

CHALLENGE TO FARMERS

FOOD AND FEED NEEDED FOR WAR

W. H. Yarborough Makes Especially Strong Speech In Farm Mobilization Day Program

Quite a good number of Franklin County farmers and citizens heard an especially strong address delivered at the Court House in Louisburg Tuesday night culminating the Farm Mobilization Day activity in Franklin County.

The address was made by Mr. W. H. Yarborough, who pictured in a most interesting and impressive way what the farmers will have to do in 1943 as their part in winning the war. He told what the farmers of the country had done. How the draftee and the volunteer had done and are doing their parts. How industry had expanded and increased its capacity in turning out material and equipment for war and is doing its part. He then called attention to big and important part the farmer can do, and stressing the importance of raising food and feed crops to help feed the soldiers, the war workers and our Allies, particularly the people in the countries that our enemies have dominated and devastated.

Stressing the difference in and the great importance of winning this war he told of a friend of his who sought exemption in the first World War, but had volunteered in this war. We have now reached the point where none of us can afford to dodge our responsibility, and he felt assured that the farmers of Franklin County would rally to the responsibility and opportunity to serve their country by cooperating with the government and produced the necessary food and feed crops.

Reports from the several meetings held in the County during the day were very encouraging and indicate a willingness to put the farm program over.

Basket Ball

The Louisburg All-Stars will play the Louisburg College team in a basketball game on Tuesday, January 19th, at the Louisburg Army at 8:00 o'clock. Admission, to all students both high school and college, 10c; to all others, 25c. The All-Star team will be composed of former Franklin County high school players.

P. T. A. MEETING

The P. T. A. of Mills High School will meet Thursday afternoon, Jan. 21st at 3:30 o'clock at the school.

The following program will be discussed.

Topic: "Our School a Safe Guard for Democracy."

Devotion: Rev. Forrest D. Hedden.

Special Feature: Mrs. Alice Uzzell's room.

Strengthening Schools Through Proper Legislation: Mr. C. Young.

Music: Glee Club.

Talk: Sanitation in Our School a Paramount Consideration, Mrs. A. B. Insoce.

Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Pres.

During the 5-year period 1936-40, an average of 970,000 man-days annually were spent in fighting forest fires that burned more than 30 million acres yearly on the average.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Jan. 16th:

Saturday—John Mack Brown and Tex Ritter in "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground" and Milton Berle and Mary Beth Hughes in "Over My Dead Body."

Sunday—Monday—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Who Done It?"

Tuesday—Jinx Falkenburg and Bert Gordon in "Laugh Your Blues Away."

Wednesday—March of Time presents "We Are The Marines."

Thursday—Friday—Richard Denning, Ellen Drew, Jerry Colonna and Vera Vague in "The Ice Capades Revue."

ADDRESSES FARMERS



MR. W. H. YARBOROUGH

Legislature

A two-hour session of the joint committee on finance yesterday afternoon had the double effect of slowing down the fast pace at which the General Assembly has been proceeding and of giving a foretaste of what is to come in the way of proposals to reduce taxes.

The net result of the meeting was no action at all. Subcommittees were appointed on the two schedules considered, inheritance and license taxes, and a third subcommittee was appointed on the one new license tax proposed in the bill—a tax on bondsmen.

Former Speaker D. L. Ward of Craven started the fireworks with a proposal for a blanket 25 per cent reduction in the State license paid by every profession and business in the State—a proposal which would mean an annual reduction of \$750,000 in the State's revenue.

After this proposal had met with spirited opposition, during which Representative Taylor of Wayne pointed out that some of those taxed under the schedule are making more money than ever before, Representative Ward withdrew his amendment and offered another, which had been presented by A. J. Maxwell, director of Tax Research, to the Advisory Budget Commission and rejected by that body. Ward, who had demanded a vote on the first amendment "in order to show the people of the State today that we intend to reduce taxes," vigorously opposed a motion by Senator L. Y. Ballentine of Wake to defer the whole matter until next week. However, the motion prevailed and a subcommittee later was appointed.

Another "income tax bill" was introduced in the House yesterday—a proposal to permit payment of State income tax in four quarterly and equal payments, as is provided by the federal government for payment of the national tax. (The present requirement is for full payment of State income tax by March 15, final date for filing of returns and making payments).

The bill for installment payment of the State tax was introduced by Reps. J. T. Pritchett of Caldwell, Harley F. Shuford of Catawba, and Thomas Turner, Jr., of Guilford.

Payments of tax would be due on March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Any default in a quarterly payment would make the full balance payable, with six per cent interest from March 15.

The first income-tax measure introduced in the House was presented Tuesday night when Rep. David P. Dellinger of Gaston and provides for the calling off of all State income-tax payments by individuals during the years of 1943 and 1944.

Council of State
The Governor's recommendation that the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Labor be added to the Council of State made its first appearance in a bill when Rep. George R. Uzzell of Rowan introduced a bill to start the recommendation on the road to what the Governor hopes will be a constitutional Amendment approved by vote of the people.

The pre-war machine tool industry, which did an average annual business of about \$100 millions, has grown to a war industry with a monthly output valued at \$130 millions.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

To Ask That Tax Penalties And Discounts Be Simplified and Equalized

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session, Friday at 7:30 P. M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the Board.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Supt. of Lights and Water, were read and approved.

The Board passed a motion to pay the special traffic policemen who are serving during the repairs to the Tar River bridge, only for the time that they are on duty at the project.

Commissioner W. J. Shearin made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Allen: "That the Town Attorney be instructed to draw a resolution to be presented to the Board at its next meeting; this Resolution to be in the form of a petition to Representative W. L. Lumpkin. Mr. Lumpkin is to be asked to make every effort to secure the passage of a Local Bill by the N. C. General Assembly applicable to the Town of Louisburg, N. C. This Local Bill is to provide that the 2% discount on taxes provided for in Section 1403 of the Machinery Act of 1941, be extended to Nov. 1st, of each year and a discount of 1% be allowed after Nov. 1st, of each year to Dec. 1st, of each year. The Bill is to provide for the simplification of the calculation of Tax Penalties by providing that a penalty of 1% per month be charged to delinquent taxes, beginning with Feb. 1st, of each year and extending until a maximum penalty of 6% has accumulated. Tax Sales Certificates are to bear interest at the rate of 8% per year. This motion was carried.

A delegation of citizens interested in aviation requested the Board to assist them in the construction of a suitable landing field to be located on the Harris property on the East side of the intersection of the Franklinton and Raleigh Highways. The delegation through its spokesmen, James Y. Cooper and R. C. Whitfield, informed the Board that the major expense of rent, and maintenance would be paid by a group of local aviators, and petitioned the Board to assist in the expense of properly grading and draining the landing field.

The Board reacted favorably to the above petition and appointed the following Special Committee to study the proposal of a suitable landing field in regards to merit and costs, and to report its findings to the Board at its next meeting. The Committee appointed is as follows: W. J. Cooper, Chairman, W. J. Shearin and F. H. Allen.

The Board approved a number of invoices for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

New Arrival

Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Dec. 30.—Marry McKinnon Fuller, of Franklinton, N. C. Route 2, is a newly-arrived soldier at Jefferson Barracks, Colonel Thomas J. J. Christian, commanding. This historic military post, on the Mississippi River a few miles south of St. Louis, is a replacement training center for the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

Here recruits are given vocational aptitude tests to qualify them for important duties in various Arms and Branches of the Service attached with the Army Air Forces. Dependent upon their education, civilian experience and results of the various tests given, recruits will be selected either for technical schools or specialized occupations within the Army. Following a period of instruction in basic military training and discipline the recruits will be sent to active service with the Army Air Forces.

He was employed as a welder by Newport News Shipbuilding. He attended the Mills High School.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced an order releasing all new farm machinery and equipment which was "frozen" in wholesalers' and distributors' stocks on October 31.

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B. N. WILLIAMSON, SR., DIES

END COMES IN DUKE HOSPITAL TUESDAY

Was Former Mayor of Louisburg, and Also Town Commissioner, Tobacco Warehouseman and Buyer

Mr. Benjamin N. Williamson, Sr., died early Tuesday morning at Duke Hospital, Durham, following a severe illness and operation. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Williamson was born December 15, 1878, the son of the late Wiley Benjamin Williamson and Mrs. Lelia Huff Williamson. He spent most of his life in the tobacco business in Louisburg, both as a warehouseman and independent buyer. He was Mayor of the town for a number of years, and served several years as Town Commissioner. In addition he was active in county political organizations. He was a member of the Masonic Order and a lifelong member of the local Methodist Church.

Besides his wife, who was the former Miss Mamie Tucker, he is survived by two sons, B. Napier Williamson, Jr., former County Accountant, and John Williamson, his mother, Mrs. Lelia Huff Williamson, and a sister, Mrs. R. M. Beasley, of Apex.

Funeral services were held from the home on Cedar Street Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, his pastor, assisted by Revs. E. H. Davis and L. F. Kent, and interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery.

Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty, evidencing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by a host of friends.

The pall bearers were as follows: Arch Wilson, G. C. Harris, P. S. Allen, George Ford, C. M. Howard, A. E. Henderson.

Mills High School Band to Play For PCA Annual Meeting

The Mills High School Band will furnish a program of music at the annual meeting of the Louisburg Production Credit Association to be held in the Franklin County Court House on Saturday, January 16, starting at 10:45 A. M., according to an announcement of J. O. Wilson, President of the Association.

"The 240 persons who attended our meeting last year thoroughly enjoyed their music and are looking forward to hearing them again," said Mr. Wilson.

Detailed reports of the activities of the association will be given stockholders and two directors will be elected at this meeting. A thirty minute moving picture dealing with the services of a farmer by the association will be shown.

The association furnishes short-term credit for general agricultural and livestock purposes to farmers in Franklin County. It has a membership of 782.

"The annual meeting this year is of special importance," said Mr. Wilson, "due to the discussion we are expecting to arise concerning the 1943 food production goals for this area. Then, too, members and other farmers will have an opportunity to become better acquainted with the business working and records of the association."

Promoted

Fort Sill, Okla., Jan. 11. (Special)—Corporal William Lee Beasley, 23, 111 Church Street, Louisburg, North Carolina, was graduated this week from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School here, and has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery.

Lieutenant Beasley reported to Fort Sill from Camp Polk, La., and has been assigned to Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Before starting active duty, Lieutenant Beasley was employed by the N. C. Forest Service. He graduated from Duke University in 1940.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

CIVIL COURT IN SESSION

HON. WALTER J. BONE, PRESIDING

Several Divorces Granted No Cases of Public Importance Called; General Routine Prevails

The regular January term of Franklin Civil Superior Court convened Monday morning with Hon. Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, presiding. The docket was called and being a small one, the trial of cases was soon begun. No cases of special public interest have been called and the sessions are attended by only a few, they being mostly litigants, witnesses and jurors.

Cases disposed of were as follows: Menner S. Roberson was granted a divorce from C. T. Roberson.

Willie Watkins was granted a divorce from Lillian Cole Watkins.

D. B. Richardson was granted a divorce from Anna A. Richardson.

The case of C. T. Privett against Mary Jane Privett was non-suited.

Jim Collins was granted a judgment for \$200 against W. B. Carson.

Judgment of non suit was ordered in the case of Citizens Bank & Trust Co., vs. H. J. Cash, J. Henry Cash and R. E. Cash.

The case of Minnie Teasley vs. Mrs. Bessie (Cleo) Pearce was in the hands of the jury as the Franklin Times went to press.

This is a one week term and will end by Saturday.

Fish Supper

Brigadier General James W. Jenkins, commanding officer of the N. C. State Guard, accompanied by Lt. Finch, met with the members of the 8th Co. at their regular mess meeting held last Tuesday evening at Mitchell's Lake. Sgt. Lee H. Bell, mess sergeant of the Company, was in charge of the arrangements. He was assisted by Sgt. J. A. Pearce, Cpl. Douglas Ferguson, and Pfc. Andrew C. Layton, and others, and also by Stone.

The mess consisted of a delicious fish fry with coffee for the members of the Company and their guests.

Following the meal the men called in Mr. C. A. Ragland and thanked him for the use of his cabin, and gave their hearty approval of the manner in which the Mess Sgt. and his assistants had prepared the meal. General Jenkins addressed the men briefly upon the importance of the services which they were rendering as volunteers in the Nation's War effort, and expressed his appreciation of their patriotism.

At a meeting with the officers of the Company, General Jenkins went into detail about the plans of the War department for utilizing the State Guard in the event of an emergency.

The entire event was enjoyed by all present, and the lessons learned by the men in conducting their own mess will prove beneficial when the Company undertakes actual maneuvers.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The mirning worship on Sunday will be given to the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The pastor is counting on being present after being absent for three Sundays. Every member of the church is urged to attend.

There will be no evening worship.

9:45 a. m. Bible School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
A cordial welcome to all!

MRS. OLIVER LANCASTER

Mrs. Oliver Lancaster, 68, died at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at her home on Castalia, Route 1, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 at Red Bud Baptist Church with the Rev. John Edwards officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Bennie, of Asheboro, and Bernard of the home; one daughter, Mrs. C. G. Murphy, of Fort Bragg.

"WINGS OF GOLD"



WILLIAM T. (BILLY) CLIFTON

son of Mrs. Margaret E. H. Clifton, of 408 Church St., Louisburg, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the U. S. Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla.

Prior to entering the Naval service, Ensign Clifton studied at the University of North Carolina.

The last of March, he began preliminary training at the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base in Anacostia, D. C., and successfully completed the course in June, before going to the "Annapolis of the Air," for basic and advanced training.

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Clifton will go on active duty at one of the Navy's air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

Contests Postponed

The Declamation Recitation Contests for the Franklin County Schools have been postponed indefinitely pending a ruling from the Washington OPA Office. According to plans the Declamation Recitation Contest for the Elementary School was to have been held in the Justice School on Friday night, January 15. The High School Contest was to be held in the Bunn School Tuesday night, January 19. The postponement of these contests and the elimination of basketball as a part of our Franklin County League Program has become necessary due to the serious gasoline shortage now existing in the Eastern States.

According to a ruling received from the State OPA Office no gasoline will be provided for an interscholastic or athletic contest in our schools at the present time. Superintendent Wiley F. Mitchell has asked Mr. Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent of Public Instruction to obtain a ruling from the Washington OPA Office concerning the status of interscholastic programs and Parent Teachers' Meetings. Until such ruling has been obtained no gasoline can be provided for the purpose of attending these programs.

This condition has come about due to the fact that gasoline is of such vital importance to our boys on the fighting front on all parts of the world. Every American is anxious to play his part in order that Victory will ultimately be ours, and in order to carry on our programs at home it will be necessary that we do so by sacrificing and denying ourselves of the things that are essential to the war effort. It is sincerely hoped that the people of our county will devise some plan whereby our P.T.A. organizations and essential programs might continue to carry on in this emergency, as we cannot afford to allow the P.T.A. to discontinue the splendid work that has been going on in our schools in the past years. It is imperative that the schools continue to receive the support of such organizations of this kind.

90th BIRTHDAY

Youngsville, Jan. 12.—Mrs. C. G. Mitchell, of Youngsville, Rt. 1, celebrated her 90th birthday with many of her 33 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, her one great-great-grandchild and seven children attending.

Since commercial feeds are costly, Cherokee County farmers have found they can use feed wheat secured through a Government program to good advantage in their livestock work.

Dr. S. P. Burt Elected

Health Officer Franklin County Monday at Board of Health Meeting

Dr. S. P. Burt was elected Health Officer for Franklin County at a meeting of the Franklin County Board of Health held Monday. Dr. Burt succeeds Dr. R. F. Yarborough who has served in this capacity for a long number of years, and who is retiring because of the condition of his health.

Dr. Burt is well qualified to carry on this work and his selection will meet with general approval. It was announced that the State Board of Health will send an officer to Louisburg in a few days to work with Dr. Burt in mapping out a program for the new year.

WAR NEWS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Jan. 13.—American Flying Fortresses, destroying 34 Axis planes ground and aloft in a brilliant raid on Castel Benito airfield, 10 miles south of Tripoli have torn a considerable hole in the already thin air cover upon which Field Marshal Rommel is depending for an effective retreat from Libya into Tunisia.

In this, the heaviest assault yet delivered from the west on the Axis in Tripolitania, not an American plane was lost. Allied headquarters announced today.

The Fortresses' attack, delivered yesterday, topped all other action in the North African theatre, where land operations were marked only by patrol encounters in the area between Bou Arada and Goubelat in Tunisia and along Rommel's route of retreat in eastern Tripolitania.

Enemy's Losses
While the Allied communique stated only that 14 planes were shot down sharp running combat during the Castel Benito raid, an air force spokesman added that at least 20 German planes were smashed on the ground. He estimated that at least 10 more Nazi craft were damaged in the air—thus bringing the enemy's possible losses to as high as 44 planes.

The Axis pilots, flying Messerschmitt 109's, apparently were under instruction to get the Fortresses at all costs. Avoiding the American fighter escort, they swooped upon the big bombers and were met by terrific blasts from the cannon of the raiders. Enemy plane after plane plummeted out of action, but every Fortress, despite the Germans' concentrated effort, reached home safely, although one limped in two hours late on two motors.

(At the eastern end of the allied line—in Libya—the British command announced complementary air blows in which five enemy fighters were destroyed in combat; Tripoli and Homs in Libya and targets in Crete, Sicily and on Lampedusa Island were attacked successfully. In all these operations two Allied planes were lost.

Moscow, Thursday, Jan. 14.—The Red army captured 12 towns and villages in the North Caucasus yesterday and thwarted a mass onslaught by German tanks and troops trying to break through the Soviet lines in the lower Don valley, the Soviet high command announced today.

For the first time since Soviet troops burst into the Don area upriver from Rostov, the midnight communique claimed no advance on that front, reporting instead that all counterattacks by powerful German forces were hurled back, about 1,000 Nazis being killed in a single sector.

The high command had revealed 12 hours earlier that Russian shock troops had broken out of the Stalingrad factory area to the western outskirts of the battered Volga city in bloody fighting at close quarters.

The new bulletin said they consolidated their newly-won positions yesterday and beat off numerous German counterattacks, wiping out 400 Germans and capturing 10 field guns and four trench mortars.

Weather conditions have prevented Martin County farmers from completing their peanut harvest.

The 150 million copies of War Ration Book Two, now being printed, would fill four freight trains of 30 car each.