

OVER \$125,000 GOES UP IN FLAMES

Louisburg Suffers Biggest Fire In Many Years

STARTS IN OLD HILL STABLES

Following Heavy Explosion Early Monday Morning—Forty-Seven Horses and Mules Burned to Death—Several Automobiles in the Blaze.

Early Monday morning Louisburg was visited by possibly the largest fire since 1904 when the large tobacco stemmery of C. B. Cheatham together with two tobacco warehouses, a large number of residences and some prize-les were destroyed almost on and including this same particular spot. About fifteen minutes to two o'clock Monday morning Night Policeman Perry's attention was directed to the large stable building on the corner of Nash and Church streets by a terrific explosion. He started immediately to investigate and before he could leave the Mayor's office the fire had burst out and the whole building was ablaze. Immediately turned in the alarm which brought out the fire department and the citizens. The explosion was heard also by Mr. R. F. Fuller, who was living at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. T. Bryant just at the rear of the stable building who immediately went out to investigate the trouble and found the building afire. So quick was the blaze that Mr. Fuller could not get from his room; which opened on the back porch, to the main portion of the residence to give the alarm to the family but had to jump down and go around.

Several reached the scene at about the same time but too late to even liberate a large number of horses and mules, as the flames had spread so fast the building was falling in many places, however one door and some windows were battered open from which possibly ten or twelve horses and mules made their escape. The flames soon spread from the stable building to the storage house on one side and the residence of Mrs. Bryant on the other and but for the heroic work of the firemen, and the citizens, both white and colored the King Seed Company's gin, and the residence of Mr. C. C. Hudson would have been in ashes. The heat was so terrific that it was impossible to pass between the burning building and the King Seed Co.'s gin and it almost suffocated the horse that draws the fire wagon when it passed down Church street to a hydrant. At one time the whole town seemed doomed as buildings at a good distance seemed to be in readiness to blaze out and sparks and pieces of burning timber were falling thick and fast in almost all sections of the town. It was only through some myracious power that the town was not destroyed by the falling sparks as the next morning the streets were full of cinders. In the loss was about forty seven head of horses and mules that were burned to death. Some were practically burned up, while many carcasses were left.

Immediately after the wreckage cooled sufficiently work was begun on cremating the bodies of the dead animals and repairing the electric light and telephone lines.

It was through the unselfish and heroic efforts of the firemen, assisted by many citizens that confined the flames to the first buildings, and held them under the control that saved the major portion of the property of the town. Before the fire could die away Mr. J. D. Hines, of the Best-Hines Motor Co., had despatched men to Charlotte for a new stock of cars and has already begun to arrange for the continuance of his business. For the present he will have his office headquarters at Scoggin Drug Store.

The exact amount of insurance carried on this property by Allen Bros. Co., has not been ascertained, but we learn it was nothing like sufficient to cover the loss.

New buildings will replace the old ones, in the near future, but as yet no arrangements for their replacement has been begun.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

Some think it was due to a stove in the room of the colored attendant for the, while others advance other theories.

The estimated losses were placed as best as they could be estimated, and are as follows:

The K. P. Hill residence, owned by Allen Bros. Co., and occupied by Mrs. O. T. Bryant, total loss, \$5,000.

The Hill Live Stock Co. stable building, one of the largest and best buildings of its kind in the State, owned by Allen Bros. Co., total loss, estimated value \$40,000.

A storage store room converted from the R. F. Fuller stable building, adjoining the Hill Stables, owned by Allen Bros. Co., estimated value \$5,000, total loss.

The old Hayes stable building now owned by Allen Bros. Co., damaged by fire about \$1,000.

The King Seed Co.'s gin just across the street sustained a small damage from the heat estimated about \$500.

The residence of Mr. C. C. Hudson, formerly occupied by Dr. A. H. Fleming, sustained a damage of about \$500, mostly from heat, insured.

The Best-Hines Motor Co. lost six automobiles, besides their stocks of tools and equipment altogether totaling about \$35,000.00, with \$12,500 insurance.

Allen Bros. Co., about forty seven head of horses and mules valued at about \$15,000.00, stock or ship stuff, building material, etc., estimated at about \$20,000.00.

E. H. Malone, Ford automobile stored in garage.

The Pickert Stock Co., automobile stored in garage.

R. R. Perry, automobile stored in garage.

C. B. Clarke automobile stored in garage.

Mrs. O. T. Bryant, household furniture and effects amounting to about \$2,500.00.

Damage to Allen Bros. Co. store building and Postoffice, broken glass, etc. about \$500.00.

The towns electric lighting system and the streets were damaged about \$1,000.00.

The Church Street Cable of the local Telephone Company was burned into in two places, estimated loss \$50. About forty phones were put out of commission but were soon put back to work by the local management.

The total amount of insurance carried by Allen Bros. Co., has not yet been ascertained, but it is known that it is not enough to cover the loss.

MRS. J. M. ALLEN ENTERTAINS

On Friday afternoon Mrs. J. M. Allen entertained both the Wednesday and Friday Afternoon Cards Clubs at five tables of bridge. Pink and red carnations with a background of ferns formed the beautiful decorations. In addition to the club members there were present Miss Virginia Foster, J. W. Mann, G. A. Ricks, H. McBrayer, and R. G. Burroughs, of Henderson.

After a most enjoyable hour with the cards the hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of turkey with cranberry sauce, scalloped oysters, hot rolls, celery, stuffed dates, salted nuts and coffee.

TO PLANT SHADE TREES.

The J. J. Davis Chapter U. D. G. has decided to plant shade trees on both sides of Main street in Louisburg beginning at Halifax road and extending to Court square. These trees are to be planted as a memorial to all Franklin County men who served in the world war. This is to give the citizens of Louisburg and of Franklin County an opportunity to help.

Those wishing to contribute to this worthy cause will please send their contributions to either Mrs. W. E. White, President, or Mrs. W. B. Morton, Treasurer.

Mrs. W. E. White, Pres. Mrs. G. M. Beam, Secy.

Wake up, speed up, and in time you will cash up.

Go to church occasionally. The Lord made you, and He is entitled to at least a courtesy call.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT.

Miss Cyrus Receives Broken Arm—Miss Lancaster Badly Bruised—Two Cars Demolished.

What came near being a fatal automobile accident occurred at the intersection of Main and Perry streets on Thursday night of last week when a Ford roadster driven by Dr. B. J. Johnson, of Bunn, ran into another Ford car, being driven by a Mr. Hicks, of Youngsville, and carrying Misses Eulah Cyrus and Maude Lancaster. In the smash-up Miss Cyrus suffered a broken arm and many bruises while Miss Lancaster escaped with many bruises. Mr. Hicks and also Dr. Johnson escaped injury. The two cars were almost demolished. From what we can learn it seems that Mr. Hicks and the two young ladies were out riding and were driving out Main street in the direction of the home of the young ladies, and Dr. Johnson was coming to Louisburg from Bunn. Both having to pass over Perry street, the collision occurred at the entrance from Main street. The necessary medical attention was immediately rendered and at this writing Miss Cyrus is getting along nicely.

MR. JESSE BRASWELL DEAD.

Jesse, the 23 year old son of Mr. J. M. Braswell, of near Castalia, died at the home of his parents on Monday of last week from the effects of the flu. At the time of his death the entire family were in bed with the influenza.

JUNIOR BOOK CLUB.

The Junior Book Club was entertained last week by Misses May and Hem-lup at the College. The program was both interesting and instructive. Miss Dorsett read the first paper, "Louisburg's Contribution to the Literature of North Carolina." Miss Gay gave a humorous reading and Miss Guilford recited one of Edwin Fuller's Short poems. Miss Ashley gave a vocal solo. A sweet salad with lettuce sandwiches was served. The club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. H. L. Candler.

ORDERS ROAD ELECTIONS.

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held in the Court House on last Monday elections for special road bond issues were granted for Cypress Creek, Harris, Sandy Creek and Gold Mine townships. The first named is joining the list of progressive counties and the latter three are providing an additional fund for completing the roads.

DR. PERRY TO MOVE TO CHARLESTON, W. VA.

His many friends in Franklin County will learn with much regret that Dr. Herbert G. Perry has decided to give up his practice of Medicine in Louisburg and move to Charleston, W. Va. He announced this week that he had accepted a position with the Buchanan River Coal Co. and would move to Charleston Monday. Dr. Perry has enjoyed quite a large practice since his location here, in which he has made many close friends. Louisburg and Franklin County regret to lose Dr. Perry and his good wife, but commended him to the good people of his new home both as an excellent citizen and a capable and efficient physician.

MRS. W. J. SHEARON DEAD.

Her many friends will learn with much regret of the death of Mrs. W. J. Shearon, of near Red Bud church, which occurred at about 6 o'clock Friday morning in her 39th year. Mrs. Shearon was a Miss Lancaster before her marriage and was a sister to Messrs. J. S. Lancaster, of Newton, and J. J. Lancaster, of Cedar Rock township. Besides her husband she leaves seven children and a large number of relatives. She was a good woman, extremely popular among her neighbors, and was a devoted and consistent member of the Red Bud Baptist church. The funeral services were held from the Red Bud Baptist church and conducted by Rev. B. E. Morris and A. G. Wilcox and the interment was made at the family burying grounds at the R. W. Lancaster home place, on Saturday afternoon.

The family has the sympathy of the entire community.

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MOVING PEOPLE

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Constable J. E. Thomas went to Newberne Monday on business.

Mrs. W. H. Allen returned from a visit to Florida Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. G. Burroughs, of Henderson, visited her sisters the past week.

Mr. Oce Batchelor, of near Nashville, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Pittman, of Ayden, are on a visit to his people here.

Mr. G. B. Egerton went to Charlotte Monday on business for the Best-Hines Motor Co.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants has gone to New York City, on a visit to her sisters. She will be away several weeks.

Mr. H. G. McBrayer returned Tuesday from a trip to New York where he purchased his Spring and Summer stocks.

Messrs. Ben T. Holden, W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and W. M. Person attended Federal Court in Raleigh the past week.

Miss Florence Egerton is in Raleigh, where she has gone to help nurse the influenza patients at the Methodist Orphanage.

Mr. J. S. Lancaster, of Newton, passed through Louisburg Friday en route to Red Bud to attend funeral of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Shearon.

Mr. Nestor Edwards, of Baltimore, Mrs. June Hight, of Roberson, and Mrs. Ward, of Raleigh, were here Monday to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Eattie Edwards.

Mrs. F. A. Roth and little daughter Dorothy, left the past week for a visit to her people at Philadelphia. While away Mrs. Roth will visit New York and purchase Spring and Summer goods for F. A. Roth & Co.

MRS. EDWARDS DEAD.

Mrs. Pattie Edwards died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Wilson. Mrs. Edwards was a Miss Hight of this county. For years she had been a consistent member of Ebenezer Church. Had she lived until her next birthday she would have been seventy-three years old. She was buried in the old family grave yard near the home in which her girlhood was spent.

Two sons and three daughters survive her: Mr. Nestor Edwards, of Baltimore, Md., Mr. June Edwards, of California, Mrs. J. H. Hight, of Roberson, Mrs. Ward, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Geo. Wilson of Louisburg.

FAMILY REUNION.

The Wilders held a family reunion with Mr. Tom Wilder at Aberdeen the past week-end. Col. W. T. Wilder of the U. S. Army, accompanied by his wife, is on a ten days furlough from Governor's Island, where he was one of the judges in the court martial proceedings against Capt. Deter. Col. Wilder in his native state for the first time in eight years.

Mr. S. T. Wilder and Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt went to Aberdeen Saturday for the reunion, where they were joined by Mrs. W. H. Allen and Mrs. J. S. Tomlinson, of Washington City returning from their trip to Florida.

Col. and Mrs. Wilder and Mrs. Tomlinson will visit relatives in town Thursday and will be here for a day or two.

DR. NEWELL TO REMAIN IN LOUISBURG.

It gives us pleasure to give publicity to the statement of Dr. J. O. Newell denying the report that he will soon move to Henderson to locate. Dr. Newell says that to the contrary he is located in Louisburg and expects to remain here. The report has absolutely no foundation and Louisburg's people will be glad to know that the Doctor and his good wife will remain with us.

MORE POLITICS

Dr. R. E. Timberlake Being Named For House

MR. W. D. FULLER TAKES POSITION

Hon. H. E. Norris, Solicitor of this Judicial District to Contest for Hon. E. W. Pou's Seat in Congress.

Since our last issue one would judge that the primaries were right at hand from the interest that was being manifested by quite a large number of our citizens. The article has at least served to bring the work out in the open, as well as to draw attention to the selection of some of Franklin's best men to fill these important public places.

Mr. W. D. Fuller, who was in Louisburg Monday called on the editor of the TIMES and made the request that we extend his heartiest thanks to the friends who had spoken of him as a possible candidate for Sheriff, however he had given the matter no thought whatever and it was entirely out of the question. In answer to an inquiry from the TIMES man he expressed himself to the effect that where he had not fully decided yet as to what he would do, in all probability if the people wanted him to do so he might be willing to serve them again on the Board, Mr. Alston also stated that he had not decided yet as to what would be his attitude in the coming primaries.

A later and possibly one of the strongest developments on the legislative ticket is the suggestion of the name of Dr. R. E. Timberlake, of Youngsville, for the House of Representatives. Dr. Ep. is one of Franklin's finest men and is thoroughly capable for the responsibilities of this important post. His many friends both at Youngsville and other sections of the county are putting him forth as the logical man and one the County and the State both needs. Dr. Timberlake is well known to our people and will make a run that will be interesting to any who may oppose him should he agree to enter the race.

Nor is the interest in the coming primaries going to be confined to the County ticket, if rumors are true. Hon. H. E. Norris, Solicitor of this district, will, so rumor says, throw his hat in the ring against Hon. Edward W. Pou, the 4th North Carolina District present representative in Congress. Mr. Pou has represented this district in Congress for quite a long period and has been in line with the administration. He is in position to be of service to his district through his long service. However this comes under the growing idea of rotation in office. While he has many friends throughout the district who will be glad to support him again there are also a large number who look upon the question in a different light. The other faction see the duties and qualifications different and are strong in their opposition. Some are so strong for rotation in all offices that they take a position that if a man is to be kept in an office all his life he had better be elected for life and save the public the expense and trouble of the numerous elections. Mr. Norris has proven from his practice in our Courts that he is fully capable of the tasks that rumor says he seeks, and will no doubt give Mr. Pou quite a run if he really enters the race. He is a man who has convictions of his own and possesses the ability to stand out and fight for them, and it will be remembered from his many campaigns that he is one who believes in the principle that this government belongs to the people and the peoples wishes should be recognized. Should this combination materialize then Franklin County people will see more of interest in the campaign as, from our information, both will count on Franklin's support.

At any rate the "dear people" may keep their eyes and ears open, as unless we are badly fooled, there will be plenty of interest for all. And for your own safety you should wait until you find who is really in the field before you make your selections, that you may be in position to exercise your best judgment both for your own interest and that of your commonwealth.

FOR FRANKLIN

ECTASY.

The following is a translation from Victor Hugo's Ectase. From the French class of the Louisburg Graded School Misses Lucy Andrews and Catharine Bobbitt deserve credit for the best interpretation.

I was alone near the stream, through a night of stars, Not a cloud in the heavens, on the sea not a sail. My eyes plunge farther than the real earth

And the forests, and the mountains, and all nature, Were seeming to ask in a confused murmur The waves of the seas, the fires of the skies.

And the stars of gold, the infinite legions, With a high voice, with a low voice, with a thousand harmonies, Were saying, while they inclined their crowns of fire;

And the blue waves, which nothing governs and nothing stops, Were saying, while they curbed the foam of their crests: It is the Lord, the Lord God.

MISSION STUDY CIRCLE.

The Mission Study Circle of the Methodist Woman's Missionary society was entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. S. P. Burt. The lesson was "Southern Methodism enters China." It was presented in a very interesting way by the teacher, Mrs. D. F. McKinne.

At the close of the lesson a salad course and coffee was charmingly served by Misses Lucy Burt and Alma Schull.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health for Franklin County met on Wednesday.

The following business was transacted. The rules and regulations of the State Board of Health as to hotels was adopted.

The closing of the moving picture shows, pool rooms and schools was left to the Commissioners and trustees. It was considered advisable that February term of Court be suspended.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Baptist Woman's Missionary society held a regular business meeting at the residence of Mrs. E. C. Allen on Middle Street, Monday afternoon. The seventeenth chapter of Matthew was studied. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt; Vice-President, Mrs. T. D. Collins; Secretary, Mrs. Winge Underhill; Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Stovall.

FRANKLINTON TO HAVE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

Franklinton, Feb. 9.—The old Franklinton Hotel is to be sold in the near future, and it is expected that a new and modern building will take its place near the passenger station. This is one of the greatest needs of the town, and it is hoped that within a short while the need will be supplied.

Stock is being rapidly subscribed for the purpose of establishing a small steam laundry and an ice plant here. The projectors say that there will be no trouble to get the desired amount of stock taken and that it is the purpose of the stockholders to be ready for business early in the summer.

Another enterprise that is in store for Franklinton is a tobacco warehouse and a market to open in the fall. Those who are behind this matter declare that this will be a reality in time to open up in time to bid for the business of the new crop this fall.

So it can be seen that with a modern water system with sewer, a hosiery mill employing several dozens operatives, a new bank, an ice plant, a laundry, a new hotel, a tobacco market, a new school building, and last, but by no means least, a new passenger station, which the Seaboard has been promising for a long time, that during the year 1920 Franklinton is to take her place alongside the most progressive towns of the State.