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## FRANKLIN COUNTY LEADS Great Showing Made in War Savings Campaign

CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN ANEW.

Franklin County Banks Next to Forsyth Where State Headquarters are Located—Quotation From President Wilson's Speech.

Official reports just issued by the Government show that Franklin County leads every county in North Carolina in per capita sales of War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps except Forsyth which is the home county of Col. Fries, State Director, and where State Headquarters are located. Franklin's sales per capita of population exceed Nebraska, and double the average for North Carolina and for the nation at large. This is a most magnificent tribute to the patriotism and high determination of our people, for we are not a rich people, and to accomplish such a result has required a splendid spirit of sacrifice and unselfish devotion.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough, County Chairman, in furnishing the official report, said: "The credit belongs to the township committeemen and Woman War Savings Societies. I have lived nearly a half a century in Franklin County, but I never knew so splendid men and women as I met here. I began to cooperate with them in patriotic work. I have been made positively happy by contact with the high fine spirit of service and noble ideal which I have discovered among those who lead in our work in the various sections of the county. It is indeed a 'glorious company.' I thought of them when I read the close of President Wilson's last speech to Congress which I wish you would publish."

The campaign which has been held up recently to make way for the Liberty Bonds and Red Cross campaigns will begin anew next week and it is planned to raise the entire quota of the county in 1918.

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order that they and men everywhere may see the dawn of a day of righteousness and justice and peace. Shall we grow weary when they bid us act?

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Rep. S. A. Newell went Raleigh yesterday.

Miss Minta Holden, of Wake Forest, is visiting Miss Hodge Williams.

Mr. Allen J. Barwick, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas White, of Norfolk, Va., was a visitor to Louisburg Sunday.

Solicitor H. E. Norris, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg yesterday.

Mrs. E. Dettler, of Laurinburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. H. Meadows.

Lieut. E. B. Webb, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited his people here the past week.

Misses Bessie and Beulah Lancaster are visiting friends and relatives near Nashville, this week.

Mrs. G. R. McGrady and little daughter, Sarah Rawlings, of Raleigh, are visiting her parents.

Messrs. J. M. Allen and J. A. Turner returned Wednesday from a trip to Camp Jackson, S. C.

Mr. J. J. Lancaster, who has been on a visit to Camp Jackson, S. C., returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Ransom Duke, of Henderson, passed through town Wednesday en route to Rocky Mount. He was accompanied by Messrs. S. P. Brummitt and P. H. Gill.

Rev. T. J. Taylor, of Warrenton, was in attendance at the funeral of Rev. Baylus Cade Monday. While in Louisburg he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watson.

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## PRICE INTERPRETING BOARD ORGANIZED IN LOUISBURG TUESDAY.

Object is to Fix a Fair Price on Necessities, with Fair Margin of Profit for the Merchant.

At a meeting of merchants, wholesalers and consumers held in the court house on Tuesday morning upon the call of County Food Administrator J. C. Jones, a Price Interpreting Board for Franklin County was organized by the election to membership of such board the following gentlemen:

Wholesaler—P. A. Reavis. Merchants—D. W. Spivey, J. B. Perry, Youngville; J. O. Parnell, R. D. Collins, Franklinton; L. P. Hicks, B. N. Williamson, Louisburg; W. D. Fuller, W. P. Leonard, Wood; D. T. Hollingsworth, J. H. Weathers, Bunn. Consumers—J. A. Boone, H. D. Mitchell, Franklinton; W. R. Perry, S. S. Meadows, Louisburg; J. C. Winston, R. B. Roberts, Youngville; C. H. Mullen, J. H. Ballentine, Dunn; J. H. Wood, John Andrews, Wood. A. F. Johnson was elected Secretary to the Board and Mr. J. C. Jones is made Chairman by virtue of his appointment as County Food Administrator. Mr. Jones explained that the duty of the Board was to meet once each week and revise the prices on all groceries and necessities and publish a price list of same that the consumer could know when he was being charged an extortionate price on any article. Tuesday of each week at 11 o'clock was the time set for the meetings, at the court house.

Upon motion a committee composed of B. N. Williamson, E. H. Malone and H. G. Harrison were appointed to revise the price list each week prior to the meeting of the Board that much time may be saved in the meeting. The following prices were authorized for the coming week, all of which are based upon Tuesdays wholesale market.

ARTICLE	Wholesale Cost Tuesday	Retail Price
Flour	\$12.00	13.47
Meat, Fat back		
Sugar	8.50	9 1-2
Lard	24 1-2	29 1-2
Lard in tin	25	30
Canned Corn	16 2-3	20
Canned Tomatoes	16 2-3	20
Canned Peas	15	20
Corn Meal	2.34	70

## GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES

HON. W. J. BROGDEN DELIVERS ADDRESS.

Miss Williams Music Class Gives Recital—Graduating Exercises Friday Afternoon—Certificates Presented.

Thursday evening Miss Williams' music class gave recital to a packed house. These recitals are always interesting to music-lovers and all who enjoy the work of little children. The program Thursday evening was highly creditable to both teacher and pupils.

Friday afternoon, the graduating class in the high school offered the following program: Star Spangled Banner. Salutatory—Billie Williams. History—Leslie Perry. Stradella, Overture—Flotow—Misses Cooper and Williams. Poem—Mary Ray Stallings. Prophecy—Beulah Cooper. Class Will—Arch Perry. Gigue Bretonne—Bachemann—Miss Cooper. Valedictory—Edna Beasley. Star Spangled Banner. It is worthy of note that the last number on this program was a home made song, the words having been written by the high school class and the music by Miss Williams.

Friday evening after a week of speaking, a full house greeted the speaker of the evening, Hon. W. J. Brogden, of Durham. Mr. Brogden is working under the auspices of the North Carolina Council of Defense, and gave us a strong and helpful discussion of the causes of the war and why America happens to be engaged in it.

He showed that in spite of the hardships and sacrifices that we are called to make to win the war, we will gain much from it. He argued that we must accept a new definition of patriotism, and see that man's highest duty is to serve. He argued for universal education for all the children of all the people. In no other way can we hope to meet the responsibilities of the coming years.

At the close of the address of Mr. Brogden, Misses Williams, DeFord, Cooper, and Mr. McAdams delighted the audience with a rendition of the Ave Maria, Miss Williams singing in Latin. Certificates were presented to the (Continued on Twelfth Page)

## 102 SELECT MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP All Present or Accounted For On Final Roll Call

Majority, M. Bidou continues. On the allied side the front was held by a few French divisions, and on the right in Champagne by a small number of exhausted British divisions.

M. Bidou calculates that the Germans had from ninety to one hundred divisions for use in the battle, of which they employed one-third for the initial shock.

SUMMING UP SITUATION Paris, May 28.—The military critic of the Temps sums up the situation as follows:

The enemy, who had a carefully prepared plan who had chosen the hour of its execution, and who had his reserves ready to strike where they could be employed most effectively, engaged Monday evening with fresh forces, which were in highly superior number to those with which we opposed him.

The enemy in consequence of this has succeeded in crossing the Alsne between Vailly and Berry au Bacon on a front of about twenty miles. The Franco-British forces withdrew to the valley of the Vesle, which flows some six miles south of the Alsne, in the region of the Plateaux behind which our reserves are arriving.

### E. H. MALONE SPEAKS AT WOOD

To Appreciative Audience on Red Cross Work—Subscriptions Taken Amount to \$135.25

At a meeting held in the interest of the Red Cross drive at Wood Store on Saturday \$135.25 was subscribed which added to \$75.00 subscribed in Louisburg a total for that section of \$210.75.

Mr. Edwin H. Malone was the speaker for the occasion and delivered a most interesting and touching address. He gave a brief but interesting history of the past history of Europe and the causes of the war. Also gave illustrations of happenings that made plain and clear the work that is done by the Red Cross. He spoke of the southern soldier as the "bravest of the brave, and the truest of the true," and reminded his hearers of the fact that descendants of these same soldiers were hurrying to the battle fronts of Picardy and Flanders now—one hundred and two having left Louisburg today, and a message received today stated that the Louisburg boys had already arrived safely overseas.

## STAR SPANGLED BANNER WAVES TRIUMPHANTLY ALONG FRONT

Carrying Everything Before Them Our Troops Capture Two Hundred Prisoners and Take Cantigny

25 ENEMY DIVISIONS WERE IN THE DRIVE THAT FORCED ALLIES BACK.

Western Allied Flank Has Maintained Its Position Well and Reserves are Hurrying to Threatened Positions. Enemy Carefully Planned Attack and Had His Reserves Ready to Strike. Purpose of Germans Now is to Exploit Their Initial Success; Day's War News Story.

GEN. PERSHING REPORTS AMERICAN SUCCESS.

Washington, May 28.—American troops in Picardy attacked this morning on a front of one and a quarter miles, captured the village of Cantigny, took 200 prisoners and inflicted severe losses in killed and wounded on the enemy, says Gen. Pershing's communique made public tonight at the War Department. The American casualties were relatively small.

The statement dated today follows: "This morning in Picardy our troops attacking on a front of one and one-fourth miles advanced our lines and captured the village of Cantigny. We took 200 prisoners and inflicted on the enemy severe losses in killed and wounded. Our casualties were relatively small.

"Hostile counter-attacks broke down under our fire. "In Lorraine and in the Woivre artillery of both sides continued active. Early in the day our aviators shot down a hostile machine."

With the American Army in France, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two lone Americans gave the Germans an opportunity to mention the capture of "prisoners from American regiments" in the German official communication today. One of the Americans is missing in Picardy and one in the Luneville sector. These are the only men missing.

With the French Army in France, May 28.—At least twenty-five German divisions today joined in the attack and forced farther back the new French and British divisions holding the line. Tanks, machine guns and poison gas shells were the principal factors in

the successful advance aside from the numerically superior forces of the Germans.

Notwithstanding the smallness of the allied armies they did their utmost to stay the immense push of the enemy troops, ten times their number. The German advance, which was one of the most rapid since the beginning of the war, could not be held, however, as wave after wave in dense lines came forward.

The western allied flank has maintained its positions well, and reserves are hurrying toward the danger point of the greatest advance. The retreat of the French and British was made in orderly fashion, the troops destroying their material as they left or taking it along with them. The army staff still retains the fullest confidence in the outcome of the battle.

PRESENT PURPOSE OF ENEMY.

Paris, May 28.—The military critic now consider that the idea that the German offensive launched yesterday between Soissons and Rheims is a division, must now be abandoned, since the movement has developed into a great battle along a thirty-mile front.

The enemy's initial effort, says the Temps, having unfortunately obtained for the troops of the German Crown Prince some notable advantages, as they succeeded in carrying the Chemin des Dames and thrusting back the Franco-British contingents from the Allette to the Alsne, the enemy command has at once made every effort to exploit the success.

Commenting on the news from the battle front the Temps says: "We have retired; that is unfortunately incontestable. But we are only beginning the battle. The French command has only begun to place in the line the reserves which will go into action when the enemy's intentions are perceived, and this is why the role of commander of a defensive army is more difficult than that of his adversary's."

Henry Bidou, the military critic of the Journal des Debats, says the enemy began the offensive with some thirty divisions. He has enormous numerical super-

cross will do for them what it has and is doing for all the other soldiers."

The speaker was introduced by Mr. W. D. Fuller, and a subscription was taken at the close of the meeting. Those contributing and the amounts contributed were as follows:

G. M. Raynor	\$25.00
D. M. Hamlett	25.00
W. S. Montgomery	25.00
M. Lassiter	10.00
A. S. J. Hamlett	10.00
Mrs. W. D. Fuller	5.00
R. C. Gupton	5.00
Mrs. M. Lassiter	5.00
E. B. Gupton	5.00
Alex. Wester	5.00
N. C. Gupton	5.00
Mrs. W. S. Montgomery	1.00
B. K. King	1.00
O. R. Radford	1.00
May Hamlett	1.00
Mrs. A. S. J. Hamlett	1.00
J. M. Sykes	1.00
Elizabeth Fuller	.50
B. B. Burnett	.50
Bud Gupton	.50
Daniel Stamper	.50
William Sprull	.25
Lovett Burgess	2.00

Mrs. A. Hodges Hostess.

The Younger Set Book Club was entertained May 16 by Mrs. Allison Hodges. Needless to say it was one of the most pleasant meetings of the year since we all know how Mrs. Hodges extends her hospitality.

The club was in a short business meeting, after which the meeting was given over to the hostess, who had as her program, subject: "Walt Mason" in the absence of Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough. Mrs. Mann read a sketch of Walt Mason's life which brought enlightenment to her hearers as few of us knew very much of his life.

Mrs. Garland Ricks, who had been away all winter, delighted the club with her presence, and gave us several selected readings.

Mrs. E. L. Best gave us current events.

The club was honored with Mrs. D. F. McKinnis, Mrs. L. Beasley and Miss Kathleen Egerton.

The program being finished the hostess served elegant refreshments. Last but not least by any means, was the great surprise given us by the three Hicks grandchildren, Miss Sarah Sumner Hicks, Master A. Hodges and Master Cary Howard. As 'twas the first attempt in society, the juniors were not very much disposed to talk, but furnished a subject for us all. However they were wise not to appear sooner or the Literary part of meeting would have been a failure as the grandchildren were more attractive than the subject for us all. The meeting adjourned to meet May 30 with Mrs. Spencer Baker.

## EIGHT SQUAD LEADERS APPOINTED.

Appropriate Ceremonies Held Friday Afternoon and Saturday—Many Patriotic and Interesting Talks.

Possibly the largest crowds that have gathered in the Court House in Louisburg in many years were here on Friday and Saturday to take part in the exercises bidding the one hundred and two drafted men a last farewell before their leaving for military duty at Camp Jackson on Saturday morning at 12:30 o'clock.

The meeting on Friday afternoon was opened with a prayer by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. Chairman Ruffin after calling the roll announced that one hundred and ten men answered, leaving only two missing, as the Board for one reason or another of grave importance other than the fact that the registrant was a farmer had excused the remainder. Information was soon handed in that one of these Joseph Edward Jeffreys was at home sick and could not answer, the other Bennett L. Parrish, failed to get his notice but answered the next morning, having been informed by a friend. Mr. Ruffin then gave the men the military instructions required of him and took occasion to say that the Board had not granted a single exemption upon the claim of being a farmer, but that the Board considered all the farmers of the same class. There were only eleven who were not farmers and he paid quite a compliment to them when he said "the farmers deserved special credit for planting and sowing, when they knew they could not reap."

"The national army is the grandest army ever assembled on the earth, in manhood and in purpose."

Capt. Phil Alston after cheering and enthusiastic remarks declared "that as Sherman says War is Hell but I'd rather be in war than under German rule."

Dr. A. H. Fleming was the next speaker, who showed his interest in the present conflict by referring to the fact that he was one of the first dentists in the State to enlist and would go when called. His statement that there is "nothing I would like better than to see the rivers in Flanders running in German blood" brought rounds of hearty applause.

Rev. N. H. D. Wilson made a very pretty heart to heart talk to the boys entreating them that everybody will be behind you. Those who are not so through loyalty will be made so through force. It is time for all who loves God and humanity to do their part whether it be in the trenches or elsewhere, and we are proud of you men who go to do your part.

Rev. J. F. Mitchell, who made a very enthusiastic and patriotic address concluded by saying "we ask you to be men; men not afraid, Christian men, and all we have will be yours."

Dr. Morton made a few well chosen remarks, assuring the men that he would do his full duty in rounding up the slackers if there be any in Franklin.

The ladies in a rising vote assured the men of their love and admiration for the manly manner in which they had answered the call.

Chairman Ruffin then announced the commander and squad leaders as follows: Commander—John Wiley Neal. Squad Leaders—John Norman Wilder, Richard L. Layton, Bertice Taylor Boone, Sweptanus Harrison, Ballard S. Mitchell, Thomas Spencer Dean, Eli Goswick, William Smith Person, Henry Clay Williams, John Clifton Floyd, Royal Harrie Strickland.

Just before the adjournment of the meeting Capt. P. G. Alston, a veteran of the Civil War offered his services to Chairman Ruffin for any branch of the service the government could use him in.

The meeting on Saturday morning was opened with prayer by Rev. G. T. Sykes, of Franklinton, after which the roll call was called by Commander Neal, showing all present except one who could not appear on account of having received a broken leg in a runaway that morning. Chairman Ruffin paid a pretty and fitting tribute to Louis Clyde Hollingsworth for presenting himself to take the place of a brother whom he felt was needed more at home. This young man was so low in the list that he was justified in feeling that he would not be called to go. However it so happened, that both brothers had to go. "I salute you sir as a man made of the stuff that makes heroes," said Mr. Ruffin.

Rev. G. T. Sykes was called and responded with a most fitting patriotic address which was greatly enjoyed. In conclusion he said he knew they would be first in efficiency, furthest in Picardy and Flanders and last at Berlin.

Dr. Mortonspoke for a few moments upon the importance of the men writing to their mothers, illustrating his point by showing how two letters from his brothers who served in the Civil War had been so faithfully preserved and highly prized by his mother.

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