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## CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH BURNS

### CLUES POINT TOWARD THOSE AGAINST WHOM FIGHT WAS WAGED

Following Threats Against Minister Who Saw Failure of His Preaching As Cure For Evil and Went After Blockaders With Direct Methods; Secured Indictment of 14 and 17 Others Have Been Presented To Grand Jury; Arrests Expected, and Preacher Continues His Campaign

Blockaders and bootleggers in the Ingleside community seven miles north of here, driven to desperation by the relentless crusade waged against them by a stalwart young Baptist preacher, struck back Sunday by burning down the Corinth Baptist church of which the Rev. N. F. Britt is pastor.

The fire has all the hallmarks of incendiarism. No arrests have yet been made, but county officers, the young preacher, and the aroused members of his churchless congregation are working on three very definite lines that are expected to result in indictments. And in the meantime the preacher is continuing his drive against the manufacture of liquor.

Threats made to the preacher directed suspicion in the search for the supposed incendiaries. An automobile was seen standing near the church at an early hour Sunday morning, which has been partially identified. Bloodhounds brought immediately to the scene picked up a trail that led from the spot where the church was fired to the spot where the car was standing.

### Fired From Outside

The fire was first observed by Mrs. Ed Collins at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. She aroused her husband and he went immediately to the church reaching the scene before the fire had gained much headway. It was, Mr. Collins declares, fired from the rear and on the outside. All efforts to save the structure were without avail. Steps were taken immediately to secure bloodhounds.

Suspicion points definitely to two young men of the community, both officers and the minister declare, but they are not yet willing to identify them more definitely. Both are believed to be among the 31 citizens of the section whose names have been presented to the Franklin county grand jury as a result of the preacher's drive against blockading. Fourteen indictments have already been returned, and four convictions secured. Seventeen other presentments will be acted upon by the grand jury in May.

### Liquor Traffic Grows

During the past few years, the manufacture of liquor has grown to alarming proportions, with the lower element of the community generally engaged in it. Conditions last summer reached such a stage that the church people of the community determined that something must be done about it. Particular stress was laid upon the condition in the revival meetings that are held in most country churches in late summer. The Rev. Mr. Britt was particularly earnest in his endeavors.

Six weeks later the young preacher took stock of the situation. Little improvement had been made, although a number of confessed blockaders had professed religion. Drunkenness still prevailed, and at times he was compelled to eject some of the younger element from his church services for disorderly conduct. He determined to try another plan for ridding the community of liquor. He laid his plans before several of the leading members of his church, and they approved them.

Among the converts at the August meeting were two young fellows, Bennett Faulkner and John Parrish. The latter appeared to be thoroughly familiar with the blockading industry, and willingly joined the preacher and Faulkner in their campaign to find the illicit stills, destroy them and present the evidence to the grand jury. Scour the Woods for Stills.

For four months the preacher and the two young converts scoured the woods at night. Many nights they lay in the brush within a few feet of a still and watched the operators at work. They were able to identify the men, and by overhearing their talk, pick up clues to other stills. The preacher kept a note book in which he set down all he heard and saw. Once they were discovered and shot at by the blockaders.

When the grand jury assembled in January the preacher presented his evidence directly to Solicitor W. F. Evans, and the grand jury returned indictments against 14 men. Those in-

## HUDSON GETS \$50 VERDICT

### FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Court Adjourned Friday Morning Till Monday Morning; Only Few Cases Tried This Week

The jury rendered a verdict of \$50 damages to Mr. C. C. Hudson in his case against the town of Louisburg for \$20,000 damages for locking him up in the town lock up on a cold winter night without proper protection. The case was finished Wednesday about noon and given to the jury soon after dinner and the verdict was rendered about 5 o'clock.

No other case of public interest has been brought before Judge F. A. Daniels this week who is holding Franklin County Superior Court in a way that is adding to his already extreme popularity in Franklin.

The work of the court is still going on and will consume probably all the week.

Court adjourned Friday morning until Monday morning as a token of respect and esteem to Mr. W. H. Yarborough, a member of the bar, in the loss of his mother who was interred on Friday afternoon.

### MISS TAYLOR ENTERTAINS

Miss Louise Taylor, who is a student in the School of Expression (Curry) in Boston, has been doing considerable reading in churches and for other organizations in and about Boston. Last evening she gave a program at the Dorchester Temple Baptist church, Dorchester. The program was given under the auspices of the Exemplar Club of that church, and she was most enthusiastically received.

On Sunday, she entertained with her readings, at the Sunday afternoon social hour, at the Boston Young Men's Christian Association.

### WORK BEGINS ON MCKINNE BROTHERS STORE

Mr. B. W. Harris, contractor of Durham, and who has the contract for erecting the new mercantile establishment of McKinne Brothers on Main street began the work of clearing the lot and preparing the foundation Tuesday. It is expected that work will be pushed to an early completion.

dicted were Harley Dickerson, J. H. Holden, Hubert Holden, Jesse Dickerson, John Clapton, Clifton Dickerson, Sid Driver, and William Gupton, white and George Wright, Percy Fogg, Raymond Ingram, Dave Ingram, Chufus Lloyd, negroes.

Four Convicted and Sentenced  
Four of those indicted, Hurley Dickerson and Clifton Dickerson, and George Wright and Percy Fogg, were convicted before Judge Frank A. Daniels and sentenced to the roads. The sentences range from 6 months to 18 months. Continuances were secured in other cases. Other presentments have been made to the grand jury, 17 in number, on which indictments have not yet been returned. The Holdens are members of a prominent family and are brothers-in-law to the preacher.

When the cases were brought to trial John Parrish turned upon the preacher. To use his own words, he "betrayed" him. That is he refused to testify against the accused. It is understood that his name is among the number which has been presented to the grand jury. Bennett Faulkner stood by the preacher and testified against all of the accused when they were brought to trial.

Intense feeling has developed in the community. Liquor has been driven out of it almost completely. Threats began to be relayed to the preacher, against his own safety and against the safety of the church property. He has openly defied the threats and has challenged them to make them good. He is thoroughly convinced that the burning of the church Sunday morning is a direct result of threats made against him.

To Rebuild Immediately  
The congregation, generally speaking, is standing behind its pastor, Galey two Corinth. Some division there has been, it is admitted. The church has 281 members. Sympathizers with the lawless element have either withdrawn or have been dropped from membership. Disaffection among the members, is said to be relatively small. A meeting of the loyal members, almost 100 per cent strong, was held in the church yard yesterday while the ashes of the church were still smoldering, and decision reached to rebuild immediately.

Upon invitation of Rev. Mr. Williams, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, located in the same community, Rev. N. F. Britt announces that the Corinth congregation will meet Sunday with Trinity. After the services they will hold a joint meeting.

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## SIXTY-FIVE FARM- ERS PRESENT

### AT FRANKLINTON COMMUNITY MEETING MONDAY THE 16TH

Cole Savage, County Agent, Discussed Fertilizers; One Man Travels 20 Miles to Attend Meeting; Many Figures Given

By C. R. Bohanan  
Sixty five farmers attended the weekly meeting of the Franklinton Agricultural night school Tuesday night February 17 to hear county agent Cole Savage discuss the fertilizer question.

There are three special fertilizing elements all of which are essential to successful plant growth, nitrogen, acid, and potash. Our supply of acid comes from acid phosphate and potash from either murate or sulphate of potash.

Nitrogen can be obtained from a number of sources and Mr. Savage discussed some of the nitrogen carriers and gave results of fertilizer tests which showed the value and availability of the different carriers as a fertilizer.

Chief among these were nitrate of soda. According to figures taken from the Edgcombe test farm, the yields of cotton and corn when fertilized with nitrate of soda were far greater than when any other source of nitrogen was used.

Mr. Savage also discussed the fertilizer formula and by results of experiments showed it was an unwise thing to do, to buy a fertilizer because it was an 8-5-3 or a 10-3-3 or any other formula. The question of how much of the needed elements is not as important as, what are these elements.

Figures taken from State College test plots showed that a fertilizer containing 8 per cent acid phosphate, 5 per cent nitrogen taken from nitrate of soda and 3 per cent potash from sulphate of potash, all applied at planting time produced 1430 pounds of cotton per acre and 32 per cent of the entire crop was open on September 10th at the first picking.

Another plot with the same amount and the same percentage an 8-5-3 where the nitrogen was taken from cotton seed meal produced 1160 pounds and 18 per cent was open on September 10th.

Another plot was fertilized with the same quantity, an 8-5-3, the nitrogen taken from nitrate of soda, one half applied at planting time and the other half just after chopping. The yield in this case was 1510 pounds with 33 per cent open on September 10th.

Mr. Savage mentioned briefly the destruction work of the boll weevil in all the cotton states and warned us that we are in its path and the time to start making preparations is now. Proper fertilizing will put on bolls early in the season before the weevil begins his work, and is one way of combatting this pest.

A great number of questions were asked at different times during the lecture which showed that the subject being discussed was one of vital interest to all those present.

The fertilizer question is one of our greatest problems, and the time is at hand when we must use the firm that is the most readily available if we would grow cotton under boll weevil conditions.

### MRS. YARBOROUGH LAID TO REST

The funeral services of Mrs. Eleanor Yarborough, widow of the late Capt. Richard Fenner Yarborough, were held at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Friday morning at 11 o'clock and were conducted by Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire and Rev. W. B. Clarke, after which the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery.

Large numbers attended both services and the floral tribute was profuse and beautiful speaking a beautiful silent message of love and esteem toward the deceased. Special music was rendered by a choir and contained several of the favorite hymns of the deceased.

The pall bearers were as follows: Active—C. H. Yarborough, John Yarborough, Jr., Will Y. Collie, grand sons of the deceased, E. H. Malone, M. S. Clifton and —, Foster, Honorary—L. L. Joyner, B. T. Holden, D. F. McKinnel, J. M. Allen, R. H. Davis, B. W. Ballard, W. H. Ruffin, W. M. Person, P. R. White.

### SUFFERS STROKE PARALYSIS

The many friends of Dr. W. B. Morton will learn with much regret that he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis on Sunday morning. The disease attacked his left side. The later report brings the good news that he is recovering.

The fellow who doesn't know when he is whipped is never defeated.

In household economy, gasoline and oil are the paramount issues.

## LADIES NIGHT LARGELY ATTENDED

### KIWANIS ENJOY AD- DRESS BY DR. J. E. ELLIS

Ben Holden Wins Millinery Prize; Miss Betts Wins In Horn Blowing Contest; Luncheon Held At College

The regular meeting of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club was held at the College on last Friday night and the occasion was the celebration of Washington's Birthday with Ladies night and a most enjoyable program. Ninety two guests and members were present.

Rev. J. E. Ellis, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist church, of Raleigh, made a strong and interesting address on Kiwanis principles that was greatly enjoyed by all.

The stunts were in charge of Edward Best, and Ben Holden, Arthur Fleming and Arthur Person contested for a prize in hat dressing. Ben Holden being declared the winner. Miss Sallie Betts, Mrs. W. R. Mills and Mrs. S. A. Newell performed on toot horns and Miss Betts was declared the winner by out tooting the others.

Music was furnished by Harry Johnson, Bruce Berkeley and Mrs. Berkeley and Mrs. White, Mrs. Mohn, Harry Johnson and Malcolm McKinnel delighted the occasion with excellent vocal music.

Gather Beam expressed the pleasure of Louisburg Kiwanis at having Dr. Ellis with them and the delight in the splendid message he had given them.

The meeting was a most successful and enjoyable one and bubbled over with Kiwanis spirit.

### REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

A series of revival meetings will begin in Louisburg Methodist church on Next Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. G. Ray Jordan, pastor evangelist from Spring Garden Methodist Church, South, at Greensboro, according to announcements by Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor. Rev. Asa S. Parker, the pastor evangelist song leader from Maxton, will direct the music.

A great chorus choir and splendid congregational singing is expected, and everybody in Franklin county is invited to go out and enjoy the services.

### FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

One of the most enjoyable occasions that has been held in Louisburg in some time was the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage by Mr. and Mrs. William Norwood Fuller at their elegant new home on Middle street, Monday night.

The guests were met at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beam and were introduced to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. William Norwood Fuller, Mr. W. N. Fuller, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Festus M. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Sheppard, of Raleigh, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. McIver, by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Williams of Franklinton. They were then ushered into the sun parlor by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cobb and served punch by Misses Louise Griffin and Margaret Hill. The guests were taken from here into the gift room by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Perry where they were shown the many beautiful and costly presents. After leaving the gift room the guests went into the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Mc. M. Furgerson, which had been beautifully decorated with white carnations, ferns, etc., and lighted with fifteen candles where a delicious cream and cake course was served by Misses Wilder, Fuller and Adcock.

This course was followed with mints by Misses McClellan and Clarke. The guests were requested to register in a memory book provided by the hosts, before departing.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Louisburg High School Orchestra.

The beautiful costumes and pretty decorations blended in adding a delightful charm to the elegantly arranged and handsome new home recently completed by Mr. Fuller and every individual who attended was free in their declaration that it was the most enjoyable occasion of the season and wishing the hospitable host and hostess many more years of happiness.

Smith Brothers of Katesville sells an average of 260 pounds of home ground sausage each week. This whole sales at 30 cents per pound making an income of \$78 per week. Not a bad income for a farm at this time of the year.

"I sold \$100 worth of dry feed today," said H. F. Mitchell of Rocky Ford Thursday. Mr. Mitchell grows cotton but he does not depend on it for his entire income. He grows and sells other products as well. He is one of Franklin County's successful farmers.

A gentleman is one who, when her Ford wont start, will crank it for her.

## CEDAR ROCK NEWS

Miss Ola Dale Lewis and Miss Elmer Lewten teachers in the Cedar Rock school visited parents and friends during the week end at Grimesland and Severn. They also visited in Greenville and Washington, N. C.

Miss Etta Beale Grant, also a teacher in the Cedar Rock school, spent the week end with her sisters at Louisburg College.

Miss Gladys Sledge, who teaches in the Macon High School, accompanied by Mrs. Willie Phelps Coleman, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sledge during the week end. Mrs. Coleman spent the time visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harris.

The weather conditions being favorable on last Sunday, the attendance at Sunday school and the other church services during the day, was excellent. The exercises were highly enjoyable. Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Everette, is giving us from time to time most excellent sermons.

The Sunday school having met all of the requirements for being rated as a standard school, has ordered the pennant for 1925.

Mrs. Mary Jane Johnson, widow of the late "Buck" Johnson, departed this life in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, at Greensboro, on last Friday. She was interred in the Sledge burying ground near Cedar Rock church, on last Sunday. Rev. J. R. Everette conducted the funeral services at the home of Mr. J. O. Sledge. The speaker paid beautiful and fitting tributes to her, as being one who had lived a consecrated, christian life. The large number present to pay their last respects to her, and the beautiful flowers placed upon the grave, evidenced the real friendship of her relatives, neighbors and friends. All who knew her feel confident that she rests in peace.

The following is a paper written by Elizabeth Glasgow on "why girls should participate in athletics."

Athletic training is a pleasure that is enjoyed by everyone who engages in it. Before boys are allowed this enjoyment, there is no shadow of a reason why girls should not be allowed this pleasure.

Some people seem to fear the dangers attendant upon the athletic training for girls. There is no more danger in the training for girls than for the boys. The insurance companies show by statistics that more people are killed while walking than in any other way. If we consider the dangers because of the injuries to people, we might as well discontinue walking.

It is sometimes argued that athletics cause pupils to lose interest in their studies. This is not, however, the case. The pupil feels a good deal more like studying after she has been refreshed by a wholesome course of athletics, than she does when she is almost stupefied from sitting constant in a school room that is close and overheated. Besides the schools can and should provide sufficient time for the girls to engage in athletics apart from the time they are supposed to study. Athletics by invigorating their bodies, will also increase their mental vigor to such an extent, that they will be even more interested in their studies than they would otherwise be.

Some suppose that parents of girls would be worried because of their being out at night in order to take part in basket ball games. This worry on the part of the parents would be unnecessary. If they think there would be danger to the girls, let them remember that if the girls are given athletic training, they will be better able to protect themselves in cases of danger or emergency.

Athletics are just as much a part of a girl's education as of a boy's. At least, they should be. A girl who has had athletic training is thereby stronger, and can better overcome disease and throw off disease than one who has not been given athletics. Athletics produce a strong body. A strong body produces a strong mind, and a strong mind produces a strong character. With these it is not only possible, but highly probable that any girl will succeed in life. Without these success is difficult, if not impossible. It is therefore extremely important that every girl should be given athletic training in school.

It has been said that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." If this is true, it is very important that our women should be as strong as possible. Woman, even in her youth, exerts and influence on those with whom she comes in contact to a marked degree. It is easy to be brave in the presence of a weak one, we are inclined to feel more or less cowardly. It is highly essential, on this account, also, that our womanhood be strong.

We have shown in what ways athletics will help to bring about this condition, and so we think, yes, even the very best things we can give our girls. Let us see to it, then, that girls have training in this direction, and produce thereby the strong womanhood of which we stand so much in need.

### SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Rev. Morrison Beathes, Archdeacon will give services Sunday night March 1st, at St. Paul's church, with sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## AMONG THE VISITORS

### SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Mr. E. H. Malone visited Raleigh Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Joyner visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Supt. O. C. Hill went to Raleigh on business Monday.

Solicitor W. F. Evans was in Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. R. N. Sims, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. A. R. House, of Zebulon, was in Louisburg Monday.

Mr. John Burt Hill, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg this week.

Messrs. F. N. Spivey and Q. S. Leonard went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooke returned Monday from a visit to Richmond.

Miss Louise Thomas, of Raleigh, spent the week end with her brother, Mr. E. F. Thomas.

Dr. E. S. Green, of Monroe, was a visitor to relatives and friends in Louisburg this week.

Mrs. Esther H. Bragg and daughter Mrs. J. O. Millen, of New Bern, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and son, William, of Winterville, visited their daughter, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, Sunday.

Supt. E. L. Best of the County Schools and Supt. W. R. Mills, of the Louisburg Graded School, left Saturday for Cincinnati, Ohio, to attend a meeting of school superintendents.

### MRS. MUMFORD DEAD

Mrs. W. G. Mumford, widow of the late W. G. (Billie) Mumford, died at her home north of Louisburg at about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. She was 73 years of age and leaves two daughters, Misses Fannie and Mary Mumford and one son, Mr. Joe. A. Mumford, all of Louisburg.

Mrs. Mumford was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Mrs. Mumford possessed a most beautiful character and was much loved by all her acquaintances. She was a devoted wife and an affectionate and tender mother.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock yesterday and was conducted by Rev. N. C. Hughes, and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. The pallbearers were Mr. S. Clifton, L. L. Joyner, J. W. King, W. H. Ruffin, E. H. Malone and F. W. Wheelers.

Large numbers attended both services and the floral tribute was beautiful. A choir sang several selections. The bereaved children have the sympathy of the entire community.

### VALENTINE DINNER

On Valentine's eve, Circle Number Five of the Methodist church, under the leadership of Mrs. W. E. White, delightfully entertained Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Dowd at a Valentine dinner in the rooms of the Woman's Club, Miss Glenn Dunevent, teacher of the Circle's Sunday school class, was also a guest of honor.

The club rooms were beautifully decorated. Covers were laid for thirty four, and the table was unusually lovely in its color scheme of red and white, with Valentine favors and place cards. The only lights used were red candles in silver candelabra. A five course dinner was served.

Miss Jesse Taylor Harris, president of the Circle, very gracefully and charmingly presided as toastmistress, and all of the toasts and responses were both good and attractive. Miss Beatrice Turner toasted Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Dowd, to which Mr. Dowd responded. Mrs. Frank Rose then toasted Mrs. White; Miss Mildred Scott, Miss Dunevent; and Mr. S. J. Farham, Jr., the Circle; to which last Miss Ida Malee also responded. Songs of long ago also added charm to the occasion.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Best, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Eperston, Mrs. Ina Rouse, Mrs. W. T. Person, Mrs. Graham Person, Misses Glen Dunevent, Jesse Taylor Harris, Alice Harris, Susie Meadows, Lonie Meadows, Beatrice Turner, Mildred Scott, Ida Mate Yow, Marguerite Harris, Cathrine Pleasants, Maude Ashley, Dr. E. H. Johnson, and Messrs. W. D. Jackson, S. M. Washington, W. B. Tucker, Malcolm McKinnel, W. D. Leonard, G. W. Ford, E. F. Griffin, and S. J. Farham, Jr.

Milked chickens are fine, but milked children are better.