

## BURCHETT NOT GUILTY

### H. C. AYESCUE BEING TRIED FOR INCEST

#### Judge G. V. Cowper, Presiding At The April Term of Franklin Criminal Court —Grand Jury Makes Report

The regular April term of Franklin Superior Court convened Monday morning with His Honor Judge G. V. Cowper, of Kingston, presiding, and Solicitor W. Y. Bickett ably representing the State. The Grand Jury drawn in February was in session and heard a most able and practical charge in which Judge Cowper stressed the idea that every citizen has a right to think and do whatever he wishes to do, until it begins to interfere with the rights of others. Referring to the Constitution he quoted "we hold these truths to be self evident" the rights of man, "that all men are created equal." He didn't think the last reference meant equal, except in opportunity so far as government is concerned, to life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. It is the object of government to protect these rights, he said. He informed the jurors that it was their duty to find probable cause, and not to try cases, for the purpose to see that those entitled to be tried should be sent on to court, and those against whom was not sufficient evidence to justify a trial be not sent up to occupy the time of the Court. He advised them that it would be wise to get back to the fundamental parts of this government. The charge, while varying largely from others, was regarded as the wisest and most directly to the question of the relation of the Courts to the public and the public to the Courts that has been heard in this Court House in a long while.

The docket was taken up and disposed of as follows:  
J. V. Pridden pleaded guilty to failure to support his child and was given 8 months on roads, to be suspended upon paying the doctor \$25 and to the Court \$10 per month for his child, and the costs. He was allowed to see child three times each month by giving its mother one day's notice.

Talmadge Burchett was found not guilty of reckless driving, hit and run.

H. C. Ayescue, incest, in process of trial.

#### Report of Grand Jury

The Grand Jury completed its work on Wednesday morning and was discharged with the thanks of the Court. Its reports is as follows:

We, the Grand Jury for the April, 1939 term of the Franklin County Superior Court, do respectfully return and report the following as a true report of the acts, activities and works of the Grand Jury for this term:

1. We have made a careful and deliberate examination of all bills of indictment and have passed on all bills presented for the consideration of the Grand Jury.

2. That the common jail of Franklin County has been inspected and examined by the Grand Jury and found to be in good condition, except certain improvements which have been heretofore recommended by the Grand Jury have not been completed, and it is highly recommended that the Board of Commissioners give this matter their immediate consideration.

3. The County Home was visited and the home is being kept in a very sanitary and good condition. The inmates are well pleased and it appears that the home is being properly managed and supervised.

4. The North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Prison Camp was visited and inspected and found in excellent condition.

5. The Grand Jury inspected the courthouse and the offices and in so far as they were able to ascertain, it was found in good condition and the offices properly conducted by the officials of the County.

6. It was reported to the Grand Jury from several communities that there is now existing minor law violations, such as disorderly conduct, and the Grand Jury called the Solicitor of the County Court before its body and requested certain action to be taken, and each violation was reported in detail and it appears that proper action will be taken to correct the existing evils.

The members of this Grand Jury wish to thank His Honor, G. V. Cowper, Judge Presiding over this session of the Court, for his instructions and the courtesies shown us during this term of Court, and also we wish to thank William Y. Bickett for his performance and assistance during this term of Court.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julian K. Weldon, Foreman.

## BUYS BONDS



GEORGE I. GRIFFIN  
formerly of Louisburg, who bought the \$18,000 bonds for the Armory Tuesday.

## Bonds Sell Well

### George I. Griffin, Louisburg Boy, Buys Issue

News received in Louisburg Tuesday relative to the sale of the \$18,000 Armory Bonds was very pleasing to officials and citizens. The first \$5,000 was sold to bear an interest rate of 4 per cent and the remaining \$13,000 sold at 4 1/4 per cent. Both lots were bought by Mr. George I. Griffin, a Louisburg boy, who is meeting with much success in the bond business, with headquarters at Raleigh.

## EIGHT FOR COMMISSIONERS

### Two For Mayor in Town of Franklin—Winners To Be Determined at Election May 2nd.

The town of Franklin does not hold a primary but lets all who wish to do so file and run for Mayor and Commissioner on Election day. This year Mayor H. C. Kearney will be opposed by Mr. Wallace H. Green, and eight of Franklin's popular citizens will contend for the five Commissioner places as follows: L. W. Henderson, P. P. Purnell, C. W. Brown, Dr. A. R. Winston, J. T. Cooper, G. L. Cooke, R. C. Whitfield, F. P. Preddy.

The election will be held on May 2nd, in the Mayor's office, at which time and place every citizen of Franklin entitled to vote is urged to go out and cast his or her ballot for the ones they wish to govern the town the next two years.

## JAMES T. LASSITER DIES AT HOSPITAL

James Thomas Lassiter, 54, died at a local hospital here at 5:30 a. m. Saturday after an illness of eight weeks. He was a native of Franklin County, and had engaged in farming most of his life.

Mr. Lassiter is survived by his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Lassiter, and the following children: Theodore Lassiter, Mrs. Lucille Neal, of Warren County; Nathaniel, Isabelle and J. T. Lassiter, Jr., of Palmer Springs, Va.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Liberty Christian Church at Epsom, in charge of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Madren, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lassiter was a former resident of Henderson, but had not lived here for the past five years. Pallbearers for the funeral were as follows: Frank, Joe W. and Robert Lassiter, and Robert, Jack and Everett Ayescue.—Gold Leaf.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, April 22:

Saturday—Double Feature—George O'Brien in "Gun Law" and The Higgins Family in "My Wife's Relatives", also Chapter No. 2 "Lone Ranger Rides Again."

Sunday-Monday—Jeanette McDonald in "Broadway Serenade" with Lew Ayres, Ian Hunter and Frank Morgan.

Tuesday—Don Ameche, Ritz Bros., Binnie Barnes and Gloria Stuart in "The Three Musketeers".

Wednesday—Sally Eilers and Allan Lane in "They Made Her A Spy."

Thursday-Friday—Errol Flynn, Olivia DeHavilland and Ann Sheridan in "Dodge City."

## LOUISBURG BOARD NAMES PRESIDENT

### Dr. Walter Patten, Former Public Relations Agent, To Head College

Louisburg College trustees, meeting in Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, voted to accept the resignation of Dr. D. E. Earnhardt as president of the school and unanimously elected Dr. Walter Patten, public relations agent for the college, to succeed him.

Dr. Earnhardt's resignation will become effective at the end of the school year, May 23, and Dr. Patten will take office immediately. Dr. Earnhardt submitted his resignation on April 3. He is completing his third year in the office. Before considering a successor, the board of trustees heard a motion by E. H. Malone, speaking "not only as a trustee but on behalf of Louisburg College," that the board ask Dr. Earnhardt to withdraw his resignation. The motion, seconded by the Rev. W. V. McKee, of Fayetteville, was adopted unanimously.

In response, Dr. Earnhardt spoke of "my love for the college and my faith in its future," said he accepted the presidency of the college to meet an emergency created by the sudden death of the Rev. A. D. Wilcox. "The work has accorded me great pleasure and many fine contacts," he declared, "and although I appreciate the spirit of the board, I feel that having dedicated my life to the preaching of the Gospel, the pastorate offers me the field for the best service."

The board voted to accept the resignation "with deep regrets and appreciation for the splendid service" of Dr. Earnhardt. The trustees decided to act immediately on selection of a successor so that he might have an opportunity, before the close of the school year, to gain full knowledge of operation of the school.

After discussing a number of prospective nominees, the board decided that Dr. Patten "not only qualifies in scholarship and executive ability but by reason of his knowledge of the needs of the college, and is ideally suited to succeed Dr. Earnhardt."

Dr. Patten has served a number of churches in North Carolina and as presiding elder, and is regarded as an outstanding Methodist minister. During Dr. Earnhardt's administration the college enrollment has increased from 271 to 441; 25 new dormitory rooms have been added; 180 acres of land has been added to the college property, and a poultry farm, a dairy farm and a truck farm have been established. Salaries of teachers have been increased 25 per cent.

The college debt has been reduced from \$190,000 to less than \$20,000.

## WILLIAM BARROW TO ANNAPOLIS

Marion, Alabama, April 16.—Special—The Navy Class of the Marion Institute Army & Navy College consisting of 56 members will complete their special preparatory course for entrance to the United States Naval Academy here Tuesday. Forty-three members of the class will be exempt from mental examinations and the remaining thirteen will begin exams here Wednesday morning, April 19 and will complete exams Friday afternoon, April 21. All the members of the class with one or two exceptions will remain at Marion Institute until the close of the academic year May 22 and will take the first year course given at Annapolis. Among those listed from North Carolina are William Barrow, Louisburg, and Sam Dulin, Fr., Elizabethtown, N. C.

## SCHOOL CONTEST

With four filing to fill the three places on the Board of Trustees of the Franklin Public Schools, a contest has resulted which will have to be decided in the election to be held on Tuesday, May 2nd. This election will be held jointly with the Town of Franklin election and the polling place will be at the Mayor's office in Franklin. All voters in the township are entitled to vote in this election and should show their interest in good schools by going out and giving a big vote to the three they wish to be members of the Board.

The vacancies to be filled on the Board are D. C. Hicks, George Gilliam and C. L. McGhee. Those filing for election on May 2nd, are D. C. Hicks, George Gilliam, C. L. McGhee and C. F. Best.

Go out and vote for your choice.

"The man who says he wants but little here below," says Dan Burton, "is usually too lazy to go after more."

## INTEREST IS AWAKENING

### WEBB AND FURGERSON FOR MAYOR

#### Nine Out For Commissioners—Only One of Originally Elected Board In Race—Primary Tuesday

As the time for filing for the privilege of running for the nomination for the several town offices closed on Tuesday night it was learned that two filed for Mayor and nine for Commissioners. In the Mayoralty race Mayor W. C. Webb, Louisburg's present efficient official, will be opposed by McM. Furgerson. This race is creating some political comment in the fact that one is classed as a Democrat while the other is classed as a Republican. The town election however makes no distinction, but is and has always been operated as a non-partisan election. In fact Mr. Furgerson has served the town as a Commissioner in former years.

In the Commissioners race there are nine seeking the six places to be filled, only one of which, Mr. W. B. Barrow, was among those elected two years ago. P. W. Elam, C. R. Sykes and F. H. Allen, members of the present Board, were appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of W. E. White, L. L. Joyner and F. H. Allen, Sr. The new candidates are R. C. Beck, C. A. Ragland, F. R. Pleasants, W. G. Lancaster and W. J. (Pete) Shearin. All of these gentlemen are among Louisburg's most successful and prominent citizens and any of them elected will make excellent officials.

The primary will be held on next Tuesday, the polls being held open in the Court House and is hoped a large per cent of the voters of the town will go out and take a part in selecting the officials for the town the next two years.

The attention of all our readers is directed to the announcements of candidates in this issue.

## AUTO INJURIES

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pearce, Mr. J. P. Lumpkin and Miss Josephine Rouse received painful, but not serious injuries in an automobile accident in Suffolk, Va., Sunday night. They were returning from Portsmouth where they had been to see the U. S. Battle fleet, and their car was struck in the side by a car driven by a Mr. Outlaw, at a street crossing. The car driven by the Louisburg party was turned over and badly demolished.

Their many friends will be glad to know they are recovering nicely after returning home Monday evening. Chief of Police C. E. Pace went up after them and accompanied them back.

## STUDENTS VISIT WASHINGTON

Part of the students of the Gold Sand High School spent several days, just before Easter, in Washington. A good time was had by everyone.

They visited the Capitol, White House, Zoo, Museum, Building of Printing and Engraving, Lincoln's Home, Lincoln's Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Unknown Soldier's grave, Mt. Vernon, etc.

Those who went were as follows: Miss Turner, Marie Lanier, Rosa Speed, Mildred Watkins, Linda Lancaster, Inez Gupton, Hazel Joyner, Edith Joyner, Hilda Griffin, Eleanor Wilson, Mr. Alexander, Maurice Person, Jr., Geo. Raynor, Jr., A. C. Grey, Jr., and Milton Lancaster.

## FORESTRY TRIP

Raleigh, April 19.—An academic odyssey 8,400 miles long will be started Saturday by seniors in the Division of Forestry at North Carolina State College. Included in this group is W. L. Beasley, Jr., of Louisburg.

On a 40-day inspection trip that will take them to California and back, the 33 students and two faculty members will visit many of the nation's natural wonderlands. They are scheduled to return to State College May 31.

Accompanying the students on the tour, longest attempted by a State College group, will be Dr. J. V. Hofmann, director of the Division of Forestry, and Lenthall Wyman, professor of forestry. Each spring an inspection tour is taken by seniors in forestry, as a requisite for their graduation. They will make daily reports en route as part of their classwork.

## THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our little daughter, Betty Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Currin.

## Three Generations of Ford's at The World's Fair



NEW YORK CITY . . . Henry Ford (center), his son Edsel (right), and his grandson Henry, 2nd, took part with other distinguished visitors in the dedication of the Ford Exhibit and "The Road of Tomorrow" at the World's Fair. Henry Ford, 2nd, is in his third year at Yale University.

## BASE-BALL Town Commissioners Meet

Louisburg town team announces a game on Sunday, April 23rd, against Selma, at the Ball Park. The game will be called at 3:30 p. m. and admissions of 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults will be charged. This promises to be a live game as both teams are in good shape.

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Vice-Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, called together seventy-five democratic women leaders Saturday, April 15, at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem to plan for the coming Southern Regional Conference of democratic women to be held in Winston-Salem May 23 and 24. The Conference will be one of the largest political gatherings of women ever to be held in this state.

The meeting Saturday was attended by delegations from each of the eleven Congressional Districts. Tentative plans for the Conference were outlined by Mrs. May Thompson Evans, Asst. Director of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee, of Washington, D. C.

The following Committee Chairmen were appointed:

Mrs. T. W. Watson, of Winston-Salem, Chairman of Conference Arrangements; Miss Beatrice Cobb, of Morganton, National Committee Woman, Chairman of Finance; Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, of Charlotte, former State Vice-Chairman, Chairman of Publicity; Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, former State Senator, Chairman of Distinguished Guests Committee; Mrs. Hugh Page, of Clayton, Chairman of Caravans.

Miss Gertrude Curraway, of New Bern, and Mrs. Bona Drum, of Shelby, were named sub-chairmen of the Publicity group. Miss Kate Urquhart, of Woodville, and Mrs. Harner Barnes, of Burlington, were chosen sub-chairmen of Caravans.

All interested democratic women in the state will be invited to attend the Conference. Representatives will come from both the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, and Alabama.

## FRANKLINTON SCHOOL CLOSING

Superintendent G. B. Harris announces the following Commencement Program: On Friday, April 25, 8 o'clock, Sunday, April 30, 8 o'clock, Tuesday, May 2, 8 o'clock, Wednesday, May 3, 8 o'clock, Thursday, May 4, 8 o'clock, Friday, May 5, 8 o'clock, Saturday, May 6, 8 o'clock.

The Senior Class will leave for a trip to the New York Fair on Monday, May 8, and will return Saturday, May 13.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and relatives, for the kindness shown to us through words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings, in the recent illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother.

Mrs. R. W. Sturdivant & family.

## FIRST TOBACCO

Dare County, land of surf bathing, waterfowl and fish, is rapidly becoming a farming country, especially on Roanoke Island and on the mainland across Croatan Sound. Joseph M. Bratten of East Lake has received the first tobacco allotment ever allowed in the county when he received three acres for 1939.

When a man begins to feel a bit leary when they mention stock lines, is a good sign of middle age.

## Farley Speaks To Young Democrats

Hon. James A. Farley, U. S. Postmaster General, in an address before the Young Democratic Club at Washington, D. C., Wednesday night, said in part:

You have a large stake in the outcome of next year's Presidential election. It is an old American custom, as each succeeding election comes around, for solemn political orators to warn the voters that the approaching crisis is the most momentous to face the Republic since the time of George Washington. I like to avoid exaggeration. Yet I think everyone will agree that it is impossible to over-emphasize the gravity of the present world situation. The man who occupies the White House during the next few years will be compelled to carry a burden of almost super-human proportions. He will be called upon to make decisions upon the outcome of which will rest the destiny of his own generation and the destiny of generations that come after. In such a situation, a profound duty rests upon those of us who are actively engaged in politics to exercise the utmost care in choosing our course of action.

By the process of catching on to the Roosevelt coat-tails, the Republicans hope to slip by and capture the great prize in 1940. We should bear in mind that they are masters at the art of intimidating the voters by raising up straw men and predicting calamities that never will occur. They also do fairly well at promising benefits that fail to materialize. They used the "full dinner pail" to capture one Presidential election, and several years later they increased the ante to "To chickens in every pot and two cars in every garage". I assume they will be equally generous in their promises next year.

The "Outs" in American politics have a tremendous advantage over the "Ins". They enjoy the luxury of criticizing the efforts of the Administration in power without being called upon to demonstrate what they would do under like circumstances. The volume of criticism directed against the Roosevelt Administration has swollen to huge proportions because the Chief Executive has had the courage to act with vigor and foresight in the face of perils, both foreign and domestic, that could be met in no other way. It is a common human trait for individuals to enjoy the sound of their own voices. The opponents of the Roosevelt Administration have been vocal for so long that they mistake their own cat-calls for the solid weight of American public opinion. They made the same mistake three years ago.

It is well to recall that the opposition party always has the advantage until the time comes to nominate a candidate. In the old days the Republicans had a simple formula that very often worked amazingly well. They merely nominated a figure-head, fastened him securely to a pleasant front porch, and then sent forth an army of compelling orators to herald the glad tidings that a new Sir Gallahad was about to enter the White House, under the stabilizing influence of the G.O.P. That method is now out of date—thanks to the development of modern means of communication and transportation.

The Republican nominee selected in 1940 will face the unpleasant prospect of standing under the spotlight to tell the voters in his own words what he proposes to do about the complex problems of public life.

A political party, to be successful, must have a platform that appeals to the electorate. Your platform is the splendid record in office of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. To those who scoff and jeer at his accomplishments—a habit quite fashionable in some quarters—your answer is plain and to the point: There is no man now living who could have carried the nation through the storms and dangers of the past six years as well as he has done. Confronted by problems of appalling magnitude, hampered and hindered by those who should have offered help and encouragement, the Chief Executive has lifted his country from the bog of depression and pessimism in which he found it, to the high road that leads to peace, prosperity and progress. He has won the great triumph by substituting courage for caution, action for apathy, and statesmanship for petty politics.

From his predecessor in office, President Roosevelt inherited a mass of economic wreckage and a disheartened people. He found it necessary to restore the fabric of industry and commerce, to correct old wrongs and abuses, to revive the normal channels of trade in a disorganized and disordered world. He found it necessary to carry on a host of emergency activities on top of the arduous duties which always burden the man in the White House. He has done the job ably and well, and again I repeat that no one of his critics could

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