

COLD WAVE HITS STATE

ONE FATALITY HAS BEEN REPORTED

Thermometer Drops To Lowest Reading Since Winter of 1917-18—Charlotte Has Coldest December 28th In Forty-Seven Years

Not only the coldest weather of this winter, but the coldest since the winter of 1917-18 when the thermometer dropped to 10 degrees below zero for the first time on record in this section, visited Louisburg and vicinity Sunday and Monday. The government thermometer registered 7 Sunday night and 8 Monday night. Other instruments not scientifically installed reached the zero point. As a result many are the water pipes that are burst, the cold wave taking our people by surprise, they failed to cut the water off from exposed places.

North Carolina shivered under the coldest weather of the winter Sunday night and early Monday. One fatality was reported. Capt. C. K. Hancock, of New Bern, being found dead in a ditch where it is supposed he fell after losing his way while returning to his hunting lodge from the home of a near by farmer.

Charlotte reported the coldest December 28 in forty-seven years, the mercury falling to 9-2. Elgin, degress was the minimum in Raleigh.

Asheville was the coldest city in the State with a thermometer reading zero yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Hickory reported four degrees above. The reading at Wilmington was 11 degrees at minimum and great damage to cabbage and lettuce is reported. Winston-Salem reported a minimum of 7 and Salisbury the same.

METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

In announcing Sunday's services at the Methodist church, Pastor O. W. Dowd says:

We are having our first communion service next Sunday at 11 a. m.—the first Sunday in the New Year, 1926. It is a fine time to rededicate your life to the Christ and His service. At this service the pastor will speak briefly on God's beginnings, endings and Revelations. The communion service will be conducted next Sunday morning in the old-fashioned way. We are expecting the old and the young, all ages to be present at this service.

Sunday night the pastor will speak on "Who is God's Kinsmen." God has relatives, who are they? Come and learn of this fine relationship. "I wish I could speak to everyone personally to tell them what a fine Christmas we had at the parsonage and especially thank those who remembered us in any way, some with gifts and a goodly number with cards. We thank one and all.

For fear I do not get time to speak the personal word of thanks, and to say the Happy New Years message to you as a member, and friends of my church:

"I just want to express my sincere appreciation to you for the fine service you rendered the church the past year and for the loyal support you gave the pastor as the leader of our Christian forces. It was a year of real progress and Christian fellowship. We are hoping for still greater things in the year just ahead of us.

"We all doubtless made some mistakes. We are not unmindful of our short-comings. But we are coming now to the end of the year 1925, and we shall soon be privileged to begin all over again. Next Friday we shall start the New Year with the pages of the year book 1926 all fair and white. What shall we write? What shall the record be? You and I must determine that individually.

"I am wishing for you a Happy New Year. May peace and prosperity be your portion."

COTTON REPORT

The tabulation of the card report shows that there were 36,375 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County, from the crop of 1925 prior to December 13, 1925, as compared with 19,454 bales ginned to December 13, 1924.

LIVELY SIGN UP FOR BIGGER POOL

Tobacco Association's Receipts Exceed \$7 Million Pounds; Campaigns Start Well

(S. D. Fritsell)

More than fifty-seven million pounds of tobacco have been received by the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association during the present season, according to the full returns of deliveries which followed the closing of the co-operative markets for the holidays.

Total deliveries to the association from the South Carolina belt exceeded 25,000,000 pounds, an amount of tobacco which is practically double the 1924 deliveries of tobacco co-ops of that area.

In the dark fired tobacco district of Virginia a steady sign-up is progressing without any intensive campaigning for new members. More than a million pounds of the dark weed were signed up during December for the new association which the growers plan to operate from 1927 to 1931.

Following mass meetings in every important tobacco county of the South Carolina belt, the sign-up of the new contract began this week in a majority of the 158 local units of the association. Results of the first day's campaign have not yet been reported to the association's headquarters, but the new contract is being discussed in every tobacco town and cross-road store in the South Carolina belt and there is no doubt that the campaign for membership in the new and larger association, by which the growers are planning to protect their industry for another five years, will be off to a good start by the early days of 1926.

The association warehouses which will open after the holidays are to begin receiving tobacco on Monday January 4th, 1926.

The association will close down all of its warehouses in Eastern North Carolina except Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Washington and Wendell.

Only eight of the old bright belt receiving points will shut down after the holidays. Receipts from the old bright belt growers exceeded a million pounds a day during the last delivery days of 1925.

The association is continuing its liberal 65 per cent cash advance in 1926 and large deliveries are looked for during the remainder of this season.

DR. C. G. HILL DEAD

Dr. C. G. Hill, of Baltimore, has just died in that city. A Louisburg boy, born and raised in Louisburg until he reached manhood, then lived and died in Baltimore, in which city his life was a success. Standing at the head of his profession Dr. Hill was a son of Maj. D. S. Hill of Louisburg and a first cousin of Dr. Malone and brother of Mrs. M. S. Davis of this city.

HOLIDAY DANCE

The Louisburg Dance Club gave a most enjoyable dance on Tuesday night in the large and spacious room over Allen Brothers store. Most excellent music was furnished and quite a large number of couples participated. Many out of town guests were present to take part in the dance.

THROUGH BUS LINE

We have been informed that a plan is taking definite shape to begin the operation of a bus line from Rocky Mount through Louisburg to connect at Franklinton with the bus line from Henderson to Raleigh. This information says that the order for a number of large buses has been placed and the arrangements for a charter is being made, and that as soon as the buses arrive the service will begin. It is understood the schedule will include four round trips from Rocky Mount to Franklinton each day.

It is also being contemplated that these buses will carry mail which, it is true, will be quite a great addition to the mail accommodation and conveniences of Louisburg.

Physician says he can't see why girls wear silk hose. He must be blind.

There are three women in the new congress. Nothing equal about that.

Imagination! Something that takes you to places where you will never be.

The New Year

The New Year, with all its real and imaginary problems, is upon us. What we do in the next twelve months depends to some extent upon our individual initiative, but with the utmost of individual enterprise, nothing of lasting value is going to be accomplished unless a spirit of co-operation prevails.

Here in Louisburg, it will be necessary, if success is written across 1926, for every citizen to join in one long, steady pull, unhampered by petty jealousies. The work to be done is enough to occupy the mind and utilize the energy of everyone, without the blighting effect of bickering or quibbling over small things.

Co-operative effort is the only thing that will make a better community. Co-operation means working together for the common good and not permitting personal ambitions for profit to interfere.

Results will come only when every citizen catches the spirit of community betterment. This does not mean that business men or any other class alone can pull us out into larger fields.

Overcoming the obstacles that 1926 is bound to offer and turning them to our own good will be possible only with a united pull. So it's up to every loyal citizen to pull his level best.

G. A. S. MEET

The G. A. S. of the Louisburg Baptist church met Monday evening, December 21st, at 7 o'clock with Kate Allen.

The Mary Moffat Circle having charge of the program. The meeting was called to order by Kate Allen and the following program was rendered: Song, Silent Night.

Prayer, by Mrs. Howell.

Roll called, and circles were represented as follows:

Sattie Moon, number present, 3; Mary Moffat, number present, 3; Ann Foster, number present, 2.

Business.

Prayer, by Viola Black.

Topic: Christmas in Many Lands.

The Christmas Story, Kate Allen.

Instead of Christmas in Japan, Elisabeth Newell.

Yuletide in Sweden, Willie Mae Place.

Christmas in Mexico, Mary Leigh Kearney.

One Christmas in China, Kate Allen.

Song, "Joy to the World."

We were dismissed with sentences: Prayers, Mildred Cone, beginning; Willie Mae Place closing.

Then we were served with refreshments by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Allen.

DEAN WOODHALL

Lillington, Dec. 29.—A pretty though quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Woodhall, when their daughter, Miss Bettie, became the bride of Mr. Fred Edward Dean of Louisburg. The impressive ceremony of the Methodist church was used. Rev. K. F. Duval, pastor of the bride officiating.

The ceremony was performed before an improvised altar of green and white, upon which white candles shed a mellow glow over the lovely scene. There were no attendants and the bride and groom stepped to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Miss Lilla Rooke Stephenson, of Smithfield. As the solemn vows were being spoken "To a Wild Rose" was played softly. The recessional was Mendelssohn's March.

The bride was attired in a going away gown of cocoa crepe roman, with trimmings of gold lace and accessories to match.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for a short wedding trip, after which they will be at home in Louisburg.

Most any man can be popular by keeping his opinion to himself.

NEW FARM AGENT ARRIVES

Mr. A. H. Harris, Franklin County's new farm agent arrived Tuesday to take up the duties of the extension work in Franklin county. He is a native of Pamlico county and is a graduate of North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering receiving his B. S. degree after four years study. After completing his college work he returned home and applied his knowledge on his father's farm for one year then became the farm agent for Currituck county where he remained three years resigning to return to his home to assist his father in converting his farm from cotton to livestock. He was raised on a farm and is in every way qualified to know the farmers' needs. He comes to Franklin County highly recommended and with the qualifications he possesses Franklin County people may expect splendid results.

MRS. W. W. HOLMES DEAD

Mrs. W. W. Holmes died at the State Hospital in Raleigh on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, after a long illness. She was in the 75th year of her age and besides her husband, leaves one brother, Mr. J. S. Bunn of Durham, and two sisters, Mrs. Bob Holmes, of Henderson, and Miss Victoria Bunn, of Raleigh. Her remains were brought to Louisburg and the funeral was held in the Louisburg Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. O. W. Dawd, pastor, and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. Quite a large number of relatives and friends attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty speaking a beautiful message of love. The pall bearers were O. C. Hill, F. J. Beasley, E. H. Malone, G. W. Murphy, Hugh W. Perry, F. N. Spivey.

Mrs. Holmes was a member of the Louisburg Methodist church and was a devout and faithful Christian. She was unassuming and retired in nature but among her neighbors, where she was best known, she was loved and admired for her beautiful Christian character, and her devotion to her God, her home and her neighbors.

The bereaved husband and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

U. D. C.

There will be a meeting of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. J. O. Newell on Tuesday January 5th at 3:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present.

MRS. HUGH W. PERRY, Secretary.

PRES. MOHN ENTERTAINS

Louisburg Kiwanis Club Saturday Night; Harry Johnson, Sid Holden, C. Hatton, David Harris Win Prizes; A Most Enjoyable Occasion

Members of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club were royally entertained on last Saturday night by their president, Arthur Mohn at Louisburg College. It was Christmas and everything was nicely decorated in red and green with a huge Christmas tree forming a background, upon which had been placed a present for every member.

The menu was most appetizing and was served in five courses and the way Sid Holden, Fred Hicks and Edward Best made way with this was sufficient evidence that it was greatly enjoyed.

Much time was given over to stunts. Mac Ferguson, Perry Burt, Sid Holden and Louis Joyner did the broom trick resulting in Sid Holden winning the prize. Edward Best, Rob Beck and C. Hatton vied with each other to see which could sit in a chair and take a pin out of the back with their mouth first. C. Hatton did the trick and received the prize. The entire club took part in a shooting contest to see who could hit the bull's eye.

C. Hatton received the prize for the best shot and David Harris was awarded the booby. The game was started when Chief of Police Meadows took a bottle from the pocket of A. Tonkel. However it was soon cleared up that if it had been Tonkel's it would not have been in his pocket.

Jim Allen performed as Santa Claus and distributed the presents from the tree after which each member rose displayed his present and thanked the donor.

The Louisburg Band interspersed the entire program with most excellent music and by special request rendered "Yes Sir She's My Baby" for the special benefit of Orren Dowd and Archie McIver.

Harry Johnson won the prize offered by President Mohn for the best letter telling of what benefit Kiwanis has been to Louisburg and outlining some matters of importance the club could do in 1926.

The entire meeting was greatly enjoyed by all present who were unanimous in the opinion that Arthur Mohn was a past master in entertaining as well as getting elected.

NEW YEAR SERVICES

Special New Year services will be conducted by the pastor on the Louisburg circuit January 3rd, 1926, as follows:

Services at Bunn Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Subject: "A Good Beginning."

Services at Prospect at 2:30 January 3rd. Subject: "The Land of Beginning Again."

Services at Leah's Chapel at 6 p. m. Subject: "The Race That Is Set Before us."

Begin the New Year right by going to church. While forming other habits form the habit of going to church. You will never regret it. These churches need you this year, come and be with them.

WHITHEAD-WESTER

Franklinton, Dec. 30.—The marriage of Miss Grace Sneed Wester to Dr. John Wesley Whithead took place at the home of the bride in Franklinton, December 24th, 1925 at eight o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. L. Blanton pastor of the Franklinton Baptist church.

Mrs. Whithead is the beautiful and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wester, Sr. She is a graduate of East Carolina College and has represented Franklinton twice in beauty contests one state and the other Eastern Carolina.

Dr. Whithead is the youngest son of the late A. F. and Mrs. Whithead of Bachelor, North Carolina. He received his education at N. C. State College and the University of Maryland and is now practicing dentistry in Smithfield, N. C.

After January 34th, 1926, Dr. and Mrs. Whithead will be at home in Smithfield.

Nothing so takes the edge off the finer instincts of a man as egotism.

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 went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Louise Rice of Harrisburg, Pa. is visiting Mrs. Julia P. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fuller visited relatives at Gibsonville the past week end.

A. M. Massenburg, of Henderson, is spending the holidays with his people here.

Mrs. E. G. Ellington is visiting relatives and friends in Oxford during the holidays.

Miss Mary Spencer, Miss Sadie Johnson and Mr. James Johnson went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bryant, of Oxford, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Taylor, the past week.

Miss Fannie Lillian Massenburg left today for Chicago, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. J. C. Robinson.

Mrs. E. M. Bragg and daughter, Ernestine, of Oxford, visited her people in Louisburg during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gantt, of Goldsboro, spent the holidays with their daughters Mesdames C. F. Collier and H. P. Leonard.

Miss Louise Joyner and Mr. Maurice Joyner have returned home from Alexandria, Va., where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin and little daughter, Frances DeEtte, left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edens and children, of Washington, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Allen, of Farmville, visited their mother, Mrs. S. J. Edens, during the holidays.

Capt. Straus S. Baker has taken the run on the Louisburg branch in place of Capt. Holding, who has returned to the main line. Capt. and Mrs. Baker are stopping for the present at Mrs. Murphy's.

Mr. J. F. Malone, of New Orleans, is on a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone. Mr. Malone has received a promotion with his company and will sail soon for China to take charge of their interests in the Orient.

EXCELLENT REPORT

It will be gratifying to the many friends of the First National Bank of Louisburg in Franklin county to observe the wonderful growth it has made in the past few years. The report at the close of business on Monday, December 28th, shows total resources of \$734,993.37, which is far in excess of any former report. The bank has been rapidly going forward in a well arranged program of progress under the capable and efficient active management of Mr. William Haywood Ruffin, as president, and Mr. Fisher J. Beasley, as cashier. Enjoying the confidence and patronage of the public that has made their present financial condition possible it is entirely appropriate at this season that they send forth an appreciation, which will be found on the last page of this issue to which your attention is directed.

RECITAL BY MISS ALLEN

On last Friday evening Miss Elizabeth Allen, director of expansion at Louisburg College, was engaged by the Parent Teachers Association of Wilton high school to give a recital. The entertainment was a great success in every respect. There was a large crowd in attendance, which showed its appreciation by repeated and enthusiastic encores. Miss Allen was asked to give another recital in the spring. Louisburg is fortunate in having such a gifted artist in the community. Miss Allen spent the holidays at the college.