

TO INSTALL XMAS LIGHTS

Town Commissioners Hold Mid-Monthly Meeting — Lets Contract For Oil— Other Minor Matters

The Board of Town Commissioners met in semi-monthly session, Nov. 24, 1939. Messrs. W. C. Webb, F. H. Allen, R. C. Beck, P. W. Elam, and W. G. Lancaster being present. Messrs. W. B. Barrow and C. R. Sykes were absent.

The Board tabled the proposal of Dr. J. B. Davis to pay \$200.00 on his taxes, until his next regular meeting.

The Board directed that the Christmas lights be installed immediately and that the decorations be extended on South Main Street to Gupton's service station.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Warren H. Booker, of the State Board of Health, and request him to provide the Board with plans for a settling basin, and to request advice and assistance in drawing a WPA Project for the construction of a settling basin and extensions and improvements to the water and sewer mains.

The Board authorized the WPA to reopen the drainage work on the streets, that was suspended when the Armory Project was opened.

The special tax committee was instructed to go before the County Commissioners at their next meeting in an effort to secure the consent of the Board of County Commissioners to sell certain property that has been secured by tax foreclosure suits.

After considering sealed bids the Board awarded the yearly contracts for lubricating oil to the Texas Company, and the contract for Diesel Fuel Oil to the Standard Oil Co. of N. J.

The contract for transporting fuel oil was awarded to S. T. Gresham, Wilmington.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

MRS. ROBERSON PASSES

Mrs. C. T. Roberson was stricken seriously ill about 5:40 o'clock Sunday morning, November 26, at her home near Trinity Church, with a stroke of paralysis which proved fatal at 1:50 o'clock that afternoon. She was 47 years of age and was loved and esteemed by a large number of neighbors and acquaintances.

Funeral services were conducted at Rock Spring Baptist Church, Townsville, in Vance County, Monday afternoon, Nov. 27, with the Pastor, Rev. Morgan and Rev. John Edwards officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, C. T. Roberson, and eight children, Vernon, Marion, Annie, Claude, Melvin, Nannie Mae, Bryant and Edna Glenn Roberson. Two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Richardson, Middleburg, Mrs. R. L. Roberson, Dabney; and one brother T. L. Caudle, Clarksville, Va.

Pallbearers were: Active — George Wilson, Henry Dickerson, Vernon Ayscue, William Roberson, William Arrington and William Rigan. Honorary — C. P. Rogers, T. W. Edwards, D. L. Ayscue, H. A. Faulkner, Thomas Dunn, Hurley Ayscue, J. D. Roberson, John Jones and John Ayscue.

The floral tribute was beautiful, and the funeral services were largely attended.

The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

BOARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the many friends and relatives who showed their deepest sympathy during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

C. T. ROBERSON and Family.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Dec. 2nd:

Saturday — Double Feature— Charlie Starrert in "Stranger From Texas" and "The Higgins Family in "Covered Trailer" Also Chapter No. 7 "Dick Tracy's G-Men."

Sunday—Robert Taylor, Lew Ayres and Greer Garson in "Remember!"

Monday—Tuesday—Bing Crosby, Ned Sparks and Louise Campbell in "The Star Maker."

Wednesday—Jed Prouty, Ken Howell and The Jones Family in "Quick Millions."

Thursday — Friday — William Powell and Myrna Loy in "Another Thin Man."

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

These accounts are taken from the daily paper reports:

Moscow, Nov. 28.—Fighting between Soviet and Finnish troops was reported tonight from two frontiers, one on the Arctic and the other north of Leningrad, shortly after Russia angrily denounced her 1932 pact of non-aggression with Finland.

Preifler and Foreign Commissar Viacheslav M. Molotov, accusing the Finns of "profound hostility," said that Russia is freeing herself of the pledge whereby she promised to refrain from any attack on Finland.

Say Finns "Attacked"

An official announcement tonight spread among the 130,000-900 Russian people by radio, said that Finnish troops had attacked Red Army units in two provocative incidents, marked by artillery shelling and "fierce" machine gun fire.

On the Carelian Isthmus 20 miles north of Leningrad and on the Arctic border, between the Rybachii and Sredni peninsulas west of Kola Bay and Murmansk, the Finnish regulars were said to have tried to storm their way across the Soviet soil.

Earlier in the day the Soviet frontier forces had been told to hold themselves ready to "annihilate" the Finnish troops if further provocations occurred along the border.

Reids Break Pact

Molotov, in a 20-minute conversation with the Finnish minister at the Kremlin beginning at 5:30 p.m., said that Russia was compelled to denounce the non-aggression pact because it has been "systematically violated by the government of Finland."

The Soviet decision followed Finland's refusal to withdraw all Finnish troops from the 50-mile-long Carelian Isthmus border unless the Soviets withdrew Soviet frontier forces. The Finnish government also rejected as completely groundless a Russian allegation that Finnish artillery fired on Soviet troops, killing four and wounding nine, north of Leningrad Sunday afternoon.

Finland's attitude, Molotov said "betrays a hostile desire by the government of Finland to keep Leningrad under direct menace of its troops."

In Leningrad, second largest Soviet city with a population approximately equal to that of Finland, mass meetings were held tonight, and resolutions were passed condemning Finland's trickery and attempts to drag the Soviet Union into war.

The official announcement of the new frontier "incidents," as released through the official Tass agency and broadcast by government radio, said that the clash in the northern frontier occurred about 5 p. m.—a half hour before Molotov announced Russia's repudiation of the non-aggression pact.

Moscow's Version

"According to a report of the headquarters of the Leningrad military area on Nov. 28 at 5 p. m., a group of Finnish soldiers noticed a Soviet patrol moving along the frontier area of the isthmus between the peninsulas of Rybachii and Sredni and opened fire upon it, attempting to capture it.

"The Soviet patrol began to withdraw. By action of a group which arrived from the Soviet side the Finns were thrown back into their territory. Three Finnish soldiers were taken prisoners during the pursuit and the remainder escaped into the interior of their territory. The Soviet side suffered no losses.

"At 6 p. m. in the area of Hill 204.2 two Finns fired five rifle shots in the direction of Soviet territory. The Soviet troops did not return the fire."

The location of the reported incident is west of Kola Bay, not far from Finland's ice-free port of Petsamo which the Soviets would like to acquire.

London, Nov. 28.—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the first war session of Parliament today that Britain did not enter the conflict against Germany "with any vindictive purpose" and disclaimed any intention of imposing upon the foe "a vindictive peace."

The Prime Minister spoke after King George opened the session with a speech assuring the British Empire that the Royal Navy was keeping "free and open the highways of the sea" despite mounting losses to British shipping.

Chamberlain declared the British-French blockade against Germany exports, to become effective next Monday, would do the least possible injury to neutrals "consistent with the purpose of stopping German exports."

Worth Sacrifice

Chamberlain referred to neutral protests against the blockade and said that "We recognize these measures may cause inconvenience and perhaps loss to neutrals" but that "these measures for helping bring our efforts to a successful issue may well be worth some sacrifice on the part of neutrals."

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, increased consumption of American cotton is of major importance to the citizens of this community and to 11,000,000 of our neighbors throughout the Cotton Belt, and

Whereas, there are available in the merchandising establishments of this community great numbers of useful and practical Christmas gifts made in whole or in part of American cotton.

Now, therefore, as mayor of the City of Louisburg, I do hereby proclaim this year's Yuletide a

COTTON CHRISTMAS and call upon the citizens of this community to join me in giving practical emphasis to gifts of cotton during the approaching holiday season.

W. C. WEBB, Mayor.

The official gazette published the order in council decreeing the blockade, originally scheduled to become operative today but deferred to permit neutrals to make adjustments.

The latest British loss at sea, meanwhile was the 2,483-ton steamer Usmouth which went down with three of her crew of 25 missing. The cause of her sinking was not made known definitely.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—A young Nazi commander who took his U-boat into Scapa Flow and sank the British battleship Royal Oak on October 14, has torpedoed and "destroyed" a 10,000-ton cruiser with an estimated loss of 700 lives, Nazis announced tonight.

The high command announced that blond and rosy-cheeked Commander Guenther Prien returned to the vicinity of his previous daring exploit to attack the cruiser in the North Atlantic.

Commander Prien's new destructive blow at the British fleet brings to 1,519 the number of lives taken by his torpedoes in two attacks, assuming that 799 perished on the cruiser.

His new victim, the announcement said, was a cruiser of the London type—either the Shropshire, Sussex, Devonshire or the London, which carry crews of about 650 officers and men.

Helsinki, Wednesday, Nov. 29.—Finnish leaders feared early today that Soviet Russia may attempt to seize four undefended islands in the Gulf of Finland following her denunciation of the Soviet-Finnish pact of non-aggression and gunfire along the northern frontier.

The Finnish military district in the far north reported that a Finnish patrol exchanged fire yesterday with "unknown persons" near the village of Puumangi on a small peninsula and that three Finnish soldiers were missing.

Invasion Denied

The clash was believed to have been the one announced by the Soviet government last night, in which three Finnish soldiers were said to have been captured after a Finnish attack on Red Army patrol along the frontier between the Rybachii and Sredni peninsulas.

A government statement denied Russia's assertion that Finnish troops had crossed the Carelian Isthmus frontier yesterday and fired on Russian troops.

Military reports from the Carelian isthmus frontier, 20 miles north of Leningrad, failed to confirm Soviet reports of a clash there.

It was reported without official confirmation that Finnish troops have fallen back an average of one kilometer (six-tenths of a mile) from the Carelian border.

Russia's denunciation of the 1932 pact of non-aggression was answered last night by a statement of a government spokesman that "Finland cannot be intimidated."

Answer Drafted

The cabinet of Premier Almo Cajander met until midnight, studying the acute situation and drafting an answer to Russia's denunciation of the treaty, which contained an angry accusation that Finland is guilty of "hostility" and desires to menace Leningrad.

It was said the New Finnish note would be delivered to Moscow sometime today.

Strict orders went out to all Finnish forces along the frontiers to avoid being drawn into any "incidents" but to defend to the limit Finnish territory.

Experience has taught Sam Owens of the Gloucester community in Transylvania County that good stands of clover on his farm cannot be obtained without an adequate program of liming the soil.

Outlook reports of the U. S. Bureau of Home Economics and Agricultural Economics indicate that farm families will have higher net incomes in 1940 than in 1939.

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European Summary

Moscow—Soviet radio announces fighting on Russian-Finnish border with machine guns and artillery, in two new "incidents," with two Finns killed and three captured; Russia denounces non-aggression pact with Finland and orders Red Army to "annihilate" Finnish army if further "provocations" occur; Russia reiterates demand that Finnish troops withdraw from frontier and crisis is feared to be drawing to a head.

Berlin—German high command announces that Lieut. Comm. Guenther Prien, U-boat commander who sank the British battleship Royal Oak, has torpedoed and "destroyed" a 10,000-ton British cruiser off the Shetlands, with the possible loss of 700 lives; British planes machine-gun German seaplanes at Borkum, at mouth of Ems River; one attacking plane believed lost.

Helsinki—Finns stiffen resistance to Russia, deny reported border clashes, assert "anything" may happen in "most critical" situation.

London—Prime Minister Chamberlain tells war Parliament Britain plans to impose no "vindictive peace upon Germany"; Britain proclaims Allied blockade on German exports effective Monday; naval authorities profess ignorance of German claim heavy cruiser torpedoed in North Sea.

Paris—Two German freighters captured by French warships, high command says reports "local" artillery active on Western Front.

Amsterdam—The Netherlands will carry on sea trade despite Allied blockade restrictions.

London—French and British say from 35 to 45 German submarines sunk since war's start.

Joe C. Joyner, 40, Weidemann Is Dies In Hospital Against Bund

Franklin County ABC Officer Had Been Ill Three Weeks; Funeral Tuesday

Joe C. Joyner, 40, Chief ABC enforcement officer of Franklin County for about three years, died in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, at 2 p. m., Monday following an illness of three weeks. Mr. Joyner was well known in the county and a popular and efficient officer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lola Cash Joyner; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Joyner; six children, James, Cecil, Joseph, Estelle, Frances, and Carolyn Joyner, all of Louisburg; three brothers, William H. Joyner, of Charlotte, and Zolie T. and Percy W. Joyner, of Louisburg; four sisters, Mrs. Annie Chappell, Mrs. Lucy Chappell, Mrs. Eva Thompson, and Mrs. Carrie Murray.

Funeral services were held at the home at Royal Tuesday at 2 p. m., conducted by the Rev. Charles B. Howard. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were C. E. Pace, Dr. W. C. Perry, W. L. Lumpkin, J. P. Moore, Dave Duff and J. C. Champion.

Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of a large number of friends.

ANNOUNCE ALLOTMENTS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 9TH

Farm operators having grown cotton in the last five years have been mailed their 1940 cotton allotments announces N. H. Ayscue, Chairman County Committee of Franklin County Agricultural Conservation Association. Mr. Ayscue further advises that allotments were figured in the State Office and from his observation appear to be figured similar to the way in which they were figured in 1939; and that these allotments will be the allotments in effect under the 1940 Agricultural Adjustment Program to be voted on Saturday, December 9, if carried. Mr. Ayscue further announced that the County and Township Committees were urging all cotton farmers in Franklin County to go to the polls and vote to determine whether or not cotton quotas will be in effect in 1940. He advised that most of the farmers he had talked with had stated that they did not expect to overplant their cotton allotment as they desired to cooperate with the Soil Conservation Program and receive payments offered through the program and the Cotton Adjustment Program if available. If quotas are in effect, cotton farmers will be permitted to market tax free all cotton produced on the allotted acres. However, if the acreage is exceeded there will be a penalty of 3c per pound tax to be paid at time cotton is marketed if cotton quotas are voted in by two-third majority.

SELECTS CASTE

(By L. R. Taff)

The following cast has been selected for the group of one act plays which the dramatic club of Louisburg College is presenting at an early date in the college auditorium. The tentative date of presentation is December 7, according to Miss Virginia Peyatt, director.

In the cast of "Betty Behave" is Vivian Cayton, of Kinston, as Betty, Mavis McGowan, of Greenville, as Ellen, and Dorothy Long, of Engelhard, as Joannette.

In "Manikin and Minikin," a bi-act play in one act, Clyde Stallings, of Morehead City, takes the part of Manikin, and Rose Malone, of Louisburg, plays the part of Minikin.

In "Job's Kinfolks," a play with North Carolina as the setting, Edith Criddle, of Wooddale, plays the part of Kizzie, the grandmother; Katherine Roberson, of Hoggood, Kate, the mother; Melba Chappell, of Tyner, Katherine, the daughter; Kathleen Winborne, of Woodville, Estelle, neighbor; and Henry Murden, of Suffolk, Va., Carl Rogers, a millworker.

Little George Herman Murphy returned home Monday from a hospital in Raleigh, where he was under treatment. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. G. H. Murphy.

Little Miss Jean Johnson returned Tuesday night from a hospital in Raleigh, where she has been under treatment for several weeks. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. F. Johnson.

Barbara (saying her prayers)—And bless Daddy and Mother and make them happy—if they are not too old for that sort of thing.

TOYS

Under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club the Louisburg Theatre is presenting a Toy Matinee Friday, Dec. 1, at 10:00 A. M. Admission is one new or used toy. The toys are to be conditioned by the Boy Scouts and distributed to underprivileged children at Christmas time. Your cooperation is earnestly requested to make this Toy Matinee a big success. Manager Shelton states that the program will consist of short subjects and will feature Mickey Mouse, Popeye, Betty Boop, Looney Tunes, and many of your other short subject favorites. Admission to all is one toy and be sure that the toys are in good or a repairable condition.

Pisgah Deer Hunt Launched

250 Hunters Take Stands In Forest

Asheville.—Two hundred and fifty hunters took their stands throughout the Pisgah National Forest today and the sixth annual deer hunt in the preserve was underway.

The hunts will be held daily until Dec. 23. The hunters will enter the preserve in groups of 250, in all, 2,000 persons will be allowed to hunt.

Each hunter will be allowed to remain in the forest for three days or until he has killed a deer or a bear.

The hunt is held each year to keep the game population down. Last year 677 deer were bagged in the hunt.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court after having taken holiday for two weeks to make room for the Superior Court, held its regular session on Tuesday with a rather full docket. Cases were disposed of as follows:

Elton Bragg was found not guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey.

Edna Lucille Waller, reckless driving, nolle prosequi.

Albert R. Mitchell pleaded guilty to public drunkenness, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Henry Brodie was found guilty of larceny and receiving and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Paul Bobbitt was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, and given 4 months on roads.

Paul Bobbitt pleaded guilty to violating motor vehicle law, and was given 30 days on roads.

Paul Bobbitt pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly, damage to personal property, and was given 90 days on roads.

O. D. Stallings, Jr., pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving and fined \$25 and costs, not to drive car in 12 months.

Claude Bowden was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, and was given 60 days on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate a car in 12 months.

Atlas McCoy Harris pleaded guilty to violating motor vehicle law, judgment suspended upon saving the County harmless.

Zollie Medlin plead nolo contendere to carrying concealed weapons, and was given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Roosevelt Alston was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

In addition to a number of continuances comply with orders of the Court the following cases were continued:

R. L. Horton, operating automobile intoxicated.

William Jones, bastardy.

Crudup Davis, larceny and receiving.

Chuck Johnson, assault with deadly weapon.

Wilbert Young, carrying concealed weapons.

W. M. Stallings, false pretense.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"How To Be Different," is the sermon topic for next Sunday morning at 11:00. Church School is at 9:45. Epworth League at 8:45, and evening worship at 7:30.

One week from Sunday morning the Louisburg College Capella Choir will give a group of sacred numbers at the 11:00 o'clock service. The choir will be under the direction of Prof. James Byerly. The choir sang before the N. C. Annual Conference at Fayetteville and will sing from the radio station in Raleigh, on December 8th.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

TOBACCO SELLING WELL

Block Sale Monday With Prices Holding Up Well; Warehouses To Close For Thanksgiving

Sales of tobacco the past week have been heavy and the weed has been bringing good prices. The many growers have been well pleased with the manner in which the prices have been holding up under such a big production. All grades have been in good demand.

The warehouses closed on Wednesday to observe Thanksgiving. They will be open again on Saturday to receive tobacco and will resume sales on Monday.

The fact that a month was lost at the beginning of the season will cause the Market to have to run some longer, but it would be safer to get your tobacco ready and bring it on to the Louisburg Market where it will receive the friendly consideration that results in better prices.

BUNN HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES

150th Anniversary of Ratification Of The Federal Constitution by North Carolina

On November 21, 1789, North Carolina officially ratified the great Federal Constitution. In celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of this memorable step, the Bunn High School witnessed a reenactment of those famous scenes at Hillsboro and Fayetteville by the American History classes on November 21. The first scene portrayed the heated controversy over amendments at Hillsboro and the overwhelming victory of the Anti-Federalists.

Fourteen months later, as the second scene opened, Governor Johnston was seen presiding at the victorious assemblage at Fayetteville. Again, amendments inspired heated debate but, persecuted "Chuck" Jack Sevier, accused of treason by the Anti-Feds, arrived just in time to champion the Federalists cause, and the old Ship of State is steered to safety as Governor Johnston passionately announced, "The Constitution stands adopted." Immediately the delegates began to sing heartily "Carolina! Carolina! heaven's blessings attend her," to conclude the program.

On November 23, the Home Economics department of the Bunn High School presented their style show in the chapel. The program was in the form of a playlet which had for its theme, "Why Take Home Economics?" The presentation of the garments was worked into the playlet, the freshmen wearing their smocks and the sophomores their woolen dresses which they had made.

Fifty-eight students participated in the style show.

The Bunn Parent-Teacher Association had its regular meeting Wednesday night, Nov. 22. The meeting opened with a song and was followed by a devotional and business meeting.

Mr. Carter, a representative of Standard Oil Co., showed a motion picture of the history of Esso News. This picture, very educational in that it showed the speed and accuracy involved in transmitting the news, developed the gathering of that news in ancient times up to the present time. Following this picture Mr. Carter presented a comedy, "Just a Clown," for young people who were present.

This service came to us through the courtesy of Standard Oil Co., and was in keeping with the idea of variety in programs of our association this year.

ASKEW-PEOPLES

The marriage of Kenneth Welch Askew and Miss Elizabeth Grey Peoples was solemnized Saturday, November 25, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the parsonage of The First Baptist Church in Henderson. The Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner officiated. The wedding was attended only by a few friends of the bride and bride-groom.

The bride was becomingly dressed in a street length frock of Persian rose wool chiffon. She wore a shoulder corsage of white carnations.

Mrs. Askew is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Peoples, of near Louisburg.

Mr. Askew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winford H. Askew, of Norlina. For the past two years he has held a position with the Motor Sales Co., at Henderson.

The couple have many friends who wish for them much happiness. They will reside at 310 Mitchell St., Henderson, N. C.

Restaurants are adopting simplified practices, according to a government bulletin. But boarding house hash has lost none of its complexity.