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## Lions Hear Brown Tell About Pueblo

James H. Brown, a retired Navy captain and a math professor at Louisburg College, gave the local Lions a report of the Pueblo, a ship that was apparently stolen at sea by North Koreans.

Captain Brown's report was taken from a letter written by U. S. Navy Admiral Thomas H. Moorer. Admiral Moorer's idea was to "reassure the American people that the Court of Inquiry is being conducted in a straightforward, legal and objective manner." He referred to the Court of Inquiry as only a "fact-finding body. It simply records the facts and makes recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief of The Pacific Fleet." Such recommendations might include procedures or improvements. The idea is to do justice and protect the rights of individuals," he said.

"The question is whether or not Commander Bucher, who was in charge of the Pueblo, committed any offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Bucher was required not to permit any foreigner to search his ship nor permit anyone aboard his ship to be removed, as long as he could justifiably resist," Brown commented.

"Admiral Moorer asks Americans to be patient, not to prejudge, and to maintain trust and confidence that the procedures used in developing the facts surrounding the piracy against Pueblo are being carried out by experienced men of great integrity who have only the welfare of our country at heart," Brown added.

After this report by Captain Brown, there followed a period of questions and answers.

Only one visitor was present: Col. E. L. Watson.



Rain-Slick 561 Wreck Scene

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service are shown above freeing one of the three victims of a Tuesday afternoon accident on NC-561 four miles east of Louisburg. The station wagon went out of control on the rain-slick highway and ran down an embankment. Three women employees of Louisburg Sportswear were in the vehicle at the time. All three were transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital and two were admitted for further treatment. Mrs. Dorothy Pendergrass Ayscue, 32, and Mrs. Margaret Ayscue were admitted and Mrs. Barbara Bailey was treated and released.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

## The Monument: "Heroism Is Never Lost"

Sitting in the middle of Louisburg's Main Street is a structure of rock, marble and bronze that is seldom ever really seen. Although hundreds pass by it daily and it sits on the highest point in town, The Monument is perhaps so big, it is often missed.

In recent days, for some unexplained reason, more and more people are asking how it came to be. Perhaps those who, for the many years have

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known the history of The Monument are passing from us or maybe it's more that the new generation is curious. It is encouraging, whatever the reason, that some want to know more about the history of the community in which they live.

The Monument has stood where it now stands for nearly 55 years. It was

ment and she was lost for three weeks.

Then one day she came back. She told the doctor she had been cured and taking a slightly soiled handkerchief from her pocket she began to untie the knot in the end. From here she took two old one dollar bills. Telling Dr. Malone that this was all she had, she offered it to him in payment for his services. He refused to accept. She insisted.

"No, mam", the doctor said. "You have given too much already". She continued to insist.

Finally, out of desperation, Dr. Malone took the two dollars and even though the woman objected, he told her he would use it to begin a fund to build a monument in honor of her husband and three sons and all other county men who had given their lives.

This was about 1884. It took thirty years, but the memorial was finally erected. By then the two dollars had grown to \$5.60 with interest. What transpired in the interim, like the "old lady" with the "sore face", will remain a mystery.

If waiting had been long and even if memory of those who died had faded, it failed to dampen the spirits of those 5,000 hearty souls who converged on Louisburg by 10 o'clock on that May 13, 1914 for what was billed as the greatest day since the centennial.

They came. Veterans, widows, orphans, townspeople, farmers came. The Governor and Franklin's own future Governor, and dignitaries from all over, came. And four little girls did the unveiling.

The procession gathered in front of the courthouse. The Third Regiment Band led the parade. Directly in back of the band rode Governor Locke Craig and with him rode Judge Charles M. Cooke, Sheriff Henry C. Kearney and Rev. George M. Duke. Following

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unveiled 49 years following the end of the Civil War. It was dedicated, with great fanfare, on a bright Wednesday afternoon in the Spring of 1914. Almost ironically, before this community was to be swallowed up in another bloody war, it paused to pay honor to those who had fallen in its last tragic conflict.

How did the idea start? Who knows. Or who is to ever know how monuments begin or who decides or when? It is known that Dr. James E. Malone was named, however unofficially, as a one-man committee to look into some appropriate memorial for fallen Confederate soldiers. How far he had gotten with the idea is now lost to history. But, from Dr. Malone himself comes the story of what must have been the first contribution. In all likelihood, it prompted him or others to move toward The Monument as we know it today.

An unnamed widow entered the doctor's office one afternoon suffering from "an awful looking sore on the side of her face and neck". The woman had lost her husband and three sons in the war. The illness lasted for quite some time and the woman returned twice each week for treatment. Then she failed to meet an appoint-

## Service Interruption

Electric service will be interrupted Sunday afternoon, March 23, between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the communities and surrounding areas of Youngsville, Pocomoke, Flat Rock Church, New Hope and sections along U. S. 401 and N. C. road 1100.

Roy A. Burch, Carolina Power & Light Company district manager, said that the interruption was necessary to allow crews to install new equipment at the company's Wake Forest substation.

If weather conditions do not permit the work to be done Sunday afternoon, it will be re-scheduled for a later date.

## Public Hearing On Natural Gas Held

Some thirty persons attended a public hearing here Wednesday night on the question of granting a franchise to bring natural gas to the Louisburg area. The meeting, held in the Louisburg Armory, was presided over by Mayor V. A. Peoples, who told the group that no decision would be reached then. He explained that the law requires that approval be given at two consecutive regular monthly meetings of the Town Council.

Industrial Development Director Ken Schubart addressed the group and read three letters concerning the matter. His first letter from Seaboard Coastline Railway stated that, "Louisburg and Franklin County are at a distinct disadvantage by not having natural gas." The reference was to industrial development.

A second letter, from the State Department of Conservation and Development, stated, "Lack of this fuel will prohibit a number of firms from giving consideration to your area." And a third letter, from Carroll Singleton and Associates of Henderson and Raleigh, told of a recent prospect—a candy manufacturer declined to locate here. "The principle reason for rejection was that natural gas was not available," the Singleton letter stated.

Schubart told of the desire for natural gas by the J. K. Rishel Furniture Company which recently announced a decision to locate here. He said that Rishel had discovered "a considerable difference" in bids opened in Durham last week pointing out that the bid including use of natural gas was much lower than some others.

He disclosed that Rishel had contacted W. Hughes Boland, Raleigh area manager for Public Service Company

of North Carolina, to inquire about the service. Boland could not assure the firm that his product would be available because of the cost factor, Schubart reported. However, he added, Rishel is willing to accept an agreement which would insure natural gas service by 1971-72 and to use bottled gas until that time. The dates are these set by the gas firm for completion of the line from Stem to Franklinton to Louisburg if the franchise is granted by the Town of Louisburg within the next few weeks.

J. H. Taltan, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, reiterated Schubart's sentiments in telling the group, "In our experience in industrial development work, the great majority of the industries wishing to locate require natural gas. If we could get this franchise it would be a great help to industrial development."

Mayor Peoples asked for any other statements and was in the process of adjourning the Council meeting to the Council Room upstairs when H. C. Taylor, Jr., Louisburg hardware and furniture dealer, asked for a show of sentiment from those present. "If it is not out of order, I would like for all those in favor of this franchise to stand." All present, except town officials and a bottle gas dealer, stood in favor of the granting of the franchise.

Following the public meeting, which lasted around twenty minutes, the Council moved to its regular meeting room to discuss the matter. Councilman W. J. Sheariff said he could be quoted as favoring the granting of the franchise following the public hearing. No other officials made any public, but the general consensus at the hearing was that the Council would act favorably on the matter.

## Three Charged With Jury Tampering In Franklin Case

The foreman of the jury that found former Franklin Accountant Lee Murray guilty of embezzlement last October 25, has been arrested along with two other men on charges of jury tampering. The arrests of Jack Linwood Turner, 39, Route 1, Creedmoor, who headed the panel, Crowell Perry Strickland, 44, Rt. 2, Louisburg, brother-in-law of Murray and Badge Thomas Goss, 27, Route 1, Creedmoor, an employee of Strickland's was made Tuesday in Wake County. All three are free on \$500 bond.

A Wake County Grand Jury brought in bills of indictment against the three men Monday and all three surrendered to Wake County Sheriff's officers Tuesday afternoon after having been notified by Granville County Sheriff J. C. Cash and Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement of the charges.

The indictments charge the three with "willfully and feloniously conspiring to corruptly influence the verdict of a juror by the payment of

money." According to the indictments Turner, as foreman of the jury, agreed to accept \$500 to influence the verdict in favor of Murray. According to reliable reports no money changed hands but SBI agent Billy Crocker and District Solicitor W. G. Ransdell declined to comment on details of the charges.

Ransdell was quoted as saying that the bills of indictment were presented in Wake County because the alleged "conspiracy was hatched in Wake County." Strickland lives in Franklin, Turner lives in Granville County and Goss reportedly lives just inside Wake County near the Granville line. Ransdell successfully petitioned the court in the Murray case to draw a jury from outside Franklin County saying the state could not get a fair trial here because of Murray's popularity in the county. The jury was selected from Granville County and served on he case here in Louisburg for ten days.

## Consumers Council Holds Kick-off Meeting Here

At a Consumers Council meeting held at The Murphy House in Louisburg Wednesday, March 19, it was announced that Mrs. Ralph Beasley of Louisburg would serve as Franklin County Membership Chairman for the Council which is in the process of getting organized in this area.

Region Two Chairman of the North Carolina Consumers Council, Mrs. Julian Porter of Severn, presided at the meeting. In attendance were local citizens and representatives from the ten county region which includes Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Nash, North Hampton, Vance, Warren and Wilson counties.

Mrs. Lief Valand of Raleigh, who recently represented North Carolina at the National Consumers Council meeting held in Washington, D. C., was featured speaker at the local meeting. She explained that the N. C. Consumers Council is a voluntary, non-profit, non-partisan citizens working for consumer service and consumer protection through education, research and legislation. Membership includes individuals and organizations. Mrs. Valand told in detail what the N. C. Council, which has been in operation for five months, has already been doing for consumers; and she spoke of future goals.

As county membership chairman, Mrs. Beasley will soon be contacting area people in the interest of local

consumer organization, through membership, active participation, and support of leadership.

As consumers, we are bound together with common interests in making our dollars go further and in getting better values through strength of unity. With area organization getting underway, Franklin County citizens now have the opportunity to join the growing voice in behalf of consumers interests by becoming active members of the Council.

Educational information will be provided to council members who will be encouraged to express opinion on consumer protection plans.

## Franklinton Sets Easter Holidays

(FRK. B.W.) Mr. R. B. Gordon, superintendent of Franklinton City Schools, announced this week that Easter Holiday will be observed in the local schools Friday, April 4 through Tuesday, April 8.

Previously April 3 had been scheduled as a holiday but because of the day lost on February 17, there will be school on Thursday, April 3.

## County To Participate In Plan To Meet Teacher Shortage

The administrative school units of Franklinton City and Franklin, Granville, Vance, and Warren counties have an opportunity to participate in the North Carolina plan for attracting and qualifying teachers to meet the critical teacher shortages, under Part B, Subpart 2, of the Education Professions Development Act. The State Plan was approved, and North Carolina has been allotted \$329,952.

The administrative units are eligible to submit a project proposal for training prospective teachers. The purpose of the act is to attract into teaching persons in the community who have college degrees but who are not currently serving as teachers. They will be provided, through intensive, short-term training programs and subsequent in-service training, with qualifications necessary for a teaching career. For a local person to be eligible to make application to participate in this program he must have a college degree and must not have been employed during the last six months in teaching.

Applicants must be willing to take an intensive study course for 6-8 weeks in Henderson this summer without cost to the applicant.

In-service training will be continued for applicants during the school year and in the summer of 1970. With this additional training and a year's teaching experience, it is hoped that a person will be able to qualify for a class "A" teaching certificate for the 1970-71 school term. This will depend on each individual case according to his needs. Plans are to pay applicants a stipend per day during the summer training period.

The administrative units will plan to submit a joint project proposal if personnel in the area are interested and file an application with the local superintendent of schools. The state has the right to reject or approve the project. Interested citizens are asked to complete the form which appears in this paper and return to their local superintendent by Tuesday, March 25, 1969.



Eastern Star Officers Installed

Pictured above are the principals in Tuesday night's OES installation. L. to R. - Mrs. George West, installing marshal; Mrs. Jerry Rowe, worthy matron; Mrs. John Godfrey, installing chaplain; Mrs. W. J. Bowen, installing organist; H. B. Sheariff, Jr., Worthy Patron and Mrs. C. O. Renn, installing officer. (See story, page 2)