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\$50,000 BLAZE IN LOUISBURG

Business Section of Town Threatened With Destruction

Boddie Drug Co., Drs. H. G. Perry and H. H. Johnson's Offices and Riverside Warehouse Burn Much of the Property Uninsured; Adjoining Property Sustains Damage; Discovered At 4:35 A. M. Wednesday; Favorable Winds and Heroic Effort of Firemen Save Big Portion of Town

Louisburg was visited early Wednesday morning by one of the most disastrous fires it has experienced in many years. More than fifty thousand dollars worth of property was consumed before the flames could be gotten under control, burning the entire block on Market street from the Boddie Drug Company to the alley in front of the drug store, Dr. H. G. Perry's office and the Riverside Warehouse. The fire which was discovered at 4:35 by Mr. J. E. Thomas, who is acting night policeman, while Chief of Police Meadows is confined to his home with illness, who immediately gave the alarm. The fire appeared to have originated in the storage room of the drug store back of Dr. Perry's office had evidently had been burning for some time as the first signs discovered was smoke making its way out the front windows. Simultaneously with the arrival of the fire department the fire burst forth and seemed to cover the entire building including the warehouse. The fire spread so rapidly that all efforts to save the property would be of no avail and attention was directed to saving the adjacent property. At one time it seemed as if the entire eastern part of the business portion of town was doomed, but the wind was favorable and directed the fire in such a way that its spread was controlled and kept within the walls of the buildings first effected.

Fire caught the building in which the Masonic hall is located several times but was extinguished before it gained headway. Likewise the Fuller stables to the south and Beasley Brothers drug store caught but were saved before any damage of consequence occurred.

The entire contents of Boddie Drug Co., Dr. H. G. Perry's office and Dr. H. H. Johnson's offices were practically destroyed. Only a small percent of the stock and equipment can be salvaged. In the fire West and Sutton, warehousemen lost a lot of baskets and office equipment and T. F. Cheatham, a tobacco buyer, lost his office equipment, a lot of baskets and two trucks, while Chief of Police Meadows lost his buggy. The occupants of the Ford block front building sustained damage.

The fire was pretty well smothered as Dr. Perry was in his office about an hour before it was discovered but did not detect anything wrong at unusual.

The fire department deserve the greatest praise and commendation for the excellent work they did, as no doubt, it was due to their unstinted efforts with the favorable winds that saved almost half the business part of Louisburg.

The loss together with the insurance as best we can ascertain is as follows:

Egerton and Ford estates loss on the two store rooms occupied by Boddie Drug Co., and Dr. H. G. Perry, estimated at about \$6,000. Only the Egerton interests were protected in this instance, who carried \$2,000 insurance.

The Riverside Warehouse owned by the Egerton estate and Mrs. F. H. Allen, estimated at \$15,000 with \$7,000 insurance.

Dr. H. H. Johnson, office equipment, estimated at about \$3,000 with \$1,000 insurance.

Dr. H. G. Perry, office equipment, estimated at \$7,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Boddie Drug Co. stock and fixtures, \$12,000 with \$6,000 insurance.

T. F. Cheatham, office equipment and trucks, \$1,500, with no insurance.

Ford estate damage to block front building \$2,000, no insurance.

Junior Order loss of equipment and furniture \$350, no insurance.

Jan. W. King loss to stock about \$500, fully insured.

Masonic Lodge damage to furnishings and equipment \$300, fully insured.

West and Sutton loss of office equipment, baskets, etc., \$200, no insurance.

Mrs. Julia P. Scott damage to stock

\$450, fully insured. Dr. A. H. Fleming, damage to office equipment \$1,000, insurance \$500. Chief of police B. H. Meadows, loss of buggy, about \$50, no insurance.

AUTO SHOW AT HENDERSON

Last minute plans and details have been completed by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and American Legion for their big auto show, merchants and indoor circus, to be staged at the High Price Warehouse the week of April 23rd to 28th.

About sixty merchants and manufacturers will be represented by beautiful 10 by 12 exhibits. Approximately seventy-five late model automobiles will constitute the auto show. Thousands of flags, Japanese lanterns and colored electric light bulbs will transform the High Price Warehouse in Henderson to a place of beauty.

Shan Austin and his Floridians direct from the Tampa Country Club will furnish high class music of which they are capable both during the circus performance and for the night dances which will be a feature of the Henderson event.

A large 130 foot, round top tent will be erected immediately in the rear of the exhibition hall, with marquet connection. Under the big top some of the most famous stars of circusdom will perform thrilling death features for the entertainment of the patrons. Such well known performers as the Costello-Loughlin family, Americas premier bare back circus riders with five beautiful white horses. Cicero the trained mule. The Misses Ruth and Sylvia Loughlin, daring aerial performers. Mr. Edward Costello, somersault principal equestrian. Mr. Charles (Red) Carroll and his trained giraffe. Raymond and Marcus, Americas greatest clowns. The aerial cowboys swinging trapeze artists and many other high class vaudeville features, constitute a program that is said will surpass anything of the nature ever presented in this section of the State.

The Vance Poultry Association will also stage in conjunction with the above event their annual chicken show.

A tremendous amount of interest has been displayed by all in the arrangements for the Henderson Trade Show and the attendance will undoubtedly be record breaking.

From all indications it looks as though during the big week of April 23 to 28 that all roads will lead to Henderson.

TAX LIST TAKERS

The following gentlemen have been appointed tax list takers by the County Auditor J. A. Hodges, for the several townships in Franklin county to take the tax lists for 1928. Mr. Hodges informs the TIMES that all who fail to list their taxes in the regular listing time this year will be reported to the Solicitor of the district for prosecution. The list follows: Dunn-J. F. Perry. Harris-J. B. Wilder. Youngsville-S. E. Winston. Frankinton-R. H. Jones. Hayesville-L. O. Frazier. Sandy Creek-G. B. West. Gold Mine-C. R. Parrish. Cedar Rock-T. W. Stokes. Cypress Creek-Alton Wilder. Louisburg-T. K. Stockard.

REGISTRARS AND POLL HOLDERS

At a meeting of the Board of Elections held at the courthouse in Louisburg, N. C., on Saturday, April 14th, 1928, the following Registrars and Pollholders for Franklin county were appointed for the ensuing two years. The first named in each township is Registrar and the remaining two are the Pollholders:

- Dunn-J. O. Williams, E. R. Richardson, J. W. Cheaves. Harris-J. B. King, J. B. Wilder, J. T. Mann. Youngsville-J. R. Tharrington, G. E. Winston, Owen Mitchell. Frankinton-J. H. Cooke, H. C. Kearney R. U. Hicks. Hayesville-Richard Winn, J. H. Goodson N. H. Ayscue. Sandy Creek-W. F. Leonard J. L. Foster W. G. Ball. Gold Mine-J. H. Wood E. J. Fuller J. J. Lanier. Cedar Rock-T. W. Stokes, T. W. Doone, J. W. Bartholomew. Cypress Creek-J. A. Boons, N. C. Moore, J. M. Lamm. Louisburg-B. B. Perry, H. E. Hight, A. L. Hicks.

Legless, snakelike lizards are said to be able to run backward as well as forward.

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Admission \$1 and by Artists' Concert Season Ticket.

MR. SPRULL UPCHURCH DEAD

Information was received in Louisburg early yesterday morning that Mr. Sprull Upchurch died early yesterday morning and would be brought to Louisburg for interment at the family cemetery near Gupton today. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Mr. Upchurch leaves besides his wife, a mother and father and several brothers and sisters.

REUNION DATES CHANGED

The dates for the annual Confederate and World War veterans reunion to be held at Justice has been changed to Thursday, May 3rd, 1928 instead of the usual time, May 10th, in order to relieve the conflict with the National Reunion to be held at Little Rock, Ark., on May 9th, 10th, and 11th. All Confederate veterans and World War veterans are invited to be present as guests and all others are invited to come and bring a basket. Dinner will be served on the school grounds. A splendid program is being arranged and several good speakers are expected to be present.

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A revival meeting has been conducted at the Baptist church this week at which Rev. John Archie McIver, pastor, has been delivering some forceful and interesting sermons, which has been greatly enjoyed by the large numbers attending the services. Rev. G. T. Lamm, of Wake Forest, is conducting the singing, and is getting exceptionally fine cooperation.

The services are being held each night at 7:30 and will continue thru Sunday when it is expected the meeting will come to a close on Sunday night.

Quite a lot of interest is being shown in the meetings and much good is expected to result.

E. B. H. S. COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the Edward Best High School will be held on the following dates:

Friday, April 20th, 8 p. m.: Declaration and recitation contests.

Friday, April 27th, 8 p. m.: Music recital.

Sunday, April 29th, 8 p. m.: Baccalaureate Sermon.

Thursday, May 3, 8 p. m.: Class day exercises.

Friday, May 4th, 10 a. m.: Graduating exercises and address: 2p. m. field day exercises by elementary schools: 8 p. m. commencement play.

The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises.

T. H. SLEDGE, Principal.

In the white race about 105 boys are born to every 100 girls.

GATHER UP ALL OLD TIN CANS

Prizes To Be Given To Children Delivering Most Cans

Under the auspices of the Franklin County Welfare Department with the cooperation of Mr. R. R. Kissell, manager of the Winner Theatre, a campaign to rid Louisburg of old tin cans that become breeding places for mosquitoes will be begun next week in Louisburg. All children in Louisburg are invited to join in and contest for winning one of the three nice premiums.

The contest will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 23, 24 and 25. To the one getting the largest number of old tin cans will be given \$5 worth of tickets to the Winner Theatre. To the one bringing the second largest number will be given \$3 worth of tickets to the Winner Theatre, and the one bringing the third largest number will be given \$2 worth of tickets to the Winner Theatre.

All cans must have a hole in the bottom and be strung on a string and must be delivered to Supt. E. C. Perry on the rear of the court house square on the afternoons of each day between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30.

The prizes will be awarded at the evenings performance at the Winner Theatre at about 8 o'clock, on Wednesday, April 25th.

CELEBRATES FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

One of the most impressive social events that has been enjoyed in Louisburg in a long while was the reception at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone Tuesday evening in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The home had been beautifully decorated and lighted for the occasion and as the many guests arrived they were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone and Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr., who escorted them into the large hall where fruit punch was served by Mrs. J. F. Malone and Supt. E. C. Best. From here they were introduced to the receiving line which occupied the beautifully appointed parlors, composed of Mr. Ellis Parham, Mr. P. R. White, Mr. J. E. Malone, Jr., Mrs. Asa Parham, of Henderson, Mrs. E. L. Best, E. H. Malone and the bride and groom, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone, who received the many congratulations of their numerous friends.

In spite of their mature years the bride and groom appeared to never have been more sprightly and eagerly enthusiastically entering into the life of an occasion than on this evening, much to the delight of those present.

The guests were then shown into the south front room where ice cream cake and mints were served by Misses Maria Parham of Henderson, and Mary Malone Best. Included in the decorations in this room was a large and beautiful birthday cake with fifty candles bearing evidence of fifty years of happy and successful married life.

From 8:30 till after 10 o'clock a steady throng of friends of the family joined in extending congratulations to the honorees, who are among Franklin county's most highly esteemed citizens.

Dr. and Mrs. Malone were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts in memory of this delightful occasion.

Among the out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Allen and Mrs. Belle Starke, of Oxford, Mr. Albert Bauman and Miss Florence Jones of Raleigh, Mrs. Carrie Painter, of Baltimore, Md., Mr. Frank B. McKinne of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper, Mrs. Samuel Watkins of Henderson

LOUISBURG FRESHMAN IS HONORED AT UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, April 11.—Will Yarborough, of Louisburg, was yesterday elected president of the Carolina Publications Union Board in student elections at the University here.

Yarborough will be the first sophomore ever to hold this important position. The Publications Union Board supervises the management of all Carolina publications, and of the three student members elected to the Board the one receiving the highest number of votes is automatically president.

Yarborough's vote was the largest, and so, for the first time in the history of Carolina publications, a sophomore will be at the head of her Publications Union Board.

The new president served on the Tar Heel staff this year and has been quite active in journalistic work at the University.

SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of Louisburg Methodist church announces that Rev. M. Bradshaw, Presiding Elder of this District, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday. And that on account of the revival at the Baptist church there will be no services at the Methodist church at the evening hour.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Every member of Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall Monday night as business of importance will come up.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS KIWANIS

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club was delighted to have as its guest on Friday night at its usual luncheon at the Franklin Hotel, District Governor Clarence R. Pugh, of Elizabeth City, who entertained the club with one of the most logical and interesting addresses that it has been the pleasure of the club to hear in quite a while. He took for his subject "Citizenship, its privileges and obligations." After giving a very broad and interesting discourse on citizenship and showing that if we expected to maintain the privileges of this citizenship we had to meet the obligations, he pointed to five menaces to good government that become our responsibility to remove. They were disrespect for law, the pursuit of luxury, increased tax burden, incompetents in public office, disinterestedness in politics. Under each division he defined his ideas and connected his subject with the responsibilities of citizenship in such a way that it carried with it conviction of the duty of citizens and especially Kiwanians.

The speaker was introduced by Daniel Lane in a very touching little talk.

Malcolm McKinne had charge of the musical program, and introduced Mrs. A. W. Mohn, Director of Music at Louisburg College, and Misses Fugate, Dickens and Cameron, students at the College, who rendered a much enjoyed musical program consisting of selections from North Carolina writers. Among the numbers being "Spring is a Lady," "Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline," "My Lindy Lou" and "Honey Chile."

Jake Friedlander was the sponsor for the evening program, which was much enjoyed.

J. A. Wheelers read the news events for the week.

The meeting was presided over by President Boddie and the minutes were read by Secretary Dave Hartis, and a large number were present and greatly enjoyed the evening.

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The new schedule for the Louisburg to Franklinton Seaboard Air Line train, which provides for a mid-day trip is quite a big improvement. The fact that it provides a better schedule for travel, an earlier receipt for express, mail and parcel post is very pleasing to Louisburg citizens. It has contributed to a greatly improved mail service as the mail is now received in Louisburg at such times that it can be distributed without seriously interfering with the delivery, and makes the receipt of parcel post about five hours earlier, or at a time of day when it can be used the day of receipt. A postal official in speaking of the change stated it was a great benefit to them as it advanced their work at least half a day and made it possible for them to give much better service.

CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB MEETS

The Current Literature Club was entertained on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. S. P. Burt. After order was called by the president they entered into a short business session, the program for another year was discussed, also it was decided that each member pay \$1 to defray expenses during the year.

The general topic for the program was Stuart F. Sherman. With an interesting review of My Dear Cornelius, by Miss Mary Yarborough, followed by a reading, Sherman.

Sketch, by Mrs. Woodward, read by Miss Letton.

Sherman on Lewis, Criticism, Miss Jarman.

Piano solo, Miss French.

At the conclusion of the program the hostess assisted by Miss Alston served a delicious ice course.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BOOK CLUB

Miss Edna Beasley and Mrs. J. B. Beasley entertained the Twentieth Century Book Club and several special guests at a lovely Easter party on Wednesday, April 11th, at the home of Miss Edna Beasley. The hall and living room presented every appearance of the Easter tide in its decorations of Easter Lilies and other spring flowers.

An especially interesting program on Italian Art was given.

Raphael's Life, by Mrs. Hugh Perry. Repertoire of his works, by Miss Lucas.

Story of Madonna of the Chair, by Mrs. Jackson.

Store. Sistine Madonna, by Miss Fisher.

Story, Transfiguration, by Mrs. Tucker.

Programs for next years study were adopted. The subject being "Travels in Foreign Lands."

Miss Beasley and Mrs. Beasley, assisted by Sophie Clifton and Cora Beasley served two courses of delicious refreshments, followed by salted almonds in baskets of varied colors with decorative pencils attached.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Mr. E. H. Malone visited Durham Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Johnson visited Rocky Mount Monday.

Mr. T. J. Gilliam of Warrenton, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. L. C. Morris, of Rocky Mount, was in Louisburg Monday.

Mr. H. P. Cranford and daughter visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. M. D. Egerton, of Warren, Pa. visited his people here this week.

Messrs. R. R. Kissell and Harvey Buchanan visited Sanford this week.

Supt. and Mrs. E. C. Perry and Mr. R. W. Alston visited Raleigh Tuesday.

Supt. E. C. Perry and Clerk of Court J. J. Young visited Raleigh the past week.

Messrs. P. S. Allen and L. E. Scoggin left Sunday for a visit to Baldi more.

Mr. Hardy Johnson of Fountain, visited his sister, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, Sunday.

Mr. A. C. Hall, who has been located at Philadelphia, has returned to Louisburg.

Mrs. Asa Parham and daughter, of Henderson, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Messrs. J. D. Nelms and W. W. Sutton of Nashville were visitors to Louisburg Wednesday.

Dr. B. C. Willis and Mr. M. E. Winston, of Rocky Mount, were visitors to Louisburg Friday.

Messrs. F. B. McKinne and Ellis FaHam, of Goldsboro, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Dr. A. H. Fleming attended a meeting of the State Dental Association at Charlotte this week.

Miss Minnie Lancaster returned last week after visiting Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Nashville.

Mrs. J. R. Johnson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, returned to her home at Winterville Sunday.

Dr. W. R. Bass, Messrs. J. D. Newman, Lee Grissom and A. S. Sherrod went to Blackstone, Va., to purchase a lot of registered cows.

Mr. Kenneth White, after spending Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White, returned the past week to his school at Fort Deposit, Md.

Dr. H. G. Perry accompanied Mr. E. A. Englar to Rocky Mount Wednesday morning where Mr. Englar underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. W. R. Parsons returned the past week from Rocky Mount where he underwent an operation. His many friends are delighted to see him so much improved in health.

THE TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB MEETS

One of our most interesting meetings of the year was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. White who was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club. It being a lovely spring day quite a number of guests and club members were present.

The subject for the afternoon being "The Southern Negro." Mrs. White met and gave each guest a very attractive hand painted program with a black mammy on it.

The meeting was called to order by the president, minutes read and approved, roll call then the program for the afternoon was taken up which is as follows:

Paper: The Negro, (the South's problem), Mrs. D. F. McKinne.

Trio: Heav'n Heav'n, Mesdames Ford, Berkeley and White.

Book Review: In Abraham's Bosom, (Paul Green), Mrs. S. J. Parham.

Trio: Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Mesdames Ford, Berkeley and White.

Paper: Mammy and Old Plantation Days, Mrs. W. E. White.

Solo: Uncle Roms, Mrs. S. B. Berkeley.

Poem: Northern People, (Irwin Russell), Mrs. L. E. Scoggin.

Mrs. White had asked G. W. Pollard to bring her four of his school boys to sing several negro spirituals for us and they did it well and this number was enjoyed by all. Mrs. K. K. Allen and Mrs. W. E. White, Jr. assisted the hostess in serving a very tempting salad course followed by ice cream in shapes of Easter Lilies.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. T. W. Watson.

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