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## More About Louisburg Light and Water Plants

The editor of the TIMES has been anxious to give to the citizens of Louisburg a separated operating report of the light and water plants of Louisburg. It is our pleasure to present them to you for your consideration for twelve months ending April 30th, 1927, as follows:

May 11, 1927.

Mr. Asher Johnson, Editor,  
Franklin Times,  
Louisburg, N. C.  
Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request I beg to submit herewith statements showing the results of operation of the Water and Electric Light Plants of the Town of Louisburg, N. C.

From the statement of operation of the Water Plant for the year ended April 30, 1927, it will be noted that the loss, after making provision for amortization, was \$6,108.31.

The results from operation of the Electric Light Plant for the year ended April 30, 1927, as shown by the attached statement, after making provision for amortization, was \$10,746.53.

The figures used in the preparation of the statement submitted herewith are taken from the records of the town and are in agreement with detail audit as made by me with the following exceptions:

Charge to the Water Plant for power (credit for same is given to the light plant) was made from meter readings over the past several months, an average taken for the year and the charge made at three cents per K. W. As the current furnished for street lighting is not metered the charge was made upon information furnished me by Mr. Hill, and in comparison with other towns of similar size I am of the opinion that it is approximately correct.

Interest on bonds is not taken into consideration in either of the above statements as this interest has been fully provided for in the tax levy, but the provision made for amortization would amply cover either the replacing of the two plants or the retirement of bonds. In either case to be handled properly these sums should be set aside in a sinking fund, but it has been the custom of the town to use these profits for general purposes, thereby making possible a lower tax rate.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE L. KLING.

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE OF WATER PLANT FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1927

REVENUE		
Sale of Service		\$8,569.49
EXPENSE		
Superintendent's Salary	\$1,200.00	
Labor	1,711.05	
Power	3,045.60	
Chemicals	767.28	
Supplies	723.13	
Repairs	309.39	
Truck Expense	114.45	
Water Tax	64.00	
Traveling Expense (Water Convention)	50.00	
Total Expense		\$7,985.40
Gross Profit—Water Plant—before provision for Amortization		\$ 584.09
Annual Charge for Amortization (Cost of plant \$139,698.12)		6,692.40
Net Loss—Water Plant		\$6,108.31

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT FOR THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1927

REVENUE		
Sale of Service to Consumers	\$23,408.97	
Service Furnished Water Plant	3,045.60	
Service For Street Lighting	3,000.00	
Sale of Oil and Materials	1,184.37	
Total Revenue		\$30,638.94
EXPENSE		
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,200.00	
Labor	1,935.36	
Oil and Fuel	10,707.64	
Repairs	726.49	
Supplies	962.72	
Truck Expense	153.68	
Insurance	42.50	
Total Expense		\$15,728.41
Gross Profit—Electric Light Plant—before Provision for Amortization		\$14,910.53
Annual Charge for Amortization (Cost of Plant \$102,888.18)		4,164.00
Net Profit Electric Light Plant		\$10,746.53

Contrary to our expectations the Water Plant turned in a gross profit of \$584.09. This of course was before anything had been set aside to pay back to the town the money the town borrowed to install the plant and to pay interests which are provided in the tax levy by law. After deducting \$6,692.40, or five per cent of the capital invested, it leaves a total cost to the tax payers of \$6,108.31. It will be noticed that only \$1,200 has been allowed for Superintendency and \$1,711.05 for labor. Should the light plant be sold these items could not be duplicated as they represent a share arrangement with the light plant. Another item that is entirely inadequate is the \$3,045.60 allowed to pay forelectric current to pump water. According to figures received from Franklinton it cost them \$191.10 to pump water the month of April, 1927. On this basis it would cost Franklinton \$2,399.20 to pump water for a year. It is conceded that Louisburg uses at least three times as much water as does Franklinton. This being true on the same basis it would cost Louisburg \$6,779.60 to pump water a year.

From the figures in the report for the light plant will be seen that after setting aside \$4,164.00 to repay the town for its cost, and paying all its expenses including repairs it shows a net profit to the town of \$10,746.53. It will be noticed that only \$3,000.00 has been allowed for lighting the streets and only \$2,045.60 for pumping water. Again comparing with Franklinton rates which we are informed result in a total cost of \$197.00 a month for lighting the streets it will be seen that the annual cost to Franklinton would be \$2,364.00. Again it is agreed that Louisburg has at least three times as many street lights. This being true at the same rates it would cost Louisburg \$7,092.00 a year to light its streets. It would be only fair to give the plant credit for this additional cost and the additional cost for pumping water, which would increase the profits \$8,526.00, or making a total of \$19,272.53.

Therefore on the basis of the Franklinton rates and this report, should the town sell the light plant it would cost the tax payers, in increased taxes by reason of the loss of profits which is the only other means it has of raising money, the following amounts:

Loss of net revenue from sale of electric current	\$10,746.53
Amount to make up loss on water plant	6,108.31
Difference between what is allowed for lighting streets and comparison with Franklinton rates	4,092.00
Difference between what is allowed for pumping water and the comparison on basis of Franklinton figures	4,734.00
To total loss to be made up in taxes	\$25,680.84

Since the taxable property of Louisburg is only \$1,523,655 it can be readily seen that taxes will have to be increased \$1.88 on the hundred dollars or the elimination of this revenue would stop a reduction in taxes of the same amount. The above of course would be entitled to whatever credit the sale price of the light plant might earn, which would necessarily be small.

Can Louisburg afford to sell the only thing it has that produces a profit and hold on to the unprofitable ones?

## DR. POTEAT SPEAKS AT GOLD SAND

Twelve Youngs People Graduate

Class Presents Bronze Tablet To School In Appreciation Of Broader Opportunities; Dinner Served On Grounds; Big Day For All

Possibly the most glorious day in the history of Sandy Creek and Gold Mine townships was on Friday when the first class graduated from the new consolidated high school.

Dr. H. M. Poteat, of the Wake Forest College Faculty delivered a strong and most interesting address using for his theme that we are catering too much to a public opinion that is built upon a selfish influence. He took the position that we should continue to build character rather than to learn of some trick to make money. He said education is that process by which we prepare ourselves to comprehend that which we do not understand.

Miss Alta West, president of the graduating class in a most pretty little speech presented the school with a bronze tablet, as an appreciation of the mothers and fathers of the district for the broader opportunities they had made possible for the children of the district by the erection of the new school building. The tablet was received with a few well chosen words by A. F. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Education, on the part of his board, the Board of Trustees of the school and the parents in the district.

Principal C. B. Howard made a address to the class telling of the many happy hours spent together and appealing to them to complete the education by going off to some reputable college.

The High School Diplomas were delivered to members of the class by Principal Howard.

The services were opened with a prayer by Mr. W. D. Fuller and the speaker was introduced by A. F. Johnson, editor of the Franklin Times. The high school choir sang "Morning Song," and "The Call of Summer."

Just as the morning services were coming to a close, Mr. David Thomas Fuller, a member of the graduating class and business manager of "Golden Pebbles" the school annual, rose and in a very appreciative and complimentary manner presented Supt. E. L. Best with a copy of the annual to convey to him the appreciations of the class for his interest in them and the school.

Dinner was then served on the grounds after which a debate was held in the afternoon and a play at night, closing a most successful year.

## OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Mayor Williamson Appoints Committees

Board of Commissioners Take Immediate Action On Purchase of Additional Unit for Power Plant; Turn Down Proposition Power Company Make Survey But Notify Them To Submit Proposition If They Wish To

The Board of Town Commissioners met in called session on Thursday night of last week. On roll call those present were Mayor Williamson, Commissioners Person, White, Allen, McKinnis, Ford and Joyner.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with and the election of officers was entered into at once.

On motion of A. W. Person and second by P. S. Allen the following officers were re-elected:

Clerk, A. W. Green.  
Chief of Police, B. H. Meadows.  
Police and attendant of fire truck, C. E. Pace.  
Superintendent of water and lights, O. C. Hill.  
Treasurer, M. S. Clifton.  
Chief of fire department, F. J. Beasley.

Town Attorney, Ben T. Holden.  
Health Officer, Dr. J. E. Malone.  
Purchasing agent, Malcolm McKinnis.

The Mayor appointed the following committees:

Water and Lights—P. S. Allen, L. L. Joyner, W. E. White.  
Streets—A. W. Person, M. McKinnis, G. W. Ford.  
Finance—W. E. White, A. W. Person, Malcolm McKinnis.  
Ordinance—L. L. Joyner, W. E. White, G. W. Ford.

Auditing Committee—Malcolm McKinnis, P. S. Allen, A. W. Person.  
Building Committee—G. W. Ford, P. S. Allen, L. L. Joyner.

The treasurer was appointed "with the condition that he immediately divide equally all funds belonging to the town of Louisburg depositing said equal amounts in the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the First National Bank of Louisburg and so maintain such equal deposits. Further, that he furnish at each regular meeting a statement of

## HON. GEORGE K. FREEMAN

To Deliver Memorial Day Address May 29th

Franklin County Memorial Association Met Monday To Arrange For Memorial Day Services

Franklin County Memorial Association officers and members met in the Board of Education rooms Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of arranging for the memorial services for this year. It was decided to use Sunday, May 29th at 2:30 o'clock at the court house. Chairman E. L. Best announced that he had secured Hon. George K. Freeman, American Legion National Committee man to make the address.

A motion prevailed that the officers elected last year carry out the program this year and that in the future all new officers would take over office after the Memorial Day services following their election.

Other portions of the program that had been arranged were as follows: Roll call of deceased soldiers, by T. K. Stockard, Commander of the Jambes Post American Legion.

Introduction of speaker, by Col. C. L. McGhee, Franklinton.

Presentation of cup and medal given by the Jambes Post American Legion to the school and writer of the best essay, by Maj. S. P. Boddie.

The entire program had not been completed and we are promised a complete program for our next issue.

The election of officers was not completed and will no doubt be announced next week.

It is earnestly desired that the name of any World War veteran who is buried in Franklin county and whose name the organization has not whether he died before or since May of last year, will be sent to Chairman E. L. Best, Louisburg, N. C. In sending this information please give a clear explanation of the location of the grave so that the committee to whom it is consigned may be able to find it. The Memorial Association is anxious that no World War soldiers' graves in Franklin county shall go undecorated this year and if all the people of the county will lend their assistance they will all be decorated.

Hon. George Freeman is a most interesting and fluent speaker and we know you will enjoy the day and feel better by having taken a part the services.

Make your arrangements and come out and let's make it the biggest day of the year, letting the boys who are still living know that their valiant deeds are not yet forgotten.

## COTTON DANCE

A cotton dance will be given at the Planters Warehouse in Louisburg on Friday night May 20th, by the local Music-Civic Club. The music will be furnished by the Carolina Footwarmers and a big crowd is expected.

## PLAY AT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

The Dramatic Club of Mills High School will present three one-act plays Monday night, May 23rd, in the high school auditorium.

Your troubles will not "grow" if you quit telling them to others.

## TWO GO TO ROADS

Cases against B. C. Carpenter and Charlie Carpenter sent to Superior Court. Judge Perry finishes up docket in short order Monday:

State vs B. C. Carpenter, Charlie Carpenter, assault with deadly weapon, transferred to Superior Court upon \$500 bond.

State vs Washington Taylor, carrying concealed weapon, guilty, 6 months on roads.

State vs Washington Taylor, disorderly conduct, guilty, 2 months on roads.

State vs Lewis Moss, nuisance, not guilty.

State vs Lewis Moss, operating automobile intoxicated, not guilty.

State vs Roy Moss, nuisance, guilty, prayer for judgment continued during good behavior for 6 months upon payment of costs.

State vs Bennie Finch, nuisance, guilty, prayer for judgment continued during good behavior for 6 months upon payment of costs.

State vs B. C. Carpenter, assault with deadly weapon, transferred to Superior Court, bond \$500.

State vs Charlie Hunt, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty, prayer for judgment continued for six months during good behavior upon payment of costs.

## FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR B. W. BALLARD

Remains of Prominent Citizen of Franklinton Laid To Rest In Cemetery There

Franklinton, May 10.—Funeral services were held Monday at 5 o'clock from the home of B. W. Ballard, who died Sunday afternoon in a Richmond hospital, following an operation for intestinal trouble. The services were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. E. H. Davis, assisted by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church of New Bern. Burial was in the Franklinton cemetery.

Mr. Ballard was 73 years of age and one of the best known citizens of Franklin county. He had been a representative of the county in the Legislature and was a Shriner, member of the school board and a prominent member of the Methodist church of Franklinton. He was for a number of years superintendent of the Sunday school of the Methodist church though not at the time of his death.

For a considerable portion of his life he was in the mercantile business here, but some years ago retired from that line of work and before being taken ill dealt in coal and as a buyer of cotton. He was held in high esteem and was a valued citizen of the community.

Mr. Ballard is survived by his wife and the following children: W. J. Ballard of Franklinton; Mrs. R. F. Yarborough of Louisburg; Mrs. W. F. Joyner of Franklinton and Miss Kate Ballard of Raleigh.

The pallbearers were as follows: Honorary—Van Ballard, Nicholson Victor, Ballard, W. Y. Bickett, E. M. Speed, W. W. Green, Howard Alston, R. I. Cheatham, E. J. Cheatham, Dr. J. E. Malone, A. S. Joyner, J. T. Moss, S. C. Williams, J. H. Cooke, John R. Mitchner, J. Rufus Joye, Active—Dr. R. F. Yarborough, J. B. Cheatham, Walter E. Egerton, Wm. B. Barrow, Herbert Alston, Joe Green, Dr. S. C. Ford, J. S. Morris.

Friends attended in large numbers and were present from many neighboring towns, and the floral tributes was profuse and especially beautiful, silently speaking a message of love and esteem.

The information that Mr. B. W. Ballard was dead in Richmond as a result of an operation was received by his hosts of friends in Louisburg on Sunday with great sorrow.

Mr. Ballard was a true type of the old time Southern gentleman whose great love for honesty and fairness and his deep regard and respect for friends and the public generally made staunch friends of all his acquaintances. He was never afraid to stand up and fight for the things that were right and that were to his mind a benefit to his community. His counsel was often sought, and he always stood in the lead in the activities of his party giving his assistance in guiding the old ship of State in the true channel of public interests. For a long number of years he was a member of the Board of Elections in Franklin county and was a delegate to the last National Democratic Convention.

In his death his many friends in Louisburg realize that Franklin county has lost one of its most useful and truest citizens and in the deepest sorrow extend the truest sympathy because of the realization of the loss of a great man, to his bereaved family.

WINS PRIZE FOR ESSAY

Miss Mary Malone Best, 9th Grade Mills High School To Receive Medal

Commander T. K. Stockard of the Jambes Post American Legion has made the announcement that Miss Mary Malone Best of the Mills High School is the successful contestant in the Post's Essay Contest for 1927. This gives to the Mills High School the cup that was won last year by the Edward Best High School and the Medal to Miss Best which went to Mr. Guy Moore before.

Miss Best is only 15 years of age and in the ninth grade and the winning of this prize is a signal honor to her both as a student and one interested in her home. She is a descendant of two of the county's most cultured families, and her paper gives evidence of an inherited genius in the literary life of her county and state.

We congratulate her in the winning and the Mills High School upon its good fortune of having her as a student.

The judges of the essays that made the award were Miss Lillie Letton, of the Department of English of Louisburg College, Dr. H. H. Johnson and Judge H. W. Perry, of the Jambes Post American Legion. The cup and medal are annual gifts to encourage a more thorough study of the history, past and present of Franklin county and especially as it affects its activities in the late World War.

The cup and medal will be presented at the memorial services in Louisburg on Sunday May 29th, 1927.

ALUMNAE BANQUET

The annual Alumnae Banquet of Louisburg College will be held Saturday evening May 21st at 8 o'clock in the college dining room. All former students are invited to attend. Please send dues (\$1 for banquet fee dues alone 50 cents) to Miss Mary Ramsey, Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C., before May 20th, 1927.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S

Rev. J. D. Miller, rector St. Paul's Episcopal church announces services at both morning and evening hours next Sunday. At 11 a. m. Holy Communion will be observed and at 8 o'clock p. m. evening prayer. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. All are invited to attend these services.

## COMMENCEMENT AT EDWARD BEST SCHOOL

Principal Address Delivered By Dr. J. Henry Highsmith; Diplomas and Medals Awarded

The closing exercises of the Edward Best High School were a fitting climax to a splendid session.

On Sunday night, May 1, Dr. Culom, of Wake Forest College, preached an inspiring sermon, using as a text, "Take my yoke upon you, etc." A large and appreciative audience listened to him with rapt attention.

In contests for medals on Monday night, May 2, the following did credit to themselves, and to Miss Deanie B. Haskett and Miss Jewel Clark, the teachers who trained them. George Earp, Randolph McGregor, Graham Hayes, Wilson Bobbitt, Joseph Perry, Wilson Edwards, Nannie Morgan, Clara Wester, Elsie Moore, Rachel Parrish, Essie Moore and Grace Eaton. The winners were Joseph Perry and Grace Eaton.

The Class Day exercises were presented in picnic style, on Tuesday night May 3. These were directed by Miss Lucille Inscow and were highly entertaining.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith's address on Wednesday morning, May 4, was an earnest appeal for equal educational opportunities for all the children of the State.

Following the address, Principal T. H. Sledge presented diplomas to the following:

Bernice Boons, Oyeda Bowden, Lila Belle Bartholomew, Mary Fowler, Elizabeth Glasgow, Grover Griffin, Joseph Inscow, Vallie Inscow, Margaret Johnson, Thurston Murphy, Joseph Perry, Bernice Strickland, Christine Sledge, Claudia Belle Smith, Alice Strickland, Zena Tharrington and Iva West.

Medals were presented by Mr. Sledge as follows:

Scholarship, Christine Sledge; declaimer, Joseph Perry; reciter, Grace Eaton; home economics, Beatrice Jenkins.

Mrs. T. H. Dickens in well chosen words, presented a miniature gold basketball to Evelyn Gardner for having been the best athlete among the girls during the session.

The noon hour having arrived, a sumptuous dinner was much enjoyed by the throng of people present.

In the afternoon a baseball game between the Epsom boys and a team composed of players from Justice and Castalia, was quite enjoyable. The Epsom boys won by a 3 to 2 score.

The play entitled "Sue" was well presented by the tenth grade pupils on Wednesday night. The following played their respective parts in a highly creditable manner. Haswood Creekmore, Grace Eaton, Nannie Sears, Burt May Mildred Hayman, Clarence Ball and Linwood Perry. To Miss Deanie B. Haskett is due much credit for the excellent manner in which the play was presented.

The music throughout the commencement exercises was excellent being furnished by Mrs. T. H. Sledge and the high school glee club.