

PRESIDENT TO RUN AGAIN

Announcing He Will Accept Renomination as "Good Soldier," Chief Executive Omits Mention of Second Man on Ticket; Confers Again With Wallace and May Yet Endorse Vice-President

Washington, July 11.—President Roosevelt announced today that he would accept—"reluctantly, but as a good soldier"—a fourth term nomination by next week's Democratic National Convention and, in so doing, apparently left the convention free to replace Henry A. Wallace as his running mate if it so chooses.

He revealed the big "secret"—long since taken for granted—at a locked-doors news conference by reading a letter to party Chairman Robert E. Hannegan in which he said he would accept and serve a fourth term if so ordered "by the Commander-in-Chief of all of us—the sovereign people of the United States."

"For myself, I do not want to run," he said, adding that "all that is within me cries out to go back to my home on the Hudson River."

"But if the people command me to continue in this office and in this war, I have a little right to withdraw as the soldier has to leave his post in the line."

Enough For Day
Not once did he mention the question of a running mate, and when, at the close of the conference, a reporter requested information on his two-hour meeting with Wallace, Mr. Roosevelt laughed and replied that he had given out enough news for one day.

But, by his advance announcement, Mr. Roosevelt was foreclosed from using the pressure of 1940 when he withheld acceptance of a third term nomination until he was assured that an unruly convention would settle on a running mate of his own choice—Wallace.

That convention did not want Wallace and there was such rebellious turmoil after the President dictated his choice that Wallace was prevented from making his acceptance speech.

Mr. Roosevelt now appears to have made the 1944 choice a wide-open contest, but that does not enjoin him from expressing a preference for Wallace, and he may do so. At the same time it is obvious that he has removed the major threat of a party schism.

CANNING
The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to announce that the Gold Sand Community Cannery will be open to can corn next Thursday, July 20th, from 8 a. m. till 4 p. m. All those wishing to can will please get in touch with Mrs. M. M. Person, Phone 412-5. Pull corn and bring it directly to the cannery early in the morning. Each person is expected to furnish own help.

RE-OPENS OFFICES
Mr. J. L. Palmer has re-opened his Justice of Peace offices over Scoggin Drug Store, since Clerk of Court W. V. Avent has sufficiently recovered to take over his office duties. Judge Palmer, as he is familiarly known is well informed on trial of cases and document matters. His offices will be open regularly for the benefit of the public.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE
The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, July 15th:

Saturday—Bob Livingston and Smiley Burnette in 'Pride of the Plains' and Dona Drake and Robert Lowery in 'Hot Rhythm.'

Sat. Owl Show—John Carradine and Ramsay Ames in 'The Mummy's Ghost.'

Sunday—Monday—Dick Powell, Linda Darnell and Jack Oakie in 'It Happened Tomorrow.'

Tuesday—Ronald Reagan, Joan Leslie and George Murphy in 'This Is the Army.'

Wednesday—Trudy Marshall, Sheila Ryan and Anthony Quinn in 'Ladies of Washington.'

Thursday—Friday—Preston Foster, Victor McLaglen and Kent Taylor in 'Roger Touhy-Gangster.'



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session, July 7th, 1944 at 8 p. m. All members of the Board were present except F. H. Allen.

Minutes of previous meetings were approved by the Board.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police, Tax Collector and Town Clerk were approved by the Board.

The report of Mr. Westbrook, District Sanitary Engineer for the N. C. State Board of Health, was read to the Board. Mr. Westbrook, together with Dr. S. P. Burt, County Health Officer and Mr. Doggett, Franklin County Sanitary Inspector, attended the meeting.

Mr. Westbrook informed the Board that the water supply had reached a dangerous point. He strongly recommended and urged that the Board make the following minimum improvements to our water plant:

1. Install an additional chlorinator to treat the raw water before it enters the filters. This installation to be made at the earliest possible moment.

2. Covering the stand pipe to protect the water therein from contamination.

3. Install meters for measuring the amount of water pumped, so that the operator will know what volume of water he is treating and how much of alum and lime to use in a certain volume of water. At present the operator is guessing at the treatment of our water.

4. Install an additional lime feeder. The acid condition of our water is causing the gradual destruction of our entire system of water pipes and water mains. The use of sufficient lime will prevent this destruction.

Mr. Westbrook made other recommendations, but stated that these improvements could wait for a while.

After hearing Mr. Westbrook the Board passed the following motion: "That an investigation of the town's water conditions be made by the Board, and that quotations on the cost of the necessary equipment for making the improvements recommended by Mr. Westbrook, be secured."

The Board received applications for a license to sell wine and beer on premises from the following persons: Perry B. Beasley, Mrs. J. A. Rabil, John Johnson, and Mary Jane Green. The applications were approved and the Board ordered that municipal privilege licenses for the sale of beer and wine on premises, be issued.

The Board disapproved a request from the Shavers Attractions to operate several pitch games, cat ball racks, fish pond games, and Photo Studio, in Louisburg.

The Board voted to extend a three wire service to Tommy Harris' Dairy.

A motion was passed to charge the Wake Forest Laundry a Privilege License of \$62.50.

A number of invoices were approved for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Major and Mrs. S. E. Winston, of Youngville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Estelle Winston of the U. S. Waves, stationed at Washington, D. C., to Captain William Jefferson Bennett of the U. S. A., stationed in Mississippi. The wedding will take place at Staunton, Va., July 21st, 1944.

WAR BONDS!

Latest reports in the sale of War Bonds indicate that Franklin County has passed its over-all quota by \$60,000. The sale of 'E' bonds, however, continues to lag, and this county must buy \$100,000 more of these bonds before its quota is reached.

The time limit for 'E' bonds has been extended to August 1st. Let's all buy a bond and see Franklin County "OVER THE TOP!"

Hitler Had Plan in 1940 For Invasion of America

Washington, July 10.—Hitler in 1940 already had prepared detailed plans for invasion of the United States, "after he brought England to her knees," J. Carlton Ward, Jr., president of the Fairchild Engine and Aircraft Corporation told a Senate Military subcommittee today.

Ward testified that he was shown the plan "by diplomatic sources" while in Paris before France fell, that he reported to this government and found the State Department already had complete information on Hitler's plan.

The manufacturer was head of a mission in France at the time advising on aircraft production. "After he brought England to her knees," Ward testified, "Hitler planned to attack the United States through Mexico with tanks and other armored equipment that we did not have."

The plan, he told newspapermen later, was to make a foray through Newfoundland, and then invade the United States through Mexico. He said Hitler not only planned military invasion, "but he had a complete plan for economic domination of the world."

of the military subcommittee called Ward's testimony "startling."

Departing from his text on Ward voiced a plea for military post-war aeronautical planning, preparedness in the post-war era, saying "the only way to maintain peace is to have the force to compel it. Had we possessed an adequate Army and Navy before the war, it is a question whether we ever would have been compelled to fight."

The manufacturer recalled that in 1939 General H. H. Arnold asked Congress for 5,500 planes, but money was appropriated for only 375 military planes.

Ward appeared with other aircraft executives representing the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, outlining a program for reconversion and vast expansion of civilian and commercial flying, along with maintenance of a formidable military air force after the war.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorders Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

Lena Brodie was allowed to pay cost and be discharged for driving car without drivers license.

James E. Long waived presence and through counsel plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$5.00 and costs.

Robert Gill plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$10 fine.

Leo Leonard, operating automobile intoxicated, reckless driving, jury requested and continued.

The following cases were continued:

J. M. Bullock, abandonment and non-support.

Elbert Haley, reckless driving. Lena Brodie, no drivers license. Irvin B. Gilliam, non-support.

Jim Dunston, abandonment and non-support.

Sammy Leon Jones, operating automobile intoxicated, transporting whiskey.

Zack Fillmore McDowell, transporting whiskey.

C. B. Aycocke, non-support.

C. B. Aycocke, assault on female.

FIRE

The fire Friday about midday was a tenant house to the rear of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver on North Main Street, occupied by a colored family. All the family had left the house and the fire had made such advances that it was breaking out the building when discovered.

The fire department responded promptly but could do nothing for the burning building. It did however, save the nearby buildings.

The building belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and the loss is estimated at \$1200 to \$1500. The loss of contents was unestimated.

Whether it's a cold bottle of beer or a bottle of cold beer, it tastes good on a hot day.

LOUISBURG CLUB

The FRANKLIN TIMES is in receipt of a letter from a former Louisburg resident now living in Raleigh, telling of the formation of a Louisburg Club. The following excerpt will be explanatory and interesting to our readers:

"Our mutual friend, George I. Griffin, conceived the idea some time ago, interested a group, and we secured a charter for the Louisburg Club, Incorporated. The first meeting was held on July 10th in a private dining room at the S & W Cafeteria, at which time George I. Griffin was elected President, William Y. Bickett, Vice-President, and E. R. Allen, Secretary and Treasurer.

Those attending yesterday's meeting were George I. Griffin, W. Y. Bickett, E. R. Allen, John B. Hill, E. C. Perry, Jr., John Yarborough, Clayton High, G. B. Cooper, Paul Griffin, A. J. Wilson, and W. F. Gattis.

"We have practically all the Franklin County natives and natives by adoption living in Raleigh, and we expect to have a very fine club."

EXECUTIONS

London, July 10.—The Moscow radio tonight quoted the chairman of the supreme council of the Lithuanian Soviet republic as saying that the Germans had executed 35,000 persons in the town square of Kaunas and more than 100,000 in Wilno.

The broadcast said that in Wilno the Germans, in an effort to speed up the executions, built a special branch rail line to the scene to carry the victims to their deaths. The broadcast said thousands of the victims in Wilno were taken there from Smolensk and Vitebsk.

The chairman was quoted as saying that exhausted and emaciated war prisoners were piled in stacks and set afire after kerosene was poured on them. He said that after the executions, only 50,000 of Wilno's 250,000 population remained alive.

FARMERS PICNIC

President of N. C. Farm Bureau To Attend Franklin County Meeting; \$5.00 Prize For Best Horse-Shoe Pitching Team

Mr. J. E. Winslow, President of the N. C. Farm Bureau and prominent farmer of Greenville, N. C., has accepted the invitation of the Executive Committee of the Franklin County Farm Bureau to speak at Franklin County Farm Bureau Picnic to be held at Jackson's Pond on July 21 from 3:00 until 7:00 p. m., according to W. E. Fuller, Secretary. President Winslow will make the only talk of the occasion, a short address on "What the State and National Farm Bureau are doing on behalf of the Farmers." This should be very interesting to the entire membership of the Franklin County Farm Bureau and also to each and every farmer of the County. President Winslow is closely associated with the activities of the State and National office. Franklin County is fortunate to have the State President present and discuss farm bureau activities.

Committee on arrangements advises that for those desiring supper, arrangements have been made for a barbecue and Brunswick stew plates to be available. The Program Committee reports that plans are shaping for a general recreational meeting. T. M. Harris, Proprietor of Jackson's Pond has made the entire facilities of the pond available to Farm Bureau for swimming, fishing and boating. There will be horse-shoe pitching, music and general recreation. A \$5.00 prize has been offered for the best horse-shoe pitching team.

It is hoped that each and every Farm Bureau member will make a special effort to turn out for this our quarterly meeting. The entire farm family, including women and children, are expected to attend this meeting. There will be no membership drive but anyone wishing to attend and join the County Farm Bureau will be welcome.

FRANKLIN AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, July 11.—Eleven Franklin County students are among the 352 now enrolled at Wake Forest College Summer School.

They are John Newell, of Franklin, Willard C. Timberlake and Ida Mae Weathers, both of Youngville, Lurline Woodard, of Castalia, and the following from Louisburg: Betsy Cobb, Aaron M. Conn, Josephine Newell, Horace G. Thompson, Helen Tucker, Dorothy Weldon, Mrs. Elsa Craig Yarborough.

Newell, a recent high school graduate, began his college course at Wake Forest in June under the accelerated program. Miss Cobb transferred from Greensboro College. Miss Newell from the University of South Carolina. Miss Tucker from Hollins. Mrs. Yarborough from University of North Carolina, and Misses Weldon and Woodard from Meredith. The others are regular-session upperclassmen of Wake Forest College.

Students are enrolled at Wake Forest this summer from 66 North Carolina counties, 14 states and 22 colleges.

R. N. Crawford of Morven likes small grains for grazing and feeding because they save labor, time and hay, and take the place of corn.

S-28 LOST

Washington, July 11.—The submarine S-28, 20-year-old veteran of the undersea fleet, has been lost during training exercises with all of her personnel of about 60 officers and men.

The Navy said today that she went down from an accident caused in water so deep that salvage will be impossible.

"Hope has been abandoned for the recovery of the missing personnel," the announcement added.

An investigation is being made, the Navy said, to determine the exact cause of the sinking, somewhere in the Pacific.

The S-28, 25th submarine lost since the war started and 102nd United States war vessel lost in the same period, was commanded by Lieutenant Commander Jack Gordon Campbell, 29, native of Chicago. His wife, Mrs. Jean Brooks Campbell, now live in Groton, Conn.

APPROVES BUDGET FOR 44-45

DEFERS ACTION ON COLLEGE REQUEST FOR RETURN OF TAXES

Board Raises Many Salaries Letter of Sympathy to Mrs. Yarborough; Donates to Fire Companies; Receives Reports; Budget Total \$108,198.85

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 3rd, 1944 in the Commissioners room, with all members present.

The minutes for the May meeting were read and approved.

Mr. K. B. Stallings appeared before the Board and asked that the County sell him the 10 Davis lots, situated in the village of New Hope and owned by the County of Franklin for \$50 an acre. The Board appointed Com. Pearce and Com. Joyner as a committee to investigate said lots and make a report to the Board. Mr. Pearce asked that the same committee be allowed to investigate two Roe lots situated in the Township of Franklin.

Request granted. Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Supp. Welfare made the following recommendations to the Board: That Fred Hockaday be put on Blind List and be allowed \$11.00 month from Welfare Dept. That Goldie Wright be put on Blind List and be allowed \$13.00 month from Welfare Department.

The following was ordered to be put on outside Poor list, all at \$4.00 per month: Cal Wood, Hattie Bowen, Parnell Patterson, Garfield Wilkins and Wilbur Fuller.

Mr. Tom Wilson appeared before the Board and stated that a rabies infected dog killed one of his hogs. Hog weighed from 175 to 200 lbs. Mr. Leslie Tharrington, Com. Harvey Bartholomew and Mr. I. M. Insoce were appointed by the Board to make investigation—according to the law and make a report to the Board.

Eugene Foster, Glendie Taylor and Horace Rodwell requested a correction on land listed double on tax list and same was ordered corrected as follows: Motion by Dean and second by Com. Pearce and duly carried that Mr. Boone, Tax Supervisor, be authorized to correct the double listing of said lots, and that tax collector be relieved of collecting same for 1943, and drawbacks issued therefor.

Motion by Com. Bartholomew and second by Com. Pearce and duly carried that the County Attorney write to Mrs. Mattie B. Yarborough a letter of sympathy on account of the death of Dr. Yarborough, former County Health Officer. It was further ordered that said letter of sympathy be recorded in the Minutes of the County Commissioners Book and a copy furnished to the FRANKLIN TIMES. The letter follows:

County of Franklin
Louisburg, North Carolina
July 7th, 1944

Mrs. Mattie B. Yarborough
Louisburg, North Carolina
Dear Mrs. Yarborough:

I have been requested by the Board of County Commissioners to express to you their profound sympathy in connection with the death of your husband, Dr. R. F. Yarborough.

Dr. Yarborough contributed as much as any other man to the welfare and development of Franklin County. His service to the community will long be remembered by all who knew him.

I am directed to send a copy of this letter to the Register of Deeds to be spread upon the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and also to send a copy to the FRANKLIN TIMES for publication.

With sincere best wishes, I am
Yours very truly,
JOHN F. MATTHEWS,
County Attorney.

Motion by Com. Bartholomew and second by Com. Pearce and duly carried that John F. Matthews, County Attorney, be instructed to notify National Surety Co. of claim by J. A. Huff of Franklinton, N. C. for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) alleged to have been paid to Geo. N. Stell, Tax Collector and not accounted for to the County.

Mr. J. W. Bunn, Attorney, and Mr. T. W. Brewer, Trustee for Wake Forest College and Meredith College appeared before the Board requesting release of taxes due the County for 1933 through

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WAR NEWS

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Wednesday, July 12.—American troops, in a powerful, new offensive supported by hundreds of big guns and dive-bombers, smashed to within two miles of St. Lo yesterday, conquering heights dominating that mid-Normandy communications center and imperiling the entire German western flank.

West of St. Lo the Americans steadily pushed the enemy back onto Lessay, German coastal anchor five miles south of captured La Haye du Puits, an Allied communique said. Front dispatches said the Americans were only three miles from Lessay and within four miles of Periers, another important junction on the Lessay-St. Lo road.

On the eastern end of the blazing Normandy front, British and Canadian troops gave up some grounds southwest of Caen near the Orne River, while northeast of fallen Caen the British hammered out new gains. "Crucifix Hill," five miles southwest of Caen, had changed hands several times, but at last reports still was in British control and a number of German tanks had been knocked out.

"Local Allied Gains" also were made near Hotot-les-Bagues, a few miles south of Tilly and 13 miles west of Caen, a communique said.

Rome, July 11.—Fifth Army French troops, their advance spearheaded by American tanks, were within 20 miles of Florence tonight and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces were fighting their way against everything the Germans could offer along three river valleys leading to the Arno River, water barrier guarding the front of the enemy's "Gothic Line" of defenses.

Terrific German gunfire slowed Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese's Eighth Army around Arezzo, five-way highway junction northeast of Lake Trasimeno, but some of his troops swung far to the north-west to capture Castel di Groglio and San Regolo, 26 miles south-east of Florence and within 10 miles of the southward course of the Arno in central Italy.

Northeast of the Eighth Army spearhead, French forces paced by American tanks were the closest of any of the Allied armies to Florence. After heavy fighting, they seized Hill 634, key observation point overlooking the Pesa River less than 20 miles from Florence, joining the Arno River about 11 miles west of the city.

London, July 11.—Moscow announced tonight that the methodical round-up of German remnants trapped east of Minsk had been completed while other Soviet forces continued their battle of annihilation against Nazi troops encircled in Wilno.

Official figures on the toll of German casualties resulting from the Nazis' headlong flight from Minsk were not disclosed, but the broadcast—Russian communique said that more than 2,000 prisoners were taken in the final day of the mopping up operations east of the White Russian capital, raising the unofficial day-to-day tabulation of German killed and wounded in the area of approximately 55,000.

Steady progress in the westward offensive was indicated all along the 350-mile central front, with 400 populated places being taken during the day, although no startling new Soviet gains were reported.

Near East Prussia
Already within 60 miles of East Prussia and little more than 100 miles from the Baltic seaport of Riga, capital of Latvia, the Russian armies threatened hourly to break through the Nazis' crumbling defenses.

Of Wilno, where fighting has been in progress for four days with the Nazis using its narrow, winding streets to the fullest defensive advantage, the Moscow communique said "Our troops continued the annihilation of isolated enemy groups in the center of Wilno."

Pearl Harbor, July 11.—American surface forces maintained their unremitting pressure against Guam on Sunday as they shelled the enemy-held former United States base for the second consecutive day. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The bombardment brought to eight the number of air and surface attacks against the base in the last six days.

The sustained offensive against Guam indicated that the American forces might be preparing to invade the island, whose capture would protect the American flank on newly-conquered Saipan.

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