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LINDBERGH BABY NOT YET RETURNED

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 9.—Police at the Lindbergh home stated flatly today that the kidnapped Lindbergh baby was not in either the Lindbergh or Morrow homes and said they knew nothing of a report emanating from Boston that the child had been returned.

QUESTION ASKED

As soon as it was reported from Boston that Mayor Curley had what he considered reliable information concerning the baby's return the following question was framed and sent to the police headquarters at the Lindbergh home:

"Mayor Curley, of Boston, has announced that he has received information from an 'authoritative source' that baby has been returned on Sunday night and that the police had been cleared away from the Lindbergh home to give the kidnapers 72 hours in which to make their getaway. Has the baby been returned? Is Mayor Curley correct in any respect?"

CONFER AN HOUR

Police conferred for more than an hour on this and other questions submitted at the same time and then replied to the question about the baby's alleged return: "We know nothing of this."

Boston, March 9.—Mayor James M. Curley today said he was reliably informed that the Lindbergh baby had been returned to his parents last Sunday night and that the information had been withheld from the police.

The mayor, answering queries arising as a result of persistent rumors, said that his informant was a New York broker, whom he declined to name. The broker, he said, was informed by an insurance man, whose name he also withheld. Curley said he was informed that the Lindbergh baby was returned to his home after his parents had made an agreement with the kidnapers not to notify the police for 72 hours.

Englewood, N. J., March 9.—A member of the Morrow household, who said she was authorized to speak for Mrs. Dwight Morrow today denied a report that the kidnapped Lindbergh baby had been returned.

Mrs. Morrow's representatives declined to reveal her name. She said that the Lindberghs would have no reason to withhold announcement of the baby's recovery.

Englewood, N. J., March 9.—Important developments in the Lindbergh kidnap case predicted for mid-morning at the Morrow home here failed to materialize.

A rumor that something was going to happen brought reporters pell mell last night from Hopewell, Trenton, New York and elsewhere. A policeman near the Morrow home spoke mysteriously of developments expected at 10 o'clock this morning.

Injured In Auto Accident

Mr. Ben Tonkel, of Chase City, Va., and Mr. M. Dwarsky, of Henderson, were badly injured in an automobile accident near the Franklin County home on route 56 Wednesday. Mr. Tonkel received four broken ribs, a cut across the hand and was badly bruised. Mr. Dwarsky received two broken ribs and bruises. Mr. Tonkel was on his way to Louisburg to visit his brother, A. Tonkel at whose home he received treatment until he was taken to a hospital in Henderson Thursday.

The accident happened early Wednesday morning and was caused by snow and ice on the road causing the car to skid and turn over twice.

The injured were resisting as well as could be expected yesterday.

Mrs. Bickett To Address P. T. A.

The Louisburg Parent Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon the twenty-fourth of March, at which time Mrs. T. W. Bickett will speak on "Sex Education". A cordial invitation is extended to each P. T. A. of the County to meet with us on this date.

MRS. W. B. BARROW, Pres.

Fifteen or twenty years ago more men than women were being arrested for bigamy.

Some folks look upon air, food, water and a good alibi as the only real necessities of life.

TO RUN FOR THE HOUSE MAY TAKE OVER CEMETERY



HON. W. L. LUMPKIN

"I have been urged by many friends to offer for the Senate for this district from Franklin County, but after considerable thought on the matter, I have come to the conclusion that my services in the Legislature would be worth more as an experienced member of the lower House rather than as a new member of the Senate," said Representative W. L. Lumpkin to the TIMES Reporter yesterday.

Representative Lumpkin states that he is running on his past record in the 1929 and 1931 General Assembly, and expects to continue his present fight for a continuation of the present system of state maintenance of roads; the abolition and consolidation of many present state departments; a further drastic reduction in the general expense of state and county government; and a curtailment of state, county, and municipal indebtedness. He has always been a strong advo-

cate and supporter of the McLean School Law and states that not only will he support the abolition of the 15c ad valorem tax levy for the support of schools, but will support and sponsor legislation whereby the state can under an equitable and uniform system take over a graduated percentage of the present heavy cost of the debt service now being levied on real estate in the various school districts to meet the bonded indebtedness of said districts, thereby relieving real property of a portion of the confiscatory tax which are being now levied to pay interest and principle on pre-existing bonded indebtedness; he will also continue to advocate the taxing of all stocks in the foreign corporations which were made tax exempt by the 1923 General Assembly, and also repealing the Statutes providing for all tax exempt securities.

School Truck Turns Over

Several Children Painfully But Not Seriously Injured.

Several children received painful injuries early Thursday morning when the school truck coming in from the Perry's mill road, turned over near Dallas Blount's undertaking establishment on South Main street. Little Henry Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Pearce, and Ava Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Holmes, received the worst injuries, both about the mouth and face. Other injuries consisted mainly of scratches and bruises of a minor nature. No one was seriously injured.

The accident was caused, it is reported, by the driver having to apply the brakes at a point on the pavement that was covered with ice, causing the truck to turn quickly and turning over. Several people were close by and quickly extricated the children. The truck was a Chevrolet and was driven by Walter Wesson, and loaded with about 35 or 40 children. The driver was said not to be responsible for the accident as he was traveling at a slow speed and had to apply the brakes to save running into a car in front of the truck.

Practically all the children continued their trip to the school after the accident. The truck was very slightly damaged.

Snow

Louisburg and vicinity were visited by two extra heavy snow storms this week. The first fell on Sunday when fully a ten inch snow would have been the result but for the heavy rain that preceded it and the warmth of the ground. Along with it came one of the strongest gales in the collection of many of Louisburg's oldest citizens. The snow was preceded by a heavy thunder and electrical storm and heavy rains. Although the weather continued cold the snow soon disappeared.

The second snow visited Louisburg on Wednesday morning when another heavy fall was experienced. Like Sunday the snow melted fast and lasted only a few hours after it stopped falling.

Aside from a few tops of houses taken off and a few trees being blown down no other damage has been reported.

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Live - At - Home Dinner

The County Federation of Women's Clubs of Franklin County were hostesses to the Board of County Commissioners and officials of the County at a delightful "Live-at-Home dinner" in the offices of the Home Demonstration agent in Louisburg, on Monday, March 7th. In the absence of Mrs. T. C. Gill, President of the Federation, Mrs. J. F. Mitchner served as toastmistress and table hostess.

The dinner was begun with an earnest and loyal tribute to the Commissioners and officials given by Mrs. Mitchner, which was as follows: "Here is to the good officials of Franklin County, who are working for her interest and bounty. We, the women of the Home Club Federation, gratefully bow to the Commissioners and officers of the best County in the Nation."

Attractive favors of beautifully decorated glasses of jelly were given to the guests. The dinner was true to its title, a live at home dinner, and revealed work and success of the work represented by the hostesses.

Those who were present at this dinner were Commissioners W. A. Jones, H. P. Speed, T. S. Dean, W. R. Perry and W. T. Moss, Sheriff F. A. Justice, Register of Deeds T. Mortimer Harris, Clerk of Court J. J. Young, and Auditor W. N. Fuller.

Aristide Briand Dies

Paris, March 7.—Aristide Briand, France's most prominent international statesman and symbol of her post-war striving for peace, died suddenly just before 1 p. m. today in his modest bachelor flat not far from the Arc de Triomphe.

The man who 12 times was chief of his country's government and was a leading spirit in the activities of the league of nations passed away as a simple member of the chamber of deputies after a turbulent career of 40 years.

M. Briand, who would have been 70 years old May 28 succumbed to a cardiac attack. His heart failed him just as the moment when three specialists were hoping to restore him sufficiently to partake the coming electoral campaign for the renewal of the chamber—in which he was expected to defend his pacific policies with his old-time oratorical vigor.

Gossiping is the best indoor sport for developing the jaw.

Town Commissioners Appoint Committee To Confer With Present Owners With View To Taking Over Property And Keeping It Properly Maintained.

Mr. Billups, representing the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, offered the Board a twelve months contract to sell the Town of Louisburg, fuel oil at a price of 3 1-2 cents per gallon F. O. B. Sewell's Point, Va., or 5.00 cents per gallon delivered at a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners held on Tuesday night, at which all were present except Murphy. In view of the fact that the Town has an unexpired contract with the Texas Co., the Clerk was instructed to write to the Texas Co., and request them to give the Town the same prices as offered by the Standard Oil Co.

The Board authorized the cancellation of taxes against William Steed for the years 1928 and 1929, due to the fact that he was not a resident of Louisburg, during these years.

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

The Street Committee reported that Mr. J. C. Tucker agreed to clean the streets of Louisburg, for a price of \$50.00 per month, effective after March 1, 1932.

The Town Attorney was instructed to have the County Commissioners at their next meeting, to assert their opinion of a fair value on that part of the F. N. Cooke property that lies within the Town limits.

The Board instructed the Tax Collector to list Town taxes daily, in conjunction with the County Tax list, and to protect the Town of Louisburg, against any possible unfair valuations that might be accepted by the County Tax lister.

The Board appointed Messrs. W. E. White, W. J. Cooper, and A. W. Person on a committee to investigate the proposition for the Town of Louisburg to take over the Louisburg cemetery and to keep it cleaned up in the future, provided the Town of Louisburg, can get a title to the cemetery property.

The Board passed an order to authorize the crediting of the note given to the Town of Louisburg, by Marshall Hudson, for taxes due on the Hudson Garage property, and all other property and pavement taxes due the Town of Louisburg by Franklin County, on the account of fines due Franklin County by the Town of Louisburg. After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

Severe Storm Sweeps State

While various agencies sought to estimate damage done by storms in the state over the week-end, crippled communications were being repaired hurriedly today so the extent of winter's first blow might be known.

The coast of North Carolina was virtually isolated last night but bits of news filtered in from points still in contact with the remainder of the state.

Gales that whipped seas into a fury damaged coastal highways, ferries, water craft and causeways and last night three coast guardsmen out in a picket boat on Oregon inlet were still unreported.

Crew of Sloop Rescued
Capt. R. B. Hodges and a crew of five men were rescued from the Washington, N. C., oyster sloop Mildred Hodges after they had spent Sunday night wrapped in sails with freezing waters breaking over them. The craft stranded near the mouth of the Pasquotank river, then dragged anchor and a stake stove a hole in the ship's bottom. All suffered from exposure.

At Nag's Head it was reported the steamboat dock and three cottages were destroyed; water stood three feet deep in Manteo's main street and the ferry was damaged.

Beach Highway Damaged

The beach highway and causeway from Nag's Head to Roanoke Island was damaged approximately \$150,000, it was reported.

In Dare county, practically all nets set out by fishermen were swept away. Damage was estimated at \$250,000 and fishing operations were suspended.

The storms began Saturday night and reached intense proportions during Sunday. Snow fell in many places and abundant rain was recorded. Winds over virtually the entire state reached high velocities.

Low Temperatures Recorded

For the first time this winter, thermometers went to below freezing levels in almost every section of the state. Yesterday low temperatures were still being recorded in many cities over the State with forecasts for last night and today of freezing temperatures but cloudless skies.

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J. ALLISON HODGES, JR.

AL HODGES, JR. HONORED

GIVEN DEGREE OF EAGLESHIP
FRIDAY NIGHT

Ceremonies Largely Attended And Were Sponsored By Louisburg Kiwanis, Which Entertained Eagle Scouts and Speakers at Luncheon—Torch Light Parade.

J. Allison Hodges, Jr., of Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts, U. S. A., of Louisburg, was awarded his medal and rank of Eagle Scout in a most impressive service and Court of Honor, Friday night, March 4th, at Mills High School auditorium, Louisburg, sponsored by the Louisburg Kiwanis Club. Al Hodges Jr., as he is better known, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodges of Louisburg.

Mr. T. K. Stockard, chairman of the Committee from the Kiwanis club in charge of this event, and Mr. Claude Humphrey, Scout Executive of the Oconeechee Council, were in charge of the ceremonies and presided.

In the spacious auditorium, lighted by only two candles placed on the chairman's table, on the stage and a number of guests from visiting troops seated in semi-circle fashion, with eight members of the local troop holding the flags in the background of the stage, Al Hodges, Jr., gave the bugle call to the colors. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Stockard, master of ceremonies, the entire audience, of exceedingly large number, rose and offered silent prayer for the safety and return of the Lindbergh baby for half a minute. This was a most fitting and timely opening to these ceremonies and court of honor of the young boys of Louisburg and in turn to all boy scout troops of America.

The Court of Honor at which time ranks and badges were awarded to local scouts, was conducted by Mr. Humphrey. After the auditorium had been lighted, scouts were called to the stage and awarded their badges as follows: Tenderfoot—Graham Prince, Percy Ingram, which were awarded by Mr. J. A. Hodges, of Louisburg; 2nd Class—Charles Gattis, and William Lee Beasley, being awarded by Dr. H. A. Newell of Henderson; 1st Class—Edward Collier, Reuben Kissell, and James Person, awarded by Mr. Kenneth Gantt of Raleigh; Merit Badges—awarded by Mr. Crowder, of Henderson, Kenneth Davis, Athletics, Pioneering, Handicraft; Al Hodges, Jr., bookbinding and cement; Allen Cobb, bookbinding and First Aid; Jack Rouse, pioneering and pathfinding; B. T. Holden, scholarship; Reuben Kissell, firemanship; James Person, firemanship and personal health; Star Scout—B. T. Holden, awarded by Mr. R. E. Clements of Henderson; Life Scout—Kenneth Davis, awarded by Mr. E. G. Flanagan of Henderson.

The first and most important and impressive award of a badge was that of Eagle Scout to J. Allison Hodges, Jr., the first boy in Franklin County to attain highest honors for Boy Scout work. Just before the presentation of the badge, Mr. Humphrey explained what the eagle scout badge meant and represented, among which were one year of first class rank, awards of 21 merit badges, 100 per cent character, leadership in troop, church or school work. He congratulated Louisburg for having produced the first Eagle Scout in Franklin County. His concluding remark was that he had never seen a boy attain eagle scoutship only through two people especially, his father and mother, and whereupon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodges were called upon the stage to take part in the awarding of the eagle scout badge to their son, Al, Jr.

Al Hodges, Jr. was escorted to the stage by eight members of his local troop bearing the colors and the visiting Eagle Scouts from Raleigh.

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APPOINT LIST-TAKERS

TAKE ACTION ON ROAD QUESTIONS

Appoint Committees To Co-operate With Towns In Collecting Taxes On Town Property—Reports On County Home—Many Matters Of Routine.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After the usual formalities of opening business were disposed of as follows:

The bid of A. M. Sandling on the Mrs. Mamie Edwards property in Sandy Creek township was transferred to the County.

Upon agreement the \$10,000 insurance property on the Court house was renewed, as was other insurance on County property.

Upon motion the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds were ordered to record government crop liens and turn over fees to the County as same are paid by the government.

F. J. Beasley, S. P. Boddie and H. W. Smithwick were before the Board requesting that the Highway Commission be petitioned urging them to hard surface the roads from Louisburg to Henderson and Warrenton. The attorney was instructed to draw suitable resolutions and mail to the Highway Commission.

At the request of S. P. Boddie the Board ordered the abstracts of the Boddie Drug Store and the Scoggin Drug Store be corrected.

A committee composed of W. R. Perry, W. N. Fuller and G. L. Cooke was appointed and authorized to work in conjunction with a committee appointed by the town Commissioners of Louisburg to collect taxes due the County and town on town property. W. T. Moss was appointed with Mr. Fuller and Mr. Cooke to do a similar work at Franklinton and Youngville.

Several citizens of Cedar Rock township presented a petition to the Board asking that a road from Route 56 southeast to the Castalia-Spring Hope road be adopted and added to the County system. The attorney was instructed to send a copy of the petition to the Commission and request them to establish said road.

The Tax Collector was ordered to carry out the law in collecting taxes. It was ordered that M. M. Person be paid his jury ticket for January Court.

The following list takers were appointed:

Dunne—J. O. Williams.
Harris—J. L. Byron.
Youngville—S. E. Winston.
Franklinton—R. H. Jones.
Hayesville—L. O. Frazier.
Sandy Creek—J. R. Parrish.
Gold Mine—W. D. Upchurch.
Cedar Rock—S. H. Boone.
Cypress Creek—Arthur Strickland.
Louisburg—A. W. Perry.

The County accountant was ordered to segregate the C. G. Mitchell property in Harris township.

On motion the following refunds on tax certificates were made to W. N. Fuller: \$85.78 on William Stallings bond, \$141.01 on W. A. Parrish land.

Upon order the County took over the bid of Arthur Medlin on the F. P. Medlin land.

Upon order Col. Henry Perry was granted a drawback for tax on property listed in error in 1930.

The County Accountant reported collections as follows: Back taxes \$2,023.11; 1930 tax \$1,872.49; sale of securities \$5,138.86; 1931 tax \$11,844.81.

It was ordered that when property is to be leased for more than one year the contract must be signed by the Commissioner from that district.

The Superintendent of the County Home made his report, which was received and filed. He reports 13 white and 14 colored inmates. Chairman Moss reported that he had visited the home and finds that the roof needed some repairs. The County Home was inspected on February 23 by Mr. L. G. Whitley, who made the following recommendations. That racks be made for airing and sunning the bedding. That gutters be placed around the building over the entrance to the bath room. That walls be placed around shower bath to prevent water flowing into the rooms. That glass in front door be replaced.

The County Health officer reported the County Home and jail in good sanitary condition.

The report of the superintendent of Public Welfare was received and ordered filed.

Chairman Moss reported that he had been informed by the State Highway Commission that the following roads had been added to the County system and taken over by the State: 3.4 miles known as Schloss road; 3.4 miles west of Stallings; 3.4 miles near Louisburg on route 6.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

A man in Texas kicked a nitroglycerin can with dire results. Kickers should be careful in selecting objects of their wrath.

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