

BOARD AUTHORIZES COLLECTION OF NOTES

T. W. Watson Makes Exhaustive Report

Many Bonds Received; Registrars Vital Statistics Appointed; F. W. Justice Resigns as Road Commissioner; To Locate County Property

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin county met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving minutes of previous meetings business was disposed of as follows: The report of the Sheriff for the collection of taxes was received and filed.

F. W. Justice tendered his resignation as road commissioner for Harris township was deferred until the afternoon.

Report of T. W. Watson upon matters pertaining to his district was read and ordered placed upon the record as follows:

The following bonds were approved:

- Constables, \$500 each:
- Jno. B. Young, Youngville.
- J. Ed. Hight, Franklinton.
- E. S. Gupton, Cedar Rock.
- A. S. Wiggs, Louisburg.
- Frank F. Hicks, Sandy Creek.
- Frank M. Ayscue, Hayesville.
- O. H. Leonard, Gold Mine.
- Robert H. Layton, Coroner, \$2,000.
- S. C. Holden, Register of Deeds, \$5,000.

The bonds of Sheriff F. W. Justice are in process of issuance.

The First National Bank has one bond in the sum of \$10,000 and is applying for another for \$6500.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company, of Franklinton, is applying for a \$15,000 depository bond.

The Bank of Youngville has on deposit \$5,000 of Youngville township road special tax money upon request to give the Commissioners a \$5,000 depository bond they refused to do so stating that they did not feel justified in paying the premium of \$25 for the privilege of paying interest on money.

I hesitate to display my ignorance, but after diligent inquiry I have failed to find out just exactly who is treasurer of our county.

I find that the several banks named above are used as county depositories but my understanding is that none of them have ever been duly appointed or elected as treasurer of the county and there is no such thing as a county treasurer's bond in existence that I can find.

I have made a personal inspection of the jail and court house buildings and find them to be in good condition and well kept.

I am starting an investigation as to the status of the property owned by the county and located on the south side of East Nash Street and known as the Griffin and Beasley Stables, and all the information I have been able to secure so far is recorded in record of deeds book 139 on page 443; but I recommend that this matter be gone into thoroughly and threshed out, and some disposition made of this property at once.

I recommend that the Board authorize a survey of said property to be made at once that the proper boundaries may be re-established.

Upon motion all the bonds tendered were accepted.

Upon motion a survey of the property belonging to the county in Louisburg be made.

The report of the Home Demonstration Department was read and ordered adopted.

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Health Officer, was received and filed.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and adopted. He recommended Aggie Driver and Melissa Williams be taken from the outside pauper list. That Ellen Perry and Mittie Bartholomew be placed on the outside pauper list at \$5 per month.

C. B. Barham reports ten prisoners in jail awaiting trial at Franklin Superior Court.

The financial report of J. A. Hodges was received and on motion was adopted and filed.

Upon motion the Register of Deeds was instructed to return temporary bonds to all officers who had furnished surety bonds.

Upon motion the chairman was authorized after proper advertising to sell \$60,000 in notes in anticipation of taxes on February 4th.

The Board authorized the County Accountant to trade his old type writer for a wide carriage machine. The County Attorney was instructed to advise the County Commissioners at their next regular meeting just what financial report should be made. The oath of office was administered to R. L. Harris, Constable in Cypress Creek township.

Upon motion the land of Sidie Perry in Dunns township having been found not in a special school taxing district, a draw back or check was ordered issued to her for the past three years special school tax.

J. A. Hodges was instructed to have blanks prepared and sent to the township collectors for making gar-

GREAT WAR HERO IS "SKY RAIDER" STAR

The Late Captain Nungesser, Famous French Ace, Brought to Earth 105 Planes; Wounded 17 Times; Started As Pollu In the Ranks; Has More Medals Than Any Other War Hero

"The Sky Raider," the Encore Picture to be shown January 24th at the Winner Theatre, is a melodrama de luxe written around the United States Air Mail and starring Jacqueline Logan and the late Captain Charles Nungesser, famous French Ace and hero of the World War, who survived the horrors of war only to perish in the ill-fated Nungesser-Collins trans-Atlantic flight. It is from an original story by Jack Lait, directed by T. Hayes Hunter, and the cast, which is truly all-star, includes, besides the featured players, Gladys Walton, Walter Miller, Lawford Davidson, Wilton Lackaye, Ida Darling and others.

Nungesser was a name that was known to and loved by all France—it symbolized the acme of daring, courage, and love of country and, in itself, was an inspiration. Captain Nungesser held the enviable record of one hundred and five enemy planes brought to earth during the recent conflict, and had been decorated by practically all of the crowned heads of Europe.

Captain Nungesser brought three of his fighting planes to America, and these, as well as many others, are utilized in the action of "The Sky Raider," and all are piloted by aces of America, France and England, among whom may be mentioned Captain Nungesser's daredevil compatriot, Lieutenant Weiss; England's Major Barclay Holland, and our own country's Major Simpson and Captain Louis.

This exceptionally exciting picture is being shown by the Jambes Post of the American Legion, through the courtesy of the popular Winner Theatre. It has been secured through the American Legion Film Service, which is available to American Legion Posts only. Seven reels—one and one-half hours tearful thrills.

To Present Bible and Flag

White Level Council No. 171 Junior Order United American Mechanics will present a Bible and flag to the new White Level School next Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. January 13th. The following program will be rendered: Song: America, by audience.

Invocation, T. H. Sledge. Welcome address by Paul Murphy. Special music.

Introduction of speaker. Address by D. W. Costello. Special music.

Presentation of Bible by R. Paul Caudle, State Chaplain.

Presentation of Flag, by Supt. E. L. Best.

C. T. Jeffreys, State Organizer, presiding.

The public is cordially invited to attend. All Juniors are requested to attend.

Applications for court stenographer were made by Mrs. Hugh W. Perry and Mrs. Grace R. Kearney. Upon motion Mrs. Perry was elected for one year at compensation allowed by law.

Upon motion R. G. Bailey was elected vice-recorder for Franklin county for the ensuing term.

Upon motion Emmitt S. Gupton was appointed delinquent tax collector for Cedar Rock township.

Upon motion Mrs. Pattie Lou Vaughan was placed on mothers aid list at \$25 per month.

Upon motion the County Attorney was instructed to collect one note of R. L. Peoples, and interest and that time be allowed for the payment of the balance.

Upon motion the Ford note of \$928.76 was ordered turned over to the County Attorney with instructions to collect same.

The chairman rules that any resignation be referred to the Commissioner from the District in which the resignation occurs.

Upon motion the resignation of F. W. Justice, as road commissioner for Harris township was accepted and he was required to turn over the certificates of deposit to J. A. Hodges, County Accountant.

Registrars of vital statistics were appointed as follows: Louisburg—B. B. Perry. Sandy Creek—J. R. Parrish. Cypress Creek—P. T. Sykes. Hayesville—C. O. Renn. Cedar Rock—S. H. Boone. Gold Mine—J. H. Wood. Dunn—Robert White. Harris—Mrs. Nellie A. Rogers. Youngville—George N. Stell. Franklinton—B. F. Cooke.

Upon motion the Board authorized borrowing \$12,000 for school purposes and the chairman was instructed to sell note in that amount after duly advertising same.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

MIAMI BASKET BALL TEAM TO PLAY IN LOUISBURG

They Will Play a Team Composed of Some of the Best Local Talent, Strengthened By Two or Three Good College Men.

Through the influence of Messrs. Harry Hoffman and E. F. Thomas the Miami Basket Ball team who are just starting out on their schedule through the north and middle west, were persuaded to stop in Louisburg on an open date to play a team of Louisburg cagers, strengthened by a few good college boys, on next Tuesday night, January 15th.

The Miami team is rated as one of the best in the country. They played the Greensboro Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday night and won by a score of 43 to 24. They were in better form on Wednesday night when they trimmed the fast stepping Y. M. C. A. team of Raleigh by a score of 75 to 25.

This is indeed fortunate for the basket ball lovers of Louisburg and vicinity to be able to witness this strong team in action. The Louisburg boys say that they will do better than the Raleigh Y. M. C. A. team.

The game will be played in the Mills High School auditorium.

Mr. Jack Brown will entertain the spectators between halves.

TELEPHONE TOLL RATES ARE TO BE REDUCED

Mr. J. R. Porter, Executive Vice-President of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company states that the reduction in toll rates effective February 1st, 1929, recently announced by Mr. Walter F. Gifford, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, would apply to the long distance rates of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The new schedule of rates that goes into effect February 1st cuts from 5 cents to 25 cents from charges for station to station calls between points from 130 to approximately 1,500 miles apart. Middle distance rates will be reduced as much as 13 per cent. An equivalent rate reduction will be made for person to person service. Evening and night rates will remain at their present level.

The extra charges above person to person rates previously made for appointment and messenger calls are eliminated for all long distance calls, so that from February 1st these calls will be charged at person to person rates.

This reduction was voluntary on the part of the telephone companies, and will mean an annual saving to the public of more than five million dollars.

Recovers Ten Watches

Mr. J. C. Seagle, representing the Home Detective Company, of Greensboro, who has been in Louisburg the past ten days investigating the jewelry robberies from Mr. L. W. Parrish during the night of the fire early in December stated yesterday that he had succeeded in tracing out and having recovered ten of the watches representing practically all of the more valuable watches lost, and has secured quite a bit of valuable information that would lead to the recovery of many other articles that were taken.

His investigation has resulted in warrants being issued for Russell Wilson, Buddie Aycocke, and Buck Strother, the latter two having been bound over to court and Wilson has not been located.

Mr. Seagle was enthusiastic in his appreciation for the splendid cooperation given him by Chief of Police B. H. Meadows, and other local officers. He expressed the greatest confidence in being able to make a complete round up of parties and property in this case in the near future. Mr. Seagle left yesterday for his home in Greensboro.

Dr. Fleischmann Comes To Louisburg

Dr. Augustus W. Fleischmann, of Raleigh has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Louisburg Baptist church to supply until the permanent pastor, Rev. S. L. Blanton, arrives in June. Dr. Fleischmann will arrive in Louisburg this week and will conduct services at the Baptist church Sunday at both morning and evening hours.

All are invited to attend and hear Dr. Fleischmann.

Sykes-Kirkland

Mr. Eugene Sykes, Jr., and Miss Mattie Kirkland were united in holy matrimony Tuesday night January 8, 1929 at 7:30 o'clock. It came as a great surprise to friends and relatives throughout the community. Mr. Sykes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sykes, Sr. of Castalia. Mrs. Sykes is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kirkland of Whitakers. They will be at home after January 13, 1929 at Castalia.

BIG ARMY PLANE FORCED TO END HISTORIC FLIGHT

Tri-Motored Fokker "Question Mark" Descends Because of Engine Trouble After Continuous Flight of More Than 150 Hours; Shattered All Endurance Records; Crew Well and Cheerful

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 7.—Motor trouble put a period at the end of the world's greatest endurance flight today when the Army's monoplane Question Mark was forced to land at Van Nuys Field after nearly a full week of continuous cruising over San Fernando Valley and along a route between here and San Diego.

The plane's crew of five men brought her to earth at 2:07:01 o'clock on the afternoon of the sixth day since she took off on a test that broke all records for sustained flight and refueling in mid-air.

Men Won

"It was an endurance contest between men and machine. The unique name of the craft had come to stand for the uncertainty as to which would prevail. In the end five men won the contest, the mechanism of the three-motored plane falling on the eve of the seventh night of flying.

Taking to the air on New Year's morning at 7:26:40 o'clock, the Question Mark was in the air just 19 minutes and 44 seconds short of 151 hours an official sustained flight record for all types of air craft.

The members of the crew, Maj. Carl Spatz, Lieut. Quesada and Halverson, Captain Eaker and Sergeant Hoop, showed no serious effects of the long grind.

The official time was figured at 150 hours, 40 minutes and 16 seconds by checkers of Van Nuys airport.

The left motor had failed completely and the right engine developed trouble about 2 p. m. as the plane soared above the airport. A crowd of several hundred persons witnessed the faltering craft start gliding. At that time it was about 2,000 feet high.

Graceful Descent

It came down in a graceful sweep. The crowd unloosed its admiration, pressing forward eagerly. The plane was surrounded. Cameras clicked.

The crew, deafened and their faces covered with whiskers, climbed out, touching ground for the first time in more than six days. The landing had been perfect. Rules governing endurance flights provided that it land where it started.

The ground crews yelled "ice cream" loud enough for Lieutenant Quesada to understand. Throughout the long flight Quesada kept calling for ice cream with every meal.

An orderly came dashing into the group with a dress suit for Sergeant Hoop, who furnished the comedy relief for the crew members.

Sergeant Hoop used sign language to indicate he understood and did an awkward jig to indicate he would be ready for any banquets and dances tonight.

The members of the crew were manhandled while getting into an automobile, but they took it good-naturedly.

Sergeant Hoop confided that "we'd like to have stayed up longer but we are damn glad to be down."

Oil and Grease

The Question Mark, in the middle of the field, was covered with oil and grease.

An offer of a ground mechanic to take care of the plane met with rebuff from Sergeant Hoop, mechanic on the trip.

"No, sir," Sergeant Hoop said, "I thank you. I took care of her in the air and I'll take care of her on the ground."

Sergeant Hoop was dragged away from the ship and pushed into the limousine.

"You don't understand, Sergeant," a ground crew man said. "You can't work on that plane now because you've got to go to a dance tonight."

Joe Nikrant, the N. A. A. checker, climbed into the plane as soon as it landed and removed both barographs.

Major Spatz said: "Well, we landed, but we could take off right away again if we had to."

Will Perform Autopsy Upon Three Motors

New York, Jan. 7.—The three engines that kept the monoplane Question Mark in the air for more than 150 hours are the property of the United States Navy, but the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, their builders, will request their return in order to perform an "autopsy" on them.

From the post-mortem examination Charles L. Lawrence, of the Wright Corporation, designer of the engines, hopes to obtain scientific data which may lead to construction of engines which virtually will be indestructible. If the Army should not accede to the request, Lawrence said that Wright experts would attend the engine autopsy which the Army itself would unquestionably undertake.

The engines are standard Wright Whirlwind 225 horsepower motors of the J5 series, the same type which carried Lindbergh and Byrd across

MARKET OPENS WITH GOOD PRICES

The Louisburg tobacco market opened Tuesday for the last end of the season. Only a small quantity was offered for sale but extra good prices prevailed. Those farmers present were very agreeably pleased with the prices.

The warehousemen are advising all farmers who have tobacco to sell to proceed to market it right away and not wait for the end of the season and bring about a rush that will necessarily reduce prices.

Get your tobacco ready and come to Louisburg for good prices.

Epsom School Wins Prize

Mr. Best has just received and turned over to Mr. Julian A. Woodward, principal of the Epsom High School, a check for \$50 for second prize in the State School Ground Beautification contest.

Having just won the distinction of being an accredited school this past year, and ranking as a standard school along lines of equipment and instruction, Epsom takes the second place in the State for improvement of the grounds.

The work on the grounds was started soon after the building was completed. The school boys helped to dig up the ground around the building to make the first planting. For several months to follow different patrons sent shrubbery in to the school to be used on the grounds. Along with this the P. T. A. furnished funds bringing the number of plants to a great height. After a few years when the present planting has time to mature the grounds will be very beautiful, especially during the summer.

Epsom High School and the entire community along with the county is to be congratulated.

Twentieth Century Book Club

The Twentieth Century Book Club was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon, January 3, by Mrs. William D. Jackson in the home economics rooms of the Mills High School. The general topic for the afternoon was Spain. Mrs. W. D. Jackson gave an interesting sketch of the "Spaniard and their characteristic. Mrs. F. W. Wheelers gave a very entertaining paper on "Madrid and Seville." A third paper, "Cordova and Granada" was read by Miss Mary Wilson.

After the program, delicious refreshments consisting of fruit salad with whipped cream, toasted cheese sandwiches, saltines, coffee and cake with whipped cream garnished with nuts were served by the girls of the home economics classes.

Guests for the afternoon were Misses Bradley, Morgan, Allgood and Pearce of the school faculty.

"The Way To Victory"

Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the Methodist church announces for his subjects Sunday at the morning hour "The Way to Victory," and the evening hour "The Song of Victory." All are invited to attend these services.

"Lighthouse Nan"

The seniors of Edward Best High School will present "Lighthouse Nan" at Edward Best High School Wednesday evening, January 16 at 7:30 o'clock.

The admission is 25 and 35 cents. Come and enjoy a good, wholesome play.

Young-Pearce

Miss Esther Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Young, of Franklinton, route 2, and Mr. Owen Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pearce, of Youngville, route 2, motored to Oxford Saturday January 5, and were united in marriage in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

the ocean, and which have been used in several previous endurance flights.

Officials of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation announced today that it had been determined that engine trouble on the Question Mark last night had been caused by a freezing carburetor, and not by fouled spark plugs.

The engine men said this had been determined by an exchange of messages today between the factory and the War Department observer of the flight, who was in touch by messages through the Question Mark and the refueling plane with the endurance fliers.

Thred Crew Pronounced in Excellent Condition

Clover Field, Santa Monica, Cal., Jan. 7.—The members of the crew of the Question Mark were reported by a board of four Army surgeons to have been found in "excellent" physical condition following an examination made three hours after the grueling 150 hour endurance flight ended this afternoon. The only effects noted were fatigue, which "was to be expected," the surgeons said, and the loss of one to four pounds in weight by each of the five men.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION CONTROL OF ROADS

And Ban On Issuance of More Bonds By Local Units Recommendations Tax Commissioner

Placing all public highways under the supervision of the State Highway Commission and the raising of the gasoline tax from four to five cents a gallon and prevention of further bond issues without a vote of the people are recommended by the State Tax Commission in the conclusions of its report which was yesterday given to Governor A. W. McLean for transmission to the General Assembly today. A copy of part one of the report, 38 pages long, will be placed on the desks of members of the General Assembly today, but the entire report, containing 600 pages of reading matter in addition to voluminous tables, will not be ready for about ten days.

The commission finds that with the two exceptions of electric power and light companies and national banks, industry and business is now bearing its fair share of the tax burden of the State and in more emphatic language declare that the tax on real property should in no event be increased and should, if possible, be lowered.

No consideration is given of new sources of revenue on the ground that the tax burden is now sufficiently great and the commission further finds that the taxes imposed by the State are not excessive and that the real burden has come through the advancement of the costs of government in counties, towns and cities. In addition to its proposal for drastic curb upon the incurring of indebtedness by local units, the commission finds that large amounts of taxes actually levied are not collected, that excessive interest is paid on sums already borrowed and that there is waste in the spending of tax money.

Administrative reforms to correct these abuses and it is to those administrative reforms together with a natural increase in resources, that the commission largely looks for a solution of the tax problem.

The commission makes two proposals affecting changes in the constitution which would be covered by one suggested amendment. A warm argument is made in behalf of the proposal to give the Legislature power by classification to impose a lower tax on intangible property, which was defeated by the electorate at the November election and resubmission in a broader form so as to change the present uniform rule to read "uniform upon each class of property within the jurisdiction levying the tax." In this broadened form such an amendment would give the General Assembly authority to deal especially with timber or any other form of property it might elect.

Although the report very decidedly contemplates greater expenditures for schools, there are no definite recommendations for greater taxes except the additional one cent on gasoline which would raise \$2,500,000, the increase from one per cent to three and a half per cent of gross earnings on electric light and power companies which would raise approximately \$500,000 additional and the adjustment on banks for which there are no definite estimates and which would accrue to local units, the commission makes no definite recommendations for increased revenue.

The commission recommends further that the equalizing fund for schools be applied not only to the six-month term, but also to the relief of those districts which operate beyond six months in such a way as to operate all the schools within a county upon a uniform basis of tax rate, length of term, etc. In this way, the commission states, "relief would be provided where there is great need for it and where the property tax burden is bearing most heavily."

As to public school administration, the commission also suggests an inquiry into the economics of the rapidly broadened scope of the public school system, and the setting up of the machinery for an investigation, "friendly in character but thorough and comprehensive, and intended to disclose whether the most efficient and economical methods are employed in the use of these rapidly expanded appropriations."

W. P. EDWARDS GOES TO CALIFORNIA

U. S. Deputy Marshall W. P. Edwards, of Franklinton, left Tuesday for California, accompanied by another deputy, E. F. Ward, of Greenville, taking with them Rev. George Minneman, who is wanted in Los Angeles, Calif., for theft of an automobile.

The man who is a self-styled minister of the gospel, stole an automobile in Portland, Oregon, and drove it to Los Angeles. From that city he was traced to Winterville, in Pitt County, where he was arrested and ordered back to the California city—Franklinton News.

There are two sides to every question, but the hole in the doughnut is always in the middle.