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MASONS LAY CORNER STONE

Franklinton New School Building

GRAND MASTER H. M. POTEAT PRESIDES

Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Schools Delivers Address; Hon. R. B. White Makes Beautiful Introduction; Big Barbecue Dinner; About Two Thousand Present; Big Day

Without doubt the biggest day in the history of Franklinton, one of Franklin County's capital towns, and for that matter, one of the biggest days for any town in the State, was Tuesday, May 29th, 1923 when the magnificent gift of the modern and commodious \$300,000 school building given by Mr. Samuel C. Vann to the town and community of his choice to live in, for the uplift and preparation of the children of his daily scenes, was formally proclaimed and received with all the pomp and ceremony usually attending, and then some, a formal Corner Stone laying by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. Fully two thousand people had gathered in this beautiful little town to take part, even though a spectator, in this most glorious celebration.

The Column of Masons and citizen officials was formed on Main street in front of the Lodge room and moved North in the following order: The First Regiment Band, of Raleigh, Mayor S. C. Ford, members of the Board of Town Commissioners, members of the Board of School Trustees, the Franklinton Fire Department, Masons forming North Carolina Grand Lodge. Coincidentally with the movement of this line a large number of school children had formed and were marching to their places bearing United States flags. Both columns having arrived at their places on the Northeast corner of the huge foundations for the beautiful structure the school children under the guidance of Mr. John A. Park, of the Raleigh Times, sang America. This was followed by prayer by Rev. C. L. Dowell, pastor of the local Baptist church. Grand Master H. M. Poteat, made the announcement that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina had been called in to lay the Corner Stone for the new school building in the town of Franklinton. After the choir had sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Mr. A. H. Vann, son of the Donor presented the building and made the formal request for laying the Corner Stone. Grand Secretary W. W. Wilson, at the request of the Grand Master read the list of the contents of the box to be placed in the Corner Stone, that had previously been prepared, which was as follows:

- The following are the contents of the container within the Corner Stone: Bible used by Mrs. Samuel C. Vann. U. S. Flag. N. C. Flag. Sketch of life of Mr. Samuel C. Vann. Photograph of Mr. Samuel C. Vann. Sketch of American Red Cross Chapter. Charter of Franklinton Graded School. History of Franklinton Graded School. Charter of the Franklinton Good Roads. History of Franklinton Good Roads. Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Masons. By-Laws and History of Franklinton Masonic Lodge with roll of members. By-Laws and Membership of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Sketch and list of members of Franklinton Council of J. O. U. A. M. By-Laws and Membership of Franklinton Camp of Modern W. of A. Sketch of Franklinton M. E. Church. Sketch of Franklinton Baptist Church. Sketch of Franklinton Christian Church. Sketch of Franklinton Colored Churches and Schools. List of Industries in Franklinton. Copies of following papers: The Franklin Times, News-Observer, N. C. Christian Advocate, Biblical Recorder, Christian Sun, Herald of Gospel Liberty. Copy of Patriotic Programme with list of men in service. Printer now in use in Graded Schools. Sunday School Song Book. Copy of today's Programme of Corner Stone Laying. Confederate Bonds and Bills. U. S. Coin. Masonic Penny. Life Creed of Mr. S. C. Vann expressed in his two Favorite Poems: "The House by the Side of the Road by Sam Walter Foose; Out Flashin' by Edgar A. Guest. Mrs. S. C. Vann as We Know Her"

Expressions from friends and neighbors.

The box was placed in the stone with the usual Masonic rites, and the Stone was lowered into place after it had been tried and found true while the choir sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds." This portion of the ceremony was concluded by the school children singing "Old North State" and waving the flags.

The large and beautifully finished piece of granite has inscribed on its front "Franklinton Public School, gift of Samuel C. Vann, May 29th, 1923. To the Glory of God in the Betterment of Mankind," while on the North end is the inscription "Laid by Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., May 29th, A. L. 5923."

The audience had been invited to another setting nearby where the remainder of the exercises were to be held, and occupying a seat among the audience, but near the front, sat the man, beside of his good wife, who through his generosity had set an example for the State and Nation and won, if possible, a deeper place in the hearts of his fellowmen and women. Surely it was a great day for his family and friends in seeing the erection of the foundation for a living monument to the one they loved while yet they had him with them, although he sat as humble and heroic as if he had done no more than was his duty. It takes a big heart and strong purpose and a true Christian character to participate in so glorious an occasion in the humble and God fearing manner as did Mr. Vann. These sentiments were all pictured in a most vivid manner, etched in the strongest possible words and most beautiful language in the remarks of Hon. R. Bruce White, in his introduction of the speaker. It was an unusual occasion, said he, and he would have to introduce the speaker to occasion, which he did in a most interesting and forceful manner as he reviewed the history of Franklinton and community from the standpoint of schools and in which he paid a most beautiful tribute to the giver of this great institution of learning. With this he introduced Dr. E. C. Brooks to the occasion.

"I am delighted to see such a great audience here to show appreciations for the magnificent structure under construction and to be given to you as a gift" was the sentiment expressed by Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in his opening remarks. "There is nothing like it in the history of North Carolina," said he. Dr. Brooks stated that he had asked Mr. Vann "what purpose he had in mind in giving this building to the community and received for an answer, 'I desire in my life time to improve the citizenship of my community.' He eulogized this glorious and noble purpose and commended the spirit to all. "We can't remain as we are, but must move," said Dr. Brooks, "then what must we do?" The speaker emphasized the fact that the one thing that society and individuals are thinking of is to maintain certain standards in any community. He pointed out that too much in the past, or even in the present, that where a person had not been educated to use the right language, or the right manners, or the right discretion or politeness, matters not how honest and straightforward he may be, he is looked down upon as not being of the proper breed or of the proper social standing, there by separating our people into classes. He pointed out that small districts helped to perpetuate these feuds and factions, because of the limited social positions and through that the lack of the knowledge of their fellows. He analyzed the desire of Mr. Vann to be to destroy such a condition and to bring about a wider and a greater opportunity for each boy and each girl in that community that they be more useful men and women. To go out and get the children and to bring them in here and train them in the same language and the same standard, so that each may have an equal opportunity in the game of life. The speaker declared that the great mark of citizenship is the level or standard upon which business is builded, and declared that "I hope to see the day that every school room will have a standard of the local community spread across its walls for the children to see. He said that the Standards set by the civic life of this community will represent the standard set by the children, and impressed the importance that the building as it grows must hold up the standards for the young people. Taking the position that if all people thought alike we would have no use for schools he passed on to the responsibility of the community to the child. "Who would help the little fellow decide for himself?" and answered by saying this institution will help him choose between right and wrong. The speaker took up a discussion of literature to prove his position that it is only the good and pure that stands the test and showed that it was only that which inspired the soul that survived. Stating that children should be taught to judge that which is great and good he asked the question "can you hold up your community as a model for your children to go by?" He referred to Americanization by Edward Beck to show that to make a place more beautiful and a better place in

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DR. BAGBY DELIVERS STRONG ADDRESS

At Closing of Louisburg Graded School

MR. YARBOROUGH DELIVERS DIPLOMAS

The Finished Product of Manhood and Womanhood Theme of Speaker; Musical Concert, Graduating Exercises And Little Folks Program.

With a graduating class of seven Louisburg Graded School closed another most successful season, with the exercises on last Friday night, when a packed auditorium heard with much pleasure and profit, one of the strongest addresses ever delivered from that platform, when Dr. A. Paul Bagby, of Wake Forest, held the audience within his power for about an hour and gave to them some of the soundest and most practical advice they had heard. Dr. Bagby took for this theme "The Finished Product of Manhood and Womanhood." He illustrated his theme with a history of the production of iron showing that it was not a finished product until it was ready for use. He said the reason of so many failures in this life was that too many men and women failed to measure up to their mark; they were aiming at the wrong mark. The finished product of the speaker was not a matter of physique or beauty and a thing that decays and dies cannot be a finished product. What we need, said the speaker, is men and women who stand four square and think for themselves. The finished product, according to the speaker is not a matter of morality. In discussing this phase he stated with much emphasis that the standard of morality of our country will never be any better until womanhood demands it. In conclusion Dr. Bagby painted a beautiful picture of the finished product of manhood or womanhood, as he saw it, in the new birth, the acceptance of and service for Jesus Christ. Showing that when one was a finished product in the sight of God, he was in the proper form to be a real service to his country and associates.

Dr. Bagby was fittingly introduced by Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees after Dr. W. B. Morton had offered prayer, and the faculty had rendered a vocal selection.

The address was followed by an instrumental solo by Miss Anna Fuller Parham. Mr. W. H. Yarborough delivered the High School Diplomas to the following graduates, Misses Anna Fuller Parham, Louise Griffin, Pearl Pearce, Margaret Ogburn, Messrs. William Webb, Elijah Fulghum and Archibald Wilson. In his remarks he presented an entirely different view from the usual. Reminding them that the people and the community looked to them for new things, new ideas and new acts. That we as a generation were out of date and had given way for them and naturally much would be expected of them.

A. F. Johnson, Chairman of the County Board of Education, delivered the Medal won by Edward Yarborough in the County Commencement, and given by Supt. W. R. Mills, for receiving the highest mark in the Spelling Contest.

Supt. Mills made a most touching address in regard to the school and the progress of its scholars. He also gave an outline of the new building and explained many of the advantages it would have. After this he made the following announcements in regard to the pupils who received distinction by reason of their application:

(This list was promised us for this issue but owing to errors occurring in same it had to be held over to next week.)

Prof. Simpson in a happy and easy manner delivered the 7th grade certificates to the following pupils who will enter the high school next session:

- Samuel Allen, Edward Bartholomew, Perry Beasley, Donald Cooke, James Cooper, Charles Ford, William Mills, James Shearin, Jonah Taylor, Forrest Weaver, Kenneth White, Edward Yarborough, George Fuller, David Fuller, Ethel Bartholomew, Virginia Beck, Ruby Bennett, Iola Bailey, Evelyn Hatton, Elsie Herman, Maggie Holmes, Sallie May, Eliza Griffin Newell, Sallie Terrell Perry, Willie Mae Place, Ethelyn Young, Elizabeth Webb, Elsie Woodbridge, Annie Pearce, Estelle Ayestas.

The closing exercises were begun with the little folks program on Wednesday afternoon on the lawn, which was largely attended and much enjoyed. The marching, recitations, music, etc. was well rendered and much credit is due the little ones.

The musical concert, marking the closing of Miss Sallie Williams music school was held on Thursday night and was largely attended. Like all

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At The Methodist Church

The morning service at the Methodist Church will be one of music and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The choir will render for the offertory "Galla," a motet by Charles Gounod.

The emotional fullness, beauty of vocalism and strong climax of this work are too familiar to call for extended comment. The text is a paraphrase of Biblical words.

Miss Russo will also sing a solo. Every Methodist is expected to be at his post for this service. The public is also cordially invited.

The evening service will be dispensed with on account of the meeting in the Baptist Church.

St. Paul's Church

Services for the First Sunday after Trinity, June 3.

Church School 10 a. m. Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin, Superintendent

Holy Communion with sermon 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Come and See."

Evening Prayer and sermon 8 p. m. Sermon subject, "Confidence and Security."

A cordial welcome to all.

Recorder's Court

Judge Beam disposed of the following cases in Recorder's Court Monday:

State vs Will Driver, distilling, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs I. H. Kearney, vhl, continued.

State vs Cecil Nowell, vpl, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Arthur Debnam, distilling, continued.

State vs Orange Lee Montague, assault, continued.

State vs C. T. Hudson, Otho Tucker, Harold Hudson, Paul Hudson, adw, not guilty as to Otho Tucker and Paul Hudson; guilty as to C. T. Hudson and Harold Hudson, judgment suspended upon payment of costs and Doctor's bill.

State vs Jesse Ruffin, adw, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has taken from us our beloved little member, Jenadus Holder, and Whereas his presence among us will be greatly missed:

Therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That his bright face and youthful spirit will remain with us through the years;
- 2. That his love for his Sunday School and his pure little life will be an inspiration to us in our efforts to promote God's kingdom;
- 3. That we extend to the bereaved parents our sincere sympathy and assure them of our prayers that God may give them comfort and strength;
- 4. That our Secretary is hereby instructed to place a copy of these resolutions on the records of our Sunday School, a copy sent to the bereaved parents and to the Franklin Times for publication.

Louisburg Methodist Sunday School, Mrs. E. W. Ferguson, E. L. Best, Committee.

To Speak at Justice

We are requested to state that Mrs. J. J. Yates, of Asheville, State President Confederate Memorial Association, will address the people of Justice and community in the School Auditorium on Saturday afternoon, June 2nd, at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present.

Reunion

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holmes, Sunday, May 27 in celebration of Mrs. W. H. Holmes' sixty-fifth birthday. All the children were present, including Mrs. S. J. Champion and husband of Durham, Mrs. M. Champion and husband of Clayton, Mrs. H. Tingle and husband of Youngville, Mr. C. H. Holmes and wife, Mrs. J. S. Wiggins and husband, Mr. P. C. Holmes, Mr. W. H. Holmes, Jr., and Mr. A. G. Holmes of Louisburg. Seventeen grand children were present, nine being absent. Dinner and lemonade was served in the shade of the yard trees which was highly enjoyed by all. Three or four hours after dinner children and grandchildren pronounced a most delightful time and departed for their homes.

Franklin County W. M. Union

The Union will meet with Rock Springs Baptist church Saturday, June 9th. Sermon in the afternoon. Each society send delegates. Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Sec.

Seattle society woman has a lion for a pet, and we just wondered if hubby puts it out every night.

The children may enjoy learning an Evansville (Ind.) teacher was arrested for whipping a boy.

BROOKS TO SUCCEED RIDDICK AS PRESIDENT OF STATE COLLEGE

Trustees Accept Resignation Of Head of Institution But Delay Election, Head State Department of Education Indicates He Will Accept Office

Resignation of Dr. W. C. Riddick, president of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering since 1916 was accepted by the Board of Trustees of the institution yesterday morning, and the presidency will be formally offered to Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1919 during the next two weeks. Dr. Brooks will accept.

At his own request Dr. Riddick will be transferred to the Department of Engineering as dean under the Zook plans for reorganization of the college into four departments, which were adopted in principle at the meeting yesterday. Deans for the Agricultural, Scientific and business departments will not be named until a new president is installed.

Informal offer of the presidency to Dr. Brooks was made a month ago when the resignation of Dr. Riddick was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and declined. Since then the tender of the office has been altered to meet the approval of Dr. Brooks, and he intimated yesterday that he would accept, although making no definite statement until the offer is formalized.

Dr. Riddick returns of his own volition to give his full energies to a department of the college work that has always been closest his heart since coming to the old college in 1892 as professor of mathematics and engineering when there were only four teachers and 75 students in the institution. He said yesterday that he felt that his leaving the presidency and return to teaching would bring him infinitely more satisfaction than his election to the presidency seven years ago.—News-Observer.

AMONG THE VISITORS

Mr. W. H. Yarbrough and children went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. C. G. Bedford, of High P Int, is the guest of Mrs. E. F. Thomas.

Mr. J. S. Williams, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

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

Mrs. J. E. Perry, of Baltimore, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Johnson.

Dr. W. W. Staley, of Suffolk, Va., who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. B. T. Holden, left yesterday.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady and children, of Raleigh, and Mrs. N. B. Allsbrook, of Mebane, are visiting their parents in Louisburg.

Miss Eleanor Foster Yarborough who has been attending St. Mary's School at Raleigh, returned home on Tuesday following the commencement exercises. Miss Yarborough is a member of the Junior class and at the elections for school honors for the coming year was chosen President of the Sigma Lambda Literary Society, and also literary editor of the Muse.

Tonsil And Adenoid Clinic in Franklin County.

Some application forms for tonsil and adenoid operations have been mailed to the parents of the school children by Miss Birdie Dunn, State School Nurse who did the inspection in Franklin County last winter. The application cards should be promptly filled out and mailed as Miss Dunn is making final arrangements for the clinic, which begins in the early part of June.

The object of the clinic is to do the greatest good possible. For this, and other reasons, only children between six and twelve years inclusive are admitted. A fee of \$12.50 is charged those who can pay. This is merely to cover costs for operating the clinic. A large number of children will be operated on free. They are to be selected from people who have not the money to pay for the cost of the operation.

All are given the best attention an emergency hospital is equipped. Eight graduate registered nurses look after the children. A specialist in diseases of the throat who has been approved by the County Board of Health will do the operating.

During the past few years over 6,000 children have been operated on in the State Tonsil Clinics with excellent results. Already over six hundred have been treated under the plan during 1923 in the five clinics which have been held. More children apply than can be treated. For this reason parents should be prompt in answering Miss Dunn's letter. The clinic will be held in Louisburg.

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"OUR FATHERS DREAMS"

What Are We Going To Do With Them

REV. JAMES B. TURNER SPEAKER

Committees Place Flowers and Markers on Each Grave—Re-Organization Franklin Memorial Association.

Again the people of Franklin County had the pleasure and opportunity of paying homage to the World War heroes in the celebration of Memorial day Wednesday, when a most excellently arranged program was successfully accomplished under the auspices of the Franklin County Memorial Association.

With a court room filled with people and the vestibule prettily decorated and occupied by Louisburg Orchestra and members of the Music Committee the services were opened by the audience standing and singing America, after which Rev. J. A. McIver, pastor of the local Baptist church, offered prayer.

Maj. S. P. Boddie, President of the Memorial Association, read the roll of deceased members giving the units to which they belonged. The Orchestra touchingly rendered "Dixie," the song of the South.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements and Master of Ceremonies, in a few well chosen and fitting remarks introduced the speaker of the occasion, Rev. James B. Turner, of Albany, Ga., Chaplain in the U. S. Army overseas.

Rev. Mr. Turner spoke touchingly but pleasantly of his friendship for Louisburg, referring to his experiences during the great basketball season many years ago, when he made and cherished many very warm friendships, and pictured it in the words that the greatest virtue in the world is combined in the word friendship. Leaving this he passed on into his theme "What are we going to do with our fathers' dreams." The speaker went back to the war between the States and pictured the trials, the fights, the hardships and the end and called to the attention of his hearers that the dream of our fathers was that this should be a United country. Following the time through reconstruction, and on up to the time of the reunion of the Blue and the Grey held in Washington City in 1917 when the soldier of the South and the soldier of the North marched together down the street blending beautifully together the blue and the grey and when passing old glory both gave forth a yell that denoted the real union of our country that our fathers had dreamed of.

"Now that you have a united country what are you going to do with it?" said the speaker who continued in a strong and convincing argument. Speaking more particular of the World War heroes he stated "It is the memory of the one and the honor of the other is why we are here," he said and proceeded to paint a beautiful picture of the heroism and sacrifice of the men who went across the sea and placing a beautiful wreath of fragrant eulogy upon the memory of those who went West in that awful struggle. He commended the spirit and the desire to do honor to their memory, and plead for the perpetuation of such devotion. "Something of stability must come to America because of the sacrifice of our boys if the dreams are to be realized," said the speaker and pointed to the necessity of the proper care of our disabled soldiers. The address was a strong one, well delivered and greatly enjoyed and appreciated by a large number.

Mr. W. H. Ruffin announced the fact that owing to the organization of the American Legion Posts and the American Legion Auxiliary since the organization of the Memorial Association and as it was the desire of all parties to perfect a united and permanent organization the Association had been re-organized as follows:

- Officers—Major S. P. Boddie, President; Wm. H. Ruffin, Vice-President; Mrs. R. C. Beck, second Vice-President; Mrs. W. E. White, third Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. Mann, Treasurer; A. F. Johnson, Secretary.
- Committees
- Escort Committee—All members of American Legion Post and American Legion Auxiliary.
- Arrangements—Wm. H. Ruffin, Chairman, Mrs. G. A. Ricks, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. W. D. Egerton, H. A. Kearney, Mrs. F. B. McKinnon, Mrs. J. E. Malone, Dr. R. F. Yarbrough, H. W. Perry, W. R. Mills, E. W. Ballard, W. W. Cooke, J. W. Winston, Stephen Tharrington, Ollie Roberts.
- Music Committee—Mrs. W. E. White, Chairman, Miss Ruth Hall, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Miss Sallie Williams, W. D. Jackson, James King and Blair Tucker.
- Flowers Committee—Mrs. M. S. Clifton, Chairman, Mrs. Simon Will-

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