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DEFERS SCHOOL OPENING

To Monday, September 18th

This Action Taken Tuesday At Joint Meeting of Boards of Education and Health

The Franklin County Board of Health and the Franklin County Board of Education held a joint meeting in the health office, Tuesday, August 15th at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of discussing the advisability of deferring the opening of the public schools of Franklin County until September 18th, as recommended by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, North Carolina Health Officer. Due to the seriousness of the polio situation in the State of North Carolina, Dr. Burt recommended that the opening of the Franklin County public schools be deferred until September 18th or at 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.

Dr. Burt explained that no cases of polio had been reported in Franklin County, but due to the seriousness of the situation in other counties in North Carolina, he recommended that Franklin County comply with the request of the State Health Officer in deferring the opening of the public schools of Franklin County as a precautionary measure. At this time the following resolution was offered by Dr. W. C. Perry, seconded by Mrs. T. H. Dickens and unanimously carried:

Resolution
WHEREAS: In view of the grave situation which exists in North Carolina because of the epidemic of poliomyelitis it is the consensus of the members of the Board of Health and the members of the Board of Education, acting together as a body, charged with the responsibility of formulating certain rules and regulations pertinent to the health of the citizens of Franklin County, do hereby offer the following resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education and the Board of Health of Franklin County, being charged with the responsibility of the administration of the public schools and the health program of Franklin County defer the opening of said schools until Sept. 18th, and then only if the epidemic has subsided to such an extent as to permit the opening with safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the secretary present this resolution to the local papers to be publicized in order that the citizens of Franklin County might realize that the Board of Education does not wish to operate schools, which are State operated institutions carrying with it a compulsory attendance law for all children most susceptible to the spread of this disease, until such time when the health authorities would advise the safety of the opening of said schools.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Harry S. Cobey, rector, announces services for next Sunday, the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, at 8, 9:45 and 11 o'clock a. m. The sermon subject in the morning service will be "David."

AWARDED PURPLE HEART

Pvt. Johnnie W. Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burnette, of Louisburg, Route 4, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Italy, according to information received by his parents. He is now recovering in the hospital in Italy.

It never gets hot enough for the women to take off the heavy robe.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Aug. 19th:
Saturday—Bill Boyd and Andy Clyde in "Texas Masquerade" and last chapter "Tiger Woman" also first chapter "Haunted Harbor."
Sunday—Wayne Morris, Patricia Lane, Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman in "Brother Rat."
Monday—Tuesday—Charles Laughton, Robert Young and Margaret O'Brien in "Canterville Ghost."
Wednesday—Judy Canova, Ross Hunter and Richard Lane in "Louisiana Hayride."
Thursday-Friday—Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly in "Christmas Holiday."

Umstead Made Chairman

Raleigh, Aug. 16.—William B. Umstead, of Durham, Tuesday night was elected Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting attended by 46 members in person and 62 by proxy.

Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra, was re-elected as vice-chairman. Neither candidate had opposition. Election of the two officers constituted the main business before the Executive Committee. The hour-long session was closed with the presentation of R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, and L. Y. Ballentine, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

Cherry told the committee that he is "certain the machinery of the party will function smoothly during the coming campaign." He asked that each member devote himself to working for complete harmony throughout the state in "the furtherance of the party and in the progress of the State."

The nominee for Governor declared, "The next four years will be among the most crucial in the history of our State. It behooves all North Carolinians to join in making this State a fit place to receive the sons and daughters now scattered on the battlefields of the world." Cherry pledged "to conduct myself in a manner fitting to the high office of governor and to this State." He asked the support and assistance of all members of the Executive Committee.

Secretary Sam Ruark announced the resignation of A. H. Harris, member of the Executive Committee from Transylvania.

Franklin County Teachers

Supt. Wiley F. Mitchell, of the Franklin County School system, has addressed the following letter to his teachers:

"In view of the grave situation which exists in North Carolina because of the epidemic of poliomyelitis, the opening of schools in Franklin County has been postponed from August 28th to September 18th.

"This date was decided upon by the board of education after being advised by the board of health that the gravity of the 'polio' situation was too serious, at this time, to congregate large groups of children whose ages coincide with the period of a child's greatest susceptibility. At the present time we do not have any infantile paralysis in this county and this action has been taken as a precautionary measure with the hope that it will prohibit the extension of poliomyelitis to Franklin County.

"We regret very much that it is necessary to defer the opening of schools; however, we realize that it is our duty to abide by the decision of the health authorities."

Senate Changes Propaganda Act

Washington, Aug. 15.—Spurred by a widespread outcry, the Senate voted today to modify the "political propaganda" ban and permit soldiers and sailors to pick their own newspapers, magazines and books, so long as they are circulated generally and the services can deliver them.

It passed a soldiers' vote law amendment which also lowers the bars affecting films and radio programs, including political speeches. It sets up impartiality as the guide in the selection of films and broadcasts for the nation's fighting men.

Under Army and Navy interpretations of the existing law, a list of publications and movies had been banned on the ground that they included material calculated to affect the November general election vote.

The amendment, sponsored by Chairman Green (D-R I) of the elections committee and Senator Lucas (D-Ill), and approved by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), author of the present restrictions, came out of committee with unanimous backing. The Senate passed it on a voice vote before it had time to get well settled on the clerk's desk. Now it goes to the House.

WOUNDED

Wednesday's News - Observer carried the announcement that Staff Sergeant Brutus W. Barrett was wounded in the European area. He is the husband of Mrs. Margie Lee Barrett, of Louisburg, R. I., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie M. Barrett, formerly of near Katesville.

TOWN TAX RATE \$2.00

CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Board of Town Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting Friday Night, And An Adjourned Meeting Monday! Election To Be Sept. 19th, For Approval Of Bond Issue of \$20,000

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session at 8 p. m. Friday night. All members of the Board were present except Commissioner R. C. Beck. Minutes of previous meetings together with the monthly reports of the Tax Collector, Chief of Police, and Town Clerk were approved by the Board.

The Board received an application for an "On Premise" beer and wine license from J. L. Gup-ton. The application was found to be in proper order, and the Board authorized the issuance of the license requested by Mr. Gup-ton.

A motion was passed authorizing the Purchasing Agent to buy the necessary amount of coal for the use of the Town, and he was instructed to buy the coal now, instead of waiting until next winter.

The Board passed a motion instructing the Tax Collector to advertise all delinquent real estate taxes for the year of 1943 for four weeks beginning August 18th, 1944 and to sell same on Sept. 11, 1944.

A number of invoices were approved for payment.

After careful consideration of each item of expense the Board passed a motion to adopt the following Permanent Budget of Expenses and Debt Service Requirements:

Department Expenses for Fiscal Year 1944-1945	
General Government Expenses	\$15,130.00
Street Department Expenses	8,350.00
Light Department Expenses	32,139.00
Water Department Expenses	8,255.00
Police Department Expenses	6,810.00
Fire Department Expenses	3,640.00
Total Department Expenses	\$74,324.00
Debt Service Requirements For Fiscal Year 1944-1945	\$11,500.00
Bonds to be retired	\$11,500.00
Interest and Exchange on Bonds	7,655.00
Total Debt Service Requirements	\$19,155.00
Grand Total of Department Expenses and Debt Service Requirements	\$93,479.00

A motion was passed by the Board levying the 1944 Town Tax Rate as follows:

For Debt Service Requirements	\$1.25 per \$100.00
For General Purpose	75c per \$100.00
Total Tax Rate	\$2.00 per \$100.00

The meeting adjourned until Monday, August 14th, at 3:30 p. m. for the completion of unfinished business.

FOR FIRST CLASS PRINTING CALL PHONE 233-1

FOR ROOSEVELT

New York, Aug. 16.—Americans favor reelection of President Roosevelt over Republican nominee Thomas E. Dewey by 52.5 to 43.9 per cent, according to Fortune magazine's latest public opinion survey announced today.

The survey showed that Roosevelt's lead, now 8.6 per cent, had risen from 6.5 per cent when the last survey was announced July 8.

Fortune said regardless of personal wishes, 72.4 per cent of the public now expects Roosevelt to win in November, as against 66.4 per cent who believed he would win when its earlier poll was taken. It added that 19.4 per cent expect Dewey to win, and 9.3 per cent don't know.

Patton Leading New Third Army

Fiery General Who Broke All Blitzkrieg Speed Records Also Wins Promotion

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 15.—Fiery Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is the tactical genius who drove the rampant United States Third Army across Brittany, through Le Mans and then northward through Alencon and Argentan, completing the southern jaw of the trap on the Nazi Seventh Army.

The controversial, gravel-voiced Patton, has been leading an army literally "born in battle" since August 1. It has been on the offensive since the day it was created and never has let up a minute.

Living down the soldier-slapping incident in Sicily which put him under a cloud last fall, Patton justified the conviction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower that "Old Blood and Guts" was one of America's finest field commanders. The supreme commander, revealing today that Patton was on the marching wing of the Third Army, said it was "where he belongs."

Gets Promotion

(In Washington, the Senate Tuesday confirmed Patton's promotion to the permanent rank of major general. The Senate military affairs committee had withheld approval of the nomination since last October over the soldier-slapping incident, but endorsed it unanimously after disclosure of his new role. Reprimanded by Eisenhower, Patton publicly apologized to his troops.

Roosevelt And Truman Will Shape Plans

Washington. — Sen. Harry S. Truman, President Roosevelt's fourth term running mate who probably will carry the brunt of the party's national campaigns, hoped today that he could limit the job to a half dozen major speeches.

The strategy for the Democratic campaign is expected to be worked out by Truman and Mr. Roosevelt at a meeting either tomorrow or Friday. It will be their first conference since they were nominated by the Democratic National Convention at Chicago last month.

In the interim, Truman, as the vice presidential nominee, has been working out his own ideas in conjunction with Democratic National Committee Chairman Robert E. Hannegan.

Fighters May Seek Ballots At Any Time

Raleigh. — North Carolinians serving in the armed forces may apply at any time prior to Nov. 7, 1944, for absentee ballots for the general elections, the State Board of Elections pointed out Wednesday.

Applications may be made in three different manners.

1. On a written form signed by the applicant and addressed to the chairman of the Board of Elections of the applicant's home county.
2. By an informal letter or card addressed similarly.
3. By an application for a ballot made pursuant to the Federal absentee ballot act through the office of the Secretary of State, or by application for a ballot made to the chairman of the County Board of Elections of the applicant's home county.

If the serviceman applies for a State absentee ballot by Sept. 1 but does not receive it by Oct. 1, he is permitted under Federal law to use the Federal war ballot, available at all military posts.

MRS. BESSIE P. JEFFREYS DEAD

Mrs. Bessie Perry Jeffreys, age 32, died at Mary Elizabeth Hospital at 7:25 Wednesday P. M. Services will be held from the home on Louisburg, R. I., Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in Bunn Cemetery. Rev. R. C. Ickes from Henderson will conduct services.

Survived by her husband, Onnie G. Jeffreys, two children, Betty and John Jeffreys, both of the homes, parents Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Perry, two brothers, Roy and Buddy Perry, of Route 1, one sister, Mrs. Eleanor Mullen, of Louisburg, several nieces and nephews.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

MEETING TO BE HELD AT LOUISBURG FRIDAY

Employers in Logging and Lumber Industry in Franklin Area to Gather

A meeting of "all employers in the logging and lumber industry in Franklin County and near its borders" will be held tonight (Friday) at 8:30 in the county agricultural agent's office at Louisburg. It was announced Wednesday by L. J. Craven, manager of the Raleigh local office of the U. S. Employment Service.

"The purpose of this meeting," Craven said, "is to discuss the present form of the WMC Stabilization Plan as it affects the logging and lumber industry, and to discuss problems arising in this industry. It is for all employers in the industry. This includes sawmill, planer mill, and all owners and operators, including foremen whose work involves the employment of workers."

Josephus Daniels Commencement Speaker

Chapel Hill.—Josephus Daniels will deliver the commencement address at the fourth graduation to be held at the University of North Carolina in 1944, Aug. 30. Administrative Dean Robert B. House announced Wednesday.

Governor J. M. Broughton will present the diplomas. Harvey White, president of the class, will speak for the graduates.

Woman's Army Corps

Many women join the Women's Army Corps as a means of helping out their relatives in the service, but Corporal Ava L. Collins, a laboratory technician at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., found the WAC a means of giving direct aid to her cousin, Staff Sergeant Oliver E. Dulaney.

Visiting the wards to take blood samples for blood counts, Corporal Collins found one of the patients on her list was her cousin.

Sergeant Dulaney, whose home is in Chickasha, Okla., was injured in England in a plane crash. The sergeant was serving as a liaison pilot with a field artillery unit in England when, returning from a mission, his plane collided with some wires in landing and crashed. Both his ankles were crushed.

Many more women are needed for important Army jobs. Women between 20 and 50 years of age may secure full details about joining the WAC by calling on their local Civilian WAC Recruiter, Mayor W. C. Webb, Louisburg, N. C.

JAMES T. WELDON

Henderson.—Funeral services for James Tasker Weldon, 21, son of Roy T. and Lucy Winn Weldon, of Epsom, were conducted at Liberty Christian Church Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The Rev. J. E. McCauley was assisted in conducting the services by the Rev. S. E. Madren and the Rev. R. T. Grissom. Interment was in the church cemetery. He was a member of Liberty Church.

The young man died at the Navy hospital at Norfolk on Friday. He had served in the Navy for eight months, and was stationed at Camp Bradford at Norfolk.

Surviving are his parents and three brothers, Richard T. Weldon of the U. S. Navy, stationed in England, William Plummer Weldon of the Army Air Corps at San Antonio, Tex., and M. Jones Weldon of Epsom.

LOUISBURG MAN FACES ACCUSATION OF FRAUD

Warrenton, Aug. 16.—Accused of collecting from various individuals on roofing contracts which he never fulfilled, M. W. Saunders of Louisburg, was lodged in Warrenton County jail in default of \$700 bond. He was returned here from Winston-Salem where he was arrested last Saturday.

It is alleged Saunders procured roofing contracts from a number of local residents, collected part of the charges and failed to complete the jobs. Sheriff J. W. Pinnell and Deputy Roy Shearin returned him here from Winston-Salem.

Southern farmers used 28.9 per cent more lime in 1943 than in '42, the largest increase in the U. S. except for the Mid-Atlantic States.

Patronize TIMES Advertisers

WAR NEWS

Rome, Aug. 16.—An All-American team, under the supreme command of the Briton, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, directs the Allied invasion of Southern France on the ground, in the air and on the sea. Allied headquarters announced tonight.

Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, veteran of 30 years' service whose fighting ranges from the French battlefields of the First World War to the recent Guadalcanal campaign in the Pacific, was announced as commander of the United States Seventh Army which carried out the landing operations on the southern French coast.

United States Vice Admiral H. K. Hewitt is commander of naval operations and Brig. Gen. Gordon P. Saville heads the air unit as commander of the 12th Tactical Air Force.

On the French Riviera, Aug. 16.—Mistakes will happen in amphibious landings, so American paratroopers took the famous resort of St. Tropez when they should have been somewhere inland.

I found a group of tough, happy youngsters here this morning, and since they were satisfied, and so was the high command, there were no kicks coming.

It was cloudy night before last, and navigators went by their so-called precision instruments. At a given time they were supposed to be over the target, so they sent the paratroopers out. That was at 4 a. m., and three planes full of men landed on the St. Tropez Peninsula, realizing immediately that something was wrong. However, paratroopers have to be resourceful.

The Germans attacked with small-arms fire as they came down and several were killed. Other Nazis blew up the little port where fashionable yachts used to anchor.

So, the paratroopers pitched in and took St. Tropez.

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, Aug. 17.—Allied bombers, blasting an invasion path towards the Philippines, scored another knockout blow on the Dutch East Indies base of Halmahera Tuesday to climax a night attack against the southern Mindanao harbor of Davao, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

It was the sixth attack in the Davao area, in the southernmost of the Philippines, and the fourth against the wharf itself. The communique did not specify what damage was caused to enemy installations.

VOLUNTEER JUNIOR NURSE'S AIDES

(By Betty Grainger)

Under the direction of Miss Marjorie Gardner, Home Economics teacher for Mills School, a Junior Nurse's Aide Corps has been organized. A meeting of the interested girls was held last Monday to make plans for the work. Girls from the eighth through the tenth grades are now working in shifts, in pairs, in order to help the nurses in our local hospital. These girls do things which give the nurses time to do more vital jobs. The girls have so far rolled bandages, made cotton balls for swabs, fed the babies, attended patients, helped in the kitchen and many other little things.

Since this Nurse's Aide Corps is not the Red Cross Corps that we hear about in larger towns, the girls had to make their own requirements before they wear their emblem. The requirements include such things as knowing how and reading thermometers, serving two attractive trays, giving twenty hours of service, etc.

The girls who have volunteered so far are: Rachel Bailey, Sarah Bailey, Caroline Cobey, Ann Cash, Miriam Rose Marks, Jamie Edwards, Mary Mustian, Betty Marie Hardwick, Louise Ellis, Webb, Peggy Jernigan, Nell Rose Lancaster and Betty Grainger. Sue Jernigan, Frances Hodden and Sarah Hardwick are not in the age group to be members of the Corps but have shown much interest in the work and will probably be called to work to help the Junior Aids and substitute.

Any other girls who are interested in this type of service are urged to attend a meeting at Mills School, Monday, Aug. 21st, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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Announcements as follows have been received by friends in Louisburg: Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Best request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Josephine Williams to Mr. William Franklin Pierce, Jr. Sunday afternoon, August the twenty-seventh at half after five o'clock Baptist Church Franklinton, North Carolina.

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ALLIES INVADE SOUTH FRANCE

ENEMY RESISTANCE REPORTED SLIGHT

Invasion Forces in South, Mostly American and French, Land on Broad Front Between Marseille and Nice; Now Driving Northward Rapidly To Join Allied Forces in North France

Rome, Aug. 15.—Thousands of Allied troops, mainly Americans and French, swarmed onto the south coast of France on a broad front between Marseille and Nice today, seized and extended firm beachheads against inconsequential German opposition, and drove northward with the avowed intention of joining the Allies in Northwestern France.

An Allied communique at 10:40 p. m. said American and French troops before dawn took the sentinel islands of Port Cross and Levant, 10 miles off the coast and seized Cap Negre, on the mainland due north of the islands and 28 miles east of Toulon.

Other specific locations were not given, the beaches being placed merely in the 125-mile strip of coast between Marseille and Nice.

The Germans said the focal point of the Allied invasion was at St. Raphael, 30 miles northeast up the coast from Cap Negre, and also said there were landings west of Toulon and at Bormes, 25 miles east of that onetime naval base.

American airmen who flew over the beaches late in the day said there was no sign of any concerted enemy opposition and that American vehicles were "running all over the countryside."

Proceeding Smoothly
The official night statement said that "on the beaches of the mainland, where landings were successful against light opposition, the operation is proceeding satisfactorily," adding that "substantial numbers of Allied troops, together with guns, munitions and supplies had been landed across the beaches of southern France by dark this evening."

"The beachhead has been extended and widened during the day's operation. Enemy opposition remains sporadic, and no enemy air attacks have yet been reported."

Word from the beaches indicated that German prisoners taken in sporadic, light fighting showed almost total demoralization, primarily as a result of the American break-through in Northwestern France which they realized meant that the fatherland's downfall was near.

One dispatch from a correspondent in the field said that by afternoon the invaders were well into Southern France and going ahead fast against Germans who were caught entirely by surprise. Allied casualties were reported to have been slight.

Opposition Light
Thousands of Allied paratroopers and airborne troopers landed well inland at 4:30 a. m., also against scanty opposition, following the important opening blow against the offshore islands. A picked force had neutralized the islands' big guns silently to pave the way for the tactical surprise of the main seaborne landings which followed.

Backed by more than 800 warships of all sorts—the greatest naval force ever assembled in the Mediterranean—the first seaborne troops went ashore in broad daylight at 7:30 a. m., at several unidentified points between Marseille and Nice—a 125-mile stretch of rocky coast.

"The army of France is in being again, fighting on its own soil," said a proclamation by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, the Allied commander-in-chief. Distributed by plane, his proclamation told the French the primary aim of the new invasion was "to drive out the Germans and join up with the Allied armies advancing from Normandy" to form a solid front across France.

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YUGOSLAVIA NEXT?

The Turkish radio, heard by FCC monitors, said Tuesday it was likely that the new Allied landings in Southern France would be followed by landings in Yugoslavia also.

A "first result" of Prime Minister Churchill's visit to Italy was the landing in Southern France, the broadcast said. Then it added that "it is considered probable after Churchill's visit and discussions in Italy that an Allied landing also will take place in Yugoslavia."