

COURT OF HONOR HELD

SCOUT JOHN PERRY RECEIVES EAGLE AWARD

Rev. Proctor a Powerful Speaker; A Very Interesting Meeting; Court House Crowded

As a fitting climax to National Scout Week, Troop No. 20 of the Oconeechee Council of Boy Scouts of America held a Court of Honor in the Court House on last Sunday afternoon with Chairman Louis Word present, who immediately turned the meeting over to Mr. C. W. Webb, Field Executive, who then presided.

Scout John Perry received the Eagle award, the highest honor that befalls a Scout; and an honor that is won by merit and hard work alone. The badge was presented by Chief Scout Executive Claude Humphreys and was pinned on this fine young man by his mother, Mrs. Hugh W. Perry. The following letter from Mr. William Bailey, Chairman, Vance County District Committee, read by Mr. Webb, in which he stated: "It will always remain a very pleasant memory to each of us who had the responsibility and pleasure of acting as members of a special Board of Review before which you appeared some weeks ago. You acquitted yourself most admirably upon that occasion and I know I reflect the sentiments of these gentlemen when I say that just so long as there are evidences that young men of your type and capacities are growing toward man's estate, striving to be prepared to assume your rightful responsibilities of manhood, we of another generation view with optimism and confidence the future of our country."

Merit badges for various achievements were presented to the following Scouts: Carl M. Watkins, Jr., Bugling; Edward Rabil, Woodcarving; Cheatham Alston, Woodcarving; Billy Cobey, Swimming, Forestry, Life Saving; George Davis, Swimming; Grady Harris, Jr., Animal Industry, Woodcarving; Clifford Joyner, Personal Health; Larry Lewis, Carpentry; George Murphy, Public Health; Swimming; Earl Murphy, Personal Health; Public Health; Garland Mustian, Woodcarving; First Aid; Edgar Owens, Public Health, Woodcarving; Edgar Lee Perry, Poultry Keeping; Nicholas Perry, Cammying Poultry Keeping; Leslie Tharrington, Jr., Home Repairs Handicraft; Jack Cooper and Cheatham Alston received Star rank. Joe Mills was advanced to Second Class; Billy Watkins to First Class. Garland Mustian received his Life Award. A splendid representation of Cub Scouts was present. This group gave the Cub oath and later sang God Bless America for the audience, being led by Edgar Lee Perry and John Perry, respectively. Mr. Webb spoke of the fine work that John Perry, Jack Cooper, Carl Watkins, Jr., and Cheatham Alston have done with the Cubs.

The keynote speech of the afternoon was delivered by Rev. C. K. Proctor, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage and President of the Oconeechee Council. His message was particularly timely and inspirational. He recited the many advantages of scouting and pointed out the splendid record that Boy Scouts have made in all branches of service for their country. He urged the parents and friends in the community to support this movement wholeheartedly, stating that it was absolutely one of the best investments for time and money. Also, he was most complimentary of the unusual window display in the Home Furniture Company store, which was most cleverly arranged by Chairman Louis Word and Eddie Owens.

The excellent work of Scoutmaster Pete Shearin was lauded by Mr. Webb, who is in position to recognize the progress the Scouts and Cub Scouts are making under his able leadership. He called upon the audience to continue their present interest in Boy Scouts with added vim on account of the ever-increasing need for improved citizenship, which must be nurtured in the hearts and lives of our boys and girls.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden.

NOTICE TO WORKERS

The War Manpower Commission's Stabilization Program restricts changing jobs locally and traveling to other areas for new jobs. Workers in ESSENTIAL activities should not apply for jobs advertised here. Check with the U. S. Employment Service office in your area before changing jobs.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

KERR SCOTT TO SPEAK TO LIONS CLUB



KERR SCOTT State Commissioner of Agriculture

will address the local Lions Club at the "Annual Farmers Night" next Tuesday at the Agriculture Building, at 7:00 P. M.

Forty-one representative farmers from all over the County have been sent invitations to attend. Supper will be served by the Home Economics Class of Mills High School and a program has been arranged by the Program Committee that will be of interest both to business men and farmers.

Franklin County Behind In Sale Of "E" Bonds

Although Franklin County has nearly doubled its over-all quota in the Fourth War Bond Drive, we are still \$75,000.00 behind in the sale of "E" bonds. The campaign has been extended until March 1st on the sale of "E" Bonds, but closed on the over-all sale of bonds last Tuesday. Franklin County's total sale for all kinds of bonds amounted to more than \$47,000.00, while its quota was only \$260,000.00. Of the amount of bonds sold only \$114,000.00 were of the "E" Series. The quota for these Series is \$190,100.00. Only two townships have sold their quota of "E" bonds. Hayesville Township was the first to sell its quota of these bonds with Youngsville a close second.

Table with columns: Township, Quota, Sold. Rows include Dunn No. 1, Dunn No. 2, Youngsville, Harris, Franklinton, Hayesville, Sandy Creek, Gold Mine, Cedar Rock, Cypress Creek, and Louisburg.

Income Tax Returns

J. Forrest Joyner, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue will be at the following places to assist taxpayers in filing their 1943 income tax returns: Louisburg—Court House, Feb. 17, 18, 19. White Level — Dickens Store, Feb. 25. Youngsville—City Hall, Feb. 26. Louisburg—Court House, Mar. 7 through 16.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Feb. 19th: Saturday—Bob Steele, Hoot Gibson and Ken Maynard in 'Death Valley Rangers' and Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys in 'Oh My Darling Clementine.' Also last chapter of 'Masked Marvel.' Sunday-Monday—Eddie Cantor, Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, Olivia DeHavilland, John Garfield, Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan and Dinah Shore in 'Thank Your Lucky Stars.' Tuesday—Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce in 'Spider Woman,' also 'Don Winslow of the Coast Guard.' Wednesday—Adolphe Menjou, Martha Scott, Dennis O'Keefe and Pola Negri in 'Hi Diddle Diddle.' Thursday-Friday — Randolph Scott, Grace McDonald, Alan Curtis and J. Carroll Nash in 'Gung Ho.'

AIR MEDAL AWARDED TO LOUISBURG ENSIGN



Ensign William T. Clifton

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 13.—Ensign William T. Clifton, USNR, of Louisburg, N. C., who has been reported missing in action, has been awarded the Air Medal by the President of the United States for "meritorious achievement" while participating in aerial flight as a fighter pilot during attacks against Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands area. Ensign Clifton is a son of Mrs. Margaret E. Clifton of Louisburg.

Basket Ball

There will be a triple-header at the Armory tonight (Friday) by the following teams:

- 7:00 p. m.—Bunn and Epsom boys. 8:00 p. m.—Mills and Youngsville girls. 9:00 p. m.—Mills and Youngsville boys.

Mills High Wins Two From Gold Sand

Mills high boys and girls won a double-header from the Gold Sand high teams last Friday night on the Armory court. The girls won with a score of 28 to 16. The Gold Sand girls showed much improvement over their previous appearance here. The floor work of Jernigan and the sharp shooting of Liles and Hardwick of the locals soon put their team out front. The guards of the Mills team composed of Thomas, Cuthrell, Alston and Peoples held the visitors to a low score. Pennell for Gold Sand with 9 points looked best for her team.

In the nightcap, the Mills boys had considerably more difficulty in winning 25 to 16 over the Gold Sand boys. Matthews with 9 points led the locals. Raynor with 9 points led the visitors' attack.

Mills Divides Twin Bill With Bunn High

On the local court last Monday night, the Mills lassies won a well earned victory over the strong Bunn girls' team, 27 to 26. The crack guards of the Mills team silenced the sharp shooting attack of the fast forwards from Bunn in holding the visitors to 26 points while their forwards edged out a win by one point. Hardwick with 14, Liles 8 and Peoples 3 points gave the locals a well balanced scoring machine. Coach Jernigan pulled a wise piece of strategy by sending Peoples, a tall guard, to the forward position. Bachelor with 12 points led her teams attack.

Coach Jernigan failed to find a combination that could click and the local boys went down in defeat 31 to 20. Matthews, local crack shot, fouled out in the second quarter. Earl Murphy, freshman forward, was the only local player who seemed able to find his team mates and the basket with any accuracy. He led in team work and scoring with 10 points. The fast Bunn team worked well as a unit and displayed some excellent team work. E. Privette with 11 and Weathersby with 10 points led the scoring attack of the Bunn boys.

S. T. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services as announced by Rev. H. S. Cobey, rector, are as follows: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Communion—8:00 a. m. Church School and Bible Class—9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00 a. m. Lenten Services: Ash Wednesday—Feb. 23rd. Holy Communion and meditation—10:30 a. m. Evening Prayer and sermon—8:00 p. m. Children's Ash Wednesday service—5:00 p. m. Further announcements of Lenten services next week. The crate for one airplane requires 5000 board feet of lumber. We're shipping thousands of planes.

DAVIS GETS 7 TO 10 YEARS

FOR SHOOTING MELLON WHEELOUS

The Regular February term Of Franklin Superior Court Closed Friday Afternoon

Ellis Davis, who was on trial in Franklin Superior Court as our report closed for last week, for the shooting of Mellon Wheelous, under a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was found guilty as charged and Judge Stevens sentenced him to not less than 7 nor more than 10 years in State Prison. The defendants motion to set the verdict aside was denied and he then gave notice of appeal and the Court placed the appeal bond at \$5,000.00. In this case the defendant was represented by Hill Yarborough, and Solicitor Bickett was assisted by W. L. Lumpkin. The jury was out a very short while.

The Court then placed the bond in the case State vs George Mann, for assault with intent to commit rape, which had been continued, at \$1,000.00.

All other cases not otherwise disposed of were continued to the next term.

The Court was then adjourned for the term.

Scrap Paper

The Mills 4-H Club will conduct a town-wide drive for the collection of scrap paper this Saturday, February 19th, provided the weather is satisfactory. Town residents are requested to bundle separately newspapers, magazines and card board, pack in bundles 18 to 20 inches tall and tie with strings on cards. Bundles should be placed on the front porch or curb where they may be easily loaded by the boys. Every one is urged to take immediate action while this announcement is still fresh on our minds to see that all scrap paper is made available.

The gun room of the Armory is being used as a storage for the paper. County residents coming to town Saturday are requested to bring all available scrap paper. Some one will be available at the Armory to receive the scrap.

Scrap paper is being collected in some of the rural communities through the schools. All paper assembled to any central point in the community will be moved.

For information call Walter Fuller, Assistant County Agent.

JEEPS TO VISIT GOLD SAND HIGH SCHOOL

On account of selling \$14,000 in War Bonds at its auction sale a few nights ago, Camp Butler is sending to Gold Sand High School three jeeps for the purpose of giving the school children rides. No doubt this amusement will be greatly enjoyed by all pupils (and some teachers) this afternoon.

Gold Sand certainly deserves this token of appreciation for its work done in the bond sale.

MOSER-WINN

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winn, of Henderson, Route 1, announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Malone, to Lt. Victor Moser, of Boston, Mass. Lt. Moser is now stationed at Newport News, Va. The wedding will take place on Feb. 27th.

Isolated

Rapid City, S. D., Feb. 16.—Food supplies running low, travel limited by the endurance of horses bucking three and four-foot drifts, and no telephone or other communication for three weeks—that was the picture received here today of conditions in the sparsely settled West River country 100 miles north of here. The report came from a telephone operator at Faith who said four villages, Marcus, Vance, Opal and Cooper, had been isolated since a severe storm late in January. The heavy snow, she said, has been drifted anew every few days by high winds, preventing the lifting of the blockade. While there were no reports of suffering among the farmers and ranchers in the area and direct telephone communication still is impossible, the Faith operator said she understood supplies were running low. Secretary Frank W. Mitchell of the State Highway Commission said state snowplows would be sent to the aid of the blockaded district.



SISTERS IN RED CROSS—Representatives of the American, British and French Red Cross, these girls are allies in service to Allied troops in a Mediterranean war zone. Perched in a command car, they are (from the left): Sally Stearns, Petersburg, N. J.; American; Margaret Chapman, British; and Renee Lauzat, Algiers, French.

RED CROSS QUOTA \$6,500

The Louisburg-Franklin County Chapter of the Red Cross has been assigned a quota of \$6,500 in the National War Fund Campaign beginning March 1st, according to an announcement by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, general chairman of the local chapter.

Of this amount, over \$1,800 will remain here to carry on the Red Cross home service, production and other works, necessary to the home front. The remainder, Dr. Bagby pointed out, will go into the National Fund to meet the greatly expanded needs of the Red Cross.

Red Cross, Dr. Bagby said, is preparing to handle one of the most gigantic tasks in history with the coming invasion of the Continent of Europe. "Every penny we can give," he said, "will be needed."

Philadelphia Ship Officer Killed In Action

Commander Baylus C. Green, of 6233 Chew Ave., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., son of the late A. W. Green, of Louisburg, was killed in action January 25, according to a Navy Department telegram received by his wife. Before his marriage eight years ago, Commander Green had served for four years with the Merchant Marine. He re-enlisted in the service last July and shipped out as a first assistant engineer on a merchant ship.

Born in Littleton, North Carolina, 39 years ago, Commander Green was employed prior to his re-enlistment by R. F. Sedgely Co., Inc., Ontario and J. S. Co., manufacturers of firearms, where he was general foreman of the night shift.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret J. Green; a seven-year-old daughter, Peggy; his mother, Mrs. A. W. Green, of Travelers Rest, S. C.; a brother, Lieutenant Archie W. Green, Assistant Naval Attache stationed at the U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and a sister, Mrs. T. J. Gillespie, of Tigersville, S. C.

Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court disposed of the following cases Tuesday: Clem Perry, reckless driving, judgment prayed, to be discharged upon payment of cost including \$26 repair bill. Mary Willie Lewis, no driver's license, judgment complied with. Percy Williams was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, given 6 months on roads. Percy Williams was found not guilty resisting an officer. J. A. McGhee removing posted signs, was found not guilty. Robert Henry Dunston plead guilty possession of still outfit, material and manufacturing whiskey, given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$25 fine. Percy Gupston plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey, transporting, fined \$10 and costs. Walter Perry was found guilty of reckless driving, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon paying a fine of \$25 and costs. The following cases were continued: Lee Burnette, oai. Leo Ellis, mvv. O. L. Arnold, speeding, reckless driving. James Hampton Smith, operating automobile intoxicated. Cliff Crudup, shooting into residence, assault on female. Robert Haley, assault with deadly weapon.

HIT JAP BASE

Only 410 Miles From Truk

Daring Attack on Ponape Carried Out Without Loss To Americans; Kavieng, New Ireland, Left In Flames After Damaging Attack by Allied Bombers; Japs Threaten Allies in Burma

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Feb. 1.—American heavy bombers stabbed westward to Pomape Monday to blast that important Japanese base in the mandated Caroline Islands with 55 tons of bombs in its first air attack of the war.

The daring raid, farthest western penetration by land-based Army bombers, was made in "considerable force" and without the loss of a single plane. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Small Ship Sunk

The Liberators of the American Seventh Army Air Force dropped most of their bomb loads on enemy installations but also sank a small cargo ship in the harbor. There was no air interception, and anti-aircraft fire was not mentioned, indicating the midday strike caught Japanese by surprise.

Ponape and the big naval base of Truk are the administration centers for the eastern group of islands in the Carolines. Ponape is west of Kwajalein, the western Marshalls atoll captured by American troops earlier this month, and about 2,581 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor.

At Ponape, the American raiders were within 410 miles of Truk. Only twice before have United States planes carried the war so far west into Japan's inner defense ring. Those were the carrier-borne raids on Tokyo itself and on Marcus Island, within 1,200 miles of Japan.

In preparation for the lunge at Ponape, fleet headquarters disclosed, a Marine photographic plane flew over that area Feb. 7. Photographs showed 25 enemy ships in the lagoon, extensive harbor facilities and barracks buildings.

Japan's Gibraltar

Because of the lofty and heavily fortified rock that guards the entrance to the best harbor in the islands, Ponape has been referred to as Japan's Gibraltar. The island, also known as Ascension, is surrounded by a barrier reef and more than a hundred islets. The terrain is rugged, with sharp ridges, deep valleys, towering peaks and cliffs.

In pre-war days the natives lived comfortably on the fertile land of Ponape, which raises virtually every tropical product. The uninhabited interior has many ruins of an ancient and mysterious civilization.

Nimitz also announced 7th AAF planes and search aircraft of fleet wing two bomber five Japanese-held atolls in the Marshalls Feb. 14 and 15. One or more of those atolls has been raided every day this month with the exception of last Sunday.

A Navy search plane also made a thrust at Mejit Island in the eastern Marshalls Monday. It was the first attack on that enemy-held position.

THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to both white and colored for the many kindnesses rendered us during the recent illness and death of our grandmother, Mrs. Mandy Spruill. A. C. Edwards & Family.

Tip for Veterans

State headquarters in Raleigh of the American Legion has issued a reminder that World War II veterans may register—without charge—their honorable discharge papers in the office of the register of deeds of their county. Department Commander Bob Stevens requests all Legionnaires assisting World War II veterans in filing applications for mustering-out pay to "urge each veteran to have his honorable discharge recorded, if possible, before he mails the discharge and application for mustering-out pay. If he wishes to mail the papers now, he should be urged to be sure to have his honorable discharge recorded just as soon as it is returned to him with his check for mustering-out pay." The law providing for free registration of honorable discharges was passed by the 1943 General Assembly and was introduced by Senator R. Gregg Cherry of Gaston.

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