

JONES-PERRY VOWS SAID

In a quiet ceremony Friday, December 6, with only a few intimate friends in attendance, Miss Linda Elizabeth Perry, of Louisburg, became the bride of Norman Woodrow Jones, of Louisburg and Clayton.

The vows were heard by the Rev. Forrest C. Feezor at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

The bride wore a soldier blue, two-piece suit with navy blue accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of talisman roses and white carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Perry, of Louisburg, and is a graduate of Mills High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. G. Jones, of Clayton. He is a graduate of King's Business College and holds a position as accountant with the

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Louisburg Supply Co. After a southern wedding trip the young couple will be at home in Louisburg.

George Rigsbee of Southwood, has been named the best all-around 4-H Club boy of Lenoir County and will receive a scholarship to the annual 4-H Short Course at State College next summer.

Famous last words: "Well, if he won't dim his, I won't dim mine."

HISTORICAL

By REV. E. H. DAVIS

The beginning of Methodism in Louisburg dates back well night to the beginning of Louisburg and of Methodism itself. Here are some dates well authenticated that we might do well to remember—first sermon by a Methodist preacher in America by Philip Embury in his own house in New York 1766; first Methodist Church in America in New York by Embury and others in 1768; first Methodist Conference in America, Philadelphia, July 14, 1773; American Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776; Franklin County with Louisburg as County Seat came into being 1779; first Conference of Methodism in North Carolina, also first of organized Methodism after its organization in Baltimore Christmas 1784, at Green Hill's near Louisburg April 20, 1785. It is believed these facts and dates are dependable which being admitted six years after the organization of the county and town and nine years after the Declaration of Independence Methodism was not only in being and established in and around Louisburg but was well enough established to entertain an Annual Conference session. Regarding Louisburg's early history it may be interesting to give here an extract from a diary of Edward Hooker, graduate of Yale 1805, as recorded in "N. C. Schools and Academies" (Coon). "Nov. 30, 1805, soon after my arrival at Louisburg I sent my name to Mr. M. Dickinson, the Principal of the Academy, who graduated at Yale one year before me. He soon came and took tea with me at Hills. Spent 2 or 3 hours pleasantly and walked to his Academy, a pleasant building on the hill about one-fourth mile from the village of Louisburg. We stayed at his room about an hour, drank portier, read and talked and walked back to Hills. Louisburg is in a hilly part of the country, has perhaps a dozen houses and 2 or 3 stores and mills on Tar River. The Shire town of Franklin County. The county was named after Dr. Franklin and the village after Louis XVI, at the time Dr. Franklin as our agent in the Revolution went to France and obtained supplies from the French." Mark those words AT THE TIME, etc. and OBTAINED SUPPLIES from the French and in those supplies no doubt we may include LaFayette and Rochambeau. This quotation may help to the correct spelling of Louisburg which is LOUIS and not LEWIS. Bearing on that there have been those who would connect the naming of our town in some way with that of another Louisburg, the only other one with the same spelling so far as known on this side of the ocean at that time was Louisburg, Nova Scotia—to be more exact on Cape Breton Island in Canada. And there is another bit of interesting Methodist history. Helping Embury in building that first Methodist Church in New York was Capt. Thomas Webb, officer in the British army, Educator and wealthy zealous lay preacher of whom President John Adams said, "he is one of the most eloquent speakers I have ever heard." His picture you may see in any Methodist history, always with a flap over one eye. Why that sightless eye? He acquired it at the siege of Louisburg then a strongly guarded fort in the hands of the French when a bullet after penetrating his temple went through his eye and dropped in his mouth and was then swallowed by him. Prior to this, this remarkable man had been with Washington in Braddock's defeat at Fort Duquesne in 1755, and then afterwards in 1759, with his one eye, after scaling the heights of Abraham had her part in the defeat of the French at Quebec. It was while stationed as a British officer at Albany in 1768 that he heard of the labors of Embury and Barbara Hech in N. Y. and came to their help. However Louisburg acquired its name soon after it began to function, the Methodist without much previous history back of them were either on the ground or were close by. These dates and facts I repeat are sure and easily remembered, Declaration of Independence 1776, Organiza-

tion of county and town 1779, Conference at Green Hill 1785, nine years after the birth of the Nation, 6 years after birth of the town. Another date we may do well to remember in this connection is that the first Methodist Conference of any sort held in America as far as the records show was in Philadelphia in 1773 at which Conference John King was one of the ten preachers receiving an appointment, it being New Jersey. In 1774 he was sent to Norfolk. In 1777 with three others his assignment was North Carolina circuit which reminds us of John Wesley's words, "the world is my Parish." He received no appointment according to the records after that year being married, built him a home and resumed the practice of Medicine. It is a safe conclusion that he and his brother-in-law Green Hill had much to do with the Establishment of Methodism in the new town as well as in the adjacent country. In 1778 the preachers assigned to the N. C. Circuit divided that circuit into three, viz: Roanoke, Tar River and New Hope and to Tar River Circuit most certainly including Louisburg and having a membership of 455. There were assigned as Pastors, Andrew Yeargin and William Moore. At that same session of Conference 1778 when the name Tar River Circuit first appears on the minutes where it has continued to appear ever since without a break for 162 years. There also appears this interesting minute: "Five of the old circuits were left off this year namely, New York, Philadelphia, Chester, Frederick and Norfolk. Some of these circuits could not be attended to on account of the war and some of them were in possession of the British." Jesse Lee, historian and statistician of early Methodism.

(To Be Continued)

MRS. ALLEN ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. J. M. Allen II, entertained the members of her Contract club and a number of guests at a lovely bridge party Friday afternoon. Mrs. Julian Heron scored high for visitors and Mrs. Harrell J. Lewis for guest.

At the conclusion of the game, the hostess served a delicious salad course.

Besides the club members, the guests included, Mesdames A. W. Person, J. E. Fulghum, Julian Heron, T. W. Watson, F. H. Rawls, J. C. Taylor, W. H. Horton, Lee Johnson and Misses Camille Swindell, Helen Allen and Vivian Lucas.

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