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EDITORIAL

MEMORIAL DAY

NEXT Tuesday is Memorial Day. A day that should be held sacred to all Americans. A day set aside to do homage to our boys and men who have given their lives for the safety and security of our beloved Country. It behooves all of us who enjoy the privileges of liberty and the wonderful opportunities this country offers to bow our heads in humble appreciations and deepest reverence for those who faced the front to make these things possible. We believe Franklin County people will demonstrate their loyalty in holding high the torch.

It is Franklin County's privilege to enjoy the distinction of having organized the most complete and unique Memorial Association in the United States.

It stirs a glorious pride to hear strangers remark as to their surprise and amazement at such a wonderful organization as we have in the Franklin County Memorial Association, and the many compliments they pay it. This, too, makes one feel especially proud of those who have made it possible to receive these compliments by their untiring devotion and cooperation. It is easily possible that Franklin County has built the plan upon which the Memorial activities of the Nation will function, and you have contributed to building this plan.

The part that appeals most is the generous response to accept and hold high the torch cast to us by our boys who gave their all for their Country and our safety and happiness. It is a most glorious privilege.

Franklin County will, in keeping with a custom set for convenience, observe Memorial Day on Sunday afternoon, May 28th, at 2:30 o'clock in the Court House for which a most appropriate program has been arranged and it is hoped the building will be filled to overflowing and by it say to the boys who lay in the tomb "we are still holding the torch you threw to us." Go out, you will feel better.

RALEIGH has settled its Chief of Police problem, at least temporarily, by the appointment and approval of Officer Bailey.

WHOEVER is to complete highway 59 from Louisburg to Raleigh is losing some mighty good time with the best of weather to work with. Let's hope work will soon be resumed on this important highway.

THE question of the State's authority to levy a Sales tax has been brought before the State Supreme Court at last. Among the charges is one that the General Assembly, that authorized it, was illegally constituted by not having re-allocated the membership. This case will, no doubt, be watched with much interest. It will hardly stop with the State Courts rulings.

THE U. S. Supreme Court has held that Federal Judges, including members of it's own Court are subject to income taxes. In rendering the decision Justice Frankfurter, delivering the majority opinion, said that to subject the jurists to a "general tax is merely to recognize that judges are also citizens, and that their particular function in government does not generate an immunity from sharing with their fellow citizens the material burden of the government whose Constitution and laws they are charged with administering."

THAT there has been a strong feeling against the ABC System among the antis in Franklin County is an evident fact. Likewise that the system has proven a great influence against illegal traffic in whiskey is also evident to those who are really fair in their observation. Now instead of fighting what may be classed as "the lesser of the two evils," why not both sides to the question present their views to the joint Boards, with a spirit of improving the system, and improving the conditions. No one or two know all about the business, and it may be possible a better execution can be worked out from the numerous opinions. We feel that not only will the joint Boards appreciate this cooperation, but the ABC Board as well. They want to do the best possible for the county, both financially and morally.

LOUISBURG is always glad to have visitors, both on business and pleasure and like it better when they come every day. We also want them to feel free to use our streets and public places to the fullest extent and enjoy themselves without the possibility of embarrassment. Louisburg streets, however, were designed and laid out during the horse and buggy days, when there was no parking on the streets. Today our town is "enjoying the embarrassment" that many other towns are experiencing with the parking question. We can hardly get by with parking on one side of some streets and two sides of others, especially when so many town cars are parked down street. When cars or trucks park double it renders a condition that almost completely blocks our Nar-

row Streets. We know there are many delivery trucks that have to park double a few minutes to make deliveries to merchants, but we see no need for these trucks remaining parked double for hours at a time. The drivers of these trucks should show a spirit of cooperation by remaining in such position as short a time as possible, and if they will not join in such a cooperative spirit the City officers should teach them to be courteous to others by causing them to move off and a citation to Court for a repetition of such improper parking.

THE question as to whether the County Boards of Health are legally constituted has been raised. The point taken is "has the legislature the authority to pass an act requiring the provisions of the Constitution to be violated which states "no person who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this State, or under any other State government, shall hold or exercise any other office or place of trust, or profit under the authority of this State or be eligible to a seat in either House of the General Assembly: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend to officers in the Militia, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Public Charity, or Commissioners for Special purposes." The rulings on this section have been very tightly drawn by rulings, drawing it down to where Clerk of Courts cannot serve as school committeemen, or members of County Boards of Elections cannot serve as tax list takers. There are five members of the six, constituting Franklin County's Board of Health that hold other public office, all of whom are men of high character and ability. It is an interesting question which the public would like to know its solution, if different from all other application of this portion of the Constitution.

MEMORIES OF OLD FRANKLIN

Mr. Editor:—Last week I went down to old Franklin County and to the county seat, Louisburg. Saw many old friends and the spots where many others have departed and performed. Saw the spot where old man Minetree used to manufacture buggies and wagons, also repaired the same. Also one day, after several gentlemen of very euphonious names, had imbibed, or swallowed, very many cock-tails, prepared by "J. C. Aycock, the old concocter of cock-tails," two of the same became engaged in an altercation, and the statement of the case in the court, ran thusly: "Roundtree struck Crabtree with a single-tree and Mr. Minetree was witness."

Remembered Dick Stanback, who used to attend church at old Trinity, beyond Ingleside. Dick wore crayons in similitude to the famous vest of our old friend lawyer Person. Stood far back on his pastern joints, squirted tobacco amber through his teeth, and in answer to an inquiry as to how many hogs he had killed that season, he would scratch his head in deep thought, and then answer: "Between six and seven."

Beheld the eighth wonder of the world; the alphabetical liquor joint, known as the A. B. C. My thoughts by virtue of this combination suggested Webster's blue-back speller and the long words in the back of the book, for instance, "Incomprehensibility." Why this institution should be devoid of steps and the ingress and egress is by a ramp, is food for thought. The whole front is a ramp, and the center is legended: "Push."

Ramp, ramp, the boys are marching into the A. B. C. And while their stomach's are starching

We are saving the tax, you see The store aforesaid is most advantageously situated, it is cornered by the Court House, backed by the lock-up and on the way to the real jug, the County jail. However, this store is not worse than the others, and I believe it is an improvement on many.

Franklin is a great old county. JOHN S. MICHAUX.

MRS. SUSAN ARRINGTON ALFORD PASSES

Mrs. Lawrence Sidney Alford, of Seven Paths, died in a hospital at Rock Mount, at 7 o'clock, Sunday, of cardiac embolus. She was born, Susan Parker Arrington, December 23, 1858, in Nashville. She was the daughter of Col. Nicholas Williams Arrington, for many years Clerk of the Nash County Superior Court and State Senator, and Mary Jane Mitchell Arrington, the daughter of Leroy Mitchell, a leader in Franklin County during antebellum days. Leroy Mitchell was a large land and slave owner and the slave burying ground on the old plantation is one of the largest in Eastern Carolina.

Mrs. Alford was a great, great granddaughter of Captain Francis Drake, who was on Washington's staff, and a niece of Dr. Frank Drake, who was physician to the family of Robert E. Lee. She was a lineal descendant of Sir Francis Drake.

On both her maternal and paternal branches she was connected with outstanding leaders in colonial days in North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama. Their leadership, especially the Arringtons, Drakes, Williams, and Davis, of Nash, Franklin and Warren Counties, was recognized

nationally. Mrs. Alford was educated under governesses and at St. Mary's Junior College. She was married to Lawrence Sidney Alford of Wake County, whose people were from Beaufort, South Carolina and Montgomery, Alabama, in 1878. Surviving her are the following

sons and daughters: Bennett Nicholas Alford of El Paso, Texas; Dr. Frank O. Alford, Charlotte; William DAVIS Alford of Louisville, Kentucky; Lawrence Arrington Alford of Dunn; C Parker Alford, Henderson; Mrs. T. W. Pearce, Bunn; Mrs. James E. Perry, Seven Paths; and Miss Margaret Arrington Alford of Seven Paths.

Funeral services were conducted at the family burying grounds, "Mitchell's Quarters" at Seven Paths by the Rev. C. E. Phillips, Rector of St. Peters, and the Rev. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Jos. J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. D. T. Smithwick at her home on North Main Street, Tuesday afternoon, May 30th, at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Pres. Mrs. Jas. L. Palmer, Sec'y.

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Flashlight Saves Clipper's Crew When Fire Wrecks Radio Plant



A WIRELESS operator who found a way to send an SOS after his radio went dead saved a fishing crew and their burning boat as they drifted in the Pacific two days out from Panama.

The boat, a tuna clipper, was made helpless when fire broke out in the engine room. The blaze spread to the power generator, crippling radio transmission. Then Frank Hanafin, the radio operator, got busy.

"I was in the wireless room," Hanafin said, "when somebody ran by and said the engine was on fire. I went down and found the engine already was crippled. In a second, we were a crew of fire fighters.

"We couldn't keep the fire from the power generator. We did keep it from spreading to the rest of

the ship, but we couldn't put it out. "There we were, drifting helplessly with no way to send a radio call for help. We didn't know when the fire would get away from us and go through the entire boat. Well, communication was my job, so I started to communicate the only way I could.

"I grabbed my flashlight, climbed into the rigging, and began blinking an SOS. All the rest of the crew was below, fighting fire. After what seemed hours, an English steamer saw my signal. We got out of that spot with our lives and our boat, thanks to some fresh flashlight batteries that gave us a dependable signal when we needed it."

The crew of the English steamer boarded the clipper, bringing firefighting apparatus. They put out the blaze and helped get the boat in sailing order for her return to port.

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