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1944 TAX RATE \$1.00

TOWNSHIP ROAD RATES REMAIN SAME AS LAST YEAR

M. R. Sykes Appointed Cotton Weigher for Louisa and E. M. Speed Appointed Weigher for Franklinton; Colleges Instructed They Would Have to Pay Tax; Many Minor Items Before Board And Several Reports Received

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting business was transacted as follows:

With proper resolution and motion the Board adopted the following tax rate for the year 1944 for property in Franklin County:

General Purpose	..... 15
Poor	..... 13
County Home	..... 05
County wide Debt Service	..... 32
Health	..... 04
School Current Expenses	..... 13
School Capital Outlay	..... 05
School Debt Service	..... 13

Total County wide Rate \$1.00 (The above rate represents a 2 cents on the \$100 worth of property from the 1943 rate which was \$1.02.)

Roads

Dunn	..... 20
Harris	..... 55
Youngsville	..... 23
Franklinton	..... 23
Hyaesville	..... 67
Sandy Creek	..... 43
Gold Mine	..... 75
Cedar Rock	..... 20
Cypress Creek	..... 63
Louisburg	..... 21

(All the above township road rates are the same as last year. To determine the complete tax rate you will have to pay in 1943, add your township rate to the county rate.)

The following reports were received and ordered filed: Mrs. J. F. Michener, Supt. Welfare; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Dem. Agent; C. D. Hagwood, Supt. County Home; Dr. S. P. Burt, County Health Officer; H. H. Price, Negro Farm Agent; Mildred Payton, Negro Home Dem. Agent.

Mr. S. W. Dickens, of Enfield, appeared before the Board and requested a wine license. Wine store located on South Main St., Louisburg. Motion by Com. Bartholomew and Sec. by Com. Joyner and duly carried that the request of Mr. Dickens be granted.

Mr. Buck Harris appeared before the Board and requested a Beer license. Place of business located opposite Louisburg Air Field, one mile south of Louisburg. Motion by Com. Joyner and Sec. by Com. Bartholomew that request of Mr. Harris be granted. Motion duly carried.

Motion by Com. Joyner and Sec. by Com. Bartholomew that the prisoners in the Franklin County jail be furnished three meals through the months of June, July and August. The fee for said meals to be the same as heretofore. Not carried.

Motion by Com. Dean and Sec. by Com. Pearce that the meals be continued as they are at present. Two meals per day. Chairman J. Z. Terrell voting 'Yes' to the two meals per day motion to break the tie. Carried.

Motion by Com. Pearce and Sec. by Com. Joyner and duly carried that the two Roe lots situated in Franklinton Township be sold to Thomas Perry for the sum of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

Mr. Ed Bartholomew, Jr., appeared before the Board and made a proposition to exchange property to the County for the old School Garage building, located on the back of Murphy Garage lot. The Board appointed Com. Pearce and Com. Dean as a committee to make investigations.

The committee appointed on the Thomas Wilson case made the following recommendation: That Thomas Wilson be paid the sum of twenty dollars for his dog killed by a dog infected with rabies. Motion by Com. Bartholomew and Sec. by Com. Pearce and duly carried that the fee mentioned be paid.

Mr. J. W. Perry and Mr. M. R. Sykes were nominated as Cotton Weighers for Louisa. The Board had a ballot vote and resulted as follows: For J. W. Perry, 2 votes; for M. R. Sykes, 3 votes.

American Legion Auxiliary Reorganize

An organizational meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held in the Court House Tuesday night, August 8th, with approximately fifty eligible members present.

Commander George Davis and Adjutant Peyton Massey along with several members of the Jambes Post assured the Auxiliary that the Legion was enthusiastic over the reorganization of the Auxiliary and would cooperate in every way.

Mrs. James Malone and Miss Jessie Taylor Harris were elected temporary chairman and secretary respectively, to act until officers were duly elected. Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Cecil Sykes and Mrs. George Cobb were appointed as a nominating committee to select officers for nomination at the next meeting which will be held in the Court House Tuesday night, August 22nd.

Every eligible wife, mother, sister and daughter of Legion members and deceased veterans are urged to become charter members of the Auxiliary now. Application blanks can be obtained from Mrs. Hugh W. Perry who will assist in the obtaining of information required.

OUR BOYS ARE SERVING AGAIN. CAN'T WE?

Yanks Meet Little Resistance; Paris Road May Be Open

Supreme Headquarters, AEF, Aug. 10.—American armored columns stormed up beyond captured Le Mans today in a surge that the Nazi radio said had carried them within 87 miles of Paris while Canadian shock troops broke through the first and second German defense lines more than 15 miles below Caen.

The two main enemy defense lines covering Paris had been breached in a day of furious Allied attack and the Americans and Canadians were pressing their twin break through to the full.

General Captured
Lt. Gen. Karl Spang, commander of the German 26th Infantry Division, has been captured by the American First Army near Brest.

The Nazis' Sarthe River line, their strongest natural barrier on the Southwestern approaches to Paris, broke wide open with the fall of Le Mans and a front dispatch from United States War Correspondent Ronald Clark said German resistance below Caen was cracking under the blows of the Canadian First Army.

Terrific Pace
German reserves were reported streaming to the American front in a desperate attempt to stem the wave of tanks and riflemen closing on the French capital, but front dispatches said the Yankee columns were rolling ahead at a pace almost rivaling that of peacetime maneuvers.

Cheves Gives Report On Prison Hospital

Central Prison hospital during July admitted 62 new patients and discharged 69, according to a monthly report released yesterday by Dr. W. G. Cheves, superintendent of the prison hospital.

The hospital staff performed 69 operations during the month—35 on patients within the hospital and 34 on patients in prison installations other than Central Prison.

There were 2,034 laboratory tests made, most of them venereal disease tests.

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PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Aug. 12:

Saturday—Wild Bill Elliott and Bobby Hayes in 'Hidden Valley Outlaws' and Robt. Livingston and Ruth Terry in 'Goodnight Sweetheart.' Also 'Tiger Woman.'

Late Show Sat.—Helen Vinson and Lyle Talbot in 'Are These Our Parents.'

Sunday-Monday—Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis and Chester Morris in 'Secret Command.'

Tuesday—Roy Rogers and Dale Evans in 'Yellow Rost of Texas.' Also last chapter of 'The Phantom.'

Wednesday—Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan and Susannah Foster in 'This Is the Life.'

Thursday-Friday—Red Skelton, Walter Williams and Basil Rathbone in 'Bathing Beauty.'

A WAC Dental Technician Lends a Helping Hand



Pfc. Mary K. Melton, of the Women's Army Corps, helps First Lt. Irving S. Kasdan treat the teeth of Pvt. George Bubnikovich at Halloran General Hospital. Bubnikovich served at an Ordnance base depot in North Africa. Was assigned to 239 types of Army duties.

Burch Speaks To The Lions Club

Mr. James S. Burch, Engineer of Statistics and Planning, N. C. State Highway Commission, Raleigh, N. C., spoke to the Louisburg Lions Club Tuesday night at the County Agricultural Building. Mr. Burch gave some interesting figures on the operation of the State highway system such as the number of miles of roads, the number of bridges, and the number of prisoners worked. He stated that very little maintenance work had been done on the state roads in the last three years due to the shortages of labor and materials; and as a result it has been estimated that it will take \$175,000,000 to modernize the present system. He showed and explained a map of the proposed new highway through Louisburg. A post-war highway by-passing the railroad to the south and by-passing the crowded Louisburg business district was assured by Mr. Burch. According to Burch, the proposed post-war road would parallel Main Street to the east, running to the rear of the high school and fairgrounds, and over a new, wider Tar River bridge.

The new road, according to Burch, would become part of a system as an inlet and outlet for traffic between the Raleigh-Durham area, Roanoke Rapids and the northeast.

Burch also announced that one of the first post-war roads for Franklin County would be the new road from Louisburg to Centerville and eventually improved to connect with the Roanoke Rapids highway out of Warrenton to be part of the through highway system mentioned above.

Burch, who highlighted his talk before Lions and guests, said interesting facts and figures, said the planning department had been busy for more than a year with their limited staff of engineers working out many, many improvements in the State highway system.

The speaker also cited plans for extensive improvements to existing highways since the highway system has suffered greatly during the war from a lack of manpower, machinery and materials. He pointed out that the State's huge investment in the present road system must be protected with adequate repairs at the earliest possible time.

Mr. Burch also foresaw the granting of Federal Aid in the post-war peace for State road building. He also pointed out that a massive road building program in the past, North Carolina had gained more than a million persons more than neighboring Virginia, in population.

In an interesting sidelight, the speaker said that the average auto trip on North Carolina highways at the present time, was 20 miles in length, according to a SH & PWC survey.

Lion Hill Yarborough, Chairman of the Lions' Personal Affairs Committee, reported that Lion Huger Byrd is the most recent father in the Club and called upon him to demonstrate his ability to dress a baby. Lion George Eaves who had been designated "Keeper of the Pig" for the evening presented Lion Byrd with a fine three weeks old O.I.C., and the necessary apparel including talcum powder. Lion "Pete" Shearin acted as referee and declared Lion Byrd the winner when the three cornered article had been firmly attached with one safety pin.

Six guests were present for the occasion. The guests were: Tracy Stockard, E. H. Malone, William Neal, Grady Harris, William Barrow, and Sam Jones, President of the Raleigh Exchange Club.

Lion Walter Fuller presided in the absence of President Forrest Hodden.

AVERAGES NEAR \$44 ON BORDER BELT TUESDAY

Farmers Highly Pleased With Prices; Sales Fairly Light; Quality Good

North Carolina's 1944 tobacco marketing season opened in seven Border Belt markets Tuesday with prices averaging nearly \$44, slightly above this year's price ceiling, and for the first time in many years not a single farmer left the first day's sales unhappy.

According to sales supervisors, the 1944 opening sales were the lightest in the past decade. The usual blocked sales and glamour of crowds watching the competition were absent. Warehouse floors this year were cleared by early afternoon on all seven markets, and by late afternoon there was little tobacco being placed for Wednesday's sales, expected to be even lighter than those of Tuesday.

Growers and warehousemen attribute the light opening sales to the shortage of labor and the recent heavy rains, which have necessitated housing of fast-maturing leaf left in the fields. The dry season of May and June halted the growth of tobacco, and little was housed until recent weeks.

Behind Schedule
Market officials of Lumberton, Fairmont, and Clarkton estimate that from 20 to 25 per cent of the leaf in this area remains in the field. The preparation of leaf for marketing in this area is from two to three weeks behind schedule.

The other four Border Belt markets in this State—Whiteville, Fair Bluff, Tabor City, and Chadburn—are about two weeks behind schedule.

Redrying plants in the Border Belt area for the first time in 15 years failed to begin the redrying of opening-day purchases on the day the purchases were made. Storage space in the plants was only partially filled Tuesday, and redryers plan to begin the conditioning of yesterday's purchases this morning. Redrying plants normally begin the conditioning process by noon of opening day.

Tobacco warehousemen and farmers agreed Tuesday that the one-week postponement of market openings was a "blessing."

Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday. Regular cases being few jury cases were tried. Cases disposed of were as follows:

Jim Dunston, abandonment and non support, judgement upon payment of \$26 into court to cover costs of capias and payment minor children, and the payment of \$8 each monthly thereafter until further orders of this court to be discharged.

A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case of violating health law, against Tobe Davis.

A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case of violating health law, against London Black. John Ellis Finch, operating motorcycle drunk, continued.

W. G. Mitchell was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and was fined \$50 and costs, and not to operate a car for 12 months. Appeal.

Van Dunston plead guilty to no drivers license, to be discharged on payment of costs.

Kinton Williams, Whiskers Medlin, Earl Pearce, larceny and receiving, a nolle pros with leave was taken as to Whiskers Medlin and Earl Pearce. Kenton Williams plead guilty, prayer for judgment continued.

Kobe Ispedeza has again proved itself a superior late-season legume pasture plant for livestock production and soil improvement.

Final Report On Fifth War Bond Drive

Chairman Gaither Beam reports that Franklin County sold \$446,846.50 worth of bonds during the Fifth War Bond Drive which ended July 31st. This is \$101,844.50 more than Franklin County's overall quota but the sale of 'E' bonds was only \$130,602.50, which was \$47,392.50 less than our 'E' bond quota.

WAR NEWS

Rome, Aug. 8.—Allied troops battled today to eliminate the last strong German position south of the Arno River—an 18-square-mile area in the river loop near besieged Florence—as warlike Gurkha riflemen, wielding their fearsome half-moon kurki knives, charged enemy strongholds to the Southeast.

Veteran Eighth Army units pressed slowly forward around Florence in the face of fierce German resistance. Enemy self-propelled guns, heavy artillery and machineguns emplaced on the fringes of the loop swept all gullies winding into the hilly positions.

The Germans were strongly massed on the 1,700-foot Point 557, which rises almost in the center of the circular battlefield, affording the Nazis excellent observation of all Allied attempts to infiltrate.

Escape Route Open
Although the Germans have been pushed back to the Arno on three sides and are being battered by relentless Allied attacks from the fourth, it was believed they would be able to withdraw their defending forces safely across the river when the exposed position becomes untenable.

United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Aug. 8.—American forces on Guam, smashing ahead in gains ranging up to six and a half miles, have driven the remaining Japanese troops into a pocket on the northeast corner of the island and are threatening to split them into two groups. It was announced today in a communique which listed the enemy's known losses in the campaign at more than 10,000 dead.

The Japanese were compressed into an area of less than 23 square miles at the northeastern end of Guam as the Marine and Army forces drove toward the island's tip.

Pacific fleet headquarters announced that rapid advances drove the Japanese into a narrow corner as the Americans pressed forward 6 1-2 miles on the west coast to reach Ritidian Point on the extreme northwestern tip. More than three miles were gained on the east coast as troops drove almost to Anao Point.

Washington, Aug. 8.—It's not a game, but airmen over Burma play darts with hundred-pound bombs—called spike-bombs.

Instead of dart boards, they use Japanese railways and bridges. Scores have been impressive.

Spike-bombs, the Army reported today, were improvised in the India-Burma theater, where delayed action fuses are necessary to let low flying planes clear the target before the explosion. Ordinary bombs showed a tendency to ricochet and explode harmlessly a few feet away from the target.

To meet the need, airmen took out the nose fuse of each bomb, replacing it with a long spike made from an old axle. The plan worked, so spike-bombs were made by hand in the theater until supplies ordered in the United States began to arrive in quantity.

London, Wednesday, Aug. 9.—Torpedo-carrying and cannon-firing Beaufighters yesterday riddled a German convoy of 14 ships near Egero, of the southwest coast of Norway, torpedoing three merchant vessels of between 2,000 and 3,000 tons each, setting afire three others, and seriously damaging six more. It was announced today.

Three Beaufighters are missing. A German DNB agency broadcast said that 50 Mosquitoes and Beaufighters repeatedly attacked the convoy with torpedoes, rocket bombs and cannon fire, and admitted that the Nazis crew suffered dead and wounded. The enemy report claimed four Allied planes shot down.

PROMOTED
Camp Wolters, Texas—Lieut. Helen Reynolds Allen, Assistant Camp Adjutant here, was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant. She is the daughter of Mrs. F. H. Allen, Louisburg, N. C. Lieut. Allen attended Sweet Briar College prior to her military service. She was commissioned November 6, 1943.

MISSING IN ACTION
Harry T. Rogers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Rogers, of Youngsville, Route 1, has been reported missing in action. He is an aviation radioman, second class.

PURPLE HEART
Pvt. David M. Johnson, son of Mrs. B. C. Johnson and the late Dr. B. C. Johnson, of Bunn, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in France. He is now recovering in a hospital in England. He is in the Infantry Corps.

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SCHOOL OPENINGS MAY BE DELAYED

ON ACCOUNT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

State Board of Health Is required To Safeguard the Public in Times of Epidemics; They Recommend Delay to Sept. 18th or Later

In discussing the school opening question the past week with Dr. S. P. Burt, County Health Officer, and Supt. Wiley Mitchell, of the County School system, also Supt. W. F. Morton, of the Franklinton School, who says his school will follow the action of the County, Supt. Mitchell said that "in view of an order just issued by the State Board of Health, the opening of the Franklin County Schools may be delayed until September 18th, or later if the epidemic at that time has not subsided, or if the incidence of the disease has not decreased to the point where the opening of schools will not constitute a menace to public health."

He also stated that the County Board of Health and the County Board of Education would hold a joint meeting early next week to determine what action shall be taken.

The letter which Supt. Mitchell has received from the State Board of Health cites "Section 7154 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina which charges the State Board of Health with the responsibility of laying down minimum requirements for the control of epidemics, while the local authorities are called upon to enforce these and permitted to adopt such additional rules and regulations as in their judgment, may seem necessary."

"In the case of the present epidemic of poliomyelitis, the State Board of Health's executive committee, following the recommendations of the State Health Officer, has voted unanimously in favor of deferring the opening of all schools, public, private and parochial, until September 18th, or a later date if the epidemic by that time has not subsided, or if the incidence of the disease has not decreased to the point where to open these schools would not constitute a menace to public health."

It goes on further to state "as to the opening of school, neither the convenience of teachers nor any other consideration should be placed above the child's safety. It has been said that to keep the schools closed and then allow children to visit places of amusement, including picnics and other gatherings; to attend movies or Sunday School, is inconsistent. So it is. Nevertheless, why jeopardize the safety of nearly a million children for the indiscretions of the comparatively few. This is equally as inconsistent."

These references seem to indicate the State Board takes the view that by reason of the schools being a state institution carrying with it compulsory attendance of children in the right age for the spread of this disease the law has placed a direct and special responsibility upon it to protect the health of the public, whereas, other places of gatherings being private and not of a compulsory nature, divide the responsibility by placing some of it upon the parents.

It is a responsibility few people wish to assume, even though we do not desire to conform to the necessary rules for protection. If the precautions are taken and nothing develops, instead of being appreciative too many will feel that it was unnecessary and we should not have been inconvenienced or delayed. On the other hand if no precautions are not taken and our child is stricken we will never feel that the officials did their duty.

We can only hope that the final decision will be right and our section will escape the ravages of this terrible disease.

PROMOTED
Pvt. James B. Ragland who is in A. S. T. P. R. training at the University of Mississippi, was promoted to Cadet Sergeant the past week.

Drunk (bumping into lamp post): Excuse me, sir! (Bumping into fire hydrant: Excuse me, little boy! (Bumping into second lamp post and falling down): Well, I'll just sit here until the crowd passes.

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