

NEW OFFICERS HOLD COURT

Vice-Recorder H. W. Perry Presides, Solicitor E. F. Griffin Represents State; Many In Attendance, Cases Disposed of

Franklin County's Recorders Court was quite largely attended Monday to see the new officers in action. The court was presided over by Vice-Recorder H. W. Perry, whose decisions proved fair to both sides and will have much influence in the future law enforcement. Solicitor E. F. Griffin made a splendid prosecuting officer and ably represented the State. The docket contained no cases of especial importance and was disposed of as follows:

- State vs Ollie Wrenn distilling, pleads guilty fined \$100 and costs.
- State vs W. H. Joyner, violating prohibition law, continued.
- State vs Hubert Bolden, removing crops, capias and continued.
- State vs Stocky Huff, larceny, continued.
- State vs Russ Richardson and W. E. Denton, distilling, continued.
- State vs Happy Perry, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, fined \$25 and costs, appeal.
- State vs Dock Tucker, Robert Tucker, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, fined \$20 each and costs.
- State vs T. A. Hollingsworth, unlawful possession of whiskey, continued.
- State vs Mabel Powell, assault with deadly weapon, transferred to Superior Court.
- State vs Tom Ricks, reckless driving, fined and failed.
- State vs Louis Neal and Alvester Neal, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, fined \$50 and costs.
- State vs Tommie Bragg, carrying concealed weapon, nol pro.
- State vs Anderson Williams, larceny, capias and continued.

STUDENTS' RECITAL

On Tuesday evening, December 14, Louisburg College students, representing the piano voice, and expression departments gave the following program:

- Piano—Reverie, Torjussen, Dorris Person, Louisburg.
- Piano—Waltz in A Minor, Grieg, Melba Parker, Wade.
- Voice—Sunshine, Weld, Velma Senter, Kipling.
- Piano—Widmung, Torjussen, Mary Davis, Raleigh.
- Voice—Two Little Stars, O'Hara, Nancy Baldwin, Mt. Gilead.
- Piano—Dance of the Little Bell, Rebikoff, Elizabeth Fussell, Stedman.
- Violin Duet—No. 4, Gebauer Rondo Allegro, William Uzell and Sam Allen, Louisburg.
- Piano—L'Ingenue (for left hand alone), Grogman, Gladys Newbern, Jarvisburg.
- Voice—The Mission of a Rose, Cowe Mary Davis, Raleigh.
- Piano—Chanson Creole, Ketterer, Mary Malone Best, Louisburg.
- Voice—Boats of Mind, Miller, Eliza Beth Fussell, Stedman.
- Piano—Coasting, Burleigh, Lucy Thompson, Creedmoor.
- Reading—The Love of O'Sana San, Alice Hegon Rice, Eula Purnell, Raleigh.
- Piano—Polonaise in E Minor, MacDowell, Ellen Hughes, Jackson.
- Voice—Anulets, Rogers, Eva Belle Bobbitt, Macon.
- Piano—Octave Etude, Schytte, Ruby Dall, Hookerton.
- Marshals—Naomi Dickens, Mary Susan Fuller, Ruby McDade, Eliza Newell, Myrtle Watson.

LIBRARY OF W. R. MILLS SCHOOL APPROACHES GOAL

In the drive last week more than one hundred and fifty books were added to the library. The response of the people has been wonderful. The individual contribution of Supt. W. R. Mills of one hundred and ten books was a splendid gift and most encouraging to the committee at work. There have been other contributions which deserve mention. Several ladies have given twenty books, others have given twelve and fifteen, some eight and ten and many from one to six. In instances where only one book has been given, it was as liberal as any gift made. One home gave the only book it possessed and it was a splendid book too. Such a spirit as that means success, preach at Bunn Sunday December 19, 11 a. m., on "Seeing the Invisible." Two hundred and fifty more books and the goal will be reached. Put on your thinking caps; help the committee with suggestions; study your book shelves again, one more book from a hundred; can't you do it.

MISS NEAL DEAD

Miss Temple Neal died at her home near Katesville Tuesday and was buried at the family burying ground Wednesday. She leaves two brothers, Moses and Charlie Neal and one sister Miss Blanche Neal and a large number of relatives and friends, who have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

BIG MAJORITY SAYS RELIGION NECESSARY

Newspaper Poll Shows But 22 Hold Opposite View; Questionnaire Answers; Results of Nation-Wide Census Will Be Published When Tabulated in New York

More than a thousand persons took the time and pains to answer the religious questionnaire printed in The Observer Monday to Friday, inclusive, and to send their ballots to the paper for tabulation. Only 980 ballots were tabulated, however, because the others were received too late. Tabulation of the remaining answers would not have changed the relative standing.

The total affirmative and negative answers to all the twelve questions were wired yesterday to Dr. Charles Stelzle, director of the nation-wide poll conducted by leading newspapers throughout the country for the church advertising department of the International Advertising Association.

Very Small Minority. Only 22 persons out of the 980 whose answers were tabulated do not believe that religion in some form is a necessary element of life for the individual and for the community. Nine hundred and forty-five think it is. Only 23 out of 980 do not believe in God; 953 do. Eight hundred and eighty-six of those answering the questionnaire are church members; 84 are not.

The total vote on all twelve questions follows:

- 1—Do you believe in God? Yes 953; no 23.
- 2—Do you believe in immortality? Yes 923; no 35.
- 3—Do you believe in prayer as a means of personal relationship with God? Yes 931; no 41.
- 4—Do you believe that Jesus was divine as no other man was divine? Yes 920; no 50.
- 5—Do you regard the Bible as inspired in a sense that no other literature could be said to be inspired? Yes 923; no 50.
- 6—Are you an active member of any church? Yes 886; no 84.
- 7—Do you regularly attend any religious service? Yes 877; no 83.
- 8—Would you be willing to have your family grow up in a community in which there is no church? Yes 51; no 919.
- 9—Do you regularly have family worship in your home? Yes 419; no 492.
- 10—Were you brought up in a religious home? Yes 930; no 34.
- 11—Do you send your children to any school of religious instruction? Yes 624; no 81.
- 12—Do you think that religion in some form is necessary element of life for the individual and for the community? Yes 945; no 22.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Mr. H. P. Haswell, a white man sixty odd years of age, living near Moulton, committed suicide early Tuesday morning according to information brought to town by Coroner J. F. Parrish, whose investigation satisfied himself that there was no foul play. It is understood that worries brought on by unsatisfactory financial circumstances is responsible for Mr. Haswell taking his own life. He was an unmarried man, but has many relatives who have the sympathy of the entire community.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB

The Louisburg Kiwanians entertained the athletic club of Mills High School at its usual weekly luncheon on last Friday night.

A most interesting and entertaining program was greatly enjoyed by all present and a most enjoyable hour was spent.

"SEEING THE INVISIBLE"

Pastor of the Louisburg Circuit will at Bunn Sunday, December 19th, 11 a. m., on "Seeing the Invisible." Preaching also at Bunn 7 p. m. Subject, "The Christian Attitude Toward Wealth." God owns the earth and the stars, we say—but how about that bank account? Preaching at Prospect Sunday afternoon 3 o'clock. Subject, "The Christian View of Death."

BOX PARTY

There will be a box party at Prospect Friday evening December 17th at 7 o'clock. The proceeds of the boxes will go to the Raleigh Orphanage. We want all the girls who can come and bring a box or a pie; of course we expect the boys to bring the girls and a little extra change with them. Come and enjoy the evening with us.

OLD CLOTHES

Supt. E. C. Perry of the Public Welfare Department informs the Times that he has several requests for clothing from needy families in the county, and that he would appreciate it very much if anyone in the county having clothing they have discarded would send same to him so that he might present it to the families in need. These requests include men, women, boys and girls. Any garment will be gratefully accepted.

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

Below we give a number of opportunities for the people of Franklin county to give Christmas cheer to during the coming holidays, furnished us by Supt. E. C. Perry of the Charities and Public Welfare organization of Franklin county at Louisburg, N. C. Mr. Perry feels that there are many families in the county who would prefer selecting a definite case to provide for to giving at random, and we learn the plan has worked to a much more satisfactory solution in the past. Therefore he desires all those who wish to do so select any one or more of these opportunities to help and notify him, the number of the case and he will furnish you such other information as you may need and render you any assistance you may need to carry out the plan of making this a happy Christmas for the unfortunates.

The list of opportunities follows:

- No. 1. A mother with one little girl two and a half years old, husband in government hospital without compensation and she has pellagra and is unable to provide the necessities of life.
- No. 2. A widowed lady with a boy and girl twelve years old—twins.
- No. 3. A mother with four small children, without means of support.
- No. 4. A widowed lady with a boy 11 years old suffering from pellagra, and another son 5 years old suffering with osteomalacia.
- No. 5. A mother with two children, a girl 13 years old, and a boy 12 years old.
- No. 6. A mother with two daughters, one 12 years old and one 9 years old.
- No. 7. A mother with two boys, one 5 and one 3 years old. Her husband is in the county home for treatment.
- No. 8. A mother with a daughter 9 years old without means of support.
- No. 9. A widow with five children, a girl 12, a boy 10, a girl 8, a girl 6, a boy 3, without means of support.

THE CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB

On Tuesday evening the 11th inst., the Current Literature Club was most delightfully entertained at the residence of Mrs. Mac Ferguson. The guests were welcomed most graciously by Mrs. Bennett, a niece of our hostess, and ushered into the pretty rooms, whose softened lights gave a touch of added beauty to the lovely Christmas decorations, and the guests as they entered seemed in some way to fall under a magic spell.

The president, Mrs. James King, was present and presided with dignity and ease. The program arranged from the play "As You Like It," was introduced by the roll call to which the members of the club responded with a quotation from Shakespeare.

The first number of the program was a sketch, Rosalinde by Miss Jarman. Piano solo, Mrs. J. E. Malone. Sketch, Celia, Mrs. M. S. Davis. Song, Christmas Lullaby, Starlight gently falls, Mrs. L. L. Whitaker. Sketch, Touchstone by Mrs. J. M. Allen. Song, The Lover and the Lass, from As You Like It, by Mrs. J. A. McIver. Piano duet, Madeline Bailey and Bennett. Reading, George's Christmas present, by Mrs. James King. Piano solo, Pilgrims March, by Miss Rosalind.

One rather mirth provoking feature of the evenings entertainment was the test which was made of the artistic skill of those present. Cards with pencils and crayons were distributed, and each one was asked to draw a picture of Santa Claus. Mrs. M. S. Davis was the winner of the prize awarded for the best drawing, and Mrs. J. M. Allen earned the distinction of winning the booby.

After delicious refreshments had been served, the electric lights were turned off and under the soft radiance of lighted candles, a dramatic entrance was made by Santa Claus, himself, clothed in his crimson and ermine, and with his pack hung across his shoulder. His manner was most pleasing as he addressed the assembled crowd, and then proceeded to distribute to each one a pretty little Christmas package. As an evidence of his kindly spirit, he then granted to all present a closer acquaintance with his saint ship—he took his seat and for a while became one of us. Santa proved to be Master Thomas Wheelers. The evening was voted by all to have been exceptionally pleasant, and closed with many genuine expressions of delight and good will.

A FEW FACTS

As the new year approaches us and there is being so much said about low priced cotton and over production of same, I wish to give the planters of our county a few facts and figures of our own county (Franklin) for them to study through the holidays and see if we can't resolve in the new year to remedy part of it if not the whole.

\$900,000 for guano in the year. It will take the whole 1926 cotton crop to pay for same.

3,000 tons of hay bought in 1925. 1 cow to every 3 families of five in family. 1 sow to every six families of five. 9 hens to every family of five, which lays only an average of 40 eggs per year.

Study this and see if it means no to you.

J. D. NEWMAN.

AGRICULTURAL ANALYSIS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

The following article was contributed by County Agent A. H. Harris. It contains some wonderful facts relative to Franklin county agriculturally and will be interesting to you, read it:

During the last week, two days was spent in the office of the State Statistician compiling some of the farm statistics available on Franklin county as reported each year by farmers when they list their property. The agriculture of Franklin county is out of balance, probably no more so than is the case in numbers of other North Carolina counties, but for prosperity to reign among the producing people of the county certain vital changes must be made in our cropping systems, as can be detected from the facts given below:

The population of the county is approximately 27,000 people, 7,000 of which are children under 7 years of age. With the above figures as a base the estimates in this article were made.

We have 2,926 cows of milking age in the county which give a total production of 918,764 gallons of milk per year, or an average of 314 gallons of milk per cow. The average production of milk per cow over the entire United States is 393 gallons or 79 gallons more than the average cow in Franklin county produces. The total requirement of dairy products (stated in terms of whole milk) by the inhabitants of this county is approximately 15 1/2 million gallons per year while only 2 1/2 million gallons are being consumed. As a result of this deficit I understand that about 31 per cent of the children in the county are under nourished. In view of the fact that only a small per cent of the milk requirement of Franklin county is actually consumed, \$836,000 is spent each year for this commodity in excess to the amount actually produced locally.

Franklin county has 57,632 laying hens within its confines which make a total production of 2,884,100 dozen eggs per year or an average of 5 dozen eggs per hen. For a complete balanced ration, 1,215,000 dozen eggs should be consumed by the people of the county, while only 769,500 dozen are actually consumed.

The pork situation is of vital importance and the following figures deserve close study. 1,130 brood sows are listed in the county and 675,000 pounds of pork is produced annually. Nutrition specialists tell us that this county should consume 1,539,000 pounds of pork for the employment of best health while we actually consume 3,726,000 pounds per year or twice as much as we should spend by residents of the county for this means that at least \$611,400 is pork products annually.

Of the Franklin county farmers produce the necessary amount of hay each year? The acreage of hay last year in the county was 2,200 with a total production of 2,200 tons. The actual consumption of this product was 10,680 tons or a shortage of 8,480 tons. Figuring this shortage at \$30 per ton, we actually spend \$254,400 annually for this commodity.

The total acreage planted to corn in this county last year was 31,576 and made a total production of 568,368 bushels or an average of 18 bushels per acre. The livestock and humans in the county actually consumed 884,408 bushels which gave us a shortage of 416,040 bushels that was purchased from some outside source. For this commodity, we spent \$416,040.

In view of the fact that every family realizes the value of a good garden, only 978 gardens are reported with a total acreage of 163 acres, which serves the 5,400 families in the county, or 3-1/2 of an acre garden for each family. Specialists tell us that this county should consume 9,855,000 pounds of vegetables while only 5,589,000 pounds are actually consumed which shows that we have approximately a 50 per cent shortage of vegetables in our diet. The figures on the number of pounds of vegetables actually produced are not available and for that reason an estimate on the amount spent for garden products cannot be arrived at.

Before leaving the discussion a few of the facts must be related about our money crops. Franklin county farmers have increased the yield of lint cotton per acre 25 per cent in the last 32 years while the average over the entire United States shows a decrease of 22 per cent. The yield of corn per acre in Franklin county shows an increase per acre of 61 percent during the last 40 years, while the average increase for the United States is only 17 per cent. These facts are very encouraging but we can readily see that too much time is being spent with these crops and especially cotton. The facts relating to tobacco have not been secured.

AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service at St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday, as announced by Rev. J. D. Miller, rector will be Sunday school at 10 a. m., holy communion at 11 a. m., and evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. The vestry will meet after the morning service. All are invited to attend these services.

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PUBLISH EARLIER

Owing to next week being Christmas we will publish the Franklin Times on Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday afternoon as formerly in order to give the advertisers a last chance at the Christmas trade. If you have items or advertisements for that issue please get them in earlier than usual.

EDWARD BEST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS DEFEAT LOUISBURG HIGH

The girls basket ball team of Edward Best High School defeated the Louisburg team in the opening game of the season Tuesday night December 14 by a score of 17-13. One outstanding feature of the game was the excellent pass work of both teams. Louise Cooper starred in the last half for Louisburg, making 5 of the 13 points scored by the Louisburg High.

The line up was as follows:
E. B. H. S. L. H. S.
Sears Center Forward Allen
Cooke Right Forward Perry-Cooper
Gardner Right Forward Allen
Morgan Left Forward Beck
Glasgow Center Guard Person
Wester Right Guard Hill
Left Guard Referee, Pete Hoffman.

The class in vocational agriculture has been delayed by the weather in building the farm implement work shop. Each day when weather permits these boys are busy at work on the shop. During other class periods they are working out plans for their home work during the coming year. Each boy studying agriculture carries home work under the supervision of the teacher of agriculture. The class this year is studying field crops. The average size of the boys project will be about three acres.

FIRE THURSDAY

The fire alarm yesterday morning was caused by the roof and framing immediately thereunder of the big Ford warehouse on Nash street being fired after around the stove flue from Faulkner's market. The firemen arrived in time to extinguish the fire before any serious damage was done.

AN APPEALING CAUSE

The Children's Home Society at Greensboro represents a high type of service devoted exclusively to the homeless children of North Carolina. We live in an era of desire to perform service of constructive type to any boy or girl so unfortunate as to be denied the care and protection of his or her own parents.

In the course of each year there are found hundreds of children who would suffer in the midst of plenty and prosperity were it not for the constant attention given by the workers of the Children's Home. Every month produces its quota of deserted children from infants to five and six year old boys and girls. All these waifs find a welcome at the Receiving Home in Greensboro where they are carefully nursed back to normal physical condition. After receiving the necessary treatment which puts them into condition for placement, these children are transferred by legal procedure to approved foster homes and in these new homes they are carefully supervised until of legal age. No more worthy charity presents itself to the citizens of North Carolina for financial support.

At the holiday season an appeal is made for operating funds to carry on the work next year. Upon the response will depend how many children will receive the service of the Children's Home. No one is under obligation to contribute and therefore every one is appealed to. The Children's Home is un denominational and receives no obligated support from the legislature or any church or fraternal order. Therefore the Children's Home addresses its holiday appeal to every Sunday school class, fraternal order and the citizenship of our great State of North Carolina, for a generous holiday donation.

Let no one be entirely satisfied with his distribution of holiday charity until the need of the Children's Home is investigated and recognized.

John J. Phoenix, State Superintendent, states: "No check is too small but that it will be appreciated and none too large but that it may be put to constructive use."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest thanks and appreciations to all in Louisburg and Franklin county for their many courtesies, kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in our recent sad bereavement in the loss of our husband and father. They will be always and lovingly remembered. MRS. D. T. BUNN and Children.

A man is really not an ignoramus until he gets into the same mess twice.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks and Their Friends Who Travel Near and There.

Mr. C.K. Cooke went to Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. G.A. Ricks, of Greensboro, was a visitor to Louisburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mann, of Raleigh, were visitors to Louisburg Friday.

Mr. G. A. Ricks, of the State Highway Department, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Miss Josephine Fuller is home after a few weeks illness and a ten day stay at a hospital in Raleigh, where she suffered from a severe sinus affection.

Mr. M. P. Hoffman, formerly of Louisburg, who is now representing Stetson D. Clothing Co., in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, is spending two weeks in Louisburg.

BIG HOGS

The following hogs have been reported killed in Franklin county the past week.

W. P. Gill, Louisburg township, one weighing 564.

M. T. Howell, Harris township, two weighing 431 and 311.

J. W. Card, Harris township, one weighing 385.

H. B. Edwards, Harris township, one weighing 359.

A. T. Howell, Harris township, three weighing 223, 236 and 225.

L. C. Hicks, Harris township, two weighing 210 and 187.

R. H. Place, Harris township, five weighing 252, 291, 304, 283 and 240.

J. E. Wilder, Cypress Creek township, four weighing 332, 236, 236 and 298.

C. D. Jeffreys Harris township, three weighing 351, 312 and 291.

H. A. Strickland, Harris township, two weighing 242 and 320.

HONOR ROLL NOVEMBER

The pupils of the 4a and 5a grades of the Mills High School have been much interested during the past few months in an effort to get on the honor roll. To have their name upon this roll they must not have an unexcused absence or tardy mark and a passing grade on all their work. This is not an easy goal and the following children well deserve the distinction. They should be encouraged to keep up this high standard:

4a Grade—Hazel Johnson, Mary Fuller Beasley, Allen Cobb, Mary Anna Clifton, Gertrude Holden, Helen Person, Edna Perry.

5a Grade—Alice Smith.

REV. D. T. BUNN DEAD

The funeral services of Rev. D. T. Bunn were held in the Louisburg Baptist church on last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Revs. J. A. McIver, —, Ward, of Spring Hope, and E. C. Sexton of Momeyer, in the presence of a large number of friends of the family and relatives. The remains were then taken to Mapleville where they were gently laid to rest in the beautiful little cemetery at Maple Springs Baptist church, the services at the grave being conducted by the Central Cross Masonic Lodge of which he was a member.

A large number was present at the cemetery and the newly made grave was banked with beautiful flowers, expressing tenderly and forcibly the love and esteem in which he was held by the many who knew him.

Until about two years ago Rev. Mr. Bunn lived near Midway church in Franklin county, where he reared a large family and where he built up a love and esteem among his neighbors and fellowmen that will cause him to be greatly missed. He was a devoted and consecrated minister of the gospel and served many charges in Franklin county, and was always enthusiastic in his work saving souls of men. He left Franklin county about two years ago to take a charge at Mt. Gilead, in Western North Carolina, later coming to Middlesex where he located and was living at his death. For some time he has been in bad health and was taken to a hospital in Winston-Salem for treatment, where the end came to a useful life, on Saturday morning at 1 o'clock. His remains were brought to Louisburg to rest in his native soil arriving here at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Bunn leaves a wife and six children. Rev. J. E. Bunn, pastor of Baptist church at Mt. Gilead, N. C., Mr. B. D. Bunn, superintendent of City School of Lillington, Mrs. W. M. Harper of Spring Hope, Mr. Rodney T. Bunn of Danville, Va., Mr. Lester Bunn of Troy, and Miss Annie Bunn of Middlesex.

The family has the deepest sympathy of the entire county in their sad bereavement.

It must be a terrible feeling to own the best automobile made and not be able to wish you had a better one.