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REV. MERCER DELIVERS STRONG ADDRESS

At Franklin Memorial Association Services Sunday

STEPHEN L. THARRINGTON NAMED PRESIDENT

Association Begins Plans For Memorial Services at Burial of Deceased Veterans of World War II, and For Taking Care of Annual Expenses; Band Furnishes Music; Flags Delayed Because of Transportation; Many Pretty Flowers; Graves Decorated

Although the attendance was smaller than usual because of the pleasure ban on driving, the Franklin County Memorial Association held a most interesting and patriotic annual meeting on Sunday. The Memorial program was especially well arranged and each item was well fitted into the exercises to make a most complete whole.

Other men have labored, and you have entered into their labor," was the text or motto used by Rev. S. E. Mercer, pastor of the Franklin Methodist Church for the base of the most excellent address he presented to the many present on this occasion. "It is fitting," he said, "that we memorialize the acts and deeds of the boys who gave all for God, for country, and for the right."

New Gas Cut Washington, June 1.—The Office of Price Administration today slashed the value of all "B" and "C" gasoline coupons in the Eastern shortage area from three to two and a half gallons, but left the value of basic "A" coupons unchanged in its latest effort to relieve the continuing fuel crisis. The cut is effective tomorrow in 12 Eastern states, the eight eastern counties of West Virginia and the District of Columbia, where the pleasure driving ban was reimposed two weeks ago. Not affected are North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, where basic "A" rations were cut March 22 along with kindred cuts in the other shortage states. Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown said the cut would effect a saving of about 30,000 barrels of gasoline a day. He said these steps were necessary to hold civilian consumption to the allotted 356,000 barrels daily in the affected states, especially in view of increased war industry requirements and greater summer demand for gasoline on farms.

Ethiopian Wish

London, June 2.—Belata Ayela Gabre, Ethiopian minister to Britain, today urged that a picked group of Ethiopian "Commandos," equipped fully with long knives and a long-standing vengeance should be allowed to spearhead an Allied invasion of Italy. "The Fascist blood would turn to water," he said. "The Ethiopians remember the thousands of their comrades who died on the hot desert sands in 1936 and they never will be satisfied until they can rip an Italian gullet," he asserted. Ethiopia would like nothing better than to lead an Allied invasion, he said, for Commando-type fighting was old stuff to the average Ethiopian, "who cuts his eye teeth on a spear and learns to undergo hardship at an early age."

Unemployment Meeting The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that a very important meeting of employers to discuss and study the stabilization labor plan of the War Manpower Commission will be held on Friday evening, June 4th, at 8 o'clock in the Federal Court Room of the Post Office building in Raleigh. It is especially desired that all essential employers or their representatives in the Raleigh area which is composed of Franklin, Johnston and Wake counties be present. The purpose of the meeting is to study and arrive at a uniform interpretation of the War Manpower Commission's stabilization plan which went into effect in region 4 including North Carolina, on May 15, 1943 at 12:01 a. m. All who can should be present.

Missing



Lt. N. PERCY INGRAM, JR. Who was reported missing in the Pacific War Zone last week. Lt. Ingram was a Pilot in the Air Corps.

Egerton Elected Commander

The Jambes Post of the American Legion met in the Armory Building on May 29, 1943, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for the consideration of other business. Charles K. Cooke, Jr. informed the Post that the Raleigh, N. C., Voiture of the Forty & Eight has decided to send a boy from Franklin County to the Boy's State meeting which will be held at Chapel Hill, N. C. during the months of June, 1943. He requested the Post to confer with Bob Rose of the Franklinton Post in the selection of the boy to be sent to the Boy's State meeting. The Post voted to buy the necessary flags with which to decorate the graves of veterans in Franklin County on Memorial Day. At the request of the Post Legionnaires W. D. Egerton, James E. Malone and T. K. Stockard were appointed by Commander E. F. Thomas as a special committee to draw a petition to our representatives in the United States Congress requesting them to support anti-strike legislation in Congress. The Post voted to issue a hearing invitation to all eligible veterans of World War II, to join the Jambes Post of the American Legion. The Adjutant was instructed to have the Certificate of Distinguished Service and the Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service properly framed. The Post is proud of winning these two coveted national citations, and proud of the fact that it now has the largest membership in its history, with a membership of 88 men. Credit for this record breaking membership is largely due to the successful efforts of our champion Go-Getter, Weldon Egerton, to whom the Post extended its sincere thanks. The following officers were elected for the year 1943: Commander—Weldon D. Egerton. Vice-Commanders—A. Wilson Macon, John W. Neal, A. W. Fowler, Dollie Pearce, Joseph R. Phelps, George T. Flow, E. Vernon Stone. Service Officer—Charlie R. Young. Guardianship Officer—James E. Malone, Jr. Historian—Carl M. Watkins. Chaplain—Otis B. Burrows. Adjutant and Finance Officer—Tracy K. Stockard. Delegates to the State Convention—Charles K. Cooke, Jr., Ernest F. Thomas, Dollie Pearce. Alternate Delegates to the Convention—A. W. Fowler, George T. Flow, R. W. Smithwick.

Legion Protests Against Lewis

A special committee appointed by the Jambes Post of the American Legion dispatched the following letter to Honorable Joseph William Bailey, Robert R. Reynolds and Harold D. Cooley, in Washington this week: "We are officially designated by the Jambes Post, No. 105, of the American Legion, Louisville, N. C., to direct this letter to you. "We represent the overwhelming sentiment, not only of the ex-service men of North Carolina, but of all the patriotic citizens of our Nation, in denouncing the actions of John L. Lewis, the Benedict Arnold of World War II, and all other treasonable strike leaders and WILLING strikers, who are taking advantage of the present crisis facing our Nation, to force their demands for increased wages and other unreasonable privileges on our Government. "We regard their actions as nothing less than high treason. We are not only dissatisfied, but thoroughly disgusted with the policy of appeasement that our Government has adopted in handling strikes. We think that this problem is squarely on the door step of our Congress, and if our Congress fails America's war effort in this emergency, it will have to answer to the voters of our Nation now, and also to the millions of men and women in our armed services, when they return to the polls. These patriotic men and women of our armed forces are offering and giving their all, twenty four hours each day, for a mere pittance, contrasted to the prevailing wages of labor. "We insist that you, as our Representatives, take all necessary and IMMEDIATE action, not only to relieve the present emergency, but to prevent the recurrence of same, by the passage of DRASTIC anti-strike legislation. "We also request that you secure the enactment of a law that will place all workers in essential war industries, under the control of our War Department, subject to disciplinary measures for desertion, commensurate with the punishment meted out to deserters from our armed forces. We are, "Respectfully yours, W. D. EGERTON, JAMES E. MALONE, JR., T. K. STOCKARD, Committee."

Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday, with two Judges, J. E. Malone and R. C. Whitfield, presiding. Judge Malone tried the regular docket, but because of special reasons he called in Vice Recorder R. C. Whitfield to try the case of George Washington Harris. The cases were disposed of as follows: Judgment was prayed in the case of manufacturing whiskey and possession of material against Hubert Perry and Jesse Baker. Perry was given 90 days on road suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. Continued as to Baker. George Washington Harris was found not guilty of bastardy. Daniel Driver pleaded guilty to no drivers license, to be discharged upon payment of costs. Spencer McKinley Massenburg was found guilty of speeding, fined \$5 and costs. The following cases were continued: R. R. Radford, reckless driving. Eugene M. Gupton, operating automobile intoxicated. J. H. Fuller, assault with deadly weapon. A. G. Holmes, Mrs. A. G. Holmes, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Alton Estes, no drivers license.

Explosions

A series of mysterious explosions were heard over a wide area in Eastern North Carolina early Tuesday morning, but all efforts by highway patrolmen and others to determine their causes or locations were unavailing. The prolonged reverberations were heard about 4:30 a. m. Late Tuesday night nothing had been learned other than that they were heard at such widely separated points as in lower Virginia, Greenville and Washington. Eric Rodgers, Scotland Neck newspaperman, said the explosions broke window panes in that town. He said the sounds indicated the explosions occurred northeast of the town. In Greenville the explosions caused considerable alarm for a time. The reports were heard in Wilson, Rocky Mount and other towns of that section. In Wilson an unusually large number of Army planes were reported over the city during the day. State Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock, stationed at Roanoke Rapids, said the explosions—apparently three in number and in quick succession—were heard in that area and in lower Virginia. He said planes appeared over Roanoke Rapids about dawn and were last seen returning toward Norfolk. The public relations office at Camp Lejeune said that office knew nothing of the source or causes of the explosions. Other Army and Navy officials in the State and area could give no illumination to the mystery.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. Davis will deliver the sermon at the Louisburg Methodist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement of Rev. F. D. Hedden, pastor. There will be no services at night, the congregation will worship at the Vesper service on the College campus. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a. m. under supervision of Mr. I. D. Moon. Young People's Service will be held at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited.

EVERY DRIVER CAN HELP

KEEP 'EM ROLLING WAR, 1943 style, is war on wheels. Men, weapons and materials vital to victory must be moved swiftly, safely and without delay. But each day accidents at grade crossings in America injure or kill 19 motorists and delay 38 trains a total of 22 hours—a drain on manpower and time that a nation at war simply cannot afford. Will you, as a patriotic driver, enlist in the nationwide campaign now under way to stop these accidents? Here's how you can help: 1. Be extra careful—warming careful—in all your driving. 2. Be especially alert when approaching a grade crossing. 3. Be sure the way is clear before you cross the tracks. 4. LOOK, LISTEN and LIVE! Help keep 'em rolling for victory! NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

WAR NEWS

London, June 2.—An official Royal Air Force spokesman today enthusiastically praised the American air offensive in the European theatre, but urged that the United States send more bombers immediately. "These American attacks by daylight have tremendous value and effect," he said. "A very important part is being played by the forces of American aircraft now available. All we can say now is that we want more of them—and quickly." The RAF commentator made his appeal at a press conference during the third day of lull in the air war. Britain's big bombers were grounded again last night. Four or five German Focke-Wulf fighter bombers bombed two East Anglian towns early this morning, causing only slight damage and injuring one person. One of the raiders was shot down.

Remarkable Results He reviewed the list of targets raided by the Eighth United States Air Force, commenting after almost every one—"remarkable results." (The RAF spokesman's comments dovetailed with remarks of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, who told the West Point graduating class yesterday that "we are going to end it (the war) and end it soon by bombing military objectives consistently and with the Maximum destructive power we possess. . . . The RAF and the (US) AAF with their bombing are building up a situation which, by all reasoning, should make history repeat itself.") The British spokesman said the RAF still was increasing its bomber strength and, in view of that, its recent heavy losses could be discounted despite the fact that "the Germans have put their whole soul into this thing and have doubled their night fighter force in Western Europe." He said reconnaissance photographs and other intelligence indicated that the 7,500 tons of bombs dropped on four main cities of the Ruhr—Dortmund, Dusseldorf, Essen and Wuppertal—during the week ending May 29 put steel works, coal mines and other important installations out of action for months.

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It is this stubborn resistance which has prolonged the Attu struggle into its fourth week. American forces were understood to be continuing mopping up operations today; and despite the enemy's heavy casualties, a number of pockets of resistance in the mountainous northeastern end of the island around Cape Khibinof still had to be cleaned out.

London, Thursday, June 3.—Radio Moscow reported today that 500 German planes had raided the great Russian stronghold of Kursk on the Kharkov-Moscow Railroad in five waves Wednesday and that 123 of them had been shot down in one of the greatest air battles of the war. Swarming in on the city of 102,500 persons, 120 miles north of Kharkov, which they had looted and ruined during their occupation and whose people they had killed, tortured and enslaved, the Germans met a shattering defense.

The first impact took the German planes to the city approaches and some of them broke through, the Moscow broadcast said as recorded here. But fighter planes and thunderous gunfire met them and those that pierced the defenses had to jettison their bombs, causing casualties among the people who had remained or had managed to return. Wave by wave, in separate attacks, the Germans came back, Moscow said, to lose 93 planes to Russian fighter pilots and 30 to anti-aircraft guns. Thirty Russian planes were lost.

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The quantities of fruits and vegetables that canners must set aside from the 1943 production for Government requirements will be sharply reduced,—about 30 million cases.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, June 5th: Saturday—Don Red Barry in 'Days of Old Cheyenne' and John Archer in 'The Purple V.' First chapter 'Daredevils of the West.' Sunday—Hedy Lamaar and Walter Pidgeon in 'White Cargo.' Tuesday—Jinx Falkenburg and Tom Neal in 'Sht Has What It Takes.' 'Adventures of Smilin' Jack.' Wednesday—Marjorie Mann Zasu Pitts and Lee Bowman in 'Tish.' Thursday-Friday—Joe E. Brown and Judy Canova in 'Chatterbox.'

COAL SITUATION IS WITH PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt Holds Conference With Advisers, But No Indication Given As To Action He Will Take; War Labor Board Calls On Executive To Intervene

Washington, June 2.—President Roosevelt held a prolonged conference on the coal strike at the White House tonight, and was believed to be preparing to intervene personally, but there was no hint as to what action he planned. "There is nothing to say," Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said at the conclusion of an hour and a half conference of the President, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, Secretary Ickes, members of the War Labor Board and Abe Fortas, Undersecretary of the Interior. All of the President's conferees brushed aside inquiries from reporters.

The case landed at the White House in a bitter exchange of words between the War Labor Board and John L. Lewis, leader of the 500,000 idle miners. The board, calling a halt to further collective bargaining till the strike ceases, turned the case over to the President, declaring that the United Mine Workers headed by Lewis were flouting the law of the land and the "no-strike" pledge.

Morse's Letter Then the White House made public a letter from Wayne L. Morse, public member of the board, to President Roosevelt asserting: "This strike has no parallel, since Pearl Harbor, insofar as a reckless and wanton disregard of the no-strike agreement is concerned. Viewed from the standpoint of its damage to the war effort and its serious threat to the maintenance of government by law and order, his strike probably has no parallel in American history. x x x

It is the opinion of the War Labor Board that the fundamental issue in his case involving the supremacy of law is perfectly clear and must be met by the government.

Lewis Reports Lewis hit back with a charge that the War Labor Board was acting illegally, a charge recalling recent hints that he might bring action against it under the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

J. M. MOORE DEAD

J. M. Moore one of Franklin County's older farmers died Wednesday night about 9 o'clock following a paralytic stroke, in the 64th year of his age. Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Carl Moore, Walter Moore, James Moore; Woodrow Moore of the U. S. Army, Mrs. Ollis Vaughan, Mrs. Aaron Medlin and Mrs. Tommie Stallings, also the following brothers and sisters, Carl Moore, of Henderson, Sheriff John P. Moore, of Louisburg, Mrs. Buck Mitchell, Mrs. S. M. Phelps and Mrs. A. T. Shearin. The funeral services will be held Friday (today) afternoon at Ebenezer Methodist Church, near Mitchiner's Cross Roads.

THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest thanks and appreciations for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in the recent illness and death of our husband and father, Mr. W. J. Hunt. They will be tenderly remembered. Mrs. W. J. Hunt and family.