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LOUISBURG COLLEGE BURNS

Main Building Erected In 1856 Destroyed

WEST WING ALSO IN RUINS

Fire Originated in Third Story Of West Wing Over Dining Room—Loss Estimated from \$175,000.00 to \$200,000.00 With Insurance \$102,000.00—Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Henderson and Franklinton Fire Departments Render Valuable Aid—School Work Suspended until after Christmas—Franklin County Building to be Completed Immediately.

Louisburg College, an institution which probably surpasses all others of its kind in age and tradition, being 149 years old, suffered a tremendous calamity early Wednesday morning in the century and a half of its existence when two of its buildings were totally destroyed by fire, with a loss of approximately of \$200,000.00.

The two buildings which suffered a total loss were the main building, erected in 1856 which contained the executive offices and parlors, and the west wing, an annex built in 1924, which contained the main dining room and accommodations for about fifty girls. The West Wing was the chief sufferer, being an entire loss. The fire was first discovered shortly before one o'clock on the third floor in the rear of the West Wing just above the dining room. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have been caused from a defective wire. The Louisburg Fire Department being called responded immediately and fought bravely to save the burning buildings. The Franklinton, Henderson, Rocky Mount and Raleigh Fire Departments who were called upon for assistance responded promptly and fought valiantly to the end. It was only the brave efforts and heroic work of the members of these departments that prevented the entire College plant from being burned.

The Davis Memorial building was damaged somewhat by water, but the Franklin County building and the Patricia Wright Memorial Dormitory suffered no damage, the latter being in no danger at any time. The loss of the buildings and damage to the furnishings is estimated to be between \$175,000.00 and \$200,000.00, with insurance of \$92,000.00 on the buildings and \$10,000.00 on the furnishings.

The girls in the college showed wonderful self control, no hysteria being evidenced. A calm worthy of the occasion prevailed. Quite a few, especially those who roomed on the fourth floor, lost all their belongings, some of the girls rushing from the buildings clad in their night garments. All of the girls escaped from the buildings safe and uninjured, much to the praise of several of the girls, especially Miss Mary Ethel Knox, who heroically rang the school bell steadily for more than fifteen minutes, when she discovered the fire during which time all of her possessions were consumed. Miss Lydia Covington, business teacher, was among those receiving injuries, receiving a cut on the face. So far as is known no one else was injured, among those residing in the College. Mr. M. S. Clifton, Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, was struck by a trunk and Mr. Coghil, a member of the Henderson Fire Department, was struck on the head by a falling brick.

Through the generous efforts of the citizens of Louisburg the girls were awakened and sent from the buildings and much of the furnishings were removed to safety. The people of Louisburg freely opened their homes and supplied breakfast for the entire group. Their kindness and hospitality will never be forgotten by the faculty and students of Louisburg College. President A. W. Mohn was in Raleigh when the fire was discovered and made, as many believe, a record breaking run to Louisburg. In an interview he stated that as a result of the fire the College will be closed until after Christmas holidays. The girls left Wednesday to return to their several homes. Plans have already been gotten underway to complete the Franklin County building by the end of the Christmas holidays. This building when completed will accommodate

about one hundred and twenty-five young women. The Executive Committee of the College will hold a meeting Thursday morning at which time plans will be perfected for the rehabilitation of the College plant. It is expected that all the friends and patrons will rally to help.

Judge Palmer Holds Recorder's Court

Judge James L. Palmer qualified as Judge of Franklin Recorder's Court and held the Monday morning session, with the assistance of Prosecuting Attorney E. F. Griffin. Only a few cases were on the docket and none of special importance, however Judge Palmer demonstrated his judicial ability in the prompt and efficient dispatch of the business before the court. The docket was disposed of as follows: State vs Albert Wilson, operating automobile intoxicated, pleads guilty, fined \$50 and costs and required not to drive an automobile for 90 days.

State vs Paul Andrews, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

State vs Paul Andrews, violating prohibition law, continued.

State vs E. L. Foster, carrying concealed weapon, continued.

State vs Beaufort Bryant, violating prohibition law, continued.

State vs Judge Perry, disposing of mortgaged property, nol prosequi, prosecuting witness to pay costs.

State vs Rufus Hudson, assault with deadly weapon, continued.

State vs Irving Green, violating prohibition law, pleads guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

Little Girl Run Over By Automobile

Jane Murphy, the little five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Murphy, was the victim of an automobile accident here Sunday, sustaining a broken leg, the break being just below the hip on the left leg. The child was struck by the car just as she was crossing Main street from Mr. W. H. Cartwright's corner over to the Methodist church. The car was being driven by Marie Mitchiner, daughter of Rev. J. F. Mitchiner. The accident was unavoidable. She was taken to a hospital in Rocky Mount for treatment and is improving nicely.

Mrs. W. H. Cooper Takes Own Life

Mrs. W. H. Cooper committed suicide Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock at her home about five miles south of Louisburg by shooting herself through the heart with a shot gun. It is stated that she accomplished the act by placing the stock of the gun against the door and touching off the trigger with a yard stick. She was about 25 years of age and was the daughter of Mr. Charles Hunt, of near Leah's church. She leaves no children. She is survived by her husband and a number of brothers and sisters and other relatives. No reason for the rash act has been ascertained. The funeral services were held at Flat Rock Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the interment was made in the church cemetery. Large crowds of sorrowing friends and relatives were present to pay a last sad tribute. The bereaved husband and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Welfare Drive Launched

The Welfare Board met in Supt. Perry's office Wednesday morning. In its meeting, discussion of the Christmas Welfare Drive resulted in the same plan that was used last year to raise funds, viz. a house to house campaign to secure 25c per household. Committees appointed have begun work. Any donation will be gratefully accepted, to assist in provision for the poor at Christmas.

Baptist Young Peoples Union to Hold Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of Tar River Association will be held on Saturday, December 8, at Poplar Springs church. The program committee has planned an interesting program, and all G. A.'s, R. A.'s, Sunbeams, and Y. W. A.'s are urged to be present. This meeting will be held separately from the W. M. U.'s and each leader will be expected to bring a car full of enthusiastic boosters as their delegates.

Attend American Legion Banquet

Among those attending the American Legion Fourth District Rally banquet held in the Virginia Dare Room of the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Tuesday night from Louisburg were: Mrs. A. Tonkel, Mrs. C. C. Collins, Miss Lynn Hall, Mrs. H. H. Hilton, Mrs. Fred Leonard, Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Mrs. H. W. Perry, Messrs. C. C. Collins, T. K. Stockard, S. P. Boddie, Clyde Collier, A. W. Macon, T. C. Alston, Ben Ogburn, H. H. Hilton and Dr. R. F. Yarborough. Major Boddie was one of the speakers for the occasion.

Entertains At Dinner

Supt. John Hedgepeth, of the Franklin County Home, entertained the old and new county officers and a number of friends at dinner Monday. The table was bountifully supplied with baked pig, boiled ham, spareribs, barbecue, fried and baked chicken, pickles, vegetables, cakes, pies and many other things that make one wish his capacity doubled. All was excellently prepared and more than enjoyed by all whose privilege it was to be present.

The county is fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth in charge of the Home. He has proven his ability to take care of and beautify the new home and Mrs. Hedgepeth is a past master at the art of taking care of the inmates and serving a big dinner, and those who were present at the feast Monday were fortunate in being numbered among the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth.

Tuberculosis Seal Sale Launched

The Sale was launched Thanksgiving day. Seals were placed at First National Bank, Farmers and Merchants Bank and Boddie's Drug Store, headquarters for Kiwanians, who have sponsored 10,000 seals. Seals were distributed over the county in all the schools.

A contest is on for sale of largest number of seals and prize of \$10.00 has been offered school district winning. In Mills High School Boy Scouts are pitted against Girl Scouts to win \$5.00. Buy Seals! Buy Seals! Buy Seals!

Report Public Welfare Work

Mr. E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, reports fifteen juvenile and adult cases attended to during the month of November. He has found a home for a little white boy whose mother and father are not able to care for him, and has supplied food and milk for three little children whose parents are not able to properly feed them. The Welfare department had charge of the trial of a little thirteen year old white boy whose father and mother were not able to control him. He was placed on probation. A little fourteen year old white boy was also tried for disorderly conduct on the streets. The Girl Scouts visited the County Home Thanksgiving and carried fruit and candy to all the inmates.

Among the adult cases, Supt. Perry reports that a T. B. patient is being provided for; Trim Davis, an old cripple colored man has been sent to the County Home; treatment has been given two for cancer, one for gonorrhea, and one for sinus trouble; a white woman has been sent to Park View hospital for treatment and clothes and wood have been furnished an old colored woman who was not able to get them for herself.

In addition it is reported that the County Home and jail are both in good condition.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Inasmuch as the recent death of Dr. J. E. Malone has brought great sorrow to the hearts of the citizens of Louisburg and Franklin County, be it resolved:

1st. That we, the members of the Nurses Association of Louisburg, do realize and fully appreciate the great and good work rendered by Dr. Malone, and that we do appreciate the great loss the county has sustained, for as a cultured, courteous gentleman, and a highly able physician, Dr. Malone had won the esteem of the entire county.

Our heart goes out in sympathy to the wife and family, who will miss his companionship of these many years.

We pray that in the time of their trouble, God may be to them their Guide, Refuge, and Strength.

2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Mrs. N. B. Tucker, R. N.
Mrs. S. C. Foster, R. N.
Miss Annie L. Macon, R. N.
Miss Ethel Sugg, R. N.

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FIRE AT DOCTOR A. H. FLEMING'S RESIDENCE

Louisburg was again aroused by the fire alarm Wednesday evening about 7:30 o'clock when it was discovered that Dr. A. H. Fleming's residence on Main street was ablaze. The fire was first discovered by Mr. Percy White who was passing the house. None of the family were at home. The fire was confined to the kitchen, having originated in the woodbox whence it made its way through the side and top of the room. The fire would have been more disastrous had it not been discovered so soon, and had the fire department not responded so quickly and worked so faithfully. As it was, more damage was done by water than by fire. The damage caused by fire and water is estimated at about \$400 or \$500, being covered by insurance.

Response To Call For Humanity

The call to our Christian land to help the children, orphan children of Bible lands met with a hearty response in the churches of Louisburg, last Sunday, Golden Rule Sunday, so set apart for this call.

Near East Relief is recognized now as a notable project in practical religion. Thousands of pastors preached last Sunday on the Golden Rule as exemplified in the work of Near East Relief.

President Coolidge approves the plan, sees in it the means of improving international relationships.

The Testimony of Eye-Witnesses. "I have had the privilege of seeing it all the way from Greece through the Palestine and Syria areas. I came back with not a single suggestion of change, because it seems to me that our Near East workers, who are sure running the whole gamut of relief work, could not possibly be doing their work any better than they are."

Dr. Arthur E. Bestor, President Chautauqua Institution, New York.

Water Report

The following is a report on the condition of the city water of Louisburg:

Reported, 11-27-28.
Sediment, heavy (alum. hydrox.)
Color, v-s-l.
Turbidity, 0.
Odor, cold, 0.
pH, 6.8
B. coli in 1 c.c. 0.
B. coli in 10 c.c. 0.
Total bacterial count per c.c. at 35 C. 4.
Count on lactose litmus agar per c.c. 0.
Acid-producing bacteria per c.c. 0
J. W. K., Analyst.

MAMMOTH STILL IS CAPTURED IN FRANKLIN

The largest still ever captured in Franklin county was found Saturday in the upper edge of Sandy Creek township next to the Warren line. The raid was made by Peter Dean, A. S. Wiggs, J. S. Rowland, Dave Huff and J. J. Dean.

The officers found the outfit running at full blast but owing to a sentinel placed in a tree nearby they did not catch the operators. Sixteen boxes containing eight thousand gallons of beer were destroyed, besides the three officers found a 500 gallon boiler, a three hundred gallon steamer, 60 feet of copper pipe, 16 feet of galvanized pipe, four wash tubs, three buckets, one gallon of liquor, 15 five-gallon kegs; 16 cases of half-gallon fruit jars, three sacks of meal, one cross cut saw, one pair of mules and a two horse wagon. The boiler and steamer had to be destroyed as the officers found more than could be carried away in a two horse wagon.

"The Meaning of an Ideal"

The above will be the subject of the morning sermon of Pastor Daniel Lane, at the Methodist church next Sunday. At the 7 o'clock service he will preach from the text "The Absent Church Member."

There will be a church conference following the morning service. Every member is urged to be present. All are invited to attend these services.

TO CALL PASTOR

At a meeting of the pulpit committee of the Louisburg Baptist church held Wednesday evening it was decided that the committee would recommend to the church at the Sunday morning service next Sunday to call a pastor. The committee is especially anxious that all members of the church be present at this time.

SUNBEAMS GIVE PROGRAM

The Sunbeams of the Louisburg Baptist church gave their Foreign Mission program on Wednesday night. Mito boxes had been given in advance for the Little Moon offering. The children earned their nickles and dimes in various ways and showed a willingness to make sacrifices, the following names are those who gave as much as \$1.
Ann Freeman, Marie Hilton, Horace Hilton, William Wells, Maxine Tharrington.

DR. J. E. MALONE TAKEN BY DEATH

Well Known and Beloved Physician Passes—Funeral Services Held Friday—Large Numbers Attend Funeral.

Dr. J. E. Malone, one of the oldest and best-loved men in Franklin county died at his home here Thursday night of last week at 8:15 o'clock.

Dr. Malone, who was 77 years of age, was born in Franklin county near Louisburg and had been practicing medicine here for over 50 years, was greatly beloved by his many patients and the public generally. For many years he was county health officer, resigning about two years ago when his health began to fail.

Dr. Malone is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Fuller, a sister of Edwin Fuller, the poet. He also leaves three sons and two daughters as follows: James E. Malone, Jr., E. H. Malone, of Louisburg; and J. Fuller Malone, now in China; Mrs. S. J. Parham and Mrs. E. L. Best, both of Louisburg.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and all his mature life was active in the work of his church, and a member of the Franklin County and State Medical Societies.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Revs. Daniel Lane and E. H. Davis, and the interment was made at Oaklawn cemetery. Large numbers of friends of the family were in attendance at both services and the floral tribute was especially large and beautiful.

The pall bearers were as follows: Active—R. J. Malone, Fuller Malone, Jr., Edwin Fuller Parham, Ellis Parham, E. L. Best, Jr. and Joo. W. King. Honorary—Mrs. S. P. Burt, J. O. Newell, R. F. Yarborough, H. G. Perry, H. H. Johnson, R. B. Henderson.

In the death of Dr. Malone it is recognized that Franklin County has lost one of its most valuable citizens, whose life among his fellowmen has been a striking example of the true Southern gentleman, public spiritedness, progress and stability.

The tenderest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives.

PROMINENT REUNION

A prominent family reunion took place when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bobbitt entertained thirty guests with a delightful barbecue dinner in their hospitable home, complimentary to Colonel and Mrs. William T. Wilder of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. John S. Tomlinson, of Washington, D. C.

Those present were Colonel and Mrs. William T. Wilder of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. John T. Tomlinson, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Wilder, of Aberdeen; Mr. C. F. Zimmerman, Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wilder, of Louisburg, brothers and sisters of the honorees; Others were Miss Lizzie Lee, Mrs. Kate F. Anderson, Misses Nellie and Mary Gregory Fort, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Lee and Elizabeth B. Lee of Lumberton, Miss Alice Page Wilder, Robert and Heary Wilder, of Aberdeen; Mr. C. F. Zimmerman, St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Beam and Gaither, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fuller, Mrs. E. A. Kemp, Mrs. J. N. Harris, Miss Lucy Allen, Mr. Sam Allen, Mr. White Wilder, all of Louisburg.

Colonel and Mrs. Wilder have engaged passage for around the world cruise, S. S. "Belgenland," sailing on December 17 and will not return until May, 1929. They will visit Cuba, Panama, California, Hawaii, Japan, China, Philippine Islands, India, Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Italy and France.

Zanders-Gump Wedding

The Zanders-Gump wedding will be solemnized at Gold Sand school on Friday night, December 7, 1928 at 8 o'clock. The admission will be divided between Gold Sand school and the sponsors. This play is being presented by the W. M. S. of West End Baptist church, Henderson. It is a royalty play and has been given several times with great success. It includes all the comical hits such as Maggie and Jiggs, the Gumps, Barney Google, etc.

Just A Little Story (Not a "Dun")

Once upon a time there was an editor who published a weekly newspaper in a small town. His subscription list was very small, and the majority of his subscribers hadn't paid up and things didn't look so prosperous to him, so he decided to call the attention of those who were in arrears by enclosing with each bill a little slip of paper, which read like this:

Once it was said, "that a certain lady kneaded bread with her hat on, and she kneaded bread with her shoes on, but if the delinquent subscribers don't come across with the 'dough' pretty darn quick, this editor will need bread without anything on."

—J. T. HOWARD.

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COL. C. L. MCGHEE ELECTED CHAIRMAN

New Board Commissioners Organize Monday.

G. M. Beam Elected Attorney, E. F. Griffin Elected Prosecuting Attorney, R. M. Minor Elected Janitor—Committee Assignments Made by Chairman—To Meet Again Tuesday, December 18th.

The new Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, composed of C. L. McGhee, J. B. Sturdivant, C. B. Barham, J. Z. Terrell and T. W. Watson, met Monday afternoon at two o'clock and organized by electing the following officers: C. L. McGhee, Chairman; G. M. Beam, Attorney; E. F. Griffin, Prosecuting Attorney; and R. M. Minor, janitor for the Court House and jail.

After their bonds had been accepted, the following officers were sworn in: F. W. Justice, Sheriff; S. C. Holden, Register of Deeds; R. H. Layton, Coroner; and the Constables of the different Townships as follows, J. B. Young, Youngsville; J. E. Hight, Franklinton; F. M. Ayscue, Hayesville; F. F. Hicks, Sandy Creek; O. H. Leonard, Gold Mine; E. S. Gupton, Cedar Rock; A. S. Wiggs, Louisburg.

Administering the oath of office to the new officers having been completed the committee assignments as follows were made by the Chairman: C. L. McGhee—Revenue, County Indebtedness, county home, education, roads.

T. W. Watson—Annual Report of Officers, Bonds of County officials, License and peddlers, Court House building, jail building and land in Louisburg, education and bonds.

J. Z. Terrell—Accounts verified and audited, special tax districts and boundaries, and County Welfare.

C. B. Barham—Employment of prisoners, stills and officers fees, special tax districts and boundaries.

J. B. Sturdivant—Weights and measures, Home Demonstration work, appropriations, and Health.

After disposing of a number of minor matters including deciding whether or not the officers may be required to give bonds in regular bonding companies, the Board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, December 13.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of the previous meeting business was disposed of as follows:

Report of Mrs. Alta Shilling, Home agent, was received and filed.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent Public Welfare, was received and filed.

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Health Officer, was received and filed.

Report of John Hedgepeth, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed.

The County Accountant was authorized to correct the acreage and tax valuation of the Penny Mitchell land in Gold Mine township.

Report of County Accountant on Sheriff's office was ordered, received and filed.

It was ordered the payment of \$161.02 on notes of County Home property by Dr. D. T. Smithwick be received and time extended to February 1st, 1929.

A motion that if Holden and Leonard would pay their notes down to \$7,500.00 the remainder would be extended.

The County Accountant was authorized to drop from the records the accounts of O. Y. Yarboro and C. B. Kearney, finding the same to be insolvent.

The County Attorney was instructed to report on the present status of the E. B. Griffin and E. S. Ford notes at the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Board agreed for the Franklinton school district to borrow \$5,000.00 from the State for the erection of a Colored school building in that district.

A number of accounts were allowed, closing up the work of the old Board and adjournment was taken sine die.

Cake Walk

The young people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have a "Cake Walk" and Bazaar on Monday evening, Dec. 10th at 8 o'clock in the home of Miss Eleanor Yarborough on Sunset Avenue. The public is cordially invited. The walking will take place at nine o'clock. Go, take your dimes and prepare to laugh.

Entertainment At Prospect

There will be an entertainment at Prospect December 14th, at 7 p. m. Boxes, candies, cakes, etc. will be sold and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the church. Go out and enjoy the evening.

One hundred and fifty-three club boys and girls of Buncombe county attended the annual rally and achievement day at Asheville recently.