Stewart; Stewardship, Rev. H. M. North. Junior: Institutes: Garfield Evans and Superintendents of Departments. Morning Prayer: Rev. J. M. Ormond. Vespers: Rev. Arthur Moore.

Daily Schedule—7:00 Morning Prayer; 8:00 Breakfast; 9:00-9:45 Bible Study; 10:00-10:45 Mission Study; 11:00-11:45 Institute; 12:00-12:45 Plat form Hour; 1:00 Dinner; 2:00-2:15 Cabinet Meeting; 2:15-2:45 Business, remainder of afternoon open for recreation; 7:00 Supper; 8:00 Vespers; 8:30 Inspirational.

CHEEK-SLEDGE WEDDING.

A quiet but most beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of the brides mother Mrs. Emma Sledge Saturday at 11:45 A. M. when her daughter, Clara, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Irvin Cheek, of Akron, Ohio, formerly of Warrenton, N. C. The parlor had been tastefully decorated in green and white making a simple but lovely scene for the occasion.

Just at the appointed hour the words "Because I love You" were softly and sweetly sung and the cords of Mendelssohns wedding march were so beautifully rendered by Miss Sallie T. Williams of Louisburg. Then entering the ring bearers nephews of the bride Masters Sherrod and William Sledge carrying the ring in a sweet pea basket on a silver waiter, scattering the brides pathway with roses, met beneath a beautiful candle lighted floral arch where the officiating minister, Rev. W. B. Morton, of Louisburg presided over that ceremony.

The bride and groom both in midnight blue with accessories to blend colored to the home of the grooms parents near Warrenton, where a bounteous reception was given, after which they left for a tour of northern cities after June 15th will be at home in Akron, Ohio. This most popular couple has the sincere wishes of their friends for their supreme happiness crowned with glorious success for the future. MRS. Z. W. PARRISH.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Information Concerning The Health of the People of Franklin County, Worth Your Attention.

By DR. J. E. MALONE, Health Officer.

While we are not trying to scare any one, yet I do suggest and beg the people to vaccinate against typhoid fever. This is the season for this terrible disease and the people should not put off protecting themselves and families. It is almost certain to protect one from the disease. Think of the time lost in the long drawn out fever, the distress of loved ones, the expense and perhaps death. Any physician in the county will vaccinate you, with fresh anti-typhoid treatment. There are at present several cases of typhoid fever in the town and county. Think of this my friends and act at once.

APPOINTMENTS.

Supt. E. L. Best requests us to state that he will fill appointments at Prospect on Saturday at 6 o'clock and at Mt. Zion on Sunday at 4 o'clock, to discuss school problems for the coming school year.

THE FRANKLIN TIMES \$1.50 Per Year In Advance.

LOUISBURG AND METHODISM.

The meeting of the Epworth League Conference in Louisburg next week stirs memories of other conferences held in and near Louisburg in the early days of Methodism. There may be Methodists here who do not know that there have been half a dozen annual conferences held in this vicinity. The town enjoys the distinction of having entertained the first conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in America. Though, as a matter of fact, it was held at the home of the Rev. Green Hill, one and a half miles south of town. That Green Hill was given to hospitality is attested by the fact that he was host to the Conference on four different occasions; three times while living near Louisburg and once after moving to Tennessee. The first Conference met on April 19th, 1786. The following item from Bishop Cokes Journal is taken from an old number of the Arminian Magazine: "Tuesday, April 19th, we came to Brother Green Hill's, where we held our Conference. There were twenty preachers, or more, in one house, and by making beds on the floor we had room for all."

For a long time after my father bought the old "Green Hill" place he was perplexed to reconcile the date of this conference with the later date which may be seen near the top of one of the chimneys. Knowing that Green Hill also lived at one time on another plantation now in possession of Mr. J. J. Allen, he was inclined to discredit any claim to the honor. But the seeming discrepancy was cleared up by the testimony of the late Fayette Williams (colored), who though ignorant of the point under discussion, referring to the date, 1824—said "I helped build that chimney from that line to the top when it was taken down that far in order to include a fire-place in the upper room."

Williams was only a boy at the time, but carried the mortar etc. to the brick layers and remembered the minutest details connected with the incident. This was some years after Green Hill moved to Tennessee, and the property had passed into the hands of Joel King a nephew of Green Hill's wife. No one who examines the chimney will question the verity of his claim. The line to which the chimney was torn down is still very plain.

Bishop Asbury presided over that first conference. It is probable that Bishop Coker and the Reverends John King and Jesse Lee were also among the twenty preachers present. The Rev. John King a doctor of medicine, was graduated from Oxford, England, just what the bounds of his circuit were, at this time, it is difficult to determine, but it evidently included Baltimore, for it is recorded that he rode from that city on horseback to attend this Conference. He was evidently favorably impressed with this section for he afterward settled in Wake County and died there. The Kings of this place are all descended from him.

The next conference of which I have definite information was held in the old Methodist church which stood on the lot now vacant, facing the residence of Mr. D. C. High, on Nash street. That was in 1842, two years before the church was divided into Northern and Southern Methodists. Bishop Waugh presided. Ten years later conference met again in Louisburg, this time in a new brick church which stood on the site of the present edifice. Bishop Capers presided. In 1860 conference met once more in Louisburg, and Bishop Andrews presided. From that time until 1895 no Methodist Bishop again set foot in Louisburg. That year Bishop Wilson came to preside over the District Conference. He also conducted a love-feast at Green Hill in the old upper chamber, where one hundred and ten years before the first Conference was held. Since then Bishops Duncan, Candler and Kilgo have each preached in Louisburg and visited the "upper room" at Green Hill. But the growth of the town has not kept pace with Methodism, and the newer and larger towns now enjoy the honors that were so frequently hers in the early days. Those early conferences must have been wonderfully uplifting experiences to the community when preachers and churches were few and far apart.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciations to all those who rendered us such kindness during the illness and death of our father, J. W. Sledge. The Family.

Mr. M. F. Houck, wife and son, Clinton, returned Monday from a visit to his mother near Winston-Salem. They were accompanied on their return by his sister, Mrs. Webb Thomas, of Winston-Salem, who will visit them.

Mr. T. H. Sledge, wife and little daughter, and Mr. Clifford Skyles and Mrs. W. J. Taylor, of Red Oak, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Statements From Officials in Other Counties Favorable.

The following article was handed the TIMES this week by a friend of the Recorder's Court, with the explanation that Mr. J. J. Barrow had had to go to Baltimore for treatment and had requested him to make up these facts and submit them to the people through the courtesy of the TIMES: "There having been a great deal of discussion for and against a recorder's court for Franklin county, Mr. J. J. Barrow, Clerk of the Superior Court took it upon himself to write to the officers of various recorder's courts in nearby and adjoining counties to ascertain how the recorder's courts were working in those counties and we are giving you excerpts from these various letters sent in answer to his inquiries. It having become necessary for Mr. Barrow to go to Baltimore for treatment at this time.

The following letter and excerpts will speak for themselves: Warrenton, N. C., June 8, 1919. Mr. J. J. Barrow, Louisburg, N. C. Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 5th, will say that our Recorder's Court was established by the Legislature of 1915. Our people are well pleased with it for the reason it saves the county in jail fees around a thousand dollars per year. We have never had a jury trial, although every defendant has a right to one. Very few cases are appealed, I suppose not more than a half dozen since its establishment, and in every case, the Recorder has been sustained so far.

Since the establishment of this court our grand juries usually finish their work in a day. We try all cases below the degree of felony. Civil jurisdiction up to \$500. Recorder's salary \$600 per year and the Clerk, who is also Clerk of Superior Court, salary \$300 I think.

We meet every Monday morning and clean out the jail, consequently the county never feeds them more than a day or so. I think it a good Court for any county and any one here who has the counties interest in view will agree with me. Yours very truly, T. O. RODWELL, W. S. Stevens, C. S. C., Johnson County writes: "I believe the recorder's court is generally satisfactory in this county."

"As to Appeals." "Criminal cases tried from June 1915 to June 1919, 229, appealed 7, civil cases tried from June 1915, to June 1919, 115 appealed, 5."

J. M. Whitley, Clerk to Recorder's Court at Zebulon, writes: "Our recorder's court was granted to us by act of the Legislature of 1915, and said act provided that \$25.00 be paid by the board of County Commissioners of Wake County, each month to aid in defraying the cost of maintaining the said court. But we have self-sustaining, with the exception of the first four months; which we had an extra cost attached by the way of stationery and proper law books. It is generally satisfactory with the people as we are twenty miles from the court house, and saves our people lots of time and expense."

J. N. Sills, C. S. C., of Nashville, writes: "The said court has proven very satisfactory to the people of this county and if it was left to a vote of the people, would, in my opinion, be continued by a good majority. "It also keeps a defendant who cannot give bond from lying in jail for a long period of time, waiting for the Superior Court to convene, and if he is convicted and sentenced to the roads he begins his sentence immediately after his arrest. "Not over 5 per cent of the criminal cases, in my opinion, are appealed to the Superior Court."

He also writes that as to civil cases the recorder's court is not so satisfactory very few civil cases being tried in it and most of these being appealed. "Taken as a whole, I think, as I said above, that the recorder's court has proven very satisfactory, although, as to the clerk, it keeps him busy with court work all the time."

"The Clerk of the Superior Court is ex-officio Clerk of the Recorder's Court and does not receive any additional salary." "The prosecuting attorney receives his fees from the defendants as do solicitors in the Superior Courts and is, therefore, no expense to the county."

All the letters above referred to and quoted from are on file in the office of J. J. Barrow, C. S. C. and may be read in full by any one desiring to see them. The above letters would have been published in full for the information of the public, but such publication would be quite lengthy and we have selected all the essential parts of each and con.

Geraldine Smith, daughter of Rev. G. F. Smith graduated last week in the Rockingham High School. She was president of her class and received the Mathematics medal. She made the highest grade in the eleventh grade. She comes to Louisburg this week.

Messrs. F. H. Allen, P. R. White, Henry Ruffin, and George Ford, are on a visit to Washington, D. C.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Supt. E. L. Best went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. J. E. Thomas went to Raleigh yesterday.

Miss Creighton Pearce is visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. A. M. Hall is on a visit to Baltimore and New York.

Messrs. W. B. Cooke and O. C. Hill visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. K. P. Hill, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Messdames J. M. Allen and George Cobb visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell, of Raleigh, visited his people in town Sunday.

Mr. T. W. Ruffin returned Monday from a business trip to New York.

Mr. J. M. Allen returned Wednesday from a trip to Baltimore, Md.

Pres. F. S. Love, of Louisburg College, visited Northampton County this week.

Mr. Harold Abbott, of Abbott, W. Va. is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dr. H. G. Perry.

Miss Louise Thomas, of Raleigh, visited relatives in and near Louisburg Sunday.

Mrs. M. H. Aycock returned last week from a visit to relatives in Burlington.

Mr. Dwight L. Culpepper, of the News-Observer force, was in Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. J. H. Southall and family, of Raleigh, visited relatives near Louisburg Sunday.

Private F. L. Edens, of the 81st Division, recently returned from France, arrived home Friday.

Mr. C. K. Cooke, of the Internal Revenue Department, Raleigh, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Beatrice Turner left the past week for Aberdeen, where she will visit Miss Mary Page Wilder.

Mr. Percy B. Fleming and bride, of Norfolk, Va., visited his brother, Dr. A. H. Fleming this week.

Mr. Waverly Webb and wife, of Blackstone, Va., visited his brother, Mr. W. W. Webb on Kenmore Ave. this week.

Miss Julia Silver, of Greensboro, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Mary Spencer, returned to her home Thursday.

Mrs. F. A. Riff, who recently successfully underwent an operation in Richmond, returned home the past week much improved.

Mr. Weldon D. Egerton, who has been connected with the war insurance department of the United States Navy, and stationed at New York arrived home Monday after having received his discharge.

AIRPLANE VISITS LOUISBURG.

Lieut. Brandt and Sergt. Berkshire made a flight from Langley Field to Louisburg, arriving Saturday afternoon. This plane was sent by the War Department to stimulate interest in the American Air Service and it was certainly a fine exhibition of the art of flying. The heavy rain and hail prevented a flight on Sunday afternoon but the flight Monday was a success in every detail. The plane landed in a short time hundreds of people were in the Fair Ground to see it.

Lieut. Brandt is an expert pilot and gave a beautiful exhibition of the art and made a most favorable impression on the people of the town and county. The Government has done well in sending the plane out on such a mission as it has created a fine impression of the Air Service. Lieut. Brandt left Louisburg Monday for Durham via Franklinton where he carried a letter from Mayor Joyner to Mayor Ford. In this letter the Town of Louisburg wished the Town of Franklinton success in the water works election and expressed best wishes for all its citizens. A number of young men are already talking about entering the Air Service of the Government and it is expected that several will report at Langley Field soon.