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## County Commissioners Acquitted

### CASE THROWN OUT UNDER ORDER OF NON SUIT

Only Few Cases Tried, Large Number Continued—A True Bill For Murder was Returned Against Jake Battle—Court Adjourns for Convenience of Farmers

The four members of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, indicted in May 1929 for malfeasance and misfeasance in office, were acquitted Tuesday afternoon in Franklin Superior Court when Judge F. A. Daniels sustained a motion of the defense to non suit, the Judge holding there was not sufficient evidence to sustain a verdict of guilty. In the trial of this case Solicitor Brassfield was assisted by Mr. W. L. Robinson and the defense was represented by Messrs. H. T. Holden, W. H. Yarborough, W. L. Lumpkin and G. M. Beaman. At the opening of the regular May term of Court Monday morning Mr. James E. Malone, Jr., presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, indicted in May 1929 for malfeasance and misfeasance in office, were acquitted Tuesday afternoon in Franklin Superior Court when Judge F. A. Daniels sustained a motion of the defense to non suit, the Judge holding there was not sufficient evidence to sustain a verdict of guilty.

Whereas on account of the crop conditions in Franklin County, it would work a peculiar hardship upon the farmers of said County to have to attend Court as Jurors and Witnesses, be it resolved that it is the sense of this meeting that the May Term of Franklin Superior Court be suspended.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be submitted to His Honor, Judge F. A. Daniels, and the Honorable L. S. Brassfield, Solicitor.

Judge F. A. Daniels, presiding took the position that the jail cases, so far as possible, should be disposed of and any others of an important nature, before adjournment was taken. Following this suggestion a Grand Jury composed of J. R. White, Foreman, E. M. Mitchell, W. J. Hunt, J. H. Boone, J. A. Timberlake, F. M. Baker, T. M. Harris, J. C. Bowden, B. N. Williams, Jr., Frank Collins, C. W. Roberts, C. J. Evans, W. R. Holden, A. F. Vick, L. L. Collins, W. H. M. Jenkins, T. E. Joyner, W. F. Breedlove were drawn and H. F. Perry was chosen officer to the Grand Jury.

Judge Daniels made a most unique charge. It was short but to the point and unmistakably plain in describing the duties of the jurors, especially towards looking after the proper maintenance and conduct of the county offices and institutions.

Following the charge the docket was called and with the exception of the cases listed below all were continued to a later term:

J. E. Williams was found not guilty of reckless driving. Ivey Reed, was given 6 months in jail suspended pending good behavior for two years, after pleading guilty. W. T. Aycuse was discharged, having complied with an order of the court.

The cases against Claud Renn, for operating automobile intoxicated and Corbin Blount for unlawful possession of whiskey, were not pressed.

Colonel Alston was given 6 months on roads, suspended for two years pending good behavior, for house breaking and larceny. Beasly May Spencer was granted a divorce from her husband C. E. Spencer.

F. W. Watson, C. B. Barham, C. L. McGhee and J. B. Sturdivant, County Commissioners, two cases for malfeasance and misfeasance in office. After hearing the evidence of the State's witnesses and the argument for and against a motion by the defense for a non suit, the motion was granted upon the grounds that there was no evidence of corruption, or to sustain a verdict of any criminal offense.

A true bill was returned against Jake Battle for the murder of John Sampson.

After completing the cases against the Commissioners the Court took adjournment for the term.

The Grand Jury completing its work Tuesday filed the following report:

To Hon. F. A. Daniels, Judge presiding at May Term 1930, Franklin County Superior Court.

We the Grand Jury drawn for May term of Franklin County Superior Court do submit the following report:

We have visited the various offices of the County, namely, the Sheriff's office, Register of Deeds office, the Clerk of Courts office, and Welfare office and find them well kept with proper records etc., as far as we could ascertain.

We visited the jail and found same in good condition, sanitary and prisoners well cared for.

We visited the County Home and found same clean and comfortable a good home and the inmates all seem satisfied and happy with their treatment.

We have passed on all bills presented to us and on all matters that have been brought to our attention.

We recommend an additional milk cow for County Home, we also recommend that transoms over doors of bedrooms at County Home be made to open and close, rather than remain stationary.

We the Grand Jury further report that we find the town of Louisburg dumps its refuse and trash near some buildings and stores that same is dangerous on account of fire and from a standpoint of health and recommend that the refuse dump at this place be abandoned.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. WHITE, Foreman Grand Jury.

Solicitor Brassfield filed the following report:

To the Hon. F. A. Daniels Judge presiding at the undersigned Solicitor begs to report that he has made an examination of the office of Hon. J. J. Young, Clerk of this Court, and find the records in good condition, the necessary records and books kept and properly indexed. The said clerk's accounts appear to be regularly and properly kept.

LEON S. BRASSFIELD, Solicitor.

## GEORGE B. JUSTICE DIES HERE SUNDAY

Former Assistant Printing Commissioner To Be Buried This Morning

George B. Justice, former Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Printing and for 12 years connected with commercial printing in Raleigh, died early yesterday morning after an illness of several months. He was one of the most popular business men in the city.

The funeral services will be held at the Justice home, 422 East Jones Street, this morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of which Mr. Justice was a member, will officiate.

Mr. Justice was born in Rutherfordton on August 26, 1880. He came to Raleigh from Charlotte in 1909 to accept the assistant commissionership under Commissioner M. L. Shipman. He remained in the department until 1918 when he resigned to become general manager of the Commercial Printing Company. Later he became manager of the Mitchell Printing Company with which he remained until his illness.

Surviving Mr. Justice are his widow, who was Miss Ethel Ross, of Rock Hill, S. C., three sons, George E. Justice, Jr., and Frank Justice, of Raleigh, and Richard W. Justice, of New York, his mother, Mrs. T. B. Justice, of Washington, D. C., two brothers, Rev. Thomas L. Justice, of Tryon, and Frank Justice, of Louisburg.

The active pallbearers will be: Clarence E. Mitchell, F. W. Bagley, G. A. Moore, James R. Bynum, D. Marvin Penny, and H. K. Weather- spoon.

Honorary pallbearers will be: M. L. Shipman, J. Cooper Young, Dr. J. J. Joyner, Clifton W. Beckwith, F. H. Ray, Bruce Strong, H. H. Brimley, T. C. Council, Dan A. Campbell, R. L. Harris, R. D. Bynum, Charles Ruffin, W. G. Womble, Edgar Womble, John Monte, W. J. Applewhite, Charles N. Howell, and W. R. Scruggs.

The interment will be in Oakwood. News-Observer, Monday, May 12.

## Macgill-Barrow

Invitations as follows have been mailed:

Mrs. Joseph James Barrow requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Frances Mabbette to Mr. Charles Richard Macgill, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of May at twelve o'clock, noon, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Louisburg, North Carolina.

There will be no invitations mailed to friends in Louisburg.

The bride-to-be is one of Louisburg's most popular and charming young ladies. She is a daughter of the late J. J. Barrow, and enjoys a wide acquaintance.

The groom-to-be is a popular young business man of Greensboro.

The coming events will be watched with much interest by the many friends of this popular couple.

## CARD OF THANKS

We, the children of Mrs. A. T. Grisdorn, wish to express our deep appreciation for your kindness and words of sympathy during the recent illness and death of our mother.

THE FAMILY.

## GAINS IN TOWNSHIP POPULATION

The following census information concerning subdivisions of Franklin County has been given out by Hobart Brantley, Supervisor of the Census for this District.

The population of Youngsville Township (Including Youngsville Town) County of Franklin, State of North Carolina, as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 2390 as compared with 2342 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 346 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

The population of Cedar Rock Township, County of Franklin, State of North Carolina, as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 2695, as compared with 2377 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 532 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

The population of Dunn Township (Including Bunn Town) County of Franklin, State of North Carolina, as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 3395, as compared with 2856 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 516 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

The population of Gold Mine Township (Including Wood Town) County of Franklin, State of North Carolina, as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 1795, as compared with 1671 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 294 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

The population of Cypress Creek Township County of Franklin, State of North Carolina as shown by a preliminary count of the returns of the Fifteenth Census, taken as of April 1, 1930, is 1397, as compared with 1511 on January 1, 1920. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to correction.

There were 361 farms enumerated in this area at the Fifteenth Census.

## College Glee Club Present Sacred Concert

The Louisburg College Glee Club gave its annual Sacred Concert on Sunday evening, May 11, at 8 o'clock, at the Methodist Church. The Glee Club is under the leadership of Mrs. A. W. Mohn, Head of the Department of Music. The following program was rendered reflecting much credit upon the leader and exhibiting the skill of the members of the club.

Anthems—Holy Art Thou (Largo from Xerxes)—Handel; The Silent Sea—Neidlinger; Glee Club Choir. Trio—When Jesus Was a Little Child—Tchaidkowsky; Misses Mary Waring, Myra Scull, Ruth Womble.

Solo—God Shall Wipe Away All Tears—Roma; Miss Elma Currin. Anthems—Hark, Hark My Soul; Harker; Jesus My Saviour—Faure; Glee Club Choir.

Quartette—In the Carpenter's Shop—Foster; Misses Mary Waring, Mavis Kinlaw, Ruth Womble, Vera Barfield. Solo—Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee (Song of Ruth)—Gounod; Miss Myra Scull.

Sextets—Great is Thy Love—Bohm; Misses Mavis Kinlaw, Ruth Cathy, Elma Currin, Myra Scull, Ruth Womble, Vera Barfield.

Anthem—Listen to the Lamb—Dett; Glee Club Choir. Viola Offertory—Ave Maria—Bach-Gounod; Miss Elene Swinson.

Solo—How Beautiful Upon the Mountains—Harker; Miss Mavis Kinlaw. Trio—Legende—Tchaidkowsky; Misses Mavis Kinlaw, Elma Currin, Ruth Womble.

Duette—Mother, My Dear (In memory of mothers' day)—Treharne. Misses Mary Waring, Vera Barfield. Anthem—The Heavens are Telling (from the Creation)—Haydn; Glee Club Choir.

## Reavis-Bond

Announcements as follows have been received in Louisburg:

Mr. and Mrs. George Blythe Bond announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Frances to Mr. Peter Augustus Reavis, on Sunday, April the twentieth, nineteen hundred and thirty, Nashville, Tennessee.

Enclosed were cards reading: "At home, 414 North Person Street, Raleigh, North Carolina."

The groom will be remembered as a former Louisburg boy, being the son of the late P. A. Reavis, and has many friends and relatives in Franklin County who extend hearty congratulations to him and his bride.

## Lieut. Gov. John McDonald Visits Louisburg Kiwanians

Louisburg Kiwanis Club was honored Friday night by a visit from John McDonald, of Raleigh, Lieutenant Governor of the Carolinas district, who entertained the members present with one of his usual interesting and humorous speeches in which he stated that Kiwanis clubs are calling for influential men in every town and community who are interested in its welfare and are willing to help solve the present economic problems. We must live up to our motto "We Build". He said the purpose of Kiwanis is to uphold our town and community. The successful club he stated had an objective. The one the Louisburg Club selected last year, the Underprivileged Child was splendid he said and complimented the one it had adopted for this year "the under privileged farmer." The speaker was introduced by Herbert Peppy and Arthur Fleming had charge of the musical portion of the program who presented Misses Helen Leigh Fleming and Jean Fleming who sang several splendid selections in memory of mother.

The meeting was presided over by President Mills and was much enjoyed.

## Greenhill Golf Club Wins Over Henderson

The Greenhill Golf Club won the golf tournament last Wednesday with Henderson. The final score being 26 to 22.

Henderson brought an excellent team over to contest for the cup that is being offered to the winner. The contesting towns are: Louisburg, Henderson, Roanoke, Rapids, and Warrenton. Two tournaments, or matches have been held. Our team has won one and lost one—Warrenton defeating them on their course and Louisburg winning the local battle.

Quite a bit of interest has been taken in these Inter-City Tournaments. A large gallery was present at the local course last Wednesday. Visitors and spectators are welcomed to witness these matches—no fee is charged.

The local team goes to Rocky Mount, to play a matched tournament that has been arranged with that club, one day this week.

The club announces that a Scotch Foursome will be staged in the immediate future. Players and visitors participating in the one last year have stated they had a good time, and that they will put on a real fight this time. Prizes will be offered by local firms to the winners of this contest. The date and more particulars will be announced later.

## GLEE CLUB RECITAL TO BE GIVEN AT COLLEGE

The Louisburg College Glee Club will give its recital tonight (Friday) at the music hall at the College instead of at the Methodist church as formerly announced, and will be held at 8:30 o'clock. A small admission will be charged to assist in defraying expenses of the College club activities.

Misses Frances Barrow and Louise Allen honored.

Misses Mary and Edith Yarborough were hostess Tuesday evening to a large circle of friends, honoring Misses Frances Barrow and Louise Allen brides-elect.

The guests on arriving were welcomed by Mrs. J. Albert Wheelless and given dainty tally-plant cards, then presented by Miss Edith Yarborough to the receiving line which was composed of Miss Mary Yarborough, Miss Frances Barrow and mother, Mrs. J. J. Barrow, Miss Louise Allen and mother, Mrs. F. H. Allen, Mesdames J. B. Yarborough, W. B. Barrow, N. Y. Chambliss, of Rocky Mount, N. C., C. H. Blackhall, of Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Genevieve Dando, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The living rooms and dining room were thrown en suite, where seven tables were placed for bridge. Most beautiful pink and white roses and peonies and sweet peas in a variety of colors artistically arranged added their incomparable charm to the already attractive rooms.

At the conclusion of a number of interesting progressions the high score prize, a dainty party handkerchief, was awarded Mrs. W. E. White, Jr. The consolation prize, a box of candy was presented to Mrs. H. H. Johnson.

Original Godey pictures attractively framed were presented to the brides-elect as mementoes of the happy occasion.

A delicious ice course with brides cake was served. Assisting in serving were Misses Eleanor Collie, Anna Fulsie Parham, Margaret Turner and Max Allen.

Misses Barrow and Allen are two of the states most popular and attractive young women and are well known in the society of eastern North Carolina.

Their approaching nuptials have excited great interest and many entertainments in their honor have been given and others will follow up to the date of their respective marriages.

## THE FLANDERS FIELD POPPY

"Poppies in the wheat fields, on the pleasant hills of France Reddening in the summer breeze that bids them nod and dance."

So sang a soldier poet of the A. E. F. that blazing summer of 1918, when an unleashed American Army was writing Victory into our history. He sang of the poppies because it was through machine-gun raked fields of them that the doughboys plucked them and wore them on their helmets as they forged ahead; and we wear them to remember—

"Poppies in the wheat fields, how still beside them lie Scattered forms that stir not when the star shells burst on high; Gently bending o'er them beneath the moon's soft glance Poppies in the wheat fields on the ransomed fields of France."

The Flanders poppy which provided cheer to the marching soldiers and gently watched over the fallen heroes, grew amidst complete devastation on the battle fields of France—between abandoned trenches and even in No Man's Land—thus typifying the courage of the men who fell. It is in reality the corn poppy—not the poppy from which opium is made—and is an ancient wild flower which grows annually and prolifically. Because immediately after the war where the battle had been the fiercest and the bloodshed the greatest the poppies grow most profusely, the French women tell you today that the poppy is significant of the sacrificial blood of the men who fell.

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

Regular Annual Occasion at Justice And Louisburg

A rather unusual Memorial Day Celebration was held in Franklin County, at Justice School, on Saturday, May 10, in keeping with an annual custom.

Veterans of all the wars were invited to be present at this meeting, and especially the Confederate Veterans, who were the main guests of the occasion. Only three Confederate Veterans, however were able to attend. These three Messrs. J. L. Bowden, of Justice, J. H. Bobbitt, of Louisburg, and R. V. Collie, of Seven Paths, took their places on the stage in the auditorium, where, after the opening song, "America", and invocation by Mr. W. A. Jones, these three aged veterans had a general discussion of their experiences during that great Civil War of the 60's, each in turn telling his story, not only to the two other veterans, but to a large crowd assembled in the auditorium to help these three pay homage to their Confederate comrades, long ago passed into glory. The stories told by these gentlemen filled their audience with awe and wonder, provoking first sighs, then smiles, according as they related some exciting, thrilling moment of anxiety, or some humorous incident, or joke, which provoked laughter even from the veterans themselves.

Following the relating of these stories, Miss Thelma Harrison, of Clinton, gave a very appropriate recitation, "The Confederate Dead", which everyone enjoyed.

An invitation was extended those in the audience who wished to do so to relate some memory of Confederate days. Mr. Walter Stallings, of Greensboro, grandson of Mr. J. L. Bowden, spoke first, relating his memory of the tenth of May, fourteen years ago, when he so clearly recalled the long line of about thirty veterans sitting there on that same stage, where now there were only three, and how thrilled he was, being only a boy, at having been granted the privilege of speaking on that memorable day.

Quite a number of others, including Supervising Principal T. H. Sledge, Mr. W. A. Jones, Mr. W. P. Hayman, Mr. J. L. Palmer, and Mr. C. H. Stallings, spoke for a few minutes, paying tribute not only to the Confederate Veterans, but to the Confederate women as well.

After singing "The Star Spangled Banner", the crowd gathered about the Confederate monument in front of the school building for the flower service, where wreaths were placed about the base of the monument by a group of young girls, and "Tenny's 'Tonight'" was sung very impressively.

After being dismissed by Mr. T. H. Sledge, those present partook of a delicious picnic dinner spread on a long table just back of the schoolhouse, under the shade of the trees.

The building was decorated with our national colors, red, white, and blue, which lent a patriotic air to the occasion.

Patriotic music was furnished by Miss Montagress Stallings, of Raleigh. Mr. J. L. Bowden, one of the few Confederate Veterans of this county, now living, has been instrumental in keeping up this unusual celebration in his community and in planning and preparing for it year by year. He is very deeply interested in keeping alive the memory of his slain comrades and he has a just right to feel proud of the Confederate monument, erected on the school grounds at Justice by his daughter, the late Mrs. E. M. Perry, wife of Dr. E. M. Perry, of Rocky Mount, which is the first Confederate monument to be erected in this county.

Short Memorial Services were held at Oaklawn Cemetery, Louisburg, by a committee of the U. D. C., who decorated about thirty-six graves. During the services, Mrs. Hugh Perry read a paper entitled, "Our Memorial Day". Rev. S. L. Bianton, Pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church closed the service with a prayer.

Some Unusual and Remarkable Weather Conditions

In 1816 there was frost every month in the year, snow fell in June, 1857, the year of the big snow 4 feet deep, 1894, the best year to produce corn on record. 1876, the wettest year, rained every day through June and July, very little was made.

The 11th day of May 1874 every thing frost could kill was killed. The forests were black and the stench of decaying matter was awful. 1880 no rain fell from middle of April until July 4th, then there was a good Cotton crop made which came up after July 4th. It was very late and much killed by frost.

D. T. SMITHWICK.

## Franklinton Bank Arranging To Re-Open

The officers of the Citizens and Commercial Bank of Franklinton and interested citizens are working out a plan to re-open the bank which closed on April 9th. The plan, so it is explained, is to secure an agreement on the part of depositors not to draw out their present deposits for a year or eighteen months, leaving the funds there to be used in the re-organization and stabilization of the institution. Eighty three per cent of the deposits have already been signed to this agreement according to information received in Louisburg Tuesday and it is expected that most of the remainder will be signed in the next few days. The conduct of the institution when re-opened will be under strict supervision of the Corporation Commission.

This arrangement seem to be a most happy and fortunate one for all concerned and particular for the town of Franklinton. Properly carried out the banks affairs should be fully liquidated with no loss to any one within a short while and leave the bank in a healthy condition to serve this community in the future.

Five hundred head of fat hogs have been shipped to northern markets by Cumberland county growers this spring.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX RELIEF ASSOCIATION MEETS AT BUNN

Mr. N. M. Perry, Vice-chairman, announces that the Franklin County Tax-Relief Association will hold a meeting at Bunn in the high school auditorium, Saturday, May 17th, at 2:30 o'clock. All who are interested in the work of this Association are extended a special invitation to attend its meeting.