

## SHEARIN GETS 8 TO 10 YEARS

### DALLAS BLOUNT GIVEN ONE YEAR

### J. O. Perry Was Given Six Years; Court Term Closed Saturday; Grand Jury Made Report

Will N. Shearin was convicted Saturday, after a long and hard fought case upon the charge of incest and was given eight to ten years in the State's prison. He was represented by Lumpkin, Bulluck and Lumpkin and the Solicitor was assisted by Yarborough and Yarborough. Notice of appeal was given and the bond was fixed at \$20,000.

Dallas Blount was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and was given one year in prison, but upon petition of defendants he was allowed to pay to the widow of the deceased \$250.00 and costs and remain under probation for one year.

The other important case before this term of Court was that of J. O. Perry for assault with deadly weapon on his wife, for abandonment of his wife and daughter. He was found guilty earlier in the week but sentence was imposed Friday when he was given two years on each of the three counts to run consecutively, but this was suspended upon the condition that he pay into Court for the benefit of his wife and daughters \$25 per month until his daughter was 21 years of age and thereafter \$20 per month, and pay all costs and give a \$500 bond for good behavior.

The docket was disposed of as follows:

Ed Kannon was found not guilty of reckless driving.

Dallas Blount was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and was given one year in State's prison. Upon petition the defendant was allowed to pay the widow of the deceased \$250, and the Court costs and be placed under probation instead of serving the one year in prison.

A judgment of non suit was taken in the case of E. M. Wheeler and wife vs. Mrs. B. W. Wheeler, B. W. Wheeler, Jr. and Mary Ella Wheeler.

H. R. Perry plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

William Tart, under probation was discharged.

W. N. Shearin was found guilty of incest and was given 8 to 10 years in State's prison. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$20,000.

J. O. Perry, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, abandonment of wife and children, and was given 6 years on roads, to be suspended upon his paying into Court \$25 per month for his wife and daughter until his daughter is 21 years of age and then \$20 per month and giving bond of \$500 for good behavior and paying costs.

The Grand Jury completed its report on Thursday of last week and was discharged for the term. The report follows:

**Report of Grand Jury**  
North Carolina—Franklin County in the Superior Court, October Term, 1939.

The Grand Jury for October Term of Franklin County Superior Court, 1939, respectfully returns and reports the following as a true report of the acts, activities and works of the Grand Jury for this term:

1. The Grand Jury has given careful consideration to all bills of indictment presented and have passed on such bills to their best judgment and with diligent effort. The Grand Jury also made certain presentments to the Solicitor relative to crimes in Franklin County.

2. The Grand Jury made a visit to the common jail of Franklin County and found the jail in good condition. However, it was discovered that an insane person, by the name of Coppedge, had been confined to the jail for a considerable period, and it is recommended by the Grand Jury that some action be taken immediately to have this insane person placed in some institution where he will be properly provided for.

3. The prison camp, which is conducted under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was visited and found in excellent condition.

4. The County Home was visited by the Grand Jury and was found to be in excellent condition

## Track Meet At Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, Oct. 25.—Track records and speed records in this section of the country are due for a fall Saturday afternoon when the dirt track races gang up on this man's town for a speed show that stresses nothing but dirty, roaring speed manufactured by low-slung autos manned by drivers who get more kick out of firing with death on the race tracks than flitting with death in trenches.

The racing events here Saturday, the first since midsummer and promoted by Bruce Thompson, the old track master who last week broke all existing attendance records at the greater Greensboro fair when he packed 'em to the rafters.

Leading the delegation of speed-minded drivers to be here Saturday afternoon will be the sensational quartet of burning speed, Ben Shaw, the Miami Hurricane who cranks up his high-powered motor, puts a smile on his face and lets Mother Nature take care of the rest; Bobbie Sall, of Paterson, N. J., nationally known speed demon who holds the title of National dirt track champion, Mike Salay, the coasting speed ace from Chicago, and Shorty Drexler, of the Mid-west who keeps pace with the topnotchers when there are records to be shattered.

This quartet in a recent exhibition at Salisbury broke everything but the timer's watch. They turned the track in such amazing speed that three and four old records—records covered with cob webs and turned yellow with age, fell right and left. The spectators are still dizzy from watching this crazy foursome turn loose in a speed marathon.

and the inmates properly cared for.

5. The public offices of Franklin County were visited and in so far as this Grand Jury is able to determine they were in good condition and properly conducted.

6. The Grand Jury desires to call to the attention of the police officers of Franklin County the immoral conditions existing relative to a number of filling stations and road houses, and recommends that a determined effort be made by the Sheriff and various police officers of the County to see that such filling stations, road houses, etc. are conducted in a lawful manner.

7. It is reported to the Grand Jury that there is in existence in Franklin County a number of slot machines, pin tables, etc. It is recommended that all law enforcement officers of this County make an investigation to see that all machines are properly licensed and all illegal machines reported to the Solicitor of the County Court for indictments.

8. The Grand Jury visited and examined the various schools of Franklin County and school buses and found that the children are being properly transported and the schools are in good condition.

The members of this Grand Jury wish to thank His Honor, J. Paul Frizzell, presiding over this session of the Court, for his splendid charge and instructions, and the other courtesies which he has shown us during this term of Court.

We also wish to thank Honorable William Y. Bickett for his excellent performance of his duties at this term of Court.

Respectfully submitted, this the 19th day of October, 1939.

JULIAN K. WELDON,  
Foreman.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Oct. 28th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Zane Grey's "Heritage of The Desert" with Donald Woods and Evelyn Venable, and Gordon Oliver in "Sabotage". Also Chap. No. 2 "Dick Tracy's G-Men."

Sunday—Monday—James Cagney, Priscilla Lane, Humphrey Bogart and Jeffrey Lynn in "The Roaring Twenties."

Tuesday—Spencer Tracy, Richard Greene, Nancy Kelly, Walter Brennan, Charles Coburn and Henry Hull in "Stanley and Livingstone."

Wednesday—Virginia Weidler and Gene Reynolds in "Bad Little Angel."

Thursday—Friday—Alice Faye and Don Ameche in "Hollywood Cavalcade," in Technicolor.

Last Times Today—Tyrone Power, Myrna Loy and George Brent in "The Rains Came."

## FRANKLINTON FAIR

### Many Rides, Shows—Fine Exhibits—Big Premium List—Meet Your Friends At Franklinton

The Tar River District Fair is holding its first annual exhibit at Franklinton this week, with a most creditable lot of farm and garden and other exhibits and a big Midway filled with rides, shows and concessions.

The fair is being sponsored by the Franklinton Lion Club, and is being presented by A. Grey Productions, of Greenville.

The exhibits all of which were of excellent quality, included poultry supplies, garden vegetables, farm seeds, poultry products, hams, corn, tobacco, soy beans, hay. Community exhibits were presented by Wakefield farm, Mitchiner Home Demonstration Club, Wilton Grange, Schools, Vocational teachers at the Franklinton, Wilton, Wake Forest and Bunn Schools.

Saturday is announced as another school day for all school children in the county.

Large crowds are attending each session of the fair and the many who are attending are enjoying to the fullest the entire program including the shows, rides, etc.

One of the most interesting features is the free fire works display given nightly.

Take a night off and visit the Franklinton Fair, meet your friends and cooperate in enjoying the efforts of progressive Franklinton citizens.

## Browder Is Indicted

New York.—Earl Browder, secretary of the Communist party in the United States, was indicted by a federal grand jury Monday on a charge of false application for a passport.

Browder was taken into custody immediately and arraigned before Federal Judge William Bondy. He pleaded innocent and was held in \$10,000 bail. No date was set for hearing.

The true bill was returned to Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey, who immediately recessed the grand jury for two hours.

**Dies Testimony**  
The Communist leader testified Sept. 6 before the Dies committee investigating un-American activities that he had traveled in Europe within the last two years on a passport bearing a fictitious name.

At the time of his appearance he declined to disclose the name he had used, standing on his constitutional right that such testimony might incriminate him.

He also testified other party members had traveled in Europe under fictitious passports because of the danger of using their real names since they were acknowledged Communists.

The indictment returned Monday contained two counts, each charging false application for a passport and the use of such passport.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. H. A. Bagby, brother of the pastor, spoke on Sunday morning using as his text "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

This message was sent to the seven churches of Asia Minor. It is a message sent to every church, every nation and every individual. Christ is knocking and calling to every individual, "Open and let me come in."

Rev. John Edwards will preach on Sunday at 11:00 A. M. There will be no evening service.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Baptist Training Union at 6:45 P. M.

## SUES PRUITT LUMBER CO.

The following item was taken from Wednesday's News-Observer:

Mrs. Malvina Lucas, of Wake County, entered suit yesterday against J. T. Pruitt Lumber Company, of Franklin County, for \$20,000 for injuries to her 10-year-old son, Howard Wilbur Lucas, struck by a Pruitt brick truck on South Street here July 28th.

Wake Forest's 66-0 defeat of Western Maryland last Saturday night was the worst a Deacon eleven has beaten an opponent since 1915 when the Florence (S. C.) Y.M.C.A. eleven was crushed 89-0.

## European Summary

Moscow.—Russia announces release of German prize crew interned after taking City of Flint to Murmansk; American crew is reported safe.

Berlin.—Germany investigates City of Flint seizure, reported to be asking Russia to let her have cargo.

Paris.—German force of 1,500,000 men reported massed on northern flank of Western Front, possibly for attack.

Berlin.—German military chiefs met at Chancellery as newspaper close to Marshal Goering declares time has come for "rain" of bombs on England.

London.—British press expresses concern over German sea raiding; Air Ministry discloses night scouting flights over Berlin, Hamburg and Magdeburg.

Budapest.—Diplomats of opinion Rumania would offer little resistance to Russian invasion of Bessarabia; say Britain and France might not fight Russia in such event.

Rome.—Italy watching Russian Balkan moves closely, reported ready to resist penetration into Italian sphere.

Athens.—Italy and Greece reported preparing to negotiate non-aggression pact.

Montreal.—Liberals take lead as Province of Quebec votes on provincial autonomy, finances and war participation; Premier's party trails in early returns.

## "School Daze"

Plans have been made and preparations are now under way for the publication of a school paper at Mills High School during this scholastic year. According to the information given to the TIMES reporter, the staff of the school publication, which is to bear the name of "School Daze," hopes to be ready to make its initial appearance on the 31st of this month.

The following are the members of the staff, elected at a recent meeting at the High School:

Editor: Betsy Spivey.

Associate Editor: John Knox Beasley.

News Editor: Jennie C. Alston.

Home Eco. Editor: Imogene Phillips.

Sports Editor: Buddy Beam.

Music Editor: Nancy Hayes.

Art Editor: John Hodges.

Business Staff

Business Manager: Elizabeth Egerton.

Advertising Manager: Frances Ann Earle.

Circulating Manager: Sarah Davis.

Reportorial Staff

Senior: Jane Murphy.

Junior: Jackie Harkins.

Sophomore: Eleanor Beasley.

Freshman: Joe Barrow.

Grammar Grades: Oscar Fuller.

Primary Grades: Evelyn Smithwick.

Library Reporter: Eaton Holden.

Faculty Advisors

Mrs. K. G. Bailey and Mrs. Harvey Bartholomew.

## RESIDENCE BURNS

Fire practically destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pleasants on Elm Street Wednesday night about 2:15. The fire was first discovered on the back porch and soon spread to other parts of the building with the result of fire and water damage to the building of around \$1500 and a large but undetermined loss to the contents. The building belonged to Mr. C. W. Edwards and was occupied, we are informed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pleasants and Mrs. Esther Hudson and daughters.

The fire department was promptly on the scene and prevented a complete loss.

## ATTENTION EPWORTH LEAGUERS

Sunday night is to be a big night. We are to have a joint meeting with seniors and intermediates in the form of a picnic supper at 5:30 at the church. You ask where the supper will come from—well, you are to bring that! Each town member bring enough for himself or herself and one more. After a good social time we are to have our devotion service in the form of a Song service at which we will sing the Negro Spirituals and also have a short program in charge of the Intermediate League. All members of both leagues and all prospective members, both in town and in the college, are invited. Remember: Sunday evening—5:30—Methodist Church.

## FRANKLIN AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, Oct. 26.—Among the 1046 students enrolled at Wake Forest College for its 106th session are 11 Franklin County men. They are as follows: Franklinton—J. E. Best, J. S. Nowell, and M. D. Sawyer. Louisburg—H. T. Fuller, H. H. Hobgood, W. C. Lamm and E. F. Yarborough.

Bunn—B. C. Johnson, Jr. Castalla—Gilliam Gordon. Youngsville—E. T. Hart.

The P. T. A. of Epsom School announces its meeting to be held Thursday night, Nov. 2nd, at 7:30 P. M. All parents are urged to attend.

## BETTER PRICES FOR TOBACCO AT LOUISBURG

### Absence of Damaged Tobacco With Better Grades Builds Confidence Among Buyers and Better Prices

The past week has brought forth much better conditions on the local tobacco market. Prices have made considerable advances based upon the elimination of so much damaged tobacco, building a confidence among the buyers, the reduction of the big rush, making it possible for the warehouse floors to be cleared in order and the offering of better grades.

On Monday and Tuesday both the sales averaged above 17 cents a pound, according to warehouse reports, with a strong demand for all grades. Tobacco this week has sold up to 36 cents a pound.

It is expected these advances will continue as the better grades are offered and the weather gets cooler.

Growers selling at Louisburg are satisfied they are getting the top of the market. This is the spirit that is building the Louisburg market, together with the interest the Louisburg tobaccoists and business interests are showing in making it the best and most friendly market in the State.

Come to Louisburg and enjoy this friendly spirit and good prices.

## Highway Also Landing Field

A very unique incident occurred Friday morning on the new Louisburg-Raleigh highway at Royal Cross Roads, when a coupe plane landed in the highway.

On account of fog it was not able to continue in its flight and by skillful piloting, it circled low enough to make the people at the Service Station understand that it was forced to land and to clear the highway.

The highway was cleared and the plane landed. The pilot was a Mr. Thompson, manager of Thompson Aero Corporation and was making a return trip to Fort Lauderdale Airport at Miami, Fla. After remaining a short while, traffic was held up until he could take off.

The pilot offered highway inspector Joyner a free ride to Miami, in appreciation of such a splendid combination of highway and landing field.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the 21st Sunday after Trinity. There will be the early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M. Church School will meet at 9:45 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon will come at 11:00 A. M. As this will be the fifth Sunday of the month the Rev. B. N. DeFoe Wagner, Rector of Emanuel Church, Warrenton, will conduct the eleven o'clock service and preach. The Rev. Mr. Kent will be in Warrenton.

There will be the regular meeting of the Young People's Service League at 6:30 P. M. Sunday evening.

Next Wednesday, November 1, is All Saints Day. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and an address at 10:00 o'clock.

Every Friday morning throughout this fall and winter there will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:30 A. M., followed by the Woman's Auxiliary Bible Class. Any one interested in the interpretation of the Old Testament from the standpoint of the most recent scholarship, the latest findings of archeology, and the new light brought to play upon the great migration of early mankind as discovered by the anthropologist, will derive much help in understanding this great-est of all books, whether a person is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary or not makes no difference. If an individual really wants to derive deep satisfaction from the Bible they will find much help from this class.

## MRS. G. W. COBB IS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of Louisburg Garden Club held Thursday afternoon in the Home Economics Department of Mills High School, the president, Mrs. E. S. Ford, appointed Mrs. G. W. Cobb as Chairman of the Christmas Activities Committee.

The program of the afternoon which consisted of: A discussion of Hardy Lillies and Indoor Bulbs by Mrs. S. S. Meadows. A paper, "Perennials", Mrs. G. W. Cobb, and Reinder, "What to Do in October," by Mrs. Karl Watkins, was made very interesting and helpful in that these ladies not only stated facts on the particular subjects but asked and answered questions thereby drawing the members of the club into the discussion.

The club is to hold its next meeting in the home of Mrs. Sam Meadows.

Following the meeting the members were reminded not to leave without taking home some of the plants that had been brought to the plant exchange.

Wake Forest and Duke, meeting this Saturday in Durham, have lost but one game apiece to-date. North Carolina downed the Deacons early in the season, while Pitt's Panthers defeated the Blue Devils a couple weeks ago.

## Seizes American Ship

Washington, Oct. 23.—The freighter City of Flint, owned by the United States Maritime Commission, has been captured somewhere on the Atlantic by a German raider, and, according to reports tonight, has been taken to Kola Bay, near Murmansk, Russia.

The 4,963-ton vessel was en route from New York to Liverpool and Glasgow when taken. Reports to the Maritime Commission, which announced the seizure, did not say on what grounds the ship was taken, but it was assumed that she was carrying contraband to Britain.

News dispatches from Russia described the cargo as tractors, grain, fruit, leather and wax. These dispatches said the ship arrived at Kola Bay under the German flag and manned by a German crew, which detained the American crewmen.

The United States government immediately started inquiries to learn just what goods were carried by the craft, which is operated under charter of the United States Lines' private organization subsidized by the government. Officials said that if 51 per cent or more of the cargo consisted of contraband, international law permitted the Germans to seize the vessel.

## On to Russia

The Maritime Commission was informed that the vessel was taken first to Tronso, Norway, on Saturday, and that same day set sail from that port for an unknown destination. Although the commission received no official information as to where she went after that, the dispatches from Russia said she was at Kola Bay.

There was some question among legal experts as to Germany's right to take the vessel into neutral ports. They said only exceptional circumstances, such as stress of weather, lack of supplies, or need of repairs, could warrant such an action.

In such exceptional cases, the neutral is supposed to allow the necessary repairs to be made; or, if it sees fit to give the ship the necessary supplies and tell it to move along. If the ship fails to do so, it must be interned, together with the prize crew.

The American crew aboard the City of Flint must be released in order to be repatriated.

## To Prize Court

It is presumed here that the case of the City of Flint will be taken under consideration shortly by a German prize court. This prize court must sit in Germany and not in the neutral country to which the City of Flint has been brought.

If the prize court finds that the City of Flint carried a contraband percentage of 51 or more, it can condemn the ship, whereupon it becomes German property. If, meantime, the ship has been interned owing to the inability of the prize crew to take her into a German port, the interned ship remains the property of the German government, to be released to the account of the German government at the end of the war.

The cargo can be kept in the neutral port.

The skipper of the City of Flint is Captain J. A. Gairard. There were no passengers aboard.

The City of Flint was in British waters at the outbreak of the World War and participated in the rescue of survivors of the British liner Athenia, which was sunk September 3.

## MISS FORD ENTERTAINS

Miss Peg Ford entertained her Contract club at her home on Wednesday evening.

High score prizes were awarded to Mrs. V. V. Agent and Miss Aileen Crowder for visitors and club members respectively.

Visitors who were present were Mrs. Charles Ford, Miss Camille Swinell, Mrs. W. V. Avent, and Miss Helen Allen. Members present were Mrs. Douglas Perry, Misses Jane Fuller, Aileen Crowder, Grace Johnson, Rose Malone, Mrs. W. C. Boyce, Mrs. W. E. Callier, Jr., and Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood.

Mrs. Charles Ford and Miss Camille Swinell assisted the hostess in serving tea and a salad plate.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Shadrach, of Louisburg, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Belven, to Mr. Joseph Tharpe Edwards, of Louisburg. The wedding is to take place on November 29, 1939.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY AT WOOD

Wood School will sponsor a Halloween party in its auditorium Saturday night, October 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a hilarious program consisting of a stage performance, a room of horrors, and a noted gypsy fortune teller. Proceeds received from the sale of refreshments will be used in school projects.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Gold Sand P. T. A. will sponsor a Halloween party in the school gymnasium Friday night, October 27, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. There will be in store for those who attend an evening of fun and entertainment. All the witches, goblins, ghosts and black cats from round about are expected to be present. There will be string music, fortune telling, stunts and many other forms of thrills. Proceeds are for the benefit of the school library.

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been authorized to buy corn meal and grits from processors who agree to buy an equivalent amount of loan from the Commodity Credit Corporation.