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BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY

FORMAL OPENING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mayor Webb, Capt. Hill Yarborough, Supt. Wiley Mitchell and Mr. W. G. Lancaster, Give Words of Welcome; Results of the Games Played; Schedule of Games For Friday

The Franklin County Basketball tournament held its formal opening Wednesday night at 7:30 in the State Guard Armory. Mayor W. C. Webb opened the occasion with words of welcome from the host city of Louisburg and spoke briefly of the advantages of clean, wholesome sports.

Capt. Hill Yarborough welcomed the teams and patrons on behalf of the State Guard and very effectively presented the education and good citizenship gained through clean athletic competition.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster represented the City Council and congratulated the citizens of Franklin County in being so fortunate as to have as their Superintendent of Schools, Wiley F. Mitchell, who has obtained for the county such high grade caliber of principals and teachers during this emergency to help him and the parents to educate the children of the county.

The following are the results of games played Wednesday afternoon and night:

- Gold Sand Boys—11. Youngsville Girls—10.
- Epsom Boys—24. Franklinton Boys—6.
- Youngsville Boys—33. Gold Sand Boys—26.
- Edward Best Girls—15. Franklinton Girls—11.
- Mills Boys—38. Edward Best Boys—7.

The tournament is missing a day (Thursday) on account of the State Guard having to use the Armory on that day.

The schedule of games to be played Friday afternoon and night are as follows:

- 4:00 P. M.—Gold Sand Boys vs Edward Best Boys.
- 5:00 P. M.—Bunn Girls vs Gold Sand Girls.
- 7:30 P. M.—Bunn Boys vs Epsom Boys.
- 8:30 P. M.—Mills Girls vs Edward Best Girls.
- 9:30 P. M.—Youngsville Boys vs Mills Boys.

The games to be played Saturday afternoon and night will be determined from the results of the games played Friday, which may be seen on the schedule posted at the Armory.

This article would not be complete without mentioning the efficient work being done by the referees in this tournament, Messrs. Terrell and Whittington, of Vance County. Their work on Wednesday was splendid and your reporter did not see or hear one dispute from player or spectator of their decisions.

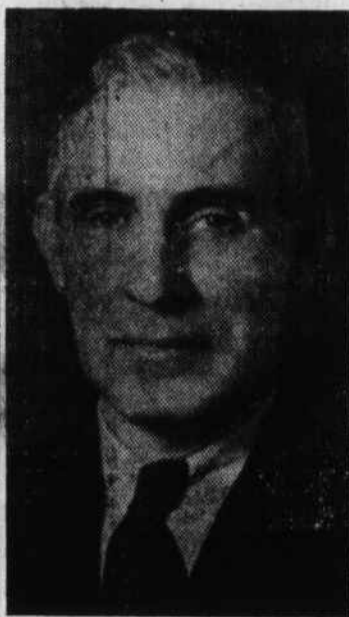
—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, March 4th: Saturday—Wild Bill Elliott and 'Gabby' Hayes in 'Overland Mall Robbery' and Alan Jones and June Vincent in 'Sing a Jingle,' also 'Captain America.'

Tuesday—Roy Rogers, Ruth Terry and the Sons of the Pioneers in 'Hands Across the Border,' also Don Winslow serial. Wednesday—Tom Neal and Jeanne Bates in 'The Racket Man' also Superman cartoon. Thursday-Friday—Betty Davis, Miriam Hopkins and Gig Young in 'Old Acquaintance.'

OVERSELLS QUOTA



W. BLAIR TUCKER

W. B. Tucker, Chairman, and his committee did a splendid piece of work in over-selling the quota allotted to Louisburg Township in the Fourth War Bond Drive which has just closed. They were the first in the County to sell their Township quota.

Mr. Tucker is a local man who has made good in his home town. He is the owner and manager of one of the largest and most progressive ginning businesses in the County. Not only is he an outstanding business man, but he is also a leader in the social, civic and religious life of the County.

As a veteran of World War I, he knows what it means to a soldier when the people at home do their part and he never fails to do his full share.

COUNTY SCRAP PAPER DRIVE

Scrap paper, a product which is sorely needed in the War Effort, is being assembled throughout the County, stated County Chairman Walter E. Fuller. The towns of Louisburg, Franklinton and Youngsville are being canvassed or have been canvassed already.

Rural people are requested to make all scrap paper available through one of the following neighborhood chairmen:

- Franklinton—W. C. Morton, Franklinton School.
- Youngsville—Mrs. J. K. Tharrington, Youngsville School.
- Harris—Mr. C. C. Brown, Harris' School.
- Pearce's—Mrs. Louise Massey, Pearce's School.
- Bunn—Mr. R. M. Aldridge, Bunn School.
- Pilot—Mrs. Valmore L. Jones, Pilot School.
- Louisburg—Walter Fuller, Agricultural Building; Louisburg School, Jackie Word.
- Gold Sand—Mr. R. G. Stevens, Gold Sand High School.
- Justice—Edward Best—Mrs. Clara Long Moore, Justice School.
- Epsom—Mr. D. J. Dark, Epsom School.

Newspapers, magazines and cardboard should be separated and each packaged and corded for easy handling.

AMERICAN RED CROSS INFORMATION

Mrs. Virginia A. Hall has been recently appointed Home Service Chairman of the Louisburg Chapter of the American Red Cross. Her office is in the Lumpkin Building next to the Louisburg Theatre.

Office hours will be 9 to 12.

STATE BALLOTS

Washington, Feb. 24.—The War Department is arranging under existing legislation to facilitate the voting by soldiers in 11 state primaries during May, it announced tonight.

The primaries are Alabama, May 2 and May 30; California, May 16; Florida, May 2 and 6; North Carolina, May 27; Ohio, May 9; Oregon, May 19; South Dakota, May 2 and West Virginia, May 9.

Maryland will issue both "official war ballots" and state absentee ballots, voting to be for federal officers only. Florida and New Jersey will issue "official war ballots" covering federal, state and local officers, while the other states will issue absentee ballots covering federal, state and local officers.

Commanding officers are instructed to call the attention of soldiers to the primaries and necessary steps for voting. Post card applications for ballots are made available to all troops.

KERR TO KEYNOTE

AT STATE CONVENTION MAY 4TH

Saturday, April 29th Date For Democratic County Conventions; April 22nd, Date For Precinct Meetings

The 1944 State Democratic Convention will convene at noon on Thursday, May 4, in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, the State Democratic Executive Committee decided at a meeting in Raleigh Friday.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, 1943 speaker of the House. It was announced by State Democratic Chairman Monroe Redden, who presided over Friday's meeting.

The executive committee also set Saturday, April 29, as the date for county conventions, at which delegates will be elected to the State convention, and Saturday, April 22, as the date for precinct conventions, at which delegates to the county conventions will be elected.

Banks Arendell of Raleigh was appointed secretary of the executive committee succeeding Arch T. Allen of Raleigh, who resigned to accept a commission in the Navy.

MILLS HIGH COMMERCIAL DEPT. TO PRESENT "LENA RIVERS"

"Lena Rivers" will be presented by the Commercial Department of Mills High School on March 31, at 8:00 in the school auditorium.

Martha Ray Matthews and Howard Baggett play the leading roles as Lena Rivers and Durward Bellmont. Lena Rivers is a cute and pretty young girl of seventeen, who comes to live with her aristocratic relatives in Kentucky. Durward Bellmont, who comes from a fine, wealthy family falls in love with Lena.

John Livingstone, a somewhat hen-pecked husband and an uncle of Lena's, is played by Willie Robertson. Mrs. Livingstone, his wife who has social ambitions, is played by Talmadge Thomas.

Caroline Livingstone, who is an echo of her mother, is portrayed by Nancy Griffin. Doris Holmes will play the part of Anna Livingstone, a sweet and warm-hearted young girl of eighteen. Their brother, John Junior, who is addicted to slang, will be played by Jim King.

Aunt Milly, colored servant in the Livingstone home, is portrayed by Suzanne Jernigan. Bill Herman will play the part of the colored man servant who is always fixin' to do.

Granny Nichols, Lena's beloved grandmother, will be played by Mae Bell. Clyde Collier plays the part of Malcolm Everett, a tutor in the Livingstone home. Weidon Kimball will portray Frank Graham, a Southern gentleman. Mrs. Graham, his jealous wife, will be played by Nicky Alston.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Lent will be held in the following order according to announcement of Rev. Harry S. Cobey, rector: Church School and Bible Class 9:45 a. m.

Holy Communion and sermon 11:00 a. m. Subject of sermon: "The Fourth Beatitude." Evening Prayer—8:00 p. m.

Week-day Lenten Services Wednesday—Liturgy and sermon—8:00 p. m. The sermon at this service will be delivered by the Rev. Henry Johnston, Rector of St. Stephen's Church in Oxford. Mr. Johnston is the first of several visiting ministers who will preach in St. Paul's during Lent.

Thursday—Holy Communion and address—10:00 a. m. Children's services 5:00 p. m.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT



RALPH W. McDONALD

Winston-Salem, March 1.—"All out support of the war and peace efforts" and "an emphatic leadership in a sound program of progress in all fields" were the keynotes of Dr. Ralph McDonald's formal announcement here today as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina. McDonald recently resigned from the State University to make his second race for the Governor's office which he barely lost in a memorable contest with former Governor Clyde R. Hoey in 1936.

Educational progress, a major postwar road building program, increased farm income, adequate pay for State employees, full provision for returning service men and women, opposition to the sales tax, reduction in the personal income tax, payment of the State General Fund debt, development of aviation, and a strong temperance stand were the principal features of a twenty-four point program setting forth the Winston-Salem candidate's views on major issues.

"The people of North Carolina know what I stand for," said McDonald. "My record is an open book. I stand where I have always stood on major issues. Since I began fighting for these principles the tide in State affairs has turned definitely in the direction of the policies I have advocated."

FARMERS AND SHEEP

R. S. Curtis, sheep marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, was in Franklin County on Tuesday contacting farmers in regard to a recent shipment of 200 yearling ewes from Wyoming into this State.

Curtis explained that these sheep are being brought into North Carolina in an effort to rebuild the sheep population of this State. He said the sheep are being resold to farmers at actual cost.

The ewes, ten months old, may be sheared in April and may be bred in July or August, said Curtis. He added that the income from the wool will offset to a large extent the total cost of the sheep.

"During the past two years the State Department of Agriculture has brought into North Carolina over 2,000 fine sheep, and the 200 we now have on hand are among the best we have received," declared Curtis.

Any farmer interested in purchasing any of these sheep are requested to get in touch with the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

"The Apostle of the Inner Circle" is the subject for 7:30 o'clock service. Church School meets at 9:45 a. m., led by Prof. I. D. Moon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups meet at 6:45.

You are welcomed to these services.

HAGWOOD ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT

STATE HIGHWAY PRESENTS MAP TO COUNTY

Com. John N. Hackney, Division Engineer R. Markham, Capt. F. G. Baker, and J. W. Taylor Before Board

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday night for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of County Home to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Supt. E. R. Richardson, for the unexpired term.

The following names were presented to the Board as applicants for the position: Charlie D. Hagwood, Franklinton, O. J. Weldon, H. A. Faulkner, of R. 3, Louisburg, and D. L. Ayscue, Louisburg.

After carefully considering all the applicants the Board elected Charlie D. Hagwood, as Superintendent to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richardson, whose resignation becomes effective March 7th.

State Highway Commissioner, John N. Hackney, Division Engineer R. Markham, Maintenance Engineer J. W. Taylor and Capt. F. G. Baker were before the Board and presented the Board with a most up-to-date and complete map of Franklin County. The map is approximately 3x5 feet and shows the road system of the county, those that are hard surfaced, and the old roads from which the new locations and surfacing has been made. It is a most complete and masterful production and the TIMES reporter was assured it would be preserved in a neat frame.

No other business coming before the Board adjournment was taken till the next regular meeting which is next Monday.

F. G. Banks Dead

The funeral services for F. G. Banks, who died at his home near Banks' Store about five miles West of Louisburg, Sunday night, were held from Perry's Chapel Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. T. Smith, pastor, assisted by Rev. S. L. Blanton, of Wilmington.

Interment was made in the church cemetery nearby. Both services were largely attended by relatives and friends who had gathered to pay a last sad tribute to one so highly respected.

The pall bearers were James Mitchiner, Harry Banks, Jr., Mitchiner Banks, Gerrard Banks, Curtis Pearce, nephews, and Will Banks.

The floral tribute was especially large and pretty speaking a sincere love and esteem for the deceased.

Felix Banks, as he was so well known to his many friends, was 76 years of age and is survived by his wife, the former Mary Mitchiner; two sons, Douglas Banks of Patterson, N. J., and Joseph Banks of the Army; one daughter, Mrs. William Shugart of Warrenton; one brother, Dr. C. H. Banks of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Anderson and Mrs. S. D. McPherson, both of Durham, and three grandchildren.

His demise followed a seige of illness, beginning with the flu and ending with pneumonia.

He was a progressive and civic minded citizen, whose passing represents a loss to his County and State. He was a devoted member of Perry's Chapel Baptist Church and was always interested in matters tending to the upbuilding of his community. In his home he was devoted to his family, and courteous and hospitable to his friends and his neighbors.

His legion of friends extend deepest sympathy in this sad bereavement.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The emphasis for the month of March is on the Sunday School. To this end the pastor will speak Sunday morning on "The Ideal Sunday School Teacher." In the evening the subject will be "Satan's Devices."

Every one is called upon to worship the Lord in the church of his choice. We cannot live normal lives without worship. 8:45 a. m.—Bible School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship.

Several farmers in Hoke County have definitely decided not to grow any cotton this year, and to plant small grains and hay crops instead.

WINS AGAIN



G. M. BEAM, Chairman Franklin County Fourth War Bond Drive

who announced this week the successful conclusion of the campaign with a big margin "Over the Top."

OVER THE TOP

Franklin County Over-Sells Its Bond Quota in Fourth Bond Drive

With the finest possible cooperation from Franklin County citizens, the Bond Drive Committee sold \$636,722.00 worth of bonds against a quota of \$260,000.00.

The quota of \$190,100.00 for "E" bonds was also over-sold. This quota was completed with the splendid auction sale held at Epsom last Monday night when more than \$10,000.00 of "E" Bonds were sold. The final count on this type of bond has not been made, but the last report shows the total sales to be \$190,962.50.

Unusually fine work was done in this drive by the women, with Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Jr., Chairman. These ladies sold bonds at the bank and made personal canvasses which produced splendid results.

Franklin County negroes have also done splendid work in this campaign. A report of which will be published later.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Alex Wood reports issuing marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of February:

WHITE—Willard Vann Andrews and Hallie Mae Merritt, Robert Samuel Perry and Ruby Lee May, Joe Thomas Tharrington and Mary Alice Evans, Haywood Wiggins and Stella B. Perry, Raymond D. Jones and Pattie Odell Husketh, Claude Young and Frances Talley.

COLORED—Otis Lee Gay and Durena Holden, Thomas Perry and Maggie Mitchell, Ernest Wilson and Mary T. Branch, Adam Neal and Winnie Belle Harris.

PURPLE HEART

V. A. Bailey of Louisburg, has been notified by the Navy that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to his brother, Walter Grover Bailey, a cowhand, who was killed in action in the Pacific last year.

Plenty of grazing crops, a full mineral mixture at all times, and a limited amount of grain and protein supplement, will enable growers to produce cheaper hogs.

GAS COUPONS

Washington, Feb. 27.—Intensifying his drive to wipe out gasoline black markets, Price Administrator Chester Bowles warned tonight that motorists failing to endorse each gasoline coupon by March 6 face possible loss of their rations.

He announced that OPA investigators, on that date, will begin a nationwide check of ration books as part of the agency's program to track down and ferret out "organized burglars, counterfeiters and racketeers" who siphon off supplies vitally needed to keep essential transportation going.

"Ration holders found with unendorsed coupons after the deadline date," he said, "will be given a notice explaining the endorsement requirement and directing them to show fully-endorsed books to their local war price and rationing boards within 10 days.

"Any motorist who fails to do this faces revocation of rations."

Bowles said OPA has found that the requirement that every coupon bear the license number of the owner's car is "the only surefire way to identify the people who are responsible for black in our rationing system."

WAR NEWS

London, Thursday, March 2.—The Red Army, in new offensives at opposite ends of a 400-mile front, has by-passed the German stronghold of Narva by smashing ten miles deeper into northern Estonia, and advanced to within six miles south of Vitebsk, key Nazi base in northern White Russia. Moscow announced last night.

Moscow's broadcast communique announced that the northern wing of Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad Army, which won control of the east bank of the Narva River on Feb. 6, resumed its offensive several days ago and, blasting through strong German defenses, forced the river to hammer out a bridgehead almost ten miles deep and more than 21 miles wide on the west bank.

Rail Line Cut The Russian thrust cut the Narva-Tallinn railroad near the station of Auvere, a little more than nine miles west of Narva, and left the German garrison in the by-passed Estonian city of 25,000 a westward escape gap of less than three miles between the railroad and the Gulf of Finland.

In resuming the drive against Vitebsk, which the Russians almost surrounded late last year, Gen. Ivan C. Bargramian's Siberian veterans of the First Baltic Army toppled more than 30 towns and settlements as they closed in on the city of 167,000 from the north, east and south. On the north they captured Pekari, 12 miles from Vitebsk; on the east, Skukovichi, seven miles away; and on the south, Selyutya, six miles from Vitebsk.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, March 2.—American troops have repulsed a counter-attack on their newly-won positions in the Admiralty Islands, killing 66 and wounding 84 of the enemy in a "bloody engagement." It was announced today.

The Japanese assault at dawn Wednesday was directed against Momote airstrip on Los Negros Island, where dismounted American cavalrymen had landed 24 hours earlier. The attempt was beaten back and the airstrip will be in full operation shortly, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

U. S. Losses "Negligible" The Japanese were reported to have withdrawn and established lines west of the airstrip, leaving behind their dead and wounded. Americans destroyed two 20-millimeter guns.

"American losses were negligible," a spokesman for MacArthur announced.

The announcement that the airstrip on Los Negros, 610 miles south of the important enemy base of Truk, would be in operation shortly indicated that Seabees and construction engineers had gone ashore immediately Tuesday in the wake of the dismounted cavalrymen of Brig. Gen. William C. Chase's First Division.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 1.—Equipped with a "secret weapon"—a radio-directed tank which in its first test proved a dud—the Germans have launched powerful attacks between Carroceto and Cisterna on the Anzio beachhead, it was announced today.

But 24 hours after Gen. Eberhard Von Mackensen's 14th Army troops opened their attack they were reported still pinned to their starting positions by the effectiveness of Allied artillery and by a new and violent rainstorm that brought fighting almost to a standstill this afternoon. Heavy enemy pressure was continuing, however, and there was every indication that Von Mackensen would resume his push when the weather improved.

The German's new weapon, not so secret since the Russians had seen enough of it to nickname it "The Beetle," is a low-slung, crew-less light tank carrying a 1,000-pound explosive charge which is supposed to be detonated by remote control when the "land torpedo" reaches its target.

Frankensteins The "Beetles" in their only reported appearance in this theater was a fiasco.

Allied artillery picked off 14 beetles before they even came close to our lines and the others failed to get going, proving more of a menace to their German masters than to our positions.

The new German attack was delivered against a background of constant enemy shelling, the most prolonged and widespread of the entire beachhead campaign, and flared aerial bombardment by night of our shipping in the Anzio and Nettuno roadsteads.

Montevideo, March 1.—A brief and bloodless armed rebellion by an army colonel who marched his regiment out in battle kit in an attempt to overthrow the Argentine government of Acting President Edelmir Farrell flared out.

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