

BOARD REQUESTED TO CUT ABC COSTS

Franklin Commissioners Asked to Abolish Board, Take On Duties Themselves

A resolution asking abolition of the Franklin County's three-member ABC board and transfer of its duties to the County Commissioners and the County Auditor will be presented Monday by Harvey T. Bartholomew, new commissioner.

The resolution asks that the County's members of the General Assembly, Senator W. L. Lumpkin and Representative A. F. Johnson, to introduce a bill for the change in the ABC system in the county.

Bartholomew said his resolution was prompted by a reduction in net profits of the county's two stores—in Louisburg and Franklinton—and necessity for reducing expenses of operation. His proposal would provide no extra remuneration to the commissioners and the auditor for operation of the stores, now conducted by a three-man board.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, profits of the two stores were \$26,677.61 less than those of the previous year, Bartholomew said in a statement on his resolution.

"This," he said, "necessitates the drastic reduction of overhead expenses, which have increased in the face of a great reduction in sales and profits, caused primarily by the opening of Wake and Durham county stores." Bartholomew said abolition of the board would cut expenses of operation by \$4,000 a year.

"If the proposed bill in the Legislature for increases in taxes on beer and whiskey is passed, with the present set-up it will be necessary to draw on the county general fund to meet the expenses of operating the stores."

Bartholomew put his resolution before the commissioners two weeks ago, but no action was taken.

LOUISBURG BOYS TAKE WIN OVER CARDINALS

Elizabeth City, Feb. 1.—Louisburg College Trojans came off behind to defeat the Elizabeth City Cardinals, local semi-pros, in a basketball thriller here tonight. The score was 33-31.

The Trojans pulled into a 25-24 lead, with six minutes to go, and stayed ahead the rest of the way.

The Cards opened the game by forging into a 7-0 advantage. Louisburg spurted and took the lead, 9-8, but the Cards returned to the front and stayed there until the Trojans stretch spurt.

Cooper and Seymour, with 11 points apiece, paced the Cardinals' attack. Ownley featured on defense.

Scoring leaders for Louisburg were Watson, with eight points, and Brantley, with six. Gorrill was the defensive star.

LOUISBURG LOSES PAIR TO CAMPBELL COLLEGE

Boys' and girls' basketball teams of Campbell College won a doubleheader from Louisburg College Tuesday night.

Vetch, with 14 points, led the Campbell quint to a 25-19 triumph. Mabel Pollock scored 14 points for Campbell girls in their 30-20 victory. Savon Matthews, with eight, led Louisburg.

Lineups of the boys' game follow: Campbell: Forwards—Page, Lanier, Scheidt 4; centers—Coggins 2, Marshburn 2; guards—Vetch 14, Wilbourn 3; Louisburg: Forwards—F. Watson 2, Troutman 5, Comer; centers—Dixon 3, Lancaster 7; guards—Brantley 2, Gorrill, Matthews. Campbell led at the half, 14-6.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program beginning Friday, Feb. 3rd:—Last Times Today (Friday)—Loretta Young, Richard Greene and Walter Brennan in "Kentucky."

Saturday—Double Feature—GENE AUTRY in "Prairie Moon" and Russell Hayden in "Mystic Rides," by Zane Grey. Also 3rd Chapter "Haws of The Wilderness."

Sunday—Monday—Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald in Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts."

Tuesday—Akim Tamiroff and Frances Farmer and Lelf Erickson in "Ride A Crooked Mile."

Wednesday—Jane Winters, Leo Carillo, and Henry Wilcox in "Arizona Wildcat."

Thursday—Friday—Bing Crosby, Francisca Gaal, Shirley Ross, Edw. Everett Horton and Ben Blue in "Paris Honeymoon."

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INTEREST IN POPULAR BABY CONTEST AT HIGH PITCH

HONOR ROLL POPULAR BABY CONTEST

Standing of the first 10 babies in the FRANKLIN TIMES "Popular Baby Contest" as tallied February 1.

This Count	Previous Count
1. Joyce Spencer	1
2. Billy Lancaster	2
3. Frances Timberlake	5
4. Emily Nell Dean	3
5. Betsy Ross Bunn	4
6. Shirley Ann Bunn	1
7. Patsy Egerton	9 1/2
8. Arch Perry Read	6
9. Allen Assel	7
10. Nell Rose Daniels	8

Next Count Saturday evening from 6 to 8. Only 10 more days of high credits. Who will be leading depends upon your support. Now is the time to support your favorite.

One of the more important counts of the contest.

HONORED



MR. C. T. MOODY of Bunn, returned this week from Winston-Salem, where he was a guest of honor at the \$50,000, 000.00 Dinner of the Security Life and Trust Company.

Recorder's Court

Franklin County's Recorder's Court held a rather lengthy session Tuesday extending until after supper with some very interesting cases on docket. Several out-of-town lawyers were in attendance upon this session, which was disposed of as follows:

B. M. Stallings, bad check, transferred to Superior Court for trial.

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William Sills was found guilty of forcible trespass and given 60 days on roads.

William Sills was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and given 90 days on roads. Sentence to begin at expiration of sentence in previous case.

Davis Perry plead guilty to violating automobile law and suspended upon payment of costs and procurement of "For Hire" license within seven days.

G. M. Thompson was given a jury verdict of not guilty in the case of operating automobile intoxicated.

R. C. Williams was given a jury verdict of not guilty in the case of operating automobile intoxicated.

A nol pros with leave was given Bob Bass in the case of forcible trespass.

The following cases were continued:

J. J. Jackson, assault with deadly weapon.

Raymond Philpot, unlawful possession of whiskey for sale.

Johnnie Walker, carrying concealed weapons.

Willis Minor, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Buddy Williams, violating automobile law.

Lemuel Clifton, affray.

The case of Vernon Robertson for operating automobile intoxicated was continued until further order of the Court.

Recorder's Court was in session when the paper went to press and it is reported that it will last through Friday.

FRANKLINTON BOYS GET TENTH VICTORY IN ROW

Franklinton High School boys' basketball team racked up its 10th win in as many starts by turning back Louisburg, 25-9, Monday night. Louisburg girls won over Franklinton sextet, 17-12.

Leading the Franklinton boys in their win was Pearce, who bagged 14 points, Holmes for four for Louisburg, Mann caged 10 to lead Franklinton girls. Peoples paced Louisburg, with 12.

Joyce Spencer, Billy Lancaster and Frances Ann Timberlake in Virtual Tie for Lead

Only a Few Votes Separate the Ten Leading Contestants. Next Count on Saturday—Important That Every Contestant Make a Good Report Then

Only 10 More Days of High Credits

Competition reached a new high in the FRANKLIN TIMES "Popular Baby Contest" on Wednesday evening, with Joyce Spencer, Billy Lancaster and Frances Ann Timberlake in a virtual tie for First Honors. The Wednesday count was the third semi-weekly counts in the contest and the Saturday night count should bring many changes on the Honor Roll.

The standing of the first ten babies is extremely close. Right on the heels of the leaders come, Emily Nell Dean, Betsy Rose Bunn and Shirley Ann Bunn, in fourth, fifth and sixth places respectively. Just a few Merchant Coupons or FRANKLIN TIMES subscriptions would have made a big difference on the Honor Roll.

Opinion Gives U. S. 'Go-Ahead' Signal

Washington.—The Supreme Court ruled Monday that fourteen private power companies had no legal right to challenge the government's gigantic Tennessee Valley Authority power program.

In a decision delivered by Justice Roberts, the tribunal held the utilities had "no right to be free of competition."

"In no aspect of the case have the appellants standing to maintain the suit," Justice Roberts asserted.

Justices Butler and McReynolds dissented to the five to two decision, contending it "goes too far."

Go-Ahead Sign

The opinion gave the government a go-ahead sign for continued construction of a series of dams in the Tennessee Valley and for sale of surplus power produced.

The high court affirmed a decision in favor of the government by a three-judge federal court in eastern Tennessee.

The three-judge court had held the TVA act constitutional and that the utilities "have no immunity from lawful competition even if their business be curtailed or destroyed."

The Supreme Court, however, did not rule directly on constitutionality of the TVA law, confining itself to the right of the utilities to bring suit.

Justice Butler, who wrote the dissenting opinion, contended that the utilities were "entitled to have this court decide upon the constitutional questions they have brought here."

Justice Reed did not participate in the decision. As solicitor general he had argued a previous TVA case before the tribunal.

Roberts asserted that "the vice of the position" taken by the power companies "is that neither their charters nor their local franchises involve the grant of a monopoly or render competition illegal."

"The franchise to exist as a corporation, and to function as a public utility, in the absence of a specific charter contract on the subject," the opinion continued, "creates no right to free of competition, and affords the corporation no legal cause of complaint by reason of the state's subsequently authorizing another to enter and operate in the same field."

"No Contractual Right"

"The local franchises, while having elements of property, confer no contractual or property right to be free of competition either from individuals, other public utility corporations, or the state or municipality granting the franchises."

"The grantor may preclude itself by contract from initiating or permitting such competition, but no such contractual obligation is here asserted."

Roberts said the federal district court "finds that the authority has not indulged in coercion, duress, fraud, or misrepresentation in procuring contracts with municipalities, cooperatives or other purchasers of power; has not acted with any malicious or malevolent motive; and has not conspired with municipalities or other purchasers of power."

"The record justifies these findings," Roberts asserted.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. A. M. Jones announces the marriage of her daughter, Betty Glenn, to Mr. Ruben R. Kissell, Jr., of Sanford, on November 25, 1938 in Oxford, North Carolina.

FOUR POPULAR ENTRANTS IN POPULAR BABY CONTEST



EMILY NELL
8 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dean, Louisburg, N. C. Route 4.



JOYCE
2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer, Louisburg, N. C. Route 3.



BETSY ROSE
3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bunn, Louisburg, N. C.



ARCH PERRY
17 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Read, Wood, N. C.

THE LEGISLATURE

(By A. F. JOHNSON)

Possibly the largest delegation that has attended a committee meeting this session was present at a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday afternoon, to oppose the so-called highway fund diversion when Hon. Capus Wagoner, E. B. Jeffries, two former Highway Commission Chairmen, Hon. J. M. Broughton and many others were heard in no unmistaken expressions showing the unwise contemplated action. For more than an hour and a half they impressed the fact that the diversion was unfair, unjust and unwise and a dangerous precedent to follow or to continue.

On Tuesday night Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor of North Carolina, addressed a joint session of the General Assembly and spoke on the subject of Highway fund diversion. He defended the wisdom of this action by saying no funds should be so tightly set aside that one with a surplus could not be used in case of an emergency. He pointed to the fact that the highway funds were contributed to by gasoline tax paid from the School fund by franchise and other separate taxes collected by the State, and that it was exempt from the Sales tax and took the position that gasoline is not entitled to be classed with food stuffs for sales tax exemption. He pointed to the fact that the figures are being exaggerated, the larger ones being estimates based on future sales. That although the law the past four years has provided approximately four millions each two years during the last biennium; not one cent has been diverted, but instead during this same time he had assigned six millions to county roads which added to the one million WPA funds makes seven millions assigned to the secondary roads for improvement. He answered the argument that the schools could not operate without the roads by inquiring what good would the schools be to the children, even with good roads if you had no funds to run the schools. He didn't want to see another time come when salaries of school teachers and other State institutions to be withheld or reduced because lack of funds, especially when other funds are ample. He appealed to the citizenship of the State to call upon their Representatives and Senators to let the law stand as it has for the past four years and operated so successfully.

The Joint Finance Committee came near taking a vote on the question of retaining the tax on

intangibles to counties, cities and towns, but adjournment was taken before the vote could be called. There is much sentiment for this action. This committee has about completed its public hearings and are beginning to adopt sections of the money bill to be presented to the two law making bodies.

The Joint Appropriations Committee is also hard at work with passing the amounts it will allot to each department of the State Administration. It is cutting down the amounts wherever it can find space for. They also have about completed their public hearings.

Since Friday no bills of State-wide importance has been passed by either house, but many local bills have been passed and become law.

The bill against the State Highway fund diversion was reported unfavorably by the Senate Finance Committee with only two votes in its favor. Sentiment has undergone quite a big change since the public hearing on Tuesday and Governor Hoey's speech on Tuesday night.

The lady cosmetologists fought a losing fight before the proper legislative committee on Wednesday morning, when more than a hundred and fifty ladies were present to see the bill go through.

The Appropriation Committee cut another forty thousands or more annually from the appropriations list Wednesday evening and the Finance Committee made substantial headway in adopting the finance bill Wednesday afternoon when it "settled the question" on a large number of amendments, and adopted several sections.

These last two committees put in nearly three hours of steady work Wednesday and members were ready to quit when 5 o'clock rolled around.

The House and Senate both met at 12 o'clock Wednesday when they passed on several local bills and some of the minor State bills. The local bill validating the bond issue of Louisburg for the erection of the New Army building was advanced to its third reading in the House and will complete in the usual time.

The Board of Elections met Wednesday morning and agreed to accept and report favorably all local bills with the understanding that they will be held for the Sub-Committee authorized at this meeting, to report a complete State-wide bill. It is generally understood this bill to be reported will be almost a newly and almost completely rewritten election law

GENERAL NEWS

Quite a severe blizzard swept the Northern portion of our United States the first of the week, covering more than a dozen states under a blanket of snow ranging from six to 30 inches deep. These states reported a death toll due to this extreme weather condition for Monday and Tuesday of 38 persons.

The famous radio comic George Burns has been placed on probation for a year, being given a suspended sentence for a year and a day and an imposed fine of \$8,000 as the results of his trial for jewelry smuggling.

In his speech before the German Reichstag Monday night Adolf Hitler pledged full aid to Italy and challenged America in a trade battle. Hitler stated that Germany must "export or die" and advised the United States not to interfere when Latin America is included in efforts to bolster German economy.

Following Hitler's speech, that was broadcast throughout the world, Prime Minister Chamberlain of England, addressed an open session of the British House of Commons, and demanded that Europe's dictators produce "concrete evidence" of their "desire for peace" before "we can enter on final settlement" of the European situation.

The members of the joint Appropriations Committee of the N. C. Legislature entered into last work when they cut the 1939-1941 budget about \$95,568 on Monday.

New earth shocks still menace the population of Chile. In the disaster of the past week there some 25,000 to 30,000 or more persons were killed.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"The Lord and His Business Men" is the sermon subject for next Sunday morning, with Mr. Phillips preaching. Evening worship is at 7:30. Church School and Epworth League are at 9:45 and 6:45.

Some nice improvements have been made in the equipment of the Beginners' Department under the leadership of Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Earle Murphy.

Beginning one week from next Sunday evening there will be a "Church School Revival" at the Methodist Church. There will be classes each night through Friday with the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, Conference Director of Evangelism, teaching a group in "Evangelism in the Church School," and Miss Alma Cade teaching a group in "Children's Work in the Church School." All interested persons are urged to attend. The class by Mr. Bradshaw will be very helpful to all Christians who are interested in soul-winning.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor, spoke on "Loosing Christ's Hands" or "Omnipotence and Limitation of Christ." The humanity, divinity and the people whom Christ had to deal with set upon him certain definite limitations. It is in our power to loose Christ's hands thus releasing his power in the lives and the world about us.

The subject of the 11:00 A. M. worship will be "The Depths of Grace and Service." The subject of the 7:30 P. M. worship will be "The Prodigal's Friends."

The past Wednesday evening at the prayer service the pastor discussed Exodus. The one word descriptive of the book is Nationality. On Wednesday evening he will discuss Numbers.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Baptist Training Union at 6:30 P. M.

MRS. BAGBY TO ENTERTAIN

The Fannie Heck Circle of the Louisburg Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Paul Bagby. Every member is urged to be present and bring a new member with you. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

Mrs. George Selby, Leader.

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which will include tightening up the Absentee ballot, restricting the use of markers, making smaller election precincts, and generally making the operation of voting as nearly air tight as to "crookedness and improper influences" as is possible.

This legislature is being given credit for being the most sincere and cooperative and workable one that has been in session here in many years.