

LEGION TAKES BIG STEP FORWARD BY EARLY MEMBERSHIP

The American Legion in Louisburg has taken a great step forward this year by getting an early start in strengthening the organization in membership for the busier years work in our history. A. W. Macon, Post Commander of James Post No. 105 American Legion located here today in an appeal to Legionnaires who have not renewed their 1928 membership to do so at once.

"American Legion Week, which started with the Armistice Day address of the National Commander, Paul V. McNutt, in a national hook-up over the radio in Washington, a program in which President Coolidge took part, has inspired the Legionnaires throughout the country with the determination to carry through to success the most important program of activities yet planned by the Legion according to a statement from the National Adjutant, James F. Barton, at National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

"This city is coming up to expectations of headquarters in this movement of getting the membership signed up for another year so that more time can be devoted to work. It is an individual responsibility of every Legionnaire to help keep this movement going.

"The first major objective on the Legion program is to increase the service to the disabled. Thousands of our veterans, many of them in our own communities, should be receiving the help that a grateful government has decreed they should receive in justice. Too much time elapses in many cases. This is due chiefly to the difficulty of connecting a man's illness with his war service. As time increases this will be all the more difficult. The Legion has a great, big job to do in this alone.

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"Third, is the Americanism work, community service, the Junior Baseball program next summer and the promotion of good citizenship through education.

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To the Loyal Democrats of Franklin County

There is little happiness in defeat. The result of the recent election was a keen disappointment. The fall of North Carolina into the Republican National column was and will always be a source of deep humiliation, however the people of Franklin county can feel more justly proud than ever before. They have shown their superiority to prejudice and refused to be led into the house of their enemies even by those whom they had honored and regarded as being in the house hold of their friends.

As Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, I desire to express my personal appreciation for the loyal support of the party organization, the fervent and effective appeal of our campaign speakers, the untiring zeal of the party workers, and last but not least, for the unconquerable spirit of the loyal voters who have not only made but will keep old Franklin county safe for Democracy.

E. H. MALONE, Chairman of County Democratic Executive Committee.

PAYLOR AND TAYLOR ESTABLISH LAW FIRM

Hon. John Hill Paylor, of Farmville, and G. D. Taylor, Jr., of Louisburg, have established a law partnership in Snow Hill. This newly formed legal firm is welcomed to Snow Hill for it brings to the peoples service a strong legal force. Mr. Paylor is well known and admired throughout this section, while Mr. Taylor is a young promising attorney, having been in Mr. Paylor's office in Farmville for the past month. Mr. Taylor graduated from Wake Forest College in 1927 and secured his license in August of this year.

The plan, we understand, is that Mr. Taylor will reside in Snow Hill, and Mr. Paylor in Farmville, keeping in close touch and paying double attention to all matters entrusted to them, thus assuring the client a full and complete service.

We predict for these men a continuous growth of practice, feeling sure that they are fully capable and worthy of handling any matters of law entrusted to them.—Laconic, Snow Hill.

TO OUST PREACHER POLITICIANS

Washington, Nov. 12.—A movement to oust preacher politicians has been started among Methodist laymen of North Carolina.

Former Representative John H. Small, a graduate of old Trinity college, now Duke university, was very much wrought up over the activities of Bishop James E. Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, and Bishop Edwin Mouson, of North Carolina, during the recent campaign. A report that Mr. Small had started a movement to request Mr. Mouson to leave the state reached here today. But, when asked about it, Mr. Small declared it was untrue. He has urged laymen to call a meeting and pass upon the question of preacher-politicians.

"No, that report is incorrect," said he. "But I have written letters to North Carolina Methodists, who have the future of their church at heart, asking them for expressions of opinion on the activity of their ministers.

"I think this an opportune time for intelligent laymen in the state to meet and express their views on the political activities of our preachers.

"I am receiving some answers to my communications but not enough to show the attitude of the laymen.

"Members of the churches—in fact, all Americans—should be interested in the problem now confronting us and express themselves." Mr. Small said that he had written Charles W. Tillett, among others.

Miss Fisher Entertains

Tuesday, November 13 was a gala day for the members of the Twentieth Century Book Club when they were entertained by Miss May Fisher, of the Louisburg High School faculty. Mrs. A. B. Insoce welcomed the guests. When all were assembled they were ushered upstairs to the home economics room which was a scene of beauty, reminding one of the approaching Thanksgiving season. Potted plants, yellow chrysanthemums and pumpkins were artistically used for decoration. The long banquet table was lighted by yellow candles in green candlestands. A large pumpkin filled with overflowing with apples and grapes, and flanked on the side by turkeys formed the centerpiece for the table. Autumn leaves, golden fruit, grapes, and small turkeys were used throughout the entire length of the table.

The guests found their places by individual, handpainted place cards typical of the season. Golden baskets filled with Thanksgiving candies were used as favors.

A most delicious dinner was served by the home economics girls; the menu was as follows:

Grapefruit, roast turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, peas in patties, candied potatoes, candied yams, rolls, coffee, maple mousse, vanilla wafers.

Between the courses three interesting papers on Central Europe were read by Mrs. Robert Smithwick, Mrs. Fisher Beasley and Mrs. Blair Tucker. Special guests enjoying Miss Fisher's hospitality were: Miss Lucille Lawrence, of Enfield, guest of Mrs. J. O. Newell; Misses Wiggs, Cline and Smith of the Bunn faculty; Misses Jarman, Morgan and Allgood of Louisburg.

Miss Burt Entertains

Miss Lucy Perry Burt entertained at four tables of bridge and one of rook at her home on Church street on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Elizabeth Manning, who is to be married on November 21 to Mr. Frank Freeman of Charlotte. The house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and potted plants. Miss Manning, Miss Edna Beasley, a bride elect of December, and Miss Mildred Osborn, of Leaksville, home guest of Miss Burt received appropriate gifts. Misses Katherine Pleasants and Helen Smithwick won the high score bridge and rook prizes respectively. A delicious salad course with tea and nuts were served.

Those playing were: Misses Elizabeth Manning, Edna Beasley, Eleanor Yarborough, Annie Willis Boddie, Lucie Clifton Boddie, Louise Joyner, Katherine Pleasants, Edith Walker, Helen Smithwick, Anna Fuller Parham, Margaret Turner, Max Allen, Mildred Osborn, Ariene Porter of Kernersville, Elizabeth Timberlake, Lucy Timberlake, Mary Wilson and Mesdames Robert Smithwick, Elton Stout, of Silver City and A. H. Veazey, of Goldsboro.

Battery B Visits Raleigh

Battery B, 113th Field Artillery, under command of Lieutenants Collins and Bledsoe, went to Raleigh Monday to take part in the Armistice Day parade. Quite a number of the boys went and all seem to have enjoyed the trip and the exercises.

Auxiliary To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 20th at 3:30 p. m. in the Four Winds Tea Room. All members who have not paid their 1928-29 dues please bring or send same to this meeting.

MRS. H. W. PERRY, Sec.

ELECTED PRESIDENT BY THE LARGEST ELECTORAL VOTE EVER CAST



HERBERT HOOVER

Franklin Superior Court

The regular November term of Franklin Superior Court convened in Louisburg Monday with Hon. W. C. Harris, Judge presiding. It being a civil term very little public interest was in evidence.

Owing to the necessity of saving the crops while the weather was good only a few cases were set for trial this week. The second week is pretty well filled with cases and much work will no doubt be turned off next week.

Fire At Power House

The fire Monday afternoon was at the power house where some of the fuel oil caught fire and was burning. Supt. Hill reports very little damage, due no doubt to the quick and efficient action of Louisburg's splendid fire fighters.

Oyster and Barbecue Supper

On Thursday evening, November 22, there will be an oyster and barbecue supper, at Pilot school. Also a mock negro wedding and music by a string band. A small admission will be charged at the door. Proceeds to go for benefit of church and school. Fun and enjoyment promised to all.

Card Supper

There will be a card supper sponsored by the ladies of the Parent-Teacher Association at Pine Ridge school building on Friday night, November 23. We are going to have good things to eat, good music and a good time for all who come. Bring your friends along and let's enjoy the evening together.

At Home

The Louisburg College faculty will be at home to their friends Tuesday afternoon, November 20th, from 4 to 5 in the college parlors.

Massenburg's Store Burns

The entire contents of B. B. Massenburg's grocery store on South Main street, was badly damaged about 12 o'clock Friday night by fire. The fire department arrived in time to save any appreciable damage to the building. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss to the stock is about \$700 with \$500 insurance. The damage to the building, which is owned by W. J. Cooper, is estimated at about \$100 with no insurance.

The insurance was adjusted Monday and Mr. Massenburg reopened his store Tuesday for repairs and readjustment.

SHIP SINKS AT SEA

Aboard the S. S. Berlin, Nov. 13.—(Via Radio to the United Press)—The S. S. Vestris sank suddenly while the passengers were attempting to get into life boats, according to Henry Schultz, a third class passenger, who was picked up with 21 other men by the crew of this ship.

The ship sank within sixty seconds after starting the final plunge. As the vessel turned laskly on her side and dropped under the water, passengers who had been unable to climb in the lifeboats already cast loose leaped over the sides of the ship. Some of them were picked up by those in the life boats.

Three life boats on the port side of the Vestris were crowded with men, women and children when the vessel turned and sank. Occupants of the three boats were lost.

The loss of the port side boats accounted for the greatest loss of life, survivors said.

The sinking was described by Schultz as follows: "The Vestris had little starboard list when she left New York Sunday and rough weather caused more and more list. Monday morning the engines were stopped and at about 8 a. m. women and children were ordered to the upper deck.

"The ship was drifting and the crew started throwing the cargo overboard but it proved useless. We had no coffee and no warm breakfast. There was just bread and cheese in the third class dining room.

"By noon the dining room was under water and officers assisted in clearing boats but three crowded boats on the port side sank with the Vestris. The end of the disaster came very quickly while passengers tried to go into boats.

"The ship just laid over on her starboard side and sank within one minute without any explosion. "I was caught on the deck as she sank and with two negroes, jumped into the water," Schultz continued. "We managed to swim to boat No. 13 which swung away from the Vestris unoccupied. The big loss of life was due to the sinking of the three port side boats with the ship. "We picked up nineteen other men in our boat. The men were swimming in the water, having been forced to jump for their lives as we did. We saw no women swimming. "Every passenger had put on a life preserver at 9 a. m., Monday. Weather conditions were very favorable at that time but later wind and rain set in and during the night the occupants of our boats were kept busy trying to keep the boat free of water. "We saw rescue ship searchlights and showed red lights but were not seen by any ship until dawn Tuesday. Then the American shipper, the Myrlam, the Berlin and the U. S. S. Wyoming were on the scene. "Schultz and the other men rescued by the S. S. Berlin were exhausted but resting tonight. They had saved nothing from their belongings on the Vestris. "Two hundred and eleven of the three hundred and thirty-nine persons aboard have been saved.

ELECTION RESULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Charles L. Abernethy, of the Third North Carolina District, who has just been reelected by the usual Democratic majority, lives in the same city with Senator F. M. Simmons.

Until the Houston Convention both Senator Simmons and Congressman Abernethy were opposing the nomination of Governor Smith for the Presidency. When Governor Smith was nominated Senator Simmons continued his fight against him, but Mr. Abernethy decided to support him and he spoke and worked for the entire Democratic ticket. Senator Simmons' home precinct went for Governor Smith by 48 majority. Congressman Abernethy's home precinct went for Governor Smith by a majority of 67. Craven county, the county of both of them, went for Governor Smith by a majority of 257. Mr. Abernethy issued the following statement to the press today:

"The political situation in North Carolina brought about by the recent election demands the most serious attention of the Democrats of the State for the future. The members of the North Carolina delegation in the House with the exception of one followed Senator Simmons in his opposition to Governor Smith until his nomination at Houston and then Senator Overman and the entire delegation in the House supported the straight Democratic ticket.

"It now turns out that the electoral vote from North Carolina was not needed to defeat Governor Smith. It now appears that it was not necessary for the North Carolina leaders of the Anti-Smith forces to have joined hands with the opposition and to have waged the strenuous campaign they did to have insured Mr. Hoover's election.

"Now, a calm survey of the results of this strenuous anti-Smith campaign in North Carolina shows:

"1. That the majority of the State Democratic ticket was greatly reduced.

"2. That Congressman Zeb Weaver, a Democrat, and a strong anti-Smith man before the Houston Convention, was defeated.

"3. That Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, a Democrat, and a strong anti-Smith man before the Houston convention, and a gallant soldier and officer of the World War, was defeated.

"4. That the Democratic Congressman of the Fifth District, that grand old Confederate soldier, Major Charles M. Stedman, was only elected by about 500 majority when he had been elected by great Democratic majorities in previous elections.

"5. That the Democratic Congressmen of the Seventh and Ninth Districts were in the balance for a long time and were elected by greatly reduced majorities, and both of these men were anti-Smith men before the Houston Convention.

"6. That as a result of this strenuous anti-Smith campaign in North Carolina, every Congressman's election was endangered, and each had to fight for his political life as never before.

"7. That the Legislature heretofore overwhelmingly Democratic is now very close between the Democrats and Republicans, the Democrats having a reduced majority.

"8. That great Democratic counties like Mecklenburg, Buncombe, Rowan, Guilford, New Hanover and many others strongly Democratic went Republican.

"9. In the Third District the counties of Sampson and Carteret went Republican. These counties were Democratic two years ago.

"10. Johnson county in the Fourth District, while it went Democratic two years ago, this year went Republican and as a result thereof two State Democratic Senators were defeated.

"11. And then our State was carried by a majority for the Republican National ticket for the first time since the Civil War.

"I seriously contend that it was never necessary to have brought such destruction and disaster to the Democratic party in North Carolina even in the interest of 'saving the Democracy from that Body of Death' as it has been termed.

"Now comes the serious suggestion from Senator Simmons in an interview, that to save the party further it must be re-organized.

"With all due deference, it seems to me that it is much better and will do more to bring about a rehabilitation of the Democratic party for Democrats to stand by the straight Democratic ticket. I believe the safety of our party in the future lies in strengthening our present Democratic organization, rather than undertaking a reorganization under a leadership which has brought about so much discord, disaster and destruction in our ranks.

"Speaking for myself, I shall abide with the regular Democratic organization of the State."

Franklin County W. M. U. Meeting

The Franklin County W. M. U. meeting will be held with the church at Corinth Saturday, November 17th, beginning at 10 o'clock. All societies are urged to send delegates.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Supt. E. C. Perry visited Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Miss Lucille Lawrence, of Enfield, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Newell.

Sheriff D. L. Kearney, of Henderson, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulkner, of Hopeville, Va., returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pergerson.

Miss Lucy Clifton Boddie came home from Hollins, Va., where she is attending school, to spend the week end with her parents, Maj. and Mrs. S. P. Boddie.

Tea Room Topics

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry delightfully entertained the Daughters of the Confederacy at Four Winds Tea Room in the regular business and social meeting for November. Mrs. S. J. Parham, acting president, called the meeting to order and conducted the opening exercises. An important feature of the program was the splendid report of the recent U. D. C. meeting at Greensboro, given by the Chapter delegate, Miss Helen Smithwick. Mrs. Wyatt Freeman read a beautiful poem and Mrs. J. E. Malone read a most interesting paper on "The South's Contribution to the U. S. Navy." At the conclusion of the program sandwiches and coffee were served. Fifteen members were present.

Dr. H. H. Johnson entertained the directors of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club at a dinner at Four Winds Tea Room Wednesday evening November the 7th.

The new books added this week to the Rental Library are, Silver Slippers, by Temple Bailey; At the South Gate, by Grace S. Richmond; Who Killed Gregory, by Eugene Jones; Wild Horse Mesa, by Zane Grey and The Gate Mare Private, by Ethel M. Dell.

Miss Edith Yarborough was hostess to the Friday afternoon Bridge Club, November the 9th at Four Winds Tea Room. Sixteen members and guests were present, and five most interesting progressions were played after which a salad course with coffee was served.

Friday evening Miss Annie Green entertained the members of her bridge club and a few invited guests at three tables of bridge at Four Winds Tea Room. After progressing five times, sandwiches, pickle stuffed dates and hot chocolate were served.

Ferns, roses and chrysanthemums were used in decorating the Tea Room for the several parties given last week and each host and hostess added a personal touch in the use of programs, favors, place cards and tallies.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion at 11 a. m., evening prayer at 7:30 p. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m. will be the services at St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday according to announcement of Rev. J. D. Miller, rector. All are invited to go out and enjoy these services.

A Card of Thanks

We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors our greatest appreciations and thanks for their kindness and helpful hands towards us during the accident of our son. He has recovered sufficiently to return home from the hospital at Rocky Mount.

MR. and MRS. F. L. HERMAN and family.

Old Time Fiddlers Convention

There will be an old time fiddlers convention at the Wood school building, Friday evening, November 30th at 8 o'clock.

Some of the best and oldest musicians are to play. The fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, accordion, saxophone and other instruments will feature.

There will also be good clog dancing.

This convention is given under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

The public is cordially invited. Come and enjoy an evening of real music.

Rev. E. N. Johnson To Preach

Rev. E. N. Johnson, of Dunn, will preach at the morning services at the Louisburg Baptist church next Sunday morning according to arrangements already made and announced. Arrangements for the evening services are being formulated and will be announced later.

All are invited to go out and hear Rev. Mr. Johnson.

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