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EDWARD BEST LOVE FEAST

Kiwanis Presents A Most Touching Program Friday Night.

The regular weekly Kiwanis Luncheon at Franklin Hotel on Friday night was turned into a regular love feast honoring Edward L. Best who was to leave Monday for Charlotte to take over the Superintendency of the Mecklenburg County Schools.

Before turning the program over to E. R. Allen, Chairman for the evening, President Edward F. Griffin told the members of an opportunity Louisburg had to get a \$25,000 Army and community building, the only requirement was that the community furnish the site. There are 47 of these armories to be erected in the State and a motion prevailed that the President appoint a committee of two to act with him in securing one of these, the appointments would be announced later.

Tracy Stockard told of the possibility of Louisburg getting the main North and South bus line routed from Franklin via Louisburg to Henderson and reverse and President Griffin appointed a committee for this purpose composed of T. K. Stockard, G. M. Beam and E. R. Allen.

The evening program was opened by the singing of "He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

Edward Griffin, State Senator, spoke first paying a high tribute to the life and work of Edward Best, both before and after he became Superintendent of Franklin County School and predicted his ultimate selection as State Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. H. G. Perry, classed him as one of the biggest educators in the State with no exceptions.

G. M. Beam, local attorney, referring to E. L. Best stated there is nothing more true that one reaps what he sows and that at this time Edward Best is reaping the success that is the natural outcome of the sowing he has done in the past years of service in Franklin County.

W. R. Mills Superintendent of Schools stated there was hardly anything Edward Best loves better than Franklin County and Louisburg unless it is an opportunity for service. It was his opinion that if Edward Best would obey his personal feeling he would not get out of hearing of Jacksons Pond, but he has heard the call for service. In his going Franklin County is lending him to a larger field where he will be a blessing to the boys and young men.

T. K. Stockard, Town Clerk and President Chamber of Commerce, paid a pretty tribute in that he was delighted, and Franklin County should be, at the signal success accorded one of its sons, in becoming the head of the biggest school job in the State save only the State Superintendent of Schools which we confidently expect him to capture in the near future.

S. P. Boddie, one of Louisburg's oldest druggists, in his brief but touching tributes concluded by saying "we love him and hate to give him up, but wish for him the best in his new field of work."

W. L. Lumpkins, Franklin County's representative in the last several Legislatures and prominently mentioned for Lincolnton, Governor, took the position that we too often don't fully appreciate what we have. I have learned that he is relied upon by the best school folks in the State who have the greatest respect for his opinion and judgment. He said "Edward Best your place will always be a memory to the people of Franklin County in any gathering. We hate to see you go but feel that in just a few years you will occupy a like position in the State Government."

E. R. Allen paid Best a very pretty tribute and concluded by presenting him with a handsome cigarette case and lighter, complements of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club.

In response Edward Best wasn't so sure it was he that was being discussed, but he said "in all seriousness you know I appreciate it. The Lord only knows how I like it. I am going to live up to the same high standards here. Whatever success I have made is not due to Edward Best but to the help of the wonderful citizenship in Franklin County, cooperation of Kiwanis and citizens. I hate to go but I am coming back to Franklin County in some future years."

The meeting, which was a love feast, came to a close with singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Two more pure bred Guernsey heifers have been placed with 4-H club members of Polk County this month.

Mr. E. H. Malone returned Friday from a trip to Columbia, S. C.

He Wanted To Whisper



WASHINGTON... Lack of White House comment leaves the impression that no libelous action will be taken against E. P. Cramer, Plainfield, N. J. advertising man (above), who admitted before the Senate Lobby Committee that it was he who suggested that the utilities people start a "whispering campaign" that President Roosevelt was insane.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

There has been only one case of infantile paralysis reported in Franklin County in three weeks. All cases are out of quarantine.

The Board of Health feels justified under these circumstances in rescinding the ordinance against children under fifteen years of age attending public gatherings.

This ordinance is hereby rescinded.

Franklin County Board of Health.

J. S. Strickland Dead

Funeral services were held for J. S. Strickland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pleasants on Cedar Street Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald assisted by Rev. E. H. Davis, in the presence of a large concourse of friends who had gathered to pay a last sad tribute. Many also attended the services at Oaklawn Cemetery, where the body was tenderly laid to rest by those of his mother, who had preceded him a number of years, and left resting under a huge bank of beautiful flowers.

Mr. Strickland died in a hospital in Danville, Va., on Thursday afternoon, from a heart affection after having recovered from a recent operation for appendicitis. He had lived in Danville several years holding a position with the McDaniel Printing Co.

Jimmy, as he was familiarly known to his many friends here, was born and raised in Louisburg being the son of the late Mrs. Caddie V. Strickland and a grand son of the late W. B. Conway. He was 48 years of age and besides his wife he is survived by one son, J. S., Jr., and three sisters, Mrs. Ben W. Brown, of Petersburg, Va. Mrs. J. C. Foster of near Laurel and Mrs. W. M. Pleasants of Louisburg. He was a staunch Methodist and a faithful Mason. Jimmy began his experience in the printing trade early in the 1900's in the Franklin Times office, afterwards holding responsible positions at several places in the State. He was a young man of much energy, splendid qualifications and strong friendship. He was always jolly and pleasant making many friends among his acquaintances. The pallbearers were S. P. Boddie, O. Y. Yarboro, R. W. Smithwick, J. Forest Joyner, M. C. Murphy, A. F. Johnson.

Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, August 17th:

Saturday — Bob Steele in "Smoky Smith." Also "Miracle Rider."

Sunday — Joel McCrea and Maureen O'Sullivan in "Woman Wanted."

Monday — Gloria Stuart and John Beale in "Laddie."

Tuesday — Gilbert Roland and Mona Barrie in "Ladies Love Danger."

Wednesday — Nell Hamilton and Irene Harvey in "Honey Moon Limited."

Thursday Only — Jane Withers and Jackie Searle in "Ginger." Also "The March of Time."

Friday — George Raft and Alice Faye in "Every Night At Eight." Also "The March of Time."

Last showing Today — Clark Gable, Loretta Young and Jack Oakie in "Call Of The Wild."

Trys G.O.P. Poll



WASHINGTON... Robert H. Lucas of Kentucky (above), former director of Republican National Headquarters, has mailed 4,250 letters with questionnaires listing 24 names, asking G.O.P. leaders who they want to nominate for the presidency next year.

State Farmers Section

Featured by special messages from the Governors of North and South Carolina, the second edition of our State Farmer Section is a part of this issue of the Franklin Times.

Governor Johnston of South Carolina, stresses the fact that the rural population should have all the facts relative to their industry clearly and accurately presented to them. He congratulates the weekly newspapers on their efforts to convey to farmers in their respective territories, information through The Farmer Section that will be of material help to them.

Governor Ehringhaus of North Carolina, states that he was much interested in looking over copy of the first edition of The State Farmer Section, and congratulates the newspapers on their enterprise in giving rural readers interpretive news on the commodities they are growing. "I hope that they may continue to make substantial contributions to our agricultural life," he said.

The August issue of The State Farmer Section, which is a part of this week's FRANKLIN TIMES contains vital information on every type of farming activity.

There is a page of 4-H Club and Future Farmer news; a page of interest to women, and departments that will be of value to truck growers, poultrymen, dairymen, fruit growers, cotton and tobacco farmers, grain producers, livestock men and all others engaged in farming enterprises.

As special features this issue contains a message from Hon. W. I. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, addressed specifically to Carolina farmers, a story on soil conservation work under the TVA; an exclusive message from D. W. Watkins, director of the South Carolina Extension Service; news of the co-operatives by Roy H. Park; the regular feature market news specially prepared by Colonel L. Brown, New York correspondent and dozens of other items which contain information which our readers can turn into cash.

Read our farm feature section carefully, and tell us what you think of it. This special service is offered without any additional cost to our subscribers.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorders Court held quite a good session Tuesday morning with several cases on docket. The docket as disposed of was as follows:

Luther Horton was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued.

Eugene Jones plead nolo contendere to assault on a female, and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Paul Bobbitt plead guilty to trespass and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Percy Cooke plead guilty to carrying concealed weapon and was given 3 months on roads.

James Benton Glover plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey, and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Edgar Denton, bastardy, continued.

Arch Joyner was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, and reckless driving, and was given 60 days on roads, to be stayed upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Albert Crudup was found guilty of larceny and was given 3 months in jail, commissioners to hire out.

Practice In Louisburg

Mr. J. C. Taylor has entered the practice of law in Louisburg and for the present will have office with Capt. E. F. Griffin. Mr. Taylor is a son of the late G. D. Taylor, is a graduate of Wake Forest, and received license in 1933.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 16

Schools in Franklin County are scheduled to open on Monday, September 16th, announces Supt. W. R. Mills. The County health doctor, R. F. Yarborough feels certain the ban on Infantile Paralysis will be lifted by that time and there will be no danger in schools opening.

Co-Op Essay Finals

Set For August 19th—Winner Will Be Awarded State Championship and One-Year College Scholarship.

By ROY H. PARK

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Competing for State Championship and first prize of a one-year college scholarship, the four district winners in the eighth annual essay contest of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will meet in Raleigh Monday, August 19, and recite their essays on "What a Unified Program of Cooperative Marketing and Co-operative Purchasing Can Mean to the Farmers of North Carolina."

These district winners have been selected in a series of school, county and district elimination contests in which thousands of rural boys and girls participated.

The contestants are: Layton Palt, of Bladenboro, representing the Southern district; Milton Lord, of Cary, representing the Central district; Grace Mewborn, of Snow Hill, representing the Eastern district; and Loy Crowder, of Shelby, representing the Western district.

In past years, the finals of the essay contest have been held at State College as one of the features of annual Farm and Home week. This year, however, Farm and Home week was called off because of the Infantile Paralysis epidemic and the essay contest finals will be held in the classroom of the Cotton Association in Raleigh.

OVER ONE HUNDRED AT BOBBITT REUNION

Addresses Made by Gilliam Grisom, W. T. Sledge and Rev. H. R. Miller

Littleton, Aug. 14.—The descendants of Miles Bobbitt, who lived in Warren County near the section now known as Liberia and who died in 1890, with the families of Cyrus Sledge of Nash County and W. W. Rosser, together with other relatives and friends of the family, numbering 114, have just held their annual reunion at the home of E. L. Harris at Inez. Mrs. Harris was a daughter of Miles Bobbitt of Nash County and a great-granddaughter of the Miles Bobbitt first mentioned above.

This reunion was first organized in 1920 by the children of Miles Bobbitt of Nash County, who was a grandson and namesake of the Warren County Miles Bobbitt. Relatives and friends meeting to enjoy the occasion were from Whiteville, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Nashville, Henderson, Littleton, Castalia, Warrenton, Louisburg, Wake Forest, Fuquay Springs and Richmond, as well as from the nearby community.

E. C. Bobbitt of Littleton acted as master of ceremonies.

After the group enjoyed a bountiful dinner, addresses were delivered by Gilliam Grisom of Raleigh, W. T. Sledge of Whiteville and Rev. H. Reid Miller of Littleton. William Bobbitt of Richmond, read a copy of the will of John Bobbitt, an ancestor, which was written in 1789 and recorded in Warren County in 1791, just a few years after Warren County was organized.

After the speaking the company again was invited out to the dinner tables which now were loaded with watermelons and cantaloupes.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Auxiliary will hold its usual monthly meeting at the Welcome Inn on Tuesday, August 20th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon with Mesdames W. E. White and W. A. Andrews as hostesses. All members are urged to be present.

BUNN ROAD

It will be interesting to Franklin County people to know that the State Highway Commission has had posted in the Court House a Map of the proposed Louisburg to Pilot highway preparatory to calling for bids for its construction.

Principals in Mid-Western Mutilation Murder



CHICAGO... Left above is a close up of Mandeville W. Zenge, young carpenter of Canton, Mo., who is charged with the mutilation murder of Dr. Walter J. Bauer, (right, above) newly-wed husband of Louise Schaffner Bauer (right, above) a young woman with whom Zenge "had been keeping company" for seven years. Bauer was kidnaped from Ann Arbor, Mich., and forced to drive here where the "operation" with a pen knife took place and from which he died.

E. L. BEST HONORED

Going Away Supper At Franklin Hotel Saturday Night Largely Attended

The going away supper given in honor of Edward Lee Best, Franklin County's former popular Superintendent of Schools, by about fifty of his friends and business associates at Franklin Hotel on Saturday night, was a most solemn—as the parting of friends always is—and happy occasion. Throughout the entire program the prevailing spirit seem to say "we didn't realize the extent of our friendship until the time for parting," mingled with the delight at the success and promotion of one they loved and respected.

Senator E. F. Griffin presided and recognized as the first speaker Representative W. L. Lumpkin, who said in part:

"Franklin County for a number of years has indeed been fortunate in having one of the most capable and efficient Superintendents of Public Instruction in North Carolina. There have been remarkable changes in the school system, the personnel in the physical plants and in public education in our county under the masterful and efficient management of Edward Best. I know of no man who has given more liberally of his time, energy, efforts and personality in the great cause of the education of our youth and the proper training and development of our young manhood and young womanhood for future service as citizens.

"It is fitting and appropriate that this representative group of citizens from every section of Franklin County should gather to pay honor and tribute to so faithful a public servant, who has been called to a greater field of usefulness and service in school work, and whose departure from our midst is sincerely regretted by the citizenship of the county, Mecklenburg County, and especially the City of Charlotte, the largest City in our State, is to be congratulated for their wisdom and good judgment in securing the services of Edward Best to manage their schools.

"Mr. Best, unquestionably, is one of the leading school men in the State, and this recognition of his ability as a school executive by other sections of North Carolina comes as no surprise to me, for I know that Edward Best was invariably consulted by leading educators throughout North Carolina, and that he had an important voice in the writing of the School Machinery Act in the last three sessions of the General Assembly.

"We, the people of Franklin County, sincerely appreciate his faithful leadership for better schools and higher standards of education in our county, and we are truly proud that one of our fellow citizens shall have larger fields in which to continue his life's work of service in the great task of the education of the youth of North Carolina, and we wish for him continued success and confidently expect, in the years to come, to see him as well known and as well loved by all of the school people of the State, as he is at present by the citizenship of his native County."

The second speaker, Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of the Methodist Church who was prevented from attending on account of being called out of town, let this

tribute to Edward Best:

"In the life of man rare occasions come when one may make the acquaintance and cultivate a friendship where no shadows of fear, no mark of difference, no pain of misunderstanding arises, the fickleness of our humanity, the uncertainty of our interests, the changing fortune of our social existence, oftentimes, forbid the closest lines of warm human devotion from cementing into a real genuine friendship. But none of these causes separated Edward Lee Best and myself. He is a man I have admired, loved, and trusted. A Christian gentleman of the finest cultural attainments who will cause any one to rejoice that he can count him as his friend.

"Few men are born, reared, and chosen by their kindred and playmates to assume the most responsible place of leadership in the affairs of a people. Yet, this was the great good fortune of Mr. Best. For almost a quarter of a century this distinguished citizen of Franklin County has toiled and achieved to one of the most unique places of distinction in the history of the county of his birth. Yet, one significant fact remains—this honored position did not create Edward Lee Best. Edward Best created this high and distinguished position himself. Truly a prophet with honor among his own people.

"Now that Mr. Best has been called into a larger field of service, we cannot deny him the right to accept it. We can, however, voice our feelings of much regret that the friendly hands that bid him good-bye, also remain to extend him a most friendly welcome should he ever find it possible to return and reside once more among his boy-hood friends."

Superintendent W. R. Mills, for thirty-odd years at the head of Louisburg Schools and the successor to Mr. Best, made a splendid tribute in the following:

"It is a real privilege to speak for a few minutes to this fine body of men assembled to do honor to a faithful and efficient public servant. Personally, I appreciate this mark of approval of the services of my friend and co-worker, Mr. Best and I have been associated in the work of the schools for so many years that our interest have come to have much in common. In all this time we have never had a fuss; we have had numerous arguments. We have tried to think through many knotty educational problems and of necessity we did not always agree.

"As the years have come and gone, I have learned to respect his good judgment and to rely much on his wise counsel. His removal from us comes as a great personal loss to me. I value his friendship and the almost daily association with him.

"Were I speaking to the citizens of Mecklenburg County to which he is to go so soon, I would like to say to them that the duties of a Supt. of Schools are quite different from those of the other County officers and should not be measured by the same standard. The school Supt. of necessity must be a professionally trained man and he must also serve a sort of internship before he can under take the responsible duties of his office. He can not establish a systematic routine and follow it from year to year; he must keep his school system in process of adjustment to a constantly changing social order. And it is here that so many times we

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WEED PRICES STILL RISING

Receipts Reported Moderately Heavy At Markets In Border Belt

Tobacco prices on the border belt markets Wednesday were slightly higher with receipts moderately heavy though curing is late in the North Carolina section of the belt.

Approximately 300,000 pounds were estimated to have been offered on the Lumberton market.

Extra heavy receipts were reported from the Dillon market where the early sales were at an average approaching \$25 a hundred. Quality of the offerings was high with more than 60 per cent of better to best grades.

An unofficial average of \$25 a hundred weight was reported Tuesday by Kinstreet, where sales were again blocked. Prices at about the same level were reported by the Dillon market.

Fairmont, N. C., reported an official average \$22.08. Sales at Fairmont were light Tuesday, totalling only 340,150 pounds. Whiteville also reported a light day with 325,000 pounds sold.

Lumberton sold 215,598 pounds at an average of \$24.45. All grades were reported selling higher at Darlington, with the average placed at about \$24 and the day's offerings only 150,000 pounds. Some of the better grades of weed brought as high as \$70.

The Lake City market sold 650,000 pounds Tuesday at an unofficial average of \$22 to \$23.

Monday's official figures at the Mullins market were 700,000 pounds at an average of \$25.—Raleigh Times.

Old Age Pension Bill

President Roosevelt signed the Social Security bill, or what is generally termed the old age pension, on Wednesday.

Before the vast law can swing into operation, President Roosevelt must name the social security board of three members to administer it. Many names have been mentioned in speculation, including Edwin A. Witte, secretary of the President's commission which drew up the law; Jacob Billikopf, Philadelphia social worker, and Miss Josephine Roche, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. But there has been no confirmation.

Included in the law was the greatest single tax burden ever approved by Congress. The graduated system of taxation for old age and unemployment benefits will impose a total annual assessment of six per cent on employers' pay rolls after 1949, in addition to three per cent contributed by workers. It is estimated that by 1980, the national old-age pension reserve fund alone will contain almost \$46,000,000,000, or \$18,000,000,000 more than the present national debt.

The law's major provisions: Federal grants to States on a 50-50 basis for pensions to needy old persons over 65 are provided through a \$49,750,000 authorization for the 1936 fiscal year. The government's share in such pensions is restricted to a maximum of \$15 a month.

Beginning in 1942, contributory old-age pensions, ranging from \$10 to \$85 a month, are planned. These will be raised by eventually taxing employers and employees three per cent each on salaries up to \$3,000 a year.

In 1937, 1938 and 1939, the tax on employers and employees will be one per cent each, increasing one half per cent each. This is expected to cover almost 25,000,000 workers, and by 1950 to raise \$1,877,200,000 annually.

Employers also will be taxed on their pay rolls to encourage states to set up unemployment insurance systems. Deductions up to 90 per cent will be allowed for payments made to state funds, and benefits will be fixed by state laws.

Beginning next year, employers of eight or more persons will be taxed one per cent for the unemployment benefits, increasing to two per cent in 1937 and three per cent in 1938. This is expected to raise \$26,000,000 annually beginning in 1938.

Farm labor, domestics, government and casual workers are excluded from both unemployment and old-age. A Federal subsidy of \$4,000,000 in 1938 and \$49,000,000 subsequently is provided to assist states in administering unemployment insurance laws.

In addition, appropriations totaling \$50,000,000 the first year for aid to dependent or crippled children, mothers' aid, and other welfare activities are provided. All would be matched by the states.

"We have the finest prospects for corn, hay, cane, peas, soybeans and sweet potatoes than in several years," says Rutherford County agent Patton.