

HISTORY OF THE STATE GUARD

The 8th Company of the North Carolina State Guard was officially recognized on April 28th, 1941 with Fred Frazier as its Captain and Commanding Officer, and Hill Yarborough as 1st Lieutenant and second in command of the Company. On May 9th, Paul W. Elam was appointed 2nd Lieutenant of the Company. For the next 12 months, under the able and efficient leadership of Captain Frazier the Company made rapid progress. Captain Frazier had seen service in France in World War I and for many years was connected with Battery B 113th F. A., North Carolina National Guard located at Louisburg, N. C., and his valuable experience and great capacity for handling men started the Company off in fine style and set a precedent which has made it difficult for the other officers to follow. When Captain Frazier found it necessary to resign on account of work calling him away from Franklin County, Hill Yarborough was promoted to Captain, receiving his new commission on April 15th, 1942; Lt. Elam was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and Hamilton H. Hobgood was, on April 29, 1942, commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. During the summer of the year, 1942, the officers and non-commissioned officers of the State Guard enjoyed a fine encampment near the army of the 9th Company in Henderson, North Carolina, thereafter in November, 1942, Lt. Hobgood received a commission in the U. S. Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant, in which organization he has now been promoted to the rank of Captain. R. Lee Johnson was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant shortly thereafter.

For the past 15 months, under the able and energetic direction of the three last named officers, the Company has continued to make suitable and satisfactory progress, in spite of the fact that a great many of its enlisted personnel has been called for active service in the Army and Navy. During the summer of the year 1943 the entire Company enjoyed a well planned and highly in-

structive encampment at Fort Bragg, where the entire personnel of the North Carolina State Guard was trained in all phases of modern infantry warfare under regular Army officers of varied experience in training and actual combat. At this encampment the State Guard were afforded the opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the machinery of modern warfare, including mass parachute jumps and glider troupe landing.

In addition to the above training, Captain Hill Yarborough and Lt. Paul W. Elam were called to Fort Bragg in March, 1943 for a 10 day period of intensive training, and during the following May, Captain Yarborough attended a line and staff school for the officers of the State Guard units under the supervision of the Fourth Service Command, held at Fort Benning, Ga.

The North Carolina State Guard will again encamp at Fort Bragg during July, 1944 and the officers will be called for further additional training.

At present the Company strength is about 37 men and 3 officers. Among the most efficient men in the Company are the non-commissioned officers, among them being 1st Sergeant James L. Ferguson and Platoon Sergeants W. J. Shearin and Hugh R. Mosley and Sergeants Lee H. Bell, Mess Sergeant, Alex. T. Wood, Company Clerk, and Frank A. Reavis, Supply Sergeant, and Line Sergeants Felix H. Allen, D. J. Dark, Maurice C. Joyner, and John A. Parrish. The efficient functioning of any military organization depends upon its non-commissioned officers and all the members of the 8th Company are proud of the excellent manner in which these officers and their Corporals are discharging their duties.

In another column the entire membership of the Company is set forth. Many of them have been with the Company since its organization and all of them deserve the praise of the County for their selfless and patriotic service.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class of Bunn High School presents a comedy in 3 acts "When Jane Takes A Hand"; Friday night, March 31, Bunn High School Auditorium at 8:00. The cast of characters includes:

Mammy Josephine, a colored servant in the Dare family, Agnes Barham.

Archibald, her little imp of a grandson, Japline Stallings.

Jane Dare, of old Virginia, Nellie Rose Stallings.

Henry Dare, her father, Clifton Peoples.

Mrs. Poffington, her northern aunt, Minda Weatheraby.

Amelia, her cousin, Josephine Ransdell.

Mrs. Bates, an old servant of the Poffingtons, Mozelle Blackley.

John Mortimer, a one-time friend of Henry Dare, Almsworth Privette.

Jimmie Mortimer, his son, Reginald Lewis.

Mr. Smith, guest in Jane's "boarding house", Raeford Whelless.

Mrs. Jenkins, guest in Jane's "boarding house", Mary E. Medlin.

Henrietta Jenkins, guest in Jane's "boarding house", Temple Patterson.

Mr. Pendleton, guest in Jane's "boarding house", Marshall Pearce.

When Jane finds out that an old quarrel has kept her father from being a wealthy man, she goes to the city to visit her aunt. Arriving there, she finds her aunt gone, the housekeeper discharged, and the house to be locked up.

Jane decides to take things in hand—opens her aunt's home for a boarding house, meets and falls in love with the son of her father's enemy, and the two enemies meet. Especially interesting and entertaining are Mammy Josephine, and her black scamp of a grandson, Archibald.

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PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, April 1st:

Saturday—Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys in "Cowboy Canteen" and Tex Ritter in "Marshall of Gunsmoke". Also "Captain America".

Sunday—Monday—Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main in "Rationing".

Tuesday—James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart in "Okla. Kid". Also Don Winslow serial.

Wednesday—Jane Withers and Jimmy Lydon in "My Best Gal".

Thursday-Friday—Ida Lupino and Paul Henreid in "In Our Time".

"LENA RIVERS"

To Be Presented at Mills Auditorium Tonight

The Commercial Department of Mills High School will present "Lena Rivers," a three-act play, tonight (Friday), at 8:00 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Go out and give them your encouragement and at the same time enjoy an evening of good entertainment.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE WILL BE HOST TO COUNTY MUSIC CONTEST

The high schools of Franklin County will hold a Music Contest April 20th at eight o'clock in the auditorium of Louisburg College.

The plans for the contest are:

1st Selections to be used: Girls Chorus: A Night Song (Two Part)—Daniel Poythor, Willis Music Co.

Boys Chorus: Forward March (Union) Catherine von Remer, Boston-Oliver Ditson Co.

Mixed Chorus: In The Starlight SAB, R. M. Suits, Philadelphia, Theo. Pressor Co.

2nd—A school may enter any one or all three choruses.

3rd—The number of voices that may enter a chorus: Girls chorus—10; Boys chorus—10; Mixed chorus—15.

The public is cordially invited to attend the contest and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity.

MILLS HOME ECONOMIC STUDENTS

Several of the Home Ec. girls of Mills School have decided to do a bit for the soldiers in their spare time by making a lap robe or robes. Much interest started with a small box of seemingly useless scraps. This work is being done through the Red Cross chapter. Today more squares have been made by Frances Ann Sykes who has a total of forty-five. Others who are working very hard on squares are Ernestine Moore, Marie Neils, Ruby Lee Wood, Lena Mae Edwards, Alice Mae Holmes, Mary Sue Cooper, Florence Johnson, Shirley Fuller, Betty Marie Hardwick, Joyce Turner and several other students, both boys and girls who feel as though they have a minute to work when passing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. David Watford Spivey announces the engagement of her daughter Betsy Boddie to Lieut. Paul Warren Lavender, of Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Wichita, Kansas.

The wedding to take place in April.

MERIT AWARDS CITATION

Thirty FSA Families In Franklin County Given Awards For Outstanding Food Production

"Our own objectives are clear; the objective of smashing militarism imposed by war lords upon their enslaved peoples—the objective of liberating the subjugated nations—the objective of establishing and securing freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear everywhere in the world" — President Roosevelt. This message along with a certification that these families reached the goals set for 1943 as their part in the nation's Food for Freedom Effort went to the following FSA families.

Sol C. Hunt, Lawrence S. Kearney, Sidney G. White, Alton O. White, W. F. Pendergrass, Robert Marshall, L. Derrick Mullen, Theodore Blackley, R. H. Williams, Ben N. Layton, R. B. Dickerson, W. A. Brantley, Benjamin A. Baker, Jessie R. Beddingfield, Lonnie M. Coghill, John E. Wright, Elton L. White, Plyler Shearin, Clarence O. Renn, George H. Phelps, William W. Murphy, Robert R. Harris, and Ernest Grissom (White).

Ben H. Cannady, Lemon Driver, Will Horton, Henry Henderson, Alvis Davis, Robert C. Whelless, and Percy Massenburg (Colored).

These 30 families have 15 sons serving their country with the armed services which brings the war right into their homes. They are glad to do their part and some over on the home front. This should be a challenge to other farmers in Franklin County for 1944 crop year.

LOCAL LIONS CLUB SECOND IN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

President Gaither Beam announced at a meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday night that information had just been received from Lions International that the Louisburg Club is now in second place in Division Three of the International Membership Contest. Division Three is composed of Clubs in communities of from 2,000 to 4,000 population in 14 different countries in which Lions Clubs are located.

Lions Ernest Jernigan and Howard Massey of the Lions Education Committee had charge of the program for the evening. The program was very interesting and was arranged primarily for the benefit of the 17 new members so that they might become acquainted with the principles of Lionism and the organization of a Lions Club.

Reports were given by various committee chairmen as to the progress of activities to be undertaken during the coming summer. Lion Lumpkin reported that the Tobacco Market Committee had met and would arrange for a joint meeting of tobacco warehousemen, local business men, and Lions to work out a program for the promotion of the Louisburg Market.

Lion Yarborough stated that this is State Guard Week and asked for support of the local unit here.

The Club voted unanimously and then donated \$25.00 to send a case of cigarettes to the boys overseas. Lion Stovall was appointed by President Beam to see that the cigarettes were sent.

Thirty three Lions and three guests were present for the meeting. The guests were: E. C. Jernigan of the Soil Conservation Service, Raleigh, N. C.; Harry Cobey, Jr., of the United States Army; and Thurman Griffin, Vocational Teacher at Epsom High School.

TO RECRUIT WACS

Lt. Margaret Pegram, of the U. S. Women's Army Corps announced that she will be at the post office in Louisburg on Saturday morning, April 1st from 8 to 11:30 and at the post office at Franklinton, Saturday afternoon from 12 to 2:30 for the purpose of recruiting for Women's Army Corps.

Local girls are expected to be particularly interested since the women who join the WAC now are given the opportunity of selecting the Army job for which they are qualified and of choosing the Camp where they are to serve.

Women now may choose, too, whether they are to serve with our Army's Air Forces, Ground Forces, or Service Forces.

Any women who cannot get to the post office at the designated time may contact Lt. Pegram by phone there for an appointment at her home.

Success with many garden vegetables is more likely to result if seeds are treated with one of the common chemical-dust treatments.

Received by Gold Sand School For Services in Buy-A-Plane Campaign

The United States Treasury Department. This Citation is awarded to Gold Sand School for service to the War Savings Program, through the successful completion of a "Schools at War" campaign to pay for in recognition of purchase of one PT-199B Cornell Training Plane in Buy-A-Plane Campaign through the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps.

Given under my hand and seal on March 21, 1944.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

T. C. Lombach, State Chairman.

The above is the wording on a neat Citation nicely printed on a parchment appropriately decorated.

Accompanying the Citation was a letter from Allison James, Associate Manager War Finance Committee, as follows:

Mr. R. G. Stephens, Principal Gold Sand School, R. 3, Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This will acknowledge and thank you for completed Form A-2 in the BUY-A-PLANE Campaign, dated March 1, 1944, indicating the successful conclusion of your "CORNELL" Campaign.

We also thank you for the report of your Treasury Hunt, dated February 1, 1944.

It is a pleasure for us to enclose a CORNELL kit that has been furnished by the manufacturer; and under separate cover, a beautiful, large photograph is being forwarded to you. We would suggest you place this in a conspicuous place where all the students may see it and know exactly what they are purchasing.

At a later date a copy of the original dedicatory panel will be forwarded to you for presentation to your students. At that time the original panel will be sent to the manufacturer to be placed in "your" plane.

We are enclosing our Treasury Citation in recognition of GOLD SAND SCHOOL'S purchase of a "CORNELL" Training Plane in the BUY-A-PLANE Campaign.

We are extremely proud of the splendid Schools-at-War work accomplished by your school and wish to take this opportunity to thank you, your students, teachers, and patrons of the school alike for the splendid cooperation we have had in this campaign.

We are enclosing a Schools-at-War kit which we believe will be helpful to your Chairman.

POSTAL RATES UP; EXCISES GO UP SATURDAY

The \$2,300,000,000 third wartime tax act begins dipping into the public's pocket Sunday.

Effective last midnight, postal rates went up to bring an estimated additional \$96,000,000 a year into federal treasury. Biggest change is an advance from two to three cents in the charge for local letters. The three-cent rate is continued for letters going out of town.

Next Saturday, taxes will go up on movie tickets, telephone bills, whiskey and a score of other items.

The levy on furs, cosmetics, jewelry and luggage will go from 10 to 20 per cent of the retail price; and that on electric light bulbs from 5 to 20 per cent of the manufacturers' price.

The tax on charges for local telephone service will increase from 10 to 15 per cent; on toll calls, from 20 to 35 per cent.

On whiskey, the tax increase amounts to 75 cents a quart of 100 proof. It will be about 60 cents for the average bottle of lower proof.

The Office of Price Administration has authorized bars to increase the price of individual drinks two to four cents, depending upon the size and proof, but an OPA spokesman in Washington suggested that many would prefer to absorb the increase rather than deal in odd cents.

OPA also authorized a one-cent increase in the price of an eight-ounce glass of beer.

These excise taxes are expected to produce \$1,051,000,000 additional revenue. The rest of the \$2,300,000,000 total in the revenue bill will come from higher taxes on individual incomes and corporation profits.

Among other postal rate increases is a boost from six to eight cents an ounce for domestic air mail. The rate on air mail to and from the armed forces stationed outside the continental United States stays at six cents a half ounce.

COMPLETES COURSE

Capt. E. W. Furgurson, having completed the course of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, Texas, has been assigned to Don-Cesar hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla.

SHALL WE REACH OUR GOAL?

While Louisburg has done a fine part in the Red Cross War Fund Drive, reports from the county districts are not heartening. Dr. Bagby, the Chairman, is uneasy about the results. This is the final week. A full report by districts will be given in next week's FRANKLIN TIMES. Shall we fail our men and women in the armed forces of our country? The Red Cross is their best friend away from home.

No Court Easter Monday

A message received by Court officials here from Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., states that there will be no Franklin County Superior Court held in Louisburg on Monday, April 10th, it being Easter Monday, but that Court would convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday morning, April 11th. All jurors, witnesses and others interested will note that they will not be required to attend Court on Easter Monday.

Soldiers' Papers Concede Failure

But Say Cassion Lessons Will Prove Valuable in Coming Attacks on Germans

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 27.—The Allied attempt to wrest Cassino from its stubborn German defenders tonight appeared to have been suspended for the time being after the failure of an 11-day assault—a failure conceded by newspapers of both the United States and Canadian soldiers.

These newspapers, The Stars and Stripes and The Maple Leaf, also gave expression to the Allied determination to profit from the bitter experience and eventually capture the key town on the road to Rome.

It was announced that massed Allied artillery has begun a systematic bombardment to blast Nazi parachute troops from the ruins of the Continental Hotel and the Hotel Des Roses.

Complete absence of mention of ground activity in the Allied communiqué appeared to indicate that New Zealand troops who fought their way magnificently into the last quarter of Cassino had for the moment abandoned the effort to drive the Germans from their remaining strongholds.

Straddling Road "The Germans still stand straddling the central road to Rome," Stars and Stripes said, "but they live on borrowed time. The Allies have learned many lessons in the battle for Cassino, lessons which will count wherever Germans are fought. The British and Americans who invade Europe from the west will profit by those who have gone before them in the shattered town in the mountains of Italy. When Allied soldiers start again on the road to Rome, their way will have been made easier by the hard-learned knowledge gained in the fighting at Cassino."

The Maple Leaf, the Canadian soldiers' publication, said: "The Allied attack combination of bombs from the air, shells from artillery and punch from the infantry has failed. 'The Allies have been beaten at Cassino, but there is no reason to believe that theirs is a final failure. 'The formula is learned the hard way. 'The next time the forces who know they are fighting for freedom hit Cassino, it will stay hit.'"

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Harry S. Cobey, rector, announces services next Sunday as follows:

Church School and Bible Class—9:45 a. m.

Holy Communion and sermon—11:00 a. m.

Evening Prayer—8:00 p. m.

Holy Week

Holy Wednesday—Litany and sermon on the events of Holy Week—8:00 p. m.

Mundy Thursday—Holy Communion and sermon on the Upper Room—8:00 p. m.

Good Friday—The service of the Last Hour—2:00 to 3:00 p. m.

The Easter Sunday sermon will include a pageant at night.

EASTER SERVICES

There will be special Easter service at Maple Springs Baptist Church on Easter Sunday. The hour will be 12 o'clock, E.W.T. An appeal to every one to go and worship.

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Lumpkin to Head McDonald Group

Will Serve As Chairman of State Advisory Committee for Candidate

Willie Lee Lumpkin of Louisburg will be chairman of the "McDonald for Governor" State Advisory Committee, it was announced yesterday by E. D. Broadhurst, State manager for Dr. Randolph McDonald's gubernatorial campaign.

Lumpkin, a member of the 1943 House and a veteran of several other sessions of the General Assembly, managed McDonald's 1936 campaign when McDonald was defeated by Clyde R. Hoey.

In accepting the appointment, Lumpkin stated: "An overwhelming majority of the 214,414 Democrats who supported Ralph McDonald in 1936 will stand by their original choice. He stands today exactly as he stood in 1936 with respect to all issues affecting the public welfare."

P. T. A. CONFERENCE

Durham, March 28.—"Retrospect and Prospect," theme which will allow a proper review of the history of the organization and offer a challenge to plan for the future, will guide the program for the silver anniversary convention of North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers here April 18-19. Washington Duke Hotel will be headquarters for the convention, which will open with an informal session Tuesday night, April 18, and will continue the next day in almost continuous session through the closing banquet.

Speakers for the banquet will be the national congress representative, Howard Funk, principal of Bronxville, N. Y., junior high school and second vice president of the congress, and Governor J. M. Broughton.

Officials of the state congress, headed by C. W. Phillips, president, director of public relations at The Woman's College, Greensboro, will, with Dr. Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction; H. E. Stacy, Lumberton attorney and state legislative chairman, and Harry Caldwell, Greensboro, State Grange master, will be speakers at the day sessions.

Mrs. H. L. Hassell, of this city, director of district No. 6 of the state congress, is conference director, and Mrs. Douglas Scates, president of the city council, is local chairman.

CHANGE OF HOURS—ITINERANT SCHEDULE

Due to conditions which have arisen, it has become necessary to change the time of service on our Tuesday's and Wednesday's schedule at the following four points, to the hours indicated below, announces L. J. Craven, Manager of the Raleigh Local Office of the United States Employment Service - War Manpower Commission.

Beginning Tuesday, April 4, Wake Forest will be served from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. on Tuesday of each week instead of from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. The location in the Town Hall will not be changed.

Wendell will be served from 12:30 to 3:00 p. m., in lieu of the former hours of 11:30 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., on Tuesday in the Town Hall.

Franklinton will be served in the Mayor's Office each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m., in lieu of 8:30 to 10:00 a. m.

Louisburg will be served in the Court House each Wednesday from 11:30 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., in lieu of 10:30 to 1:00 p. m.

FOOD RATION STAMPS WILL NOT EXPIRE

Raleigh, March 29.—Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh OPA district director, declared today that expiration dates for food ration stamps are out for the duration.

Beginning in April, Johnson said, red and blue stamps in War Ration Book No. Four will be good indefinitely.

There will be no change in the way in which stamps become valid. Housewives will continue to get three red stamps worth thirty points every second Sunday and five blue stamps worth fifty points the first of every month.

Johnson said the change is in line with similar changes in other rationing programs. The expiration date of shoe stamps was removed last September and sugar expiration dates were done away with three weeks ago.

About five times as much soybean oil meal as cottonseed meal is available to North Carolina feeders at this time. Extension specialists at State College urge growers to make full use of this valuable protein supplement in feeding cattle, hogs, and sheep.