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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SUCCESS

Louisburg Chamber of Commerce Extends Greetings; 79 White Families Given Cheer in The Distribution

The Community Christmas idea of spreading cheer was one of the most successful plans ever undertaken. The response that the people of Louisburg and Franklin County, individually and through organizations and business firms, gave was overwhelming in not only the useful gifts that were given but the enthusiasm and spirit in which these things were given. The true Christmas spirit was certainly carried out in our midst this year and the following figures will show how many families were benefited:

Louisburg District—39 families, 122 people.
Youngsville—5 families.
Franklinton—9 families.
Harris—6 families.
Pearce—4 families.
Bunn—7 families.
Gold Sand—5 families.
Epsom—4 families.
A total of 79 white families besides all those that were given their bit of cheer through other agencies were remembered and from the Louisburg center a number of boxes went out for the colored needy. Of course it is impossible to give the full extent of a Community Christmas idea that covered our whole county but this report is given in appreciation to the people of Louisburg and Franklin County for their cooperation and help.

The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce wishes for each and every one of you a prosperous and Happy New Year.

LOUISBURG MAN KILLED IN ROCKY MOUNT YARDS

Funeral services for Ollie W. Shearin, 23, of near Four Bridges, who was injured fatally Friday when struck by a train in the railroad yards at Rocky Mount, were held Sunday at Ebenezer Methodist Church near Franklinton with the Rev. M. H. Bloodworth and the Rev. E. H. Davis in charge.

Shearin, a deaf mute, died in a Rocky Mount hospital of injuries suffered when he was hit by an engine soon after alighting from a train. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shearin; two sisters, Mrs. Willie May, and Mrs. L. B. Strickland; and five brothers, Plyler, Burnie, Eugene, Allen Thomas and Robert Lee Shearin, all of near Louisburg.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Dec. 30th:
Saturday—Double Feature—Gene Antry and Smiley Burnette in "South of the Border" and Ann Devoak in "Cafe Hostess" Also "Dick Tracy's G-Men."
Sunday—Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer in "When Tomorrow Comes."
Sunday Midnight—George Raft, Humphrey Bogart, William Holden and Jane Bryan in "Invisible Stripes."
Monday—"Invisible Stripes."
Tuesday—Jane Withers and Joe E. Brown, Jr., in "High School."
Wednesday—Boris Karloff, Basil Rathbone, Bela Lugosi, Lionel Atwill in "Son of Frankenstein."
Thursday-Friday—Bing Crosby, Joan Blondell and Micha Auer in "East Side of Heaven."

LOUISBURG MAN ENDS OWN LIFE

David Luther Wells Shoots Self; Funeral Services Held Tuesday Afternoon

David Luther Wells, 50, was found shot to death Monday at the garage of Burgess Lumber Co., just south of Louisburg, and Coroner R. A. Bobbitt said all evidence pointed to suicide. Wells' body was found by a son, William David, who was sent in search of his father when he failed to appear for Christmas dinner. The coroner said his investigation showed Wells left his home about 10:30 o'clock, borrowed a shotgun from a friend on the pretext of using it on a hunting trip, and went to the garage. A stick had been used to fire the gun, the load striking Wells in the back of the head. He died instantly.

A note discovered later and addressed to his wife gave ill health as the cause for the act and asked forgiveness. Surviving Wells are his wife, three sons, Robert L., William David and Ernest L., and two daughters, Arthur and Walter Wells, both of DeWitt, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Maitland, Miss Lizzie Wells and Mrs. Rosa Ellis, all of DeWitt; and Mrs. Mason Lewis, of Petersburg, Va.

Wells was a highly respected citizen, and a most capable lumber man, having been connected with the Colonial Pine Co. for a long number of years, and went upon its purchase of the former company. He was one of Louisburg's splendid citizens and enjoyed the respect and esteem of his many acquaintances.

Funeral services were held from the home on South Main Street on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. Paul Bagby, and interment was made at Oakwood cemetery. Quite a large number attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty. The pallbearers were as follows: Honorary—Clyde Burgess, Ernest Jennings, J. K. Avery, J. A. Toone, R. G. Person, C. Hatton, — Hobbs, Active—J. K. Barrow, of Zebulon, Grady Harris, J. K. Liles, Jesse Moon, Frank Dennis, W. E. Hall. The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

LOST CHRISTMAS

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lost: Christmas Day of 1939, by officers and crews of the North Star, flagship of the Byrd Antarctic expedition, and the Navy oiler, Triality. Was dropped while crossing the international dateline.

Finder need not return, as the Christmas decorations, turkey, gifts and other prerequisites of a celebration were used up on December 24.

FRANKLINTON NEGRO IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Franklinton, Dec. 26.—Coroner R. A. Bobbitt said today a hearing would be held Wednesday in the death of Sylvester Rattley, 35-year-old Franklinton Negro who was instantly killed early Tuesday morning when the car in which he was riding was struck by a Seaboard train at Franklinton grade crossing.

George McCrimmon and another Negro were seriously injured when the train struck the right side of the car, throwing the vehicle off the tracks and against a telephone pole. McCrimmon was driving and evidently failed to observe a crossing stop.

Ernestine Warren, 13-year-old 4-H Club member of the Winsteadville club in Beaufort County, has just completed a corn project which netted him a yield of 131 bushels to the acre.

European Summary

Washington—President Roosevelt confers with Protestants and Jewish leaders on world peace drive; Finnish commission begins negotiations to buy war supplies in America; Congress to receive a bill to put teeth into the American nations' "safety belt" project to keep the war away from these shores.

Helsinki—Finnish high command announces Russians are in retreat in the sector north of Lake Ladoga and that repeated assaults on the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus have been thrown back with heavy Russian losses; a Finnish ski corps is reported without official confirmation to have crossed into Russia in an attempt to cut the vital Leningrad-Murmansk railway.

Paris—The Paris Soir reports that Russia has given Germany an Arctic naval base near Murmansk from which German U-boat raids on north Atlantic shipping are being carried out and that the Allies may be compelled to intervene in the murmansk region.

Western Front—Calm. Rome—Italian press reports Russian troop concentrations on the border of Afghanistan and corresponding concentrations of British, Afghan and Iranian forces to meet the threat to British-dominated Near East and, eventually, the rich Indian empire.—News-Observer.

SUFFERS ATTACK

His many friends in Louisburg and the State will learn with much regret that Mr. C. A. Ragland suffered a paralytic attack in his left side Wednesday. His condition was not considered of an immediate serious nature and his early recovery is hoped for all.

BIRTH OF A SON

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Briscoe Heron, 4101 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., announce the birth of a son, Julian Briscoe Jr., December 17th, at Columbia hospital. She was the former Miss Doris Stronge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Person.

MARGARET L. MOONEY

Funeral services for Margaret Louise Mooney, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Mooney of Wheeling, W. Va., were held Dec. 22, with the Rev. J. G. Phillips, local Methodist minister, in charge and burial followed in the Harris Cemetery, Franklin County. The baby died in Parkview Hospital, Rocky Mount, and is survived by her parents and grandparents. Mrs. Mooney is the former Miss Beatrice Young of Louisburg.

MARRIED

Miss Ruby Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White, of Bunn, to Wayne Winstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Winstead, of Louisburg, Monday afternoon, December 25. At home, near Louisburg.

War in Europe has caused exports of farm products from the United States to be smaller than they otherwise would have been, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Federal and State research agencies are renewing attempts to adapt sheep types to the region or sections in which they are being produced so as to produce superior animals.

A device for detecting spikes and other metal objects buried in logs, frequent cause of serious sawmill accidents, has been developed by the U. S. Forest Service.

When a physician is asked to give a candid diagnosis he often deems it best to give a candid variety.

THREE KILLED, SEVEN HURT IN CHRISTMAS NIGHT CRASH

WRECK AT CITY LIMITS ON TOWNVILLE HIGHWAY

W. S. Richardson Meets Instant Death And Mrs. Judson Knott Dies Later; Arnold Huber Fatally Hurt; Others Serious

Thursday—Late reports from Henderson say that Mrs. Richardson died early that morning.

(Henderson Dispatch)

Three persons were killed and seven others hurt, one of them critically and several seriously, in the collision, apparently head-on, of an automobile and a light pickup truck at the city limits on the Townville highway about nine o'clock Christmas night, in one of the most tragic traffic accidents in the recent history of this section.

William S. Richardson was instantly killed and Mrs. Judson Knott was fatally injured, dying a few hours later, and Arnold W. Huber, who was an occupant of the truck, died as he was brought to Maria Farham hospital, where ten persons in all were taken after being removed from the wreck.

Mrs. Richardson was in a critical condition at the hospital this afternoon, with both knees and both legs broken, one of them in several places and little hope was held for her recovery. Mr. Knott was severely injured about one eye, was thought to have a broken thigh and was believed to have internal injuries.

Ten Figures in Wreck

Benjamin Knott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Knott, had a broken leg but is expected to recover, other injuries not being serious.

Henry Duke and Lemuel Ivey, who were in the truck, had broken legs and cuts and bruises, and Dorsey Williams was badly cut up. William Harris was perhaps least seriously injured of the ten persons figuring in the crash. He had only minor cuts, so far as was learned.

The Richardsons and Knotts had attended a picture show in Henderson and had just started home.

Boys Returning to Henderson

William Harris said at the hospital that he and two companions had been on a trip to Townville, and as they were enroute back home their car broke down several miles from Townville back toward Henderson. They were hitch-hiking back to town with the driver of the truck. All occupants of the truck except Huber were South Henderson men, in their early twenties, so far as could be learned.

At first, only Williams, Duke and Harris, aside from Huber, were accounted for at the hospital, but State Highway Patrolman A. L. Taylor, who was in charge at the scene of the wreck, said afterwards, he understood a fifth man was on the truck but he could not locate him. At the hospital today it was said a man giving the name of Lemuel Ivey, 21, was admitted there about 3:30 a. m., with a broken leg and head injuries, and he was said by Patrolman Taylor this afternoon to be the man. Where he was during the time he was unaccounted for was not learned.

Poultry Company Truck

The truck that figured in the wreck was said to be owned by the Goodwin Poultry & Egg Co., of Raleigh. Mr. Goodwin, the owner, was said to have come here last night after the wreck, and to have stated that Huber had been working for him about two years. Huber had asked him to lend Huber the truck over the holidays,

and Goodwin consented.

Goodwin was quoted as saying Huber's mother and a brother live in Denver, Col., and to be people of modest circumstances. How, why or when Huber came east was not learned. His body was prepared for burial by a local undertaking establishment and taken to Raleigh for funeral and burial tomorrow. The youth, about 22, was understood to have lived with a family of Hortons at 712 Hinsdale Street, Raleigh.

Both Vehicles Badly Damaged

No eye-witnesses to wreck were interviewed last night or today, other than the few of those who figured in it who were in condition to talk, and little was learned of the circumstances. The Knott car, a Plymouth coach, was badly damaged, as was the truck, a Ford.

Early arrivals at the scene found the motor still running in the truck, which was lying on its right side. The switch was not cut for some minutes later after all the injured had been started for the hospital. The Knott car did not overturn.

Mr. Knott and Mr. Richardson were wedged between the front seat and the dash board, and their wives were on the floor of the car in the rear.

All ambulances of the three white undertaking firms in the city answered the call, but all of the men in the truck were brought to the hospital in private or police cars, as was Benjamin Knott.

The cars were on opposite sides of the highway from that in which they were traveling.

Prominent Families

The Richardsons and Knotts all living a few hundred yards over the State line in Virginia, are among the most prominent citizens of the Townville community. They are widely related, and after a few minutes following the wreck and throughout the night and today there were crowds of relatives or friends from the Townville section and the city and elsewhere at the hospital seeking to learn what they could about the wreck and about the condition of those injured.

Joint Funeral Wednesday

Joint funerals will be held for Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Knott at Rock Spring Baptist church at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and both will be buried in the church cemetery. Rev. S. L. Morgan, the pastor, will officiate, and while there will be separate active pallbearers, the honorary pallbearers will be the same. Rev. T. W. Lee, of Middleburg, pastor of the Middleburg Methodist church, will assist, with Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist church, Henderson, and Rev. C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh.

Was Prominent Farmer

Mr. Richardson was a prominent and substantial farmer of the Townville community. He was 71 years old and a native of Clarksville, Va. He had lived at his last residence about thirty years, and had been a member of Tabernacle Methodist church near there for sixty years.

Besides his widow, who is critically ill at the hospital of injuries in the same wreck, Mr. Richardson is survived by one brother, T. J. Richardson, of Townville, and who is now ill in a Richmond hospital; and a half-brother, Charje Richardson, of Rocky Mount.

Active pallbearers for his funeral were announced as the following: Henry and Hunter Green, Victor Kimball, K. L. Burton, George P. Tarry, Sr., and Bollo Norwood.

Native of Virginia

Mrs. Knott was a native of Chase City, Va., where she was born in September, 1899. She was a daughter of the late Harry B. Pope, of Virginia, and Mrs. Helen Pope, also of Virginia, who survives, and lives in Knoxville, Tenn. Also surviving are her hus-

NEW BUS ROUTE HEARING IS SET FOR JANUARY 16

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The Utilities Commission has set for hearing January 16, conflicting applications of the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Lines and Carolina Coach Company for routes between Raleigh, Louisburg and Norlina over routes 59 and 158.

The Carolina Coach Company also wants to operate from Raleigh to Louisburg, Warrenton, Macon, Littleton, Roanoke Rapids, Weidon, Garysburg and Jackson.

HUNDREDS BELIEVED DEAD IN SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Ankara—Hundreds were reported killed and whole villages destroyed in an earthquake which shook northern Anatolia early Wednesday.

Four shocks were felt in Ankara between 2 a. m. and 5 a. m. Wednesday (between 8 p. m. and 10 p. m. EST, Tuesday.)

Accurate information of the damage caused was not immediately available because communications were disrupted.

Officials by late afternoon said, however, that reports indicated a major catastrophe.

The quake's center, apparently was along the Black Sea coast of Turkey in Asia.

Heavy damage was reported at Ordu, Samsun, Tokat, Amasia, Sivas and Yozgad.

Thousands were reported to have abandoned towns for the fields, fearing additional shocks.

The government and relief agencies rushed aid to the affected area, which is from 100 to 250 miles east and northeast of Ankara.

Anatolia has been struck by earthquakes frequently. On April 19, 1938, in this region there began a series of shocks which lasted for more than a week and took a toll of dead and missing estimated at more than 800. Scores of thousands of homes were razed.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Rev. J. G. Phillips will speak on the New Year theme next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday night there will be a Watch Night service, beginning at 10:30 P. M. The watch night service will take the place of the usual evening worship.

This special program is in connection with the beginning of "The Methodist Advance" movement in The Methodist Church around the world. In this time of humanity's great need the church brings this movement for the advance of the spiritual work of the church. Nearly eight million Methodist will participate, in many lands around the world. Those interested should be present Sunday morning and Sunday night to hear the news.

Fewer hogs are being fed to maturity this year than usual in Bladen County, since farmers are killing and salting their pork at home because of the currently low market prices for hogs.

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band, seriously injured in the wreck and now in the hospital, and two sons, Everett Judson Knott, Jr., and B. Franklin Knott; also two sisters, Mrs. Roy Depue, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Carl Hines, of Maryville, Tenn.

She had been a member of Rock Spring Baptist church twenty-eight years, and was active in the missionary society, and was widely known in her community. Active pallbearers for her funeral will be J. S. Evans, M. G. Evans, Will Tarry, Charlie Epps, A. H. Moore and James Tilghman Weldon.

RUSSIA SENDS NEW TROOPS

With Finnish Karelian Army at Vilpuri, Dec. 27.—The Red army threw itself in vain again today against the Finnish Mannerheim Line as this "Verdun" battle went into its fourth week. Russian losses were heavy.

It was learned here that more than 270,000 fresh Russian troops—among the Red army's best—have been ordered from the interior of the Soviet Union to be thrown into the Finnish war. They will comprise three Siberian divisions from the Arctic regions, accustomed to extreme cold, and 12 Caucasian divisions, also accustomed to snow and low temperatures. Owing to faulty Russian transport, it may be some time, however, before their full forces can be thrown into action.

Cossacks Enter Fray

Reliable reports state that at least one regiment of Russia's famed Cossacks already has participated in an attack, dismounting near the front and advancing on foot.

Soviet casualties rose sharply today when the Red army tried a new method of attack.

The Russians, forced for three weeks to conduct their campaign along canalized lines because of the chain of interlocking lakes, today took advantage of several days of 10 to 15 degrees below zero weather and sent a mass attack against the Finnish left wing across the ice.

But the Finns also had foreseen the maneuver.

Their machine guns had a clear field of fire across the lakes and their artillery blasted huge holes in the ice, to drown whole groups of Russians.

Russian casualties along a one-mile stretch of Lake Suunto, around which the attack centered, were reported mounting into the thousands.

Finns on Skates

The Russians sought to break through on the Finnish left wing and make the Mannerheim Line untenable.

The Finns, meanwhile, have outfitted some of their night patrols with skates.

Unseen in their white parkas, they glide silently over the ice, harassing the Russians. The Finnish skaters are able to cover great distances at probably the highest speed ever reached by "foot" soldiers. Almost every Finn is expert in the use of skates, as they are with skills, but few of the Russians can use them.

The weather last night and today aided the Finns. Low clouds prevented Soviet air observation and a resumption of the intense bombing activity of the last few bright days. Lower temperatures promised snow, for which the Finns are hoping.

REFUGEE COMMUNITY BOMBED BY RUSSIANS

Helsinki, Dec. 27.—The Finnish high command announced tonight that the Russian invaders are in retreat along the eastern frontier above Lake Ladoga and that a series of enemy attempts to crack the Mannerheim Line on the Karelian Isthmus had been hurled back.

Northeast of Lieksa, which lies on the shore of Peilinen Lake about 110 miles north of Lake Ladoga the Russians were reported in tonight's communique to be falling back across the border toward Kivisaara under pressure of a strong Finnish attack.

Soviet bombing planes continued their daily aerial bombardments extending their forays deep inland as far as the railroad terminus of Kemijaarvi just above the Arctic Circle.

The current trend toward more livestock in North Carolina has hit Yadkin County where registered Guernsey heifers are growing in popularity as a 4-H Club project.

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