

## W. N. FULLER RESIGNS AS FIRE CHIEF

**buys More Hose; J. S. Howell Elected Chief Fire Department; To Cut Off All Delinquent Water and Light Customers**

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session on Friday night. On roll call there were present Mayor Williamson and Commissioners McKinne, Person, Allen and Joyner.

Mr. J. S. Howell, representing the Fire Department was before the board and presented several matters concerning the Fire Department. The Board's attention was called to the annual dues of the Firemen's Relief Association and the Clerk was ordered to pay same. A statement of the expenses of visiting fire companies was presented and same was ordered paid. Mr. Howell presented the resignation of Mr. W. N. Fuller, Chief of the fire department, which was accepted with regrets. Mr. Howell spoke for the department and presented a petition for pressing needs of the fire department. He asked for 2,000 feet of Paragon hose, one nozzle, six hydrant wrenches, 20 pair of rubber boots, nineteen raincoats and nineteen hats, one ladder.

The following petition was presented to the Board:

"To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Louisburg, N. C.: The Louisburg Fire Department hereby request that you appoint J. S. Howell, Chief of the said Fire Department, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. N. Fuller.

"Louisburg Fire Department, F. M. Fuller, Asst. Chief."

The election of J. S. Howell as Chief of the Fire Department was unanimously made by the board.

A representative of the Eureka Fire Hose Co., was before the board with prices and samples of products made by his company.

A motion by L. L. Joyner that the town buy what hose that was needed from the Eureka Fire Hose Co., having received no second was lost.

On motion of A. W. Person, second by F. H. Allen that the purchasing agent wire immediately for prices on 1,000 feet of standard hose and purchase same tomorrow night. Mr. Joyner offered an amendment to this motion, that the town buy tonight 1,000 feet of Paragon hose. The amendment received no second and was lost. A vote was taken on the original motion. Voting aye, Person, Allen and McKinne. No, Joyner.

Mr. T. W. Watson was before the board with reference to insurance on the engine at the power plant. The clerk was ordered to pay the bill as presented.

Mr. F. J. Beasley was before the board with a recommendation for sewer and water connection for the Colored Graded School on the river road. It was ordered that the work be done at once.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the fire departments of Raleigh, Henderson, Franklinton and Rocky Mount and thank them for the splendid assistance rendered during the fire at Louisburg College.

The reports of the Chief of Police and the Auditor were read and approved.

The following resolution with reference to the recent death of Dr. J. E. Malone was unanimously adopted:

Whereas our Creator in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst one of our esteemed and beloved citizens, Dr. J. E. Malone,

And whereas, Dr. J. E. Malone has for many years served the Town of Louisburg and Franklin county with credit to himself and honor to the State as Superintendent of Public Health;

And whereas, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg feel deeply its loss in the passing of such an able, industrious and faithful official and citizen.

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg, N. C.:

First, That we express our appreciation publicly, of the capable, energetic and faithful service rendered by Dr. J. E. Malone, to the citizenship of Louisburg and Franklin county for the past two decades and more, as Health Officer.

Second, That we join with the family and friends of Dr. Malone, expressing heartfelt sympathy in their loss of such a genial, happy, companionable and loving comrade.

Third, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, sent to the family of the deceased and furnished the press. Adopted on this, the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. McKinne and second by Mr. Allen it was ordered that renewal notes for five thousand dollars for general purpose fund and ten thousand dollars for street improvement fund be made in favor of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Louisburg, N. C., said notes to be signed by the Mayor and Town Attorney and attested to by the clerk. Mr. Joyner stated that complaint had been made of the condition of streets by reason of overflow of the stand pipe. It was pointed out that the overflow could not be helped.

## TO RUSH WORK ON COLLEGE EDIFICE

**Louisburg College Authorities Consider Emergency Created by Fire**

A meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Louisburg College was held here Thursday of last week to consider the emergency created by the destruction early Wednesday morning of the main building of the college.

It was decided that the wisest course to pursue was to start at once a drive for funds for the completion of the Franklin county building. With the completion of this building there would be rooms for 88 students. One hundred students and teachers were rendered homeless by the burning of the main building.

The fifth and final payment on the Franklin county building is due this month. Plans were laid today to begin at once on the collection of this payment and other amounts due. With the fifth payment and lapsed payments about \$60,000 is due on the pledges on the Franklin county building.

It is estimated that it will cost \$40,000 to complete the building to the point where the room facilities will be available. Contractors have told the college authorities that the building work can be done in 30 days by working night and day. January 5 has been set for the reopening of the college.

Telegrams from many places in North Carolina and other states came in Thursday expressing sympathy in the great loss which has come to the institution.

Members of the committee were optimistic over the outlook and while they know they have a big job ahead of them, they are confident that they can put it over. Members of the committee present were A. W. Mohn, president of the college; D. W. Newsome, Durham; Rev. A. J. Parker, Hillsboro; Rev. S. A. Cotton, Weldon; Rev. J. A. Shore, Weldon; W. E. White, Louisburg; Charles S. Wallace, Morehead City.

President Mohn said that the drive to raise \$350,000 in the bounds of the North Carolina Methodist Conference to be applied to the endowment fund and other purposes in the expanding program of the college would be pressed with renewed vigor and he voiced the opinion that the sore disaster which had befallen the college would stimulate its friends and patrons to rally to its support with even greater generosity than would have been otherwise the case.

## TOBACCO MARKET TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

The Louisburg tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 19, and will open again on Tuesday, January 8, 1929. The sales the past week have been heavy and the prices have been very satisfactory. Quite a number of farmers are attending the sales each day.

## KINSTON RECTOR IS ASKED TO REMAIN

Kinston, Dec. 9.—Parishoners of the Rev. Harrell J. Lewis here have showered him with telegrams at St. Louis, beseeching him to retain the rectorship of St. Mary's Episcopal church. Mr. Lewis is in the midst of investigating a call. A salary much larger than that paid him here and other emoluments are said to have been offered the young clergyman. His congregation here has grown rapidly during the past year. Vestrymen of St. Mary's believe Mr. Lewis can be persuaded to remain here. His home is at Clinton.

Rev. Mr. Lewis is a son-in-law of Capt. and Mrs. L. L. Joyner of Louisburg.

## LAY CORNER STONE COLORED HIGH SCHOOL

The colored population of Louisburg School District together with a number of visitors from other parts of the State formally laid the corner stone to the New Colored High and Training School with appropriate ceremonies on Wednesday. The school is just being completed and will no doubt be ready for use immediately after the holidays. It is a modern building and shows up well. It is located on Ford Street just back of the Gulf filling station.

Quite a number of speakers were present and paid high tribute to the interest the colored people are taking along educational lines and the opportunities given them by their white friends, especially the cooperation of the school board in finishing and equipping such a nice modern building.

The Clerk was questioned with reference to any delinquent water and light customers who had not paid their bills. It was pointed out to the clerk that it was the strict orders of the board that every user who had not paid previous bills should be cut off and assurance was given that the orders of the board would be carried out in the future. No further business the board adjourned.

## RESULTS OF FIRE AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE



The above pictures were taken of Louisburg College on Wednesday morning directly after the fire. The top picture shows the front of the main building which was built in 1866 and also the Davis Memorial building. The main building was practically destroyed. The Davis Memorial building was damaged by wa-

ter while the Franklin County building escaped without any appreciable damage. The second picture is a close up of the main building, showing the top burned off and other damage. The bottom picture is of the west wing, in which the fire started and which was a total loss. This part of the college was a new addition being con-

structed about three years ago at a cost in excess of \$75,000. As a result of the fire the college had to suspend classes until after the Christmas holidays during which time they expect to complete the Franklin County building, which will accommodate the girls.

## LOUISBURG KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Louisburg Kiwanis Club at the usual weekly luncheon Friday night, reorganized and elected new officers for the coming year. The new officers are Dr. H. H. Johnson, president; Professor W. R. Mills, vice-president; Jake Friedlander, District Trustee; Raymond Bailey, secretary and treasurer; Dr. S. P. Burt, G. M. Beam, A. H. Fleming, P. S. Allen, C. Hatton, W. R. Parsons and Rev. Daniel Lane, directors.

The club went on record to assist in securing funds immediately for the completion of the Franklin County building at Louisburg College. The canvass will begin Tuesday after a get together supper at the Franklin Hotel Monday night.

## Mrs. C. M. Beasley Entertains

Miss Edna Beasley was honored with a delightful party given at the Four Winds Tea Room by Mrs. C. M. Beasley on Thursday afternoon, December 6. Bridge and rook were enjoyed at six tables. Mrs. Weldon Egerton and Mrs. W. B. Beasley were winners of high score prizes. An iced course with cake, followed by mints and nuts was served, each plate holding a miniature bride and groom. Miss Beasley was presented a beautiful silver sandwich plate.

Out of town guests included Mrs. T. Max Watson, of Spindale, sister of the bride elect, and Mrs. Mack Stamps, of Elizabeth City.

## Her Son's Sweetheart

A two act play that is to be given at Pilot, Friday night, December 14. Also there will be a short comedy, "Mademoiselle's Mistake." A small admission will be charged at the door, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

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## Get Splendid Response

At a get together supper Monday night at the Franklin Hotel, a large number of the business men of Louisburg were divided into fifteen groups, each group being composed of from four to six men, for the purpose of canvassing Franklin county in the interest of securing the funds needed to complete the Franklin county building at Louisburg College. In this meeting the need for the immediate collection of this money was stressed. Each group was given a list of subscribers to the Franklin county building fund whom they were to call upon. The groups worked hard and faithfully Tuesday and Wednesday; nor were their efforts in vain as is shown by the report made Wednesday night at a meeting held at the home of President A. W. Mohn, that as a result of the two day canvass \$5,500 in cash was collected and promises were made of many thousands more to be paid by January 1st. The subscribers all showed great enthusiasm and a desire to do all that they can to make it possible for Louisburg College to open her doors immediately after the Christmas holidays.

## Basketball

There will be a basketball game Tuesday night, December 18th at 8 o'clock, Louisburg High School vs. Castalia on the high school court. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

## Welfare Drive

The house to house campaign for 25 cents per household is continuing with good results. Next week the names of contributors will be published. Mr. A. F. Johnson, a member of the welfare board, always a liberal contributor, made the initial offering of \$5. Contributions of this kind would soon put over the Christmas aid in excellent way.

## LOUISBURG WOMAN OUTWITS TRAIN BANDIT

Shreveport, La., Dec. 2.—Passenger train number 203 of the Illinois Central railroad, westbound from Vicksburg to Shreveport, was held up and robbed by a lone unmasked bandit at Forksville, a way station 15 miles west of Monro, La., about 8 o'clock last night. Passengers were relieved of an undetermined sum of money and one man was shot.

Walking from coach to coach, thence into the pullmans, the bandit, in a loud voice, demanded that the passengers surrender all their valuables. He kept one gun in the conductor's back and with the other threatened the passengers.

Miss Mary A. Ramsey, secretary of Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C., a passenger, in her berth, heard loud voices in the car and as the bandit came into her car, she hid \$250 in the top of a stocking which she wadded into the tip of a shoe.

When the man demanded that she give him her money she handed him \$5 which she did not hide. The man looked at her and asked: "Lady, is this all you have?"

Miss Ramsey smiled and answered in the affirmative. "Well, if this is all you have I'll give it back to you," the bandit replied and grinned.

"No," he said, "I guess you have more than this somewhere, so I'll just use this."

He then continued on his way to the last pullman and jumped from the train.

## THANKS

I wish to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to all those who rendered assistance to me in the recent fire. I will always remember them tenderly.

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## AMONG THE VISITORS

**SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.**

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

Miss Louise Thomas, of Raleigh, spent Monday night in Louisburg.

Supt. and Mrs. E. C. Perry and Mrs. W. B. Tucker visited Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Tomlinson, who has been visiting relatives in Louisburg left Saturday for her home in Washington City.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Berkeley and little child, of Goldsboro, visited Mrs. Berkeley's people in Louisburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Griffin and little daughter, Nancy Carlyle, and Mrs. Julia Scott returned Sunday from a trip to Richmond.

Col. and Mrs. W. T. Wilder, who have been visiting relatives in Louisburg left Sunday for New York where they will take passage for a world tour of five months.

Mr. M. "Pete" Hoffman, of Baltimore, who has been traveling thru Tennessee and Kentucky, arrived in Louisburg last week. His friends will find him at L. Kline and Co., where he will work until Christmas.

## Louisburg Churches To Have Community Christmas Trees

The Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal Sunday schools here decided on last Sunday morning to hold community Christmas trees at the respective churches next Sunday, the Methodist and Baptist at the evening hour, and the Episcopal at the morning hour. The decision was made by the members of the Sunday school is themselves who will each bring presents to be placed upon the tree, later to be turned over to the Welfare Department of the county to be distributed to the needy cases throughout the county.

This was a noble Christmas spirit enthusiastically displayed by the many children composing the several Sunday schools.

## LOUISBURG SCOUTS PUSH SEAL SALE

Boy and Girl Scouts in cooperation with the workers of the city will swing the Christmas seal anti-tuberculosis campaign into full momentum Saturday morning when the Scouts will placard their allotted zone with posters wearing colors and the cross of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association. In addition the Kiwanians will push their sale of seals through the children.

## Dr. Bradshaw To Preach

Dr. M. Bradshaw, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, will preach at the Louisburg Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The first quarterly conference will be held immediately after the morning service.

The special Christmas program of the Sunday school will be given Sunday night at seven o'clock. All are invited to attend.

## REV. S. L. BLANTON NEW PASTOR BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. S. L. Blanton, native of Cleveland county, and a former pastor of the Franklinton Baptist church, who is now in the Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, studying for his D. D. degree, was called by the membership of the Louisburg Baptist church, at the Sunday morning service to serve as pastor here. Mr. Blanton is a popular young ex-service man whose ideas are broad and progressive. The Baptist church is very fortunate to be able to secure him. Mr. Blanton may possibly arrive in January to take over his duties, but he has been advised by the church here to remain in the Seminary until June in order to complete his degree.

## Beasley-Cross Wedding

One of the most interesting social events of the season will take place at the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock when the marriage of Miss Edna Beasley and Mr. Dwight Cross will be solemnized. No invitations have been issued to this marriage but a special invitation is extended all friends of the families.

## Wake Forest Glee Club At Franklinton

The Wake Forest College Glee Club and Orchestra will present a program at the Franklinton Public School auditorium Tuesday, December 18, at 8 p. m.

The Glee Club includes twenty-eight male voices and a twelve-piece orchestra. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Admission 20 and 40 cents.