

# Tells Of Days Of Klan And War Between The States

Mrs. R. Linn Bernhardt (Helen Shaw Crenshaw Bernhardt) of Salisbury has written The Franklin Times, recalling her grandfather, the late Judge Joseph Jonathan Davis and Civil War period in Franklin County. Mrs. Bernhardt writes that she will be 81 years old in August and is a native of Salisbury.

Also included in her letter to The Times are two clippings from The Salisbury Evening (and Sunday) Post.

Mrs. Bernhardt mentions several local citizens whom she remembers even though she writes that she moved from Salisbury in 1911. "I still love my old home town - the place where I was born on the Tar River, where the first flag of the Confederacy was unfurled and where much of our early history was made", she writes.

In his column "Footnotes To History", Salisbury writer James Brawley writes from

information given him by Mrs. Bernhardt, the following which appeared in The Salisbury Evening Post on February 12th:

"Where did North Carolina get the sobriquet, 'The Tar Heel' at Gettysburg?" In the state's motto describing Tar Heel's part in the Civil War?

According to information from Mrs. R. Linn Bernhardt from papers of her grandfather, Capt. Joseph Jonathan Davis of Salisbury, he with

three of his men from Company "G" 47th Regiment vaulted the stone wall during Pickett's Charge on that fateful third day of the battle-- the only ones in the entire charge to accomplish such a feat.

Some years later Capt. Davis, with a party of friends and two of his comrades who stormed the wall, returned to the Gettysburg site and stood on the spot they reached in that famous charge of Pette-

grew's Brigade.

On the day of the charge Davis ran into trouble from the beginning. He had started out on a horse which was shot from under him; then his arm was pierced by a Minnie ball causing it to bleed profusely; his cap was shot from his head and he fought the rest of the battle using a red "bandanna" handkerchief for a make-shift bandage.

But he and seven others escaped the galling and en-

filading fire on the enemy to reach the final goal of the charge -- the stone wall behind which were emplaced the main Federal force under Gen. George Meade. All were either killed, captured or wounded.

Davis was carried from the field by his captors and after treatment sent to Johnson Island Prison on Lake Erie where he was held for 22 months.

Prisoners here in Salisbury

suffered no less than did those on Johnson Island. Davis and other Confederate prisoners resorted to catching, preparing, cooking and eating the large wharf rats that they were able to catch.

When during the winter months Lake Erie was solid with ice, many prisoners made good their escape -- but not Davis. Instead he occupied his time while in prison conducting a law class for his fellow inmates.

By so doing he buoyed their spirits while inspiring many to take up the profession of law. Kind-hearted women like their sisters in Salisbury provided him with law books to conduct his classes. His genial personality soon won for him a top place among his fellow prisoners and even admiring friends among the guards.

To show their appreciation

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## Weather

Generally fair and cool today. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday. Low today, 28; high 58.

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Principals at Tuesday's Lions Club Anniversary dinner are shown above. Left to right, Lion Paul Stewart, Program Chairman; John L. Stickle, past International President; G. M. (Buddy) Beam, Jr., Club President; W. Monroe Gardner

District (31-G) Governor; Leon Campbell of Greenville, S. C., member of the International Board who delivered the address and C. Ray Pruette, Deputy District (31-G) Governor, who was Master of Ceremonies.

--Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Louisburg Lions Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Lions from eight surrounding cities and their ladies emerged in Louisburg Tuesday night to join the local club in celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. Represented at the affair held at the Louisburg High School, were Lions from Littleton, Henderson, Oxford, Warrenton, Epsom, Bunn, Youngsville and Franklinton.

Lion Leon Campbell, a Greenville, S. C. realtor and a Director of Lions International was the principal speaker, substituting for Past International President Aubrey D. Green, who was forced to cancel his appearance due to illness in his family. Mr. Campbell was introduced by Past International President John L. Stickle.

Deputy District (31G) Governor C. Ray Pruette of Frank-

lington was Master of Ceremonies for the affair which attracted around 140 persons. District Governor W. Monroe Gardner of Warrenton presented a number of local Lions with membership tenure certificates. Four, G. M. Beam, Sr., W. J. Shearin, I. D. Moon and Edward F. Yarbrough, were awarded certificates and pins for 25 years as members of the local club. All are charter members and Beam is a past district governor.

Mr. Beam's son, G. M. (Buddy) Beam, Jr., is president of the club and presided over the meeting Tuesday night. He recognized the guests and introduced Mr. Pruette.

Lions C. T. Dean, Jr. and John T. Lloyd were presented 15 years awards and Lions Roger Mitchell, Paul Mullen, Paul Stewart, Aubrey Tomlin-

son and Alex Wood received 20 year pins.

Director Campbell spoke on his experiences as a Lion and told the group of the Lion's Peace Essay contest now in progress. He took the Lion's theme, "Peace is Attainable" as the theme for his remarks. The theme slogan originated with Mr. Stickle, Campbell said.

Four past district governors were recognized and cited for their services to Lionism. They were Louie Day of Rocky Mount, Sam Alford of Henderson, James T. (Joe) Moss of Youngsville and G. M. Beam, Sr. of Louisburg. A telegram of congratulations was received by Club President Buddy Beam from International President Edward M. Lindsey and read to the group by District Governor Gardner.

Mr. Campbell, holding his audience spellbound as he talked "as though there is no one here but you and I", called on the Lions everywhere to take the attitude that "We can make it", in his call for peace. He cited the growing number of clubs in foreign countries and the cooperation between different nationalities in these clubs as an example of what Lionism is doing toward peace.

He praised Mr. Stickle for his services to Lionism as International President last year.

President Beam announced a Horse Show is planned in June by the Louisburg Club and in-

vited everyone to attend. Lion Paul Stewart was program chairman for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration.

## Speed Co-Sponsors Resolution

Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed was co-sponsor of a joint Resolution passed this week by the General Assembly honoring the memory of the late Charles (Cousin) Wayland Spruill of Bertie County. Mr. Spruill was well-known and loved here in Franklin County, where he had been a frequent visitor in past years.

Other sponsors of the Resolution were Bertie Representatives from 1933 until 1961. He died on November 1, 1966. A native of Bertie County, he was born on April 6, 1889. He was a merchant, farmer and manufacturer and served in a number of other high state posts.

Mr. Spruill spoke here on the observance of the 100th anniversary of the raising of the first Confederate flag, on March 18, 1961. He was the principal speaker at the Democratic Party's annual dinner meeting. His address, as was most, was of a humorous nature. He was a sought-after speaker, especially at political meetings and was held in high esteem by people throughout the state, especially in the northeastern part.

## Pre-School Clinics To Be Held

Dr. J. B. Wheelless of the Franklin County Health Department has released a schedule of Pre-School Clinics for all children in Franklin County who will be six years old by October 16, 1967 and who will enter the schools of the county for the 1967-68 school term.

Dr. Wheelless urges that every effort be made by parents or other adult persons acting as parents to have their children attend the clinic so that the

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## Comstruct

# Local Industry Wins National Award

Composite Structures Corporation of Louisburg has won a blue ribbon merit award for its pre-fabricated wall panels in a showing at the 22nd annual Society of Plastics Industries Convention in Washington, D. C. The local firm is now in the process of setting up machinery for the manufacture of pre-fabricated reinforced plastic homes.

W. Burdette Wilkins of Roxboro who has recently moved to Louisburg with his family, said here Wednesday that he was very pleased to have won the Building Construction top award. The company President was also the recipient of the SPP's Merit Award for "outstanding service to the reinforced plastics industry". He is a Fellow in the Society of Mechanical Engineers and the machinery for the firm was designed by him.

W. L. Lumpkin, Jr., Plant Superintendent, explained the winning panel is similar to the ones to be used in the houses soon to be constructed. He pointed out that the pre-fabricated structure has an outside panel of plastic, a layer of foam-like plastic as an insulating material and an inside panel of plywood, incidentally, manufactured here in Louisburg by the M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company. Composite Structures Corporation, whose tradename is Comstruct, is almost totally locally owned. Individuals here in Louisburg hold the major portion of stock, some of which it was understood is still available for local purchase.

The company announced its intentions to locate here last December 12, after it was formed in September. When production begins, the firm will manufacture all-plastic houses, which will be designed to be sold economically for use as beach cottages, motel units, housing units and the like.

Mr. Wilkins disclosed Wednesday that he has a "verbal agreement" to manufacture a number of units for the Montreal Expos '67 which opens in May and another such

agreement for a twelve-unit school in New York state. He said that Time Magazine and the Christian Science Monitor have each asked to do a story on the unique idea.

Plans now call for a model home to be constructed "near the plant" by the middle of May. Lumpkin explains that this model will be used to test various ideas in design and construction. He said, "Right now, we're sticking with white outsides. We will go to colors later when we determine what the public wants". Lumpkin, whose father W. L. Lumpkin,

Sr. is secretary-treasurer of the firm, is a draftsman by trade and deeply interested in the growth of Comstruct.

Judges for the award presented to the local industry were Brian Barkyn, a Member of Parliament, Northamptonshire, England; Dr. F. F. Jaray, Worcester, England; W. H. Chance, consulting engineer, Falls Church, Va. and F. Robert Barnett, U. S. Naval Ordnance.

The plant is located in the building on South Main Street formerly occupied by Youngstown Manufacturing Co. Full production is expected to be underway by the middle of the year.

## Youngsville Firemen Seek Rural Truck

The Youngsville Volunteer Fire Department is seeking to obtain a replacement for the worn out truck used on rural calls, according to an announcement today by Chief James T. Allen. The truck, previously used gave out on a recent rural call and is beyond repair, according to Chief Allen.

The announcement stated: "The Youngsville Fire Department regrets that they no longer have a truck for rural fire fighting because the old truck is beyond repair. We are in the process of trying to replace it, and the only way we can do so is through your liberal contributions."

The announcement also reminds the public that the de-

partment works without pay and is frequently called on to protect rural property. It estimates that seventy-five percent of the calls come from rural areas.

Contributions have already started coming in to aid in the purchase of a replacement truck. Among those making contributions thus far are: M. T. Carter, Mrs. Mary Lancaster, J. H. Winston, Norman Cash, Davis Hill, J. R. Timberlake, Sammy Wiggins, Coy Pleasants, John Cash and W. N. Timberlake, Sr.

Contributions, according to Chief Allen may be mailed to the Youngsville Department or turned in at Woodlief Supply Co., Brown Furniture Co., and Youngsville Milling Co.

## Fountain Defends Local Draft Boards

Congressman L. H. Fountain said today the Administration's proposed changes in the draft law leave two important questions unanswered.

They are:

1. Who and at what level would determine which persons would be called to service?

2. What is the future of the local draft board?

Fountain said the overhaul of the draft system in general is needed.

"But we need to make sure that the vital human factor provided by the local board is

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## Building Named For W. Raymond Taylor



TAYLOR

W. Raymond Taylor, brother of H. C. Taylor of Louisburg, and a former resident of Louisburg, was honored Friday at the dedication of a new building for drama and speech on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The building was named The W. Raymond Taylor Building in his honor.

In the words of Herman Middleton, head of the drama and speech department, "There was really no other name to give the building. In his nearly

40 years as head of the department, Raymond laid the groundwork for all we have here now."

Taylor, who graduated from U. N. C. at Chapel Hill in 1915, received his master's degree one year later at Harvard. He taught at Auburn University, organizing the first theatre group there.

In 1921, he returned to North Carolina to establish a drama department at UNC-G, and remained head of this department until seven years ago when he retired -- only to devote his whole time to his flourishing Stage Decoration and Supplies, Inc. in Greensboro, one of the leading stage decorating companies in the United States. This business, Taylor started in those first years in Greensboro by doing some parttime stage decorating jobs and now he handles some of the largest stage jobs in the country.

As if this were not enough, Taylor keeps his fingers in the theatrical pie. Only last summer he returned to Parkway Playhouse in Burnsville and directed "Our Town", the same play he directed there when he founded the theatre 20 years before.

In his spare time, Taylor and his wife grow roses at their home in Greensboro.

## Robber Caught, Some Goods Recovered

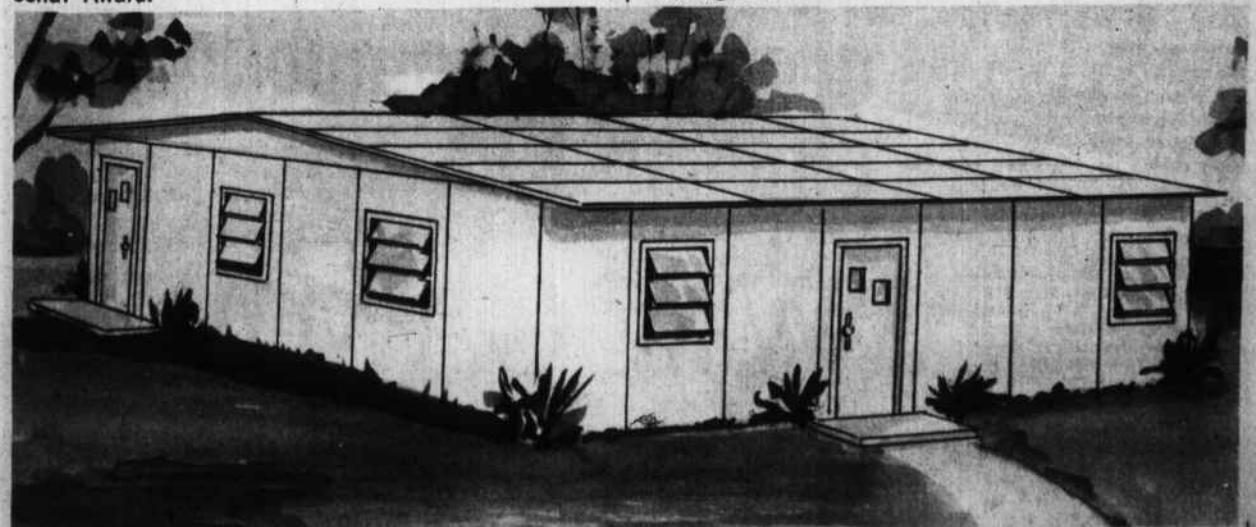
Sheriff William T. Dement reports that Johnnie Ray Jackson, w/m/30 of 1124 Hayes Street, Raleigh is being held in the Oxford jail on charges of breaking and entering and larceny in Franklin County. Jackson is charged with breaking into Kingsberry Grocery Store, near Sims Bridge in Franklin County on February 11, 1967 and a hearing is set for here next Tuesday. Sheriff's officers and the SBI recovered part of the \$300 worth of goods reportedly stolen from the Kingsberry store at Jackson's home Tuesday. Among the items were cigarettes, tobacco and groceries.



W. Burdette Wilkins, President of Comstruct, With Personal Award.



W. L. Lumpkin, Jr., Plant Superintendent, Shows Winning Panel.



Drawing of Comstruct Home Soon To Be Built Here