

## REUBEN HARRIS MAKES CON- FESSION

### Exonerates Pearce in Death of Father

Grand Jury Falls To Find True Bill Against J. Robin Pearce; Hon. E. H. Cramer, Judge Presiding; Henry Clark, for Murder, and Loig Hoffman, for Manslaughter, Were Acquitted

Hon. E. H. Cramer, presiding at the present term of Franklin Superior Court, delivered a strong, interesting and forceful charge to the grand jury at the opening of court Monday. Unlike the usual charge he stressed the fact that our laws are based upon right and wrong as is taught in the bible and his charge was a splendid sermon. It was listened to by a large number.

Hon. Leon S. Brassfield, Solicitor of this district, was present and ably protecting the States interest.

Henry Clark, who was tried for the murder of Eugene Foster, colored, last August, was acquitted, the evidence showing that the murder was committed in self defense.

Lola Hoffman, who was acquitted of manslaughter, was the case in which a little child of Joe Turner Pearce was run over by a car driven by Lola Hoffman and killed. The evidence presented the occurrence as an unavoidable accident.

The grand jury is composed of the following gentlemen: J. E. Harris, Foreman; A. S. Gupton, J. N. Bartholomew, W. B. Jenkins, W. A. Massey, W. T. Hoyle, B. N. Layton, A. E. Spivey, J. T. Fisher, W. F. Leonard, Sr., T. B. Conyers, H. B. Shearin, G. H. Dickie, W. H. Gupton, F. N. Egerton, Caleb Allen, C. E. Richards, A. J. Frazier, J. P. Pleasants was sworn as officer to the grand jury.

After the charge the docket was taken up and disposed of as follows: State vs Henry Clarke, murder, not guilty.

State vs Frank Burwell, enters plea of guilty of forcible trespass, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

State vs Carlton Wright, operating automobile intoxicated, pleads guilty, fined \$50 and costs and not to drive an automobile in North Carolina in 6 months.

State vs Tom Catlett, false pretense, pleads guilty, prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs, and to appear at October and January terms of court for two years to show good behavior.

State vs A. M. Gardner, crime against nature, nol pros with leave.

State vs Andrew Walker, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs Andrew Walker, carrying concealed weapon, not guilty.

State vs Lola Hoffman, manslaughter, not guilty.

State vs Acey Alston, housebreaking and larceny, pleads guilty, 12 months in State prison.

State vs W. S. Pearce, murder, nol pros. (Pearce was being held in this case in connection with the murder of Henry Harris, but the confession of Reuben Harris telling that he killed his father in self defense, exonerated Pearce and a nol pros was therefore entered.)

Not a true bill was the finding of the grand jury in the case against J. Robin Pearce of Youngsville, for the murder of Joe Canady, colored, in the raid last summer wherein Mr. Pearce's son and the negro were killed and Mr. Pearce himself badly wounded. This action was taken up to clear the legal situation involved.

State vs Dorsey Walker and Clyde Husketh, larceny of automobile, pleads guilty.

State vs H. K. Perry, disposing of mortgaged property, continued.

State vs James Arthur, alias, Stovepipe, alias James Williams, larceny, guilty.

State vs Jarvis Massenburg, bigamy pleads guilty, 12 months in jail, commissioners to hire out.

State vs Tollie Moore, Woodrow Leonard, Louis Smith, Allison Baker, larceny, guilty.

State vs Simon Collie, assault, pleads guilty, upon payment of costs, giving bond of \$150 prayer for judgment continued for two years and to appear at each May and October term of Franklin Superior Court for two years and show good behavior.

State vs Doyett Hagwood, sale of whiskey, not guilty.

State vs Willie Joyner, larceny, not guilty.

State vs Hayden D. Drake, practicing medicine without being licensed, jury found the defendant to be insane.

State vs Reuben Harris, murder, pleads guilty to second degree, 20 to 25 years in State Prison.

The docket was being rapidly disposed of as this report closed. The grand jury had not completed its work and made its report and indications were the term would hold on into its second week.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY UNION

The following is a program of the Union to be held at Cypress Chapel on January 28th and 29th:

Saturday, 10:30 a. m. Devotional, James Matthews.

10:45 a. m. Some teachings in the book of Ezekiel, Rev. J. A. McIver.

11:25 a. m. Special music, Mrs. J. A. McIver.

12:00 m. Miscellaneous.

12:15 p. m. Dinner hour.

1:30 p. m. Devotional, Mrs. John S. Howell.

1:45 p. m. Reports from different W. M. U. Organizations.

2:15 p. m. Our W. M. U. Training School, Neva Harper.

2:45 p. m. What the W. M. U. means to the church, Rev. W. T. Brown.

Saturday Evening

7:00. Devotional, Reuben Strange.

7:15. B. Y. P. U. reports.

7:30. What the B. Y. P. U. has done for me, John Edwards.

7:45. Special music.

7:50. What the B. Y. P. U. means to the church.

8:05. B. Y. P. U. playlet, Wood B. Y. P. U.

Sunday Morning

10:00. Devotional, Lillie Harper.

10:15. The Sunday school as a teaching agency, Julian S. Hopkins.

10:45. The Sunday school as a soul winning institution, Rev. J. H. Harper.

11:15. Sermon, Rev. G. W. May.

### R. M. MCKINNEY CAMP TO MEET

A meeting of the R. M. McKinney Camp U. C. V. will be held in the court house in Louisburg, on Saturday, January 28th, 1928, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and to ascertain how many will attend the reunion. All members are urged to attend.

D. C. THARRINGTON,  
Commander

### NEW FIRM FOR LOUISBURG

M. Rabel is the name of a new firm for Louisburg having moved here from Smithfield the past week and will occupy the building next to the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The TIMES man was informed by Mr. Rabel that they would carry a complete and up to the minute line of ladies and gentlemen's ready to wear and furnishings. They expect to get opened up by Saturday.

### COUNTY FEDERATION MEETING POSTPONED

Mrs. S. B. Nash, Secretary of the Franklin County Federation of Women Clubs, writes that on account of Miss Caldwell's illness the Federation meeting has been postponed until February.

### YOU AND YOUR MONEY

The pastor of the Louisburg Circuit will fill his regular appointments Sunday, January 22, preaching from the following subjects:

Shiloh 11 a. m. "You and Your Money."

Piney Grove, 2:30 p. m. "The Christian's Hope."

### COUNTY COUNCIL P. T. ASSOCIATION

Saturday afternoon, January 21, at 2:30, the County Council of Parent-Teachers Association will hold its meeting at the Mills High School. The State president of the Parent-Teachers work, Mrs. Frank Castlebury is expected to be on the program. Special selections of music will be furnished from the Franklin and Epsom Associations. All Associations in the county are expected to make reports of all activities of their association for the half year. It is expected to be a very helpful and interesting meeting, so if you don't want to miss something worth while, be sure to attend this meeting.

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SUNDAY

As part of the program for the new year, fourth Sunday services will be especially for the children at the eleven o'clock hour of the Methodist church, and for the young people at the seven-thirty evening hour, Mrs. A. W. Mohr to have charge of, and furnish through the cooperation of the college and the young people of the town special music. The older people will enjoy these services even more than the other services. All are invited, but especially the children and young people are requested to make these their special services.

Sunday morning the theme will be, "The Forgotten Boy." The night message will be on, "The Kingship of Self."

Ours is a friendly church, a hearty handclasp and welcome to all visitors.

### CARD OF THANKS

We here take the opportunity to sincerely thank all those who tendered us so many kindnesses during the illness, and death of our wife and mother.

GEO. W. CYRUS and Daughters.

It takes the month of January to show us just what the weather man means by "mean temperature."

### BUNN BANKING CO., LIQUIDATED

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bunn Banking Co., it was decided to liquidate the affairs of that institution. This step was taken because the stock holders of the bank had not received any returns from their investment in a long time, and in order that the depositors might get full value of their funds, without further loss to the stock holders. We are informed that the bank is in most excellent condition, and have funds to pay every depositor in full. In order to reduce the expense of liquidation to a minimum, the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Louisburg was asked, and agreed to act as liquidating agent. Those who have funds with the Bunn Banking Co., can get their money at any time, we are informed.

Mr. Kanyo will be with the Farmers and Merchants Bank for some time, and will be glad to give his friends any information he can.

### MRS. G. W. CYRUS DEAD

On last Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the funeral services of Mrs. G. W. Cyrus, who died Saturday night, were conducted from her home by Rev. J. A. McIver, and interment made in the Louisburg cemetery.

The deceased was 61 years of age. Her congenial and cheery disposition won scores of friends, and the high esteem of her neighbors. She was a true comrade to her husband and children, living in a closeness unusual to many.

Besides her husband she leaves three daughters, Misses Nena and Nellie Cyrus, of Louisburg and Mrs. John R. Montgomery, of Ahoskie.

The host of relatives and friends, and the floral tribute bespoke of the love of those who gathered to pay their last tribute.

The pall bearers were: Honorary: Messrs. G. H. Coper, W. J. Cooper, W. D. Upchurch, G. A. Andrews, J. W. Weaver, J. W. Perry. Active—W. G. Tharrington, M. C. Murphy, Myron Pleasants, S. C. Foster, W. N. Fuller, Perry Cooke.

### INVESTIGATES FIRES

Capt. W. A. Scott, of the State Insurance Department, was in Louisburg last week making investigations concerning the several fires in Louisburg immediately preceding his visit. As a result of his investigation, we are informed, Frank Macon, colored, was given a severe lecturing and shown that indications pointed to him and told what the consequences would be should the fires continue. Just what evidence the officers had against Frank was not disclosed, however, no fires have been reported since.

### ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Tucker delightfully entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening at six-thirty o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and evergreens. The dining room was thrown open and revealed a table extending the length of the room. The table was lovely with its decorations of silver-candlesticks with the lighted candles and silver baskets of fruit.

A four course dinner was served consisting of grape fruit, cream of tomato soup, turkey with dressing, English peas, candied yams, asparagus tips, fried oysters, quail, cranberry sauce, olives, celery, hot biscuit and tipsy cake.

At the conclusion of the dinner card tables were placed and the guests enjoyed five rounds of bridge. On the bridge tables were salted nuts and home made candy.

Those attending the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White, of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Ros Eearle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. William White, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Malone, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Egerton.

### THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the new year was held by the Twentieth Century Book Club with Mrs. A. B. Perry. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. W. D. Jackson. Regrets were expressed at losing two of our members, Mrs. John Thompson and Mrs. Whitaker.

The Club unanimously voted to ask Miss Mary Wilson, one of the old club members, who has recently come back into our midst, to attend all meetings as a regular member, and to also receive books in the place of Mrs. Whitaker who had moved away.

The study for the afternoon was Flemish Art. The following very interesting program was given.

Reubens, His Works, by Mrs. Whitaker, read by Mrs. J. B. Beasley.

Van Dyck, Life and Works, by Mrs. Hugh Perry, read by Mrs. Robert Smithwick.

Reading by Miss Egerton of Louisburg College.

Study of Baby Stuart, Mrs. A. B. Inscoc.

Refreshments consisting of creamed chicken on toast, cranberry jelly, fried oysters, green peas, hot rolls and coffee, followed by tipsy cake, was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ernest Ferguson.

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### Nicaraguan Rebel Chief



A recent snap shot, just received at Marine Corps Headquarters, of General Augustino Sandino, leader of the revolutionists in Nicaragua. A number of marines have lost their lives in battles with the native troops under General Sandino.

### FIREBUGS IN WASHINGTON CITY

Washington, Jan. 17.—John J. Fisher, confessed to the police tonight that he set two of the series of fires which raged throughout the capital early today.

An irresistible impulse, the man said, led him to start fires at the Mc. Dowell Grain warehouse at Q street and Eckington Place, northeast, and at the Lank Woodwork company at 1341 W street, northwest.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Twenty-four fire alarms, several believed to be the work of pyromaniac, worked Washington up to fever heat between midnight and noon today and scurried the entire city's fire fighting forces and those of other cities to a dozen blazes in different sections of the capital.

Taking stock of the unprecedented situation, officials found that more than 30 firemen had been slightly injured, industrial property losses estimated at several hundred thousand dollars had been suffered and a psychopathic patient of Walter Reed hospital was being held for questioning.

Five of the fires were of the multiple alarm variety and necessitated the calling for help from neighboring towns. Baltimore, 40 miles away, responded promptly, and its fire forces helped fight two of the big blazes, and, incidentally, paid a twenty-four year old debt to the capital which helped Baltimore combat its big fire of 1904.

### ICE-COVERED WINGS AGAIN FOIL FLIERS

New York, Jan. 17.—Ice-encrusted wings, which frustrated a third attempt by Clarence D. Chamberlin to establish a flight duration record, are regarded by him as an explanation for the disappearance of many airplanes in trans-Atlantic flight attempts.

Chamberlin, forced out of the air three and one-half hours after he and a companion, Roger Q. Williams, started another attempt at the duration record, yesterday brought his plane to the ground burdened with 700 pounds of ice, which formed in twenty minutes.

"What would have happened in another 20 minutes more I don't know," he said, "our experience undoubtedly accounts for a good many of the people who disappeared in trans-Atlantic flights last year.

"To fly on with ice forming steadily or to dump the gas would be fatal either way, probably. If they did not dump their load, but tried to keep on, they were bound to reach the power where the maximum number of revolutions of their motors would be insufficient to keep the heavily weighted plane aloft."

Plans for another attempt at the duration record will depend upon arrangements he can make with regard to a two months' lecture tour on which Chamberlin is scheduled to start tomorrow. Williams is willing to make another attempt any time Chamberlin is ready.

### NEGRO MINSTREL

There will be a negro minstrel at Royal School, Thursday night, January 26, 1928. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Proceeds for the school.

### INVESTIGATING REPORT THAT GENERAL SANDINO WAS AIR RAID VICTIM

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 18.—Marine Corps headquarters tonight were attempting to verify a report that the rebel general, Augustino Sandino, was killed in an airplane bombardment of his headquarters at El Chipote Saturday.

Nicaraguans arriving from the Department of Nuevo Segovia, in which fighting between Marines and Sandino's forces has taken place, say that he was killed "the first part of the week." They say his wife left San Rafael hurriedly for El Chipote, and that she is returning with it to San Rafael, where a big funeral is to be held.

Marine aviators place the most severe bombing of Sandino's stronghold since operations against him began as having taken place Saturday. Fliers who participated said at the time 40 rebels were killed and many wounded.

### GRAND LODGE TO BUILD NEW TEMPLE

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Masonic Order, last night approved a special committee report, consenting to the purchase of a six or seven acre site by Masonic bodies of Raleigh for erection of a new North Carolina Masonic Temple.

The lodge consent to purchase of the site and Grand Master Dunn, last night elevated to the place by John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville as grand master the last year, will appoint a special committee of five to work out the business details, to formulate plans for erection of the temple, the kind of building, character, cost and let the contract.

"We feel that we should no longer delay action looking to erection of a temple that will adequately meet the needs of the lodge," the special committee report said.

The site upon which options have been secured is opposite St. Mary's School and adjoins the Hillsboro street home of the late Benahan Cameron on the West.

The committee which will be appointed was given five years by the Grand Lodge to complete its plans, but will start immediately and actual construction will follow the sale of the present six Masonic Temple at the corner of Fayetteville and Hargett streets which was erected in 1907.

The present building is valued at \$400,000 and the lot at the corner of McDowell and Hargett streets owned by the local Masonic bodies is valued at \$100,000.

It is planned to erect a new building costing somewhere around \$500,000, which will be an imposing structure and will be used for Masonic purposes exclusively.

Officers in line of promotion elected last night were John J. Phoenix, Greensboro, Deputy Grand Master; E. W. Timberlake, Jr., Wake Forest, Senior Grand Warden and B. S. Roster, Jr., Oxford, Junior Grand Warden.

In addition the Grand Lodge re-elected W. W. Wilson as Grand Secretary for his twelfth term and re-elected B. R. Lacy, Grand Treasurer for his eleventh term.

Dr. J. C. Braswell, Whitakers, was re-elected representative to the Masonic Service Association and J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, was re-elected representative to the George Washington Memorial Association—News and Observer.

### EPWORTH HI LEAGUE ORGANIZED METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty of the high school Methodist boys and girls met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Lane Friday night and enjoyed a delightful social evening together. Humorous contests and games were enthusiastically entered into by all present.

The organization of the Hi League was explained, discussed and unanimously decided upon, and committees appointed to perfect the organization, nominate officers, and complete the plans for getting the four-fold organization under way. Mrs. James Malone was present to assist in sponsoring the organization, and met with them in their first weekly devotional Sunday evening at seven o'clock.

The following were present and are charter members: Mary Malone Best, Cora Beasley, Stewart Davis, Edward Stovall, Lucy Herman, Ava Harris, Patricia Holden, Sam Pearce, Temple Yarbrough, Margaret Holden, Doris Strang, Lucy P. Jones, Josephine Perry, Harry Holden, Lydia Person, Virginia Pleasants, and Sarah Hicks. Others were present Sunday night.

### COLLEGE ENTERTAINS JUDGE CRAMER

Judge E. H. Cramer, Supt. E. L. Best and Rev. Daniel Lane were guests of Louisburg College at supper on Tuesday night. The Judge was presented to the student body and made a most interesting and entertaining speech.

Immediately following supper the seniors held a reception in the college reception rooms and entertained the Judge with yells and songs.

The evening was very pleasantly spent.

### OFFERS \$5.00 IN GOLD

### FOR NAME FOR BUTTER

Farmers Creamery Now Taking Shape To Begin Business; Officers Elected

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Creamery, Inc., held last week Mr. Fisher J. Beasley, cashier of the First National Bank, was elected president, Dr. W. R. Bass was elected secretary, and Mr. Maurice S. Clifton, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, was elected treasurer. The vice-presidents elected were Messrs. A. F. Johnson, A. E. Henderson, and W. D. Bowden. The Executive Committee elected were F. J. Beasley, F. W. Justice, Dr. W. R. Bass.

The directors instructed the officers to begin arranging all necessary details for an immediate installment of machinery so that the creamery could be put in operation at the earliest date possible.

At the same meeting the Board of Directors decided to offer a prize of \$5 in gold to the one who suggests the best name for the butter to be made and marketed by the Farmers Creamery. All who wish to compete for the prize will write a letter to Dr. W. R. Bass, Secretary, giving the suggested name and a short explanation of why you think your name is suitable. See that this letter gets to the Secretary not later than February 1st, 1928. All the names will be turned over to a committee, who will make the selection.

During the past week the officers have been busy looking over buildings to find one suitable for the creamery and invitations to representatives of machinery companies have been sent out.

The order for the stock book and seal has been placed in the hands of the printer and will be ready in a few days.

Everything now seems to be taking shape so that an early installation and operation is assured.

### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Louisburg, reports of the officers showed the past year to have been one of the most successful in its history. The report of F. J. Beasley, Vice-President and Cashier, showed net earnings in excess of \$11,000.00, after paying all current expenses, taxes and interest for the year. With total resources approximately \$700,000.00. In addition to the regular 4 per cent semi-annual dividend paid to stockholders the sum of \$5,000.00 was added to the surplus account, leaving \$5,688.47 undivided profit account. Officers and directors were elected as follows: W. E. White, President, F. J. Beasley, Vice-President and Cashier, Wm. B. Barrow, Assistant Cashier, Directors, W. E. White, F. W. Justice, F. J. Beasley, T. W. Watson, H. H. Johnson.

The bank enters into a new year's business with bright prospects for one of the best years in its history.

### LOCAL MAN INVENTS AIR TESTER

Taking its place among the most practical inventions in the last decade is the visible air tester recently invented by Mr. E. H. McFarland, an auto mechanic of Louisburg, who has given quite a long study and much time and labor towards developing a practical air testing apparatus for garages. He has had several patents on his perfected machine and has others pending. Mr. McFarland has associated with him in this invention and the marketing of it, Mr. J. A. Hodges, also of Louisburg.

The machine consists of a large dial with a pressure gauge, built in the usual style only larger, a set of tubes, and a specially made device at the end to make contact with the tire valve that contains several valves. By the use of this one can ascertain the pressure of air in the tire, release the air therein or put in more air at will without removing the contact from the tube valve. It is a most complete system and is well adapted to heavy, high pressure service. The machine is so built that it can be attached to old style air systems, or is complete with its own air supply.

Many who have seen the new system have pronounced it the best and most complete instrument on the market and we understand the Visible Air Testing Co., of Louisburg, who has the rights of patents in charge, have received many inquiries looking toward the sale of the machine.

Messrs. McFarland and Hodges are delighted with the success they have made with one of these instruments that has been in constant use in Henderson for the past year. Their many friends are extending congratulations for the wonderful success they are making.

One of these new machines is installed at Fred's Filling Station.

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