

## VELLIE BAKER FOUND DEAD

After All Nights Dissipating  
Spree

Died Near Buddie Tants In Harris  
Township Early Saturday Morning;  
Coroner Earp Holds Inquest

Vellie Baker, of Henderson, a white man, was discovered dead in an automobile in which he and Smith Pearce and Tom Privett had been carousing around all night, early Saturday morning at the home of Buddie Tants in Harris township.

Coroner G. S. Earp was notified and with the assistance of special officer J. E. Thomas went immediately on the case and made an examination and brought the body to Louisburg Saturday morning and had it examined by Dr. J. E. Malone, county health officer, whose examination as well as that of Dr. B. C. Johnson, of Bunn, who had examined it earlier in the morning showed that death resulted from natural causes and that there were no indications of foul play that would result in death, whereupon Coroner Earp released the body to be taken home for burial. However Smith Pearce and Tom Privett were held under bonds of \$150 each for their appearance in Louisburg on Tuesday to answer to a charge of aiding and abetting in the transportation of whiskey.

Owing to further evidence developing and the desire of some of the local men family Coroner Earp recalled his former action, had the body brought back to Louisburg on Sunday, summoned a jury and proceeded to hold an inquest. A post mortem examination of the body was made by Drs. H. H. Johnson, H. G. Perry, B. C. Johnson and J. E. Malone, after which the body was again turned over to the family for burial, and the inquest adjourned until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The inquest was promptly taken up as adjourned with Messrs. Ben T. Holden and E. F. Griffin representing Solicitor W. F. Evans, to assist the Coroner, and witnesses were examined.

T. M. Privett, one of the parties with Baker told of the trip from Henderson through Louisburg to George Pearce's and from there to Buddie Tants where Baker was discovered to be dead. They were riding in Baker's five passenger Ford car and as Baker had become too drunk to drive Smith Pearce was driving and Baker was occupying the rear seat. When they got to Buddie Tants Pearce and Privett went into the house to warm leaving Baker in the car. After warming they went with Tants to the lot. They then went back to the car to get Baker to carry him to the fire to warm and found him dead. With the assistance of Buddie Tants they carried Baker in the house and put him in a bed and Pearce and Privett went to Bunn for Dr. Johnson and from there to Louisburg to call the Coroner and notify the Sheriff. They got to Tants about day Saturday morning after leaving Henderson some time in the afternoon before.

The evidence of Smith Pearce was in the main pretty much the same as that of Tom Privett.

Buddie Tants evidence corroborated that of Pearce and Privett from the time they were at his home as also did that of Mrs. Tants, relative to what she saw and knew. Buddie stated that Bakers face looked purple and that there was a little dirt in his face and hair.

Simon Pearce told of seeing two men cranking a car near his hogpen when he went to feed his pigs about 5 o'clock and that one of them wanted to know where Buddie Tants lived.

M. L. Fowler went to Tants home and saw Bakers body but didn't see any bruises. Saw a little scratched place on Bakers nose and over his eye, and the body had a little dirt in the face and hair. Didn't think there were any bruises.

Dr. Malone told of the autopsy stating that they found nothing abnormal about the body. They examined the heart, brain and skull and found nothing wrong. In fact they found nothing physically wrong about the body. He could not say what caused his death.

The jury visited Beck's garage and examined the car in which Baker's body was found, after which they returned to the court room where the inquest was being held, and rendered the following verdict:

"We the undersigned members of the Coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence in the Vellie Baker case, state the deceased came to his death by causes unknown to us."

The jury was composed of Messrs. W. D. Egerton, B. N. Williamson, G. E. Wilson, W. J. Shearin, J. T. Pruitt, W. B. Spivey.

Smith Pearce and T. M. Privett were held to answer before A. W. Alston the charge disorderly conduct on the public highway. After hearing the case Squire Alston released them upon the payment of costs.

Fifty per cent of health is knowing how to eat and the other fifty per cent is behaving yourself.

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## BIG PROGRAM PROPOSED

Kiwanis Committees Plan Big Work  
for Another Year At Luncheon Fri-  
day Night

A most unusual program was presented at the usual weekly luncheon of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club on last Friday night when District Trustee Edward Best acted as chairman for the evening. The chairman of each committee was notified ahead of time to be prepared to present four objectives his committee would work to accomplish this year. The reports were wonderful. They were excellent and if carried out will almost transform our town and community. They showed that much thought is being given the future interests of our town and a desire to push it forward in the march of progress. As Harry Johnson, vice-president, presiding, said "enough progressive measures have been outlined here tonight to keep us busy for ten years." Yet it was announced that a checking up will be made at the end of the year to see which committee has come nearest to carrying out its program.

The evening was a most enjoyable one and the music furnished by Miss Anna Uller Parham added much to the delight of the evening.

## MIX STARS AS HERO OF ZANE GREY STORY

After a brilliant sortie into romantic old England as Dick Turpin, Tom Mix has returned to his no less romantic West as Jim Lassiter in Zane Grey's "Riders of the Purple Sage," the William Fox production which will be shown at the Winner Theatre Saturday matinee and night.

"Riders of the Purple Sage" is up to the high standard which might be expected of a combination of Tom Mix, Zane Grey and William Fox. It is a typical Mix picture full of the villainy, chivalry and grandeur of the West.

Mix does some excellent acting as the soft-spoken two-gun hero. Tony carries his master through perilous situations and aids him with his horse sense. Lynn Reynolds, who directed the photoplay, has made the best of the excellent opportunities for showing the incomparable Mix in daring feats.

A mysterious masked boy rider is woven into the narrative, and the revelation of his identity is one of the surprises of the picture.

Mabel Ballin is charming in the role of Jane Withersteen, the girl rancher who falls in love with Lassiter. A subordinate love theme is delightfully played by Marion Nixon.

## GOV. LOWDEN TO SPEAK IN N. C.

Raleigh, April 21.—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois is to deliver two addresses in North Carolina. He will be in Charlotte, Friday, April 23, and will speak at noon. He will also speak in Raleigh Saturday, April 24, at noon. These addresses will be outstanding events in this State and every man, woman, and child should hear one or both of them.

Governor Lowden is one of the outstanding figures of the country, a statesman whose stand for the farmer and farming interests has won him widespread renown. He is known as one of the chief defenders of the farmer and a fighter for benefits for the farmer. Just at this time, when Congress is deeply interested in farm relief legislation, it will be very interesting to hear Governor Lowden, who has given close study to the several proposed plans for relief. The Illinois statesman is as much interested in the problems of farm surplusage and will discuss the questions in his addresses.

Not only has Governor Lowden given years of study to agricultural matters, but he is a farmer. With large farms in Illinois, devoted to the raising of grain, hogs and cattle, and in addition a big cotton plantation in Arkansas, Governor Lowden knows the problems that face the farmer by personal experience.

Accepting the invitation of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, Governor Lowden will spend two days in this State and then go to South Carolina, where he speaks Monday, April 26th.

## BUYS ALLEN BROS. STOCK

Mr. W. G. Tharrington who has been conducting a grocery business in the W. J. Cooper store opposite Perry street has purchased the hardware stock of the Allen Bros. Co., and has leased the building next to the post-office formerly occupied by them. Mr. Tharrington has moved his stock from South Main street and is now occupying his new quarters on Nash street.

## NEW STORE

Mr. H. H. Hilton, formerly with the Louisburg Grocery Co., has leased the Cooper store on South Main street recently vacated by Mr. W. G. Tharrington and will open a complete stock of heavy and fancy groceries therein in a few days.

A great many fishermen would play golf if they could sit on the bank and wait for a golf ball.

## SOLICITOR EVANS ANNOUNCES FOR RE-NOMINATION

He Asks For the Second Term, and  
For Endorsement of His Record

The attention of our readers is directed to the political advertisement of Solicitor W. F. Evans which appears in another portion of this issue. Solicitor Evans was in Louisburg Tuesday making "bards" with the folks and seemed to be in a very happy frame of mind. He says that he has opposition for the second term from Wake county sources and not Franklin, and that it is the same old influences that fought him four years ago. He calls attention to the fact that he has been doing extra work over his predecessors in the same office and that during his term the salary was cut nearly half. In face of all that he now comes up for re-nomination to a second term with opposition in the democratic ranks, an experience not handed out to other democrats who for the last twenty-five years have held the position.

Solicitor Evans says that he wants the folks who put him in office to have an endorsement of their judgment at the polls four years ago, as well as for their own satisfaction; and asks that those who opposed him at the time to now come forward and also show their friendship for his record as well as standing for fair play in giving him a second term.

The Solicitor says that he is confident of carrying Wake county by a much larger majority than in the last campaign, and that while Franklin did all that could be desired on that occasion he confidently believes she will increase her majority also.

Solicitor Evans has always been popular with Franklin county voters and he takes occasion to express appreciation for their many kindnesses to him.

## LOUISBURG COLLEGE TRUSTEES MEET

On Monday morning at eleven o'clock the Executive Committee of Louisburg College Board of Trustees met in the College office to open bids on the Franklin County Building. A full board was present, including Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Raleigh, Rev. A. J. Parker, of Smithfield, D. W. Newsom, of Durham, F. B. McKinie, of Goldsboro, W. E. White, of Louisburg, Rev. O. W. Dowd a local trustee, also met with the committee.

When the bids were opened it was found that there was only one complete bid, the others being bids on part of the work only. The reason for this was that a number of contractors stated that they did not have time to get the prices of material, etc. In view of the fact that more time was needed to complete the bids, all bids were returned to various contractors and additional time was given. The committee resolved to meet at Raleigh on Thursday, May 6, at the Sir Walter Hotel, when they were assured that all bids would be in proper form, at which time the committee decided definitely to let the contract. It is definitely understood that the building is to be complete to the point where the classrooms can be occupied by September 1, and that the dormitory rooms shall be ready for occupancy not later than January 1, 1927.

The members of the committee expressed themselves as being very well pleased with the progress of the Franklin County collections and believe that when the building is started there will be enough additional paid in to complete the building. President Mohn stated that he is very happy over the results of the meeting and believes beyond a shadow of a doubt that January 1, 1927, will see the Franklin County Building completed in every detail and full of students. He further stated that the Franklin County Building will be one of the most modern class room and science buildings in the state and in addition will provide ample quarters for the new library of 5,000 volumes and dormitory facilities on the upper floors for nearly one hundred girls. The building will be practically four stories high as the basement floor will be almost entirely above ground.

The completion of the Franklin County Building together with the Patti Julia Wright Dormitory, which is fast nearing completion, will give room for more than 200 additional boarding students and the college is making plans for the care of that number. This will give Louisburg College a total capacity of something over 350 resident students and we have every confidence that with the constantly growing popularity of the school, together with its improved curricula and equipment as well as its higher rating as an educational institution Louisburg College will at once take its place as one of the outstanding colleges of North Carolina and the South.

## MASONIC EDUCATIONAL MEETING

F. A. Roth, chairman of the educational committee extends a most hearty and cordial invitation to every Master Mason to attend the educational meeting of Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. F. and A. M., on Tuesday, May 4th, at 7:30 p. m. A most interesting program is being arranged and an enjoyable evening awaits all those who attend.

## DISTRICT MEETING JUNIOR ORDER

To Be Held at Louisburg  
April 30th

With Louisburg Council No. 17, State Councillor Lincke and Other Speakers To Be Present; Present Bible and Flag To Mills High School

Louisburg Council No. 17, Junior Order United American Mechanics is making big preparations to entertain the District meeting to be held with this Council on Friday, April 30th, 1926.

The meeting is being held upon the call of District Deputy Connor E. Jeffreys, of Youngsville, and a full attendance of delegates from the Twentieth District are expected to attend.

State Councillor M. W. Lincke, will begin attendance and speak and other speakers of state-wide reputation are expected.

The business meeting will be held in the Masonic Hall at 2:30 on next Friday afternoon. The public meeting will be held at the Mills High School at 8 o'clock that night at which time the Bible and flag to the school.

An extensive and interesting program is being arranged and a most enjoyable occasion for all will be had. All Juniors are especially invited and urged to attend both of these meetings.

The meeting at the graded school auditorium is a public meeting and a most cordial invitation is extended everybody in Franklin and adjoining counties to attend.

## EDWARD BEST HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The closing exercises of the Edward Best High School will be as follows: Tuesday, April 27, 8:00 p. m., declamation and recitation contest.

Sunday, May 2, 8:00 p. m., sermon by Rev. W. B. Yates.

Monday, May 3, 8:00 p. m., class day exercises—Seniors.

Tuesday, May 4, 10:30 a. m., dedication of new building; graduating exercises; literary address by Dr. Robert H. Wright; dinner; base ball game 3:00 p. m.

Tuesday, May 4, 8:30 p. m., play, "Son John"—Junior Class.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

T. H. SLEDGE, Prin.

## PRECINCT MEETINGS

Precinct meetings were held in Franklin County on last Saturday in accordance with the call by the State and County Chairmen and delegates were named to meet at the County Convention to be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock on April 24, 1926. In addition Township Executive Committees were elected for the ensuing two years. A growing lack of interest was seen at these meetings yet a sufficient attendance was present to guide the destiny of the political organization through another campaign.

## BARACA-PHILATHEA UNION

The next meeting of the Franklin County Baraca-Philathea Union will be held with Pilot Baptist Church on Sunday, May 2, 1926. The following interesting program has been arranged.

10:00 a. m., Devotional exercises, Prof. T. H. Sledge.

10:30, Transaction of business.

11:00, Reports of classes.

11:30, Address, Rev. J. A. Beam, Roxboro, N. C.

12:30 p. m., Dinner.

2:00 Devotional exercises, Mrs. J. S. Howell.

2:30, Reports of committees.

2:40, Address, Mrs. H. M. Finch, Rocky Mount, N. C.

3:10, Presentation of banners.

Special music throughout the program by male quartette from Durham.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B Y P U. will meet Sunday evening, April 25, 1926, in the ladies parlor of the Louisburg Baptist church at 8:45 o'clock.

Group No. 3 in charge.

Topic, Mexico.

Scripture readings.

Introduction, leader.

Study the Map of Mexico, Nannie Perry.

Why Send Missionaries to Mexico? Mrs. L. L. Whitaker.

Baptists and Catholics Contrasted, Glennie Wilder.

Duet, Nannie Perry and Dora Upchurch.

Romanism Obscures the Gospel, Mr. M. W. Daniel.

A peep at Mexico's past, Margaret Mills.

Mexico's Natural Resources, Mrs. C. E. Pace.

Our Mission in Mexico, Mrs. H. N. Teasley.

Few ever connected enthusiasm with foolishness. Just what is a "speed enthusiast" anyway?

Nursery rhyme: Needles and pins, needles and pins, when a man's elected his trouble begins.

## REJECTS BIDS COUNTY HOME

Rescinds Order for Holding County-  
Wide Road Maintenance Election

The Board of County Commissioners rejected all bids made for the construction and equipping the county home at their meeting Monday afternoon. Quite a number of bids were made but the Board felt that they were all too high and rejected all of them and ordered a new letting advertised.

At the same meeting a delegation from the Kiwanis Club was before the Board to explain the embarrassment that would be experienced if the election for the county-wide road maintenance was held during the primary and to request that the Board rescind its order. After consideration of the question the Board ordered the election postponed indefinitely.

Only a few minor matters were acted upon by the Board and adjournment was taken.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

"And what is so rare as a day in June?" The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club is in tune.

As it certainly seemed to be on the evening of April 15th, when the entire program consisted of music. The program committee understood that "music is good for the soul" when they planned this musical feast in the midst of the year's study, and too, they knew how to plan when they made Mrs. W. E. White hostess of this program.

Nevés has her home been more beautiful or her hospitality more charming and graceful. Lovely cut flowers, roses, lilies, hyacinths and sweet peas were everywhere, which with the soft shaded lights, made a beautiful setting for the musical treat which was to follow.

The program was arranged by the hostess, who, assisted by Miss Rose-land, Mesdames L. L. Whitaker, J. A. McIver, S. B. Berkeley and J. E. King, together with the musical talent of the club, gave an evening of joy that will long be remembered by the members and guests of the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. T. W. Watson, roll was called and the program committee for the coming year reported that they had not completed their plans, but would try to be able to bring some report at an early date. No other business the following program was most pleasingly carried out:

Quartette, "Sweet and Low," Joseph Barnby. Mesdames Mohn, Berkeley, McIver and White, Miss Leonard at the piano.

Vocal Solo, (a) "Waiting," Millard. (b) "Will o' The Wisp," Sprass. Mrs. Mohn.

Pianologue, "An Old Sweetheart of Mine," Riley. Mrs. King, with Miss Leonard at the piano.

Trio, "Humoresque," "Swanee River," with violin obligato, Dvarak Wilson. Mesdames Berkeley, McIver, White, Miss Leonard at piano, obligato, Miss Van Ende.

Piano solo, "Drifting" Frimi. Miss Lillian Roseland.

Violin solo, "Ave Maria," Shubert. "To a Wild Rose," MacDowell. Miss Van Ende.

Piano Solo, "Etude in Waltz from Saint Salus," Miss Josephine Leonard.

A Dutch Lullaby, "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," Nevin. Mesdames Mohn Berkeley, Whitaker, McIver and White. Misses Leonard and Roseland at the piano.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. White served the most delicious three course refreshment.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. B. Yarborough on April 27th.

## DIES FROM DRINKING LINIMENT

John Ed Jr., little fourteen month old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Furgurson, died Sunday from the effects of having drank an amount of liniment on Saturday morning.

The little fellow had been seen with the bottle of liniment earlier in the morning. It was put away as its mother thought where the child could not get it, but unfortunately he got hold of it again and drank enough of the contents that the strength of the fluid so badly injured the child that it died on Sunday.

The funeral services were held at the grave and the interment was made at the Franklinton cemetery.

Messrs. John E. Williams, Bennie Joyner, W. B. Mumford, J. W. Weaver acted as pall bearers.

The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the family and the floral tribute was beautiful.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

## MY LOVE IS LIKE A ROSEBUD

My love is like a sweet rose bud,  
And just like the morning's dew,  
It is full of purity,  
But as it grows stronger  
It turns to the sun  
For it's strength to unfold,  
And when the sun turns its head  
In agony untold.

Frances Tonkel.

## "FLORIDA FOLLIES" PROGRESSING TO PERFECTION

American Legion Spectacular Show  
To Be Presented at the William R.  
Mills School Auditorium May 6th  
and 11th at 8:30 P. M.

"Florida Follies," the American Legion's annual theatrical offering, is swiftly developing into a show that will add another triumph to the record of the Jambes Post of the American Legion. Those who have attended the "home made" shows of the Jambes Post in the past have always been emphatic in their praise of them.

"Florida Follies" will undoubtedly win new compliments from the public.

Mesdames J. E. Malone, Jr., and S. B. Berkeley, are training the voices, and this fact assures the success of the vocal musical numbers.

Miss "Babbie" Turner is director in general of the whole "she bang," and is directing the dancing in particular. Her past success in this field requires no further praise. When asked how the chorus and novelty dancing is progressing, Miss Turner replied, "better than ever before." That's "nuff said."

Misses Euzelia Hill, Louise Cooper, Margaret Turner, Babbie Turner, Legionnaires Harry Johnson, Jack Brown and Messrs. Dick Jennings and "Doc" Fleming, are the ballad singers who will delight the audience with popular melodies.

As Dr. Arthur Fleming has so aptly expressed it, Fred Morris, "Doc" Fleming, Bob Malone, Jack Brown, Dick Jennings, Dr. Harry Johnson and Babbie Turner will "act the fool for sweet charities sake," and produce the clever comedy that so delights and entertains the lovers of "black-face foolishness," and comedy character sketches.

John Williamson and Edward Crudup Perry, will present an acrobatic tumbling act, doing stunts that are rare and difficult for amateurs.

The beauty chorus consists of Margaret Turner, Max Allen, "Kitty" Boddie, "Kat" Pleasants, Louise Cooper, Euzelia Hill, Margaret Wilder, Felicia Allen, "Dick" Turner, Hazel Allen, Mary Malone Best, Anna Gray Watson, Egenia Perry, Elsie Woldridge, Virginia Beck, Annie Taylor. This chorus will make the show, because of their natural beauty, grace, skill and attractiveness. Costumed in gorgeous creations, they will lend their irresistible charm of beauty, color and pep that is essential to the making of a good show. The girl chorus will be assisted by a male chorus, who will lend volume and variety to the chorus work. The following men, who are bashful, but who are necessary as afeast for the eyes of the ladies in the audience, will compose the male chorus: James Cooper, Arthur Fleming, Jr., Louis Scoggin, Jr., Sam Wilder, Jr., James Wheelers, Edward Crudup Perry, Quint Johnson, Donald Cooke, Charlie Elmore, Hep Stovall.

A big feature of the production is the Jubilee Jazzers, an orchestra that is by no means amateurish. Under the able direction of Bruce Berkeley the following men will play teasing tunes, that will make you pucker your lips, and pat your feet: Bruce Berkeley, Dr. Harry Johnson, Henry Leach, Dick Jennings, Pete Hoffman, Frank Wheelers, Kenneth White, John Williamson. Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr., is pianist for the above Jazz Kings.

"Florida Follies" will be a super show—too good for you to pass up. If you miss "Florida Follies," you want miss regretting it. Reserved seats will be on sale at Boddie Drug Co. Prices will be 75 cents for reserved seats, and 50 cents general admission.

## GETS NICE STILL OUTFIT

Officers Destroy Big Lot of Beer the  
Fast Week In Several Sections of  
the County

During the past week officers have reported the capture of one nice still and the destruction of a number of barrels of beer at various places in the county as follows:

J. S. Rowland destroyed about four hundred and fifty gallons of beer in Hayesville township on Sunday.

J. A. Bledsoe, assisted by J. E. Thomas, Willie Jennings and Sidney Edens destroyed about three barrels of beer near Centerville Friday night.

J. S. Rowland, assisted by L. G. Turnage, John Young and J. E. Thomas captured a complete copper steam still outfit on the gold mine property in Gold Mine township Monday.

H. C. Ayscue reports the destruction of beer in Harris township on Monday night as follows: Six barrels on Jump and Run creek, four barrels back of Cherry Youngs, two barrels back of O. H. Hagwoods, two barrels on D. W. Spivey farm, and four barrels in front of Sherrod Denton.

Sheriff F. W. Justice and J. E. Thomas destroyed about one hundred and fifty gallons of beer on Buffalo Creek back of John Day, Jr., on Thursday morning. Also destroyed about two hundred gallons of beer and a lot of fermenters on a branch leading to Cedar creek in Franklinton township Thursday morning.

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