

## ENDORSE GREYHOUND OFFER-- CALLS FOR TAX STATEMENT

### Town Commissioners Hold Interesting Meeting-- Hears Bus Representative --Pass Resolution

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session, Jan. 5, 1940, with all members present.

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

A motion to put another man on the Police Force for two months at a price of \$15.00 per week was defeated.

A resolution was unanimously passed releasing a certain piece of property on Franklin Street from a tax lien.

Mr. R. C. Beck made the following motion, that

1st. The Tax Collector provide each Commissioner with an itemized statement of the tax collections for each month.

2nd. That the Tax Collector provide each member of the Board with an itemized statement of all delinquent personal property taxes that is subject to levy, prior to and including the year 1938.

3rd. That the Tax Collector provide each member of the Board with a list of all property that has been sold for taxes.

4th. That if the property of one person is levied upon for delinquent taxes, the property of all persons which is not attached to real estate, be levied upon for delinquent taxes.

This motion was seconded and passed.

A committee representing the Epsom community, composed of Mr. Eaves, Mrs. John Wilson and Miss Lucy Wilson, appeared before the Board to support a resolution offered by Messrs. Charles P. Green and Mr. Hightower, representing the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation. After hearing the committee and Messrs. Green and Hightower, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg on 10th November, 1939, this Board approved the application of the Carolina Coach Company to the Utilities Commission of the State of North Carolina for a franchise to operate a bus line from Raleigh over Route 59 to Louisburg, Warrenton and Murfreesboro; and

Whereas, this Board has since learned that the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation has applied for a franchise to operate a bus line from Raleigh to Louisburg, Warrenton and Norlina over Route 59, and also has applied for a franchise to operate a bus line from Raleigh, by way of Wake Forest, Youngville, Franklinton, Louisburg, Ingleside, Epsom and Henderson; and

Whereas, under the proposed Atlantic Greyhound Corporation franchise, Louisburg and Franklin County will be served by three daily busses travelling south and three daily busses travelling north; and

Whereas, the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation has previously exerted every effort to furnish Louisburg and Franklin County a satisfactory and convenient bus service; and

Whereas, this Board is of the opinion that the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation will render more adequate service to Louisburg and Franklin County, and will furnish bus service to Louisburg from Raleigh, Wake Forest, Youngville, Franklinton, Ingleside, Epsom and Henderson, and will give more adequate bus connections from Louisburg to Raleigh, Richmond, Norfolk, Henderson, Franklinton and other points which are necessary to the people of Louisburg and Franklin County for their convenient travel and transaction of business;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg:

1. That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg does hereby endorse the application of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, to operate a motor bus line between Raleigh, Louisburg, Warrenton and Norlina, by way of Route 59 to Warrenton and thence to Norlina, which application is now pending before the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

2. That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg

does hereby find that the consensus of opinion in this community is that a transportation service such as that offered by the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation is sorely needed and when instituted will serve substantially the public convenience and necessity.

3. That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg does hereby find that in its opinion the transportation offered by the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation will more adequately serve the public necessity of the people of Louisburg and of Franklin County, by connecting to Louisburg by bus service more of the towns within Franklin County and more of the important trade centers outside the county to which the people of Franklin County need adequate and convenient bus service.

The Board therefore rescinded its former action and endorsed the request for the Greyhound service.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

## Franklin Over The Top

Chairman Edward F. Griffin announced today that Franklin County raised its full quota toward the Jackson Day Dinner which was held in Raleigh on Monday night. The following Democrats contributed toward the quota to be raised in our county, viz:

M. C. Murphy, Dr. J. E. Fulghum, W. C. Webb, Lawrence Wilder, Crawford Kearney, George Ford, J. P. Lumpkin, T. M. Harris, B. N. Williamson, Jr., Carl Spitz, W. V. Avenet, McKinnin Brothers, E. F. Griffin, Walter Strange, W. B. Barrow, Dr. D. T. Smithwick, R. C. Whitfield, E. W. McGhee, A. E. Henderson, W. J. Shearon, J. H. Boone, Charles P. Green, H. H. Hobgood, George Davis, L. L. Sturdivant, Dr. H. G. Perry, W. B. Tucker, T. K. Stockard, Paul W. "Doc" Elam, J. K. Tharrington, A. Tonkel, J. S. Eaves, Harry Glickman, W. H. Yarborough, Hill Yarborough, P. B. Wilson, W. L. Lumpkin, E. H. Malone, John F. Matthews, J. C. Harkins, G. M. Beam, John King, W. F. Griffin, C. E. Pace, Glenn Davis, J. A. Wheeler, J. P. Moore, A. W. Person, E. S. Ford, John Neal, and R. W. Smithwick.

E. W. McGhee and Edward F. Griffin were chosen to represent our county at the dinner and they report a wonderful speech by Governor McNeill and a fine Democratic Meeting.

### MRS. AMICK ENTERTAINS

The Current Literature Club met Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9, with Mrs. T. C. Amick as hostess, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Beam.

The subject for the afternoon was "Australia, The Island Continent" and very interesting and instructive papers were given. Mrs. M. S. Davis gave an historical account of Australia, Mrs. I. D. Moon spoke on "Types of Country and Life of the People", and Mrs. V. R. Kilby's subject was "Famous Australians".

At the conclusion of the program the hostess invited her guests to the dining room where delicious and substantial refreshments were served.

Members present were: Mrs. R. H. Welch, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. V. R. Kilby, Mrs. L. F. Kent, Mrs. J. G. Phillips, Mrs. Walter Paten, Mrs. L. D. Moon, Miss Mary Yarborough, Mrs. A. Paul Bagby and Mrs. T. C. Amick. Guests present were Mrs. Woodall and Mrs. Culpepper.

### MRS. PERRY ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Douglas Perry entertained her bridge club and several additional guests at her home on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Allen, II received high score prize for visitors and Miss Aileen Crowder for club members.

The hostess assisted by Miss Peggy Ford served a delicious salad course, candy, and tea to the following guests: Mrs. W. V. Avenet, Mrs. W. R. Hartness, Mrs. W. C. Perry, Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Allen, II, Mrs. P. S. Allen, Jr., Miss Camille Swindell, and Mrs. W. L. Lumpkin and club members: Misses Peggy Ford, Jane Fuller, Jean Fleming, Aileen Crowder, Grace Johnson, Rose Malone, Mrs. W. E. Collier, Jr., and Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood.

## Cooley Dinner



HAROLD D. COOLEY

Mr. J. R. Wiggins, Chairman of the Postmasters of the Fourth Congressional District Announces Dinner for Cooley.

The Postmasters of the Fourth Congressional District will give a dinner honoring their Congressman, Harold D. Cooley at Wake Forest January twelfth.

Post Office Inspector Honorable J. M. Risley will be the principal speaker. The postmasters will be welcomed by Mayor Harvey Holding, Dr. O. T. Binkley, Dean of the Theological Department of Wake Forest College will pronounce the invocation. A special musical program will be arranged by Professor J. L. Memory and Miss Bessie Holding.

### REV. MR. DAVIS REPLIES

Bro. M. H. Bloodworth's card in the paper last week necessitates a statement from me. On his way to unite a couple in marriage he came to our home and asked my view as to his authority in the matter. I said to him, you are not an ordained minister and if the marriage license authorizes only such to officiate in that way I do not think you should. However go to the Registers office and see how the license reads. In the event it does read that way go to Bro. Phillips and get him to go with you and for him, Phillips, to tie the knot and you to do all else. Bro. Phillip did not go, but told him that he thought under our present discipline he as pastor in charge of work has authority to officiate in the rite of matrimony—and that he himself under similar circumstances had so officiated.

These two facts remain—Bro Bloodworth is not an ordained minister—the marriage license still reads to any ordained minister. Anything I may have said or done in this matter was not with any thought of embarrassing him whom I will ever esteem highly or restricting his privileges but only to shield him from any seeming conflict with the letter of the law. E. H. Davis.

## Hog Killing

The following reports of hog killing recently from Gold Mine Township have been sent the TIMES:

- J. B. Parrish, 1, 405.
- G. B. West, 3 weighing 275, 218, 154.
- G. W. Aycock, 3 weighing 227, 184, 172.
- B. S. Harper, 1 weighing 241.
- C. W. Gupton, 2 weighing 377, 335.
- Archie Parrish, 3 weighing 212, 206, 425.
- J. R. Ricks, 2 weighing 315, 265.
- A. B. Parrish, 3 weighing 240, 230, 210.
- A. N. Davis, 1 weighing 173.
- C. M. Hamlet, 21 weighing 300, 88, 237, 290, 129, 250, 260, 155, 270, 257, 163, 198, 193, 200, 184, 206, 190, 214, 65, 75, 113.

### MURRAY-BAILEY

In a ceremony of lovely simplicity Miss Anna Belle Bailey became the bride of George Washington Murray, at the Louisburg Circuit Methodist parsonage with Rev. M. H. Bloodworth officiating on Saturday night, Dec. 23, 1939.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey of Louisburg, R. I. She is a graduate of Edward Best High School.

Mr. Murray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Murray, who are also of Louisburg R. I. They are making their home in Margaret, where the bridegroom is engaged in farming.

## Bill Fenner May Be Candidate

(By John G. Thomas)

Wilson, Jan. 9.—Nobody in the state knows whether or not Bill Fenner is going to run for the 1940 Tar Heel gubernatorial nomination but Bill Fenner, and in the parlance of the movies, Bill "ain't 'a talkin'", but, be all this as it may, Bill's friends in Eastern Carolina as well as in other parts of the state are pressing him to run for the position and pressing him hard.

In case Bill's initials have slipped your mind they are "W. E.", but in Reeky Mount the jovial tobaccoist and state representative is just plain "Bill" and he likes it.

The wisecracks who are saying that Fenner isn't even thinking of running in 1940 may be fooled even though Bill has commented only to friends from time to time that he'll think about it. For the "Fenner for Governor" bandwagon is getting bigger and bigger for the chairman of the house Finance committee who helped put over the largest money bill the state has ever known.

In recent weeks Bill's friends have urged him to take the step they want him to. They pointed out why they want him to do this and have pledged him their wholehearted support if he runs for the governorship next year.

True, Bill hasn't said yes or no to these friends but with a twinkle in his eyes he has simply smiled and thanked them for their interest in his cause. The one important thing, however, that these friends are thinking of is that Bill Fenner hasn't come right out and said "no" to any of them.

There's one thing sure. If Bill runs he'll be one of the most distinctive candidates that have showed up on the North Carolina political scene in recent years. For he's a combination of a real farmer and a good business man who believes that every business, even that of running the state, should be carried out as a straight business proposition.

Always active in behalf of the farmers of this section and the rest of North Carolina Fenner's friends will tell you that he's unqualifiedly for anything that will help the welfare of agriculture.

And right here it might be said that his record during three terms in the state legislature shows that he is, also, friendly to both capital and labor.

Though Bill won't talk about the possibility of his running for governor or much of anything connected with it, yet his friends will and they'll point out his qualifications to you as they comment simply:

"Bill Fenner's got to run for governor. He's a good man for the job."

But Fenner's friends are just like Bill will be if he runs for the position of Governor of the old North State. They won't and don't have anything but kind words for everyone else and they aren't arguing that he would or should stack up with any kind of faction, political or otherwise. They feel, if he runs, that Fenner will run independently and will simply be the "people's candidate."

Bill's neither an ultra-conservative nor an ultra liberal, but, as his friends put it, he is purely a "middle of the road" man who will stick to that faith if and when he runs.

One of his best friends, in talking to this writer recently, summed Bill up in these words while speaking of the Rocky Mounter's possible candidacy:

"He's a square shooter and absolutely dependable."

As for Bill's being fitted for the governorship of the state his friends will point out a number (Continued on Page Four)

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Jan. 13th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Bill Elliott in "Law Comes To Texas" and Johnny Downs in "Hawaiian Nights" also Chapter No. 13 "Dick Tracey's G-Men".

Sunday—Monday—Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Cecelia Parker and Fay Holden in "Judge Hardy And Son".

Tuesday—Walter Pidgeon, and Rita Johnson in "Nick Carter, Master Detective".

Wednesday—Jackie Cooper and Victor McLaglen in "Big Guy".

Thursday—Friday—Nelson Eddy and Ilona Massey in "Balalaika".

## European Summary

London. — British raid Sylt and important Helgoland anchorage, engage in North Sea air battle in drive against revitalized Nazi-sea attacks; report on British, two German fighters downed; Germans say three of nine British craft shot down over Helgoland light.

Helsinki. — Finns say third Russian division trapped; Red army driven back across front at four points; 200 Russians killed, 40 taken prisoner on central front.

Bucharest. — Rumania ready to settle long-standing differences with Hungary but says territorial cession out; diplomats predict agreement soon on Italian-backed plan to shelve territorial dispute until European war ends.

Paris. — Air activity resumes on Western Front with clearing weather; artillery, patrol clashes on northern flank.

### MILLS P. T. A. TO MEET

The TIMES is requested to State that the Mills P. T. A. will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 in the auditorium of Mills School. An interesting program is being arranged. All are urged to be present.

### MRS. J. P. STROTHER, SR.

Franklinton.—Mrs. J. P. Strother Sr., 74, died at her home, near Franklinton, early Wednesday morning of pneumonia. She had been in failing health some time.

Survivors are her husband; six children, Miss Annie Strother and J. B. and W. M. Strother of Franklinton, Mrs. Tobias Kearney of Kittrell, H. R. Strother of Louisburg, and J. P. Strother, Jr., of Spartanburg, S. C.; two brothers, J. W. Johnson of Meadsville, Pa., and J. B. Johnson of Kittrell; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Pace of Kittrell; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 3 p. m. Thursday, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Martin. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Franklinton.

### THE LOUISBURG CIRCUIT (The Methodist Church)

(By M. H. Bloodworth)

M. H. Bloodworth, until the present time, pastor of the Louisburg Circuit, wishes to express his regrets to all his friends that he will no longer serve in this county. The pains of leaving are greater than he could have supposed.

I entered the North Carolina Conference in the beginning because the bishop advised this, there being no room in the Virginia Conference, my home. Since that time I have been asked to return to the Virginia Conference, there being an opening at present. There is little likelihood of entering Virginia in the future unless this chance is accepted.

In light of the fact that I have no assurance of being returned to this Circuit next year and there being no way of knowing where I might be sent, I feel justified, and better, concerning my leaving under the present offer.

I can say, sincerely, that I believe I shall never be more devoted to any charge than to this. The memories of the fine people in the county will linger always. I have learned so much good from these people.

I ask God's richest blessings upon you all and hope you will wish the same for me. I should be glad to hear from any one who would write. My address is 423 Clay Ave., Norfolk, Virginia.

## Promotions

Raleigh, January 6.—Leo F. Stock, District Engineer for Regions IV and V of the Farm Security Administration, has been promoted to Assistant Chief Engineer with headquarters in Washington, D. C., according to official announcement made today.

Mr. William V. Albright, Assistant District Engineer for Region IV of the Farm Security Administration, has been made District Engineer of Region V with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Royal Korngay, former Associate Engineer of Region IV, has been appointed Acting District Engineer with headquarters at Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Howard H. Gordon, Regional Director, said that the promotions follow the policy of the Farm Security Administration of recognizing and rewarding merit within the organization.

## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

London, Jan. 10.—The British air force today bombed Germany's Helgoland Bay bases in reprisal for machine-gunning and bombing attacks on merchant ships during the last 48 hours which sunk at least seven ships and damaged 10 others.

The Air Ministry announced that Royal Air Force planes before dawn bombed near the Island of Sylt, believed to be a main base for German seaplanes laying mines and attacking merchant shipping, and that either British or German bombs had fallen on nearby Danish territory.

One British plane was lost in battling German planes during the attack, the Air Ministry said in contradiction of a German announcement that three of nine British bombers had been shot down over Helgoland Bay early this afternoon.

The Air Ministry said one German Messerschmidt fighter was seen to crash at sea and that another made a forced landing in Denmark while all but one of the British planes returned safely.

(The German high command, telling of German planes outnumbered more than two to one, said the three British planes shot down were new Bristol-Blenheim bombers.)

Meanwhile, planes presumed to be German were sighted off the Thames estuary, east of London, and British fighting planes sped out to sea while the fire of anti-aircraft guns was heard. The British planes failed to make contact with the raiders.

Many Planes  
Danish dispatches said 40 or more British and German planes were involved in the air battles around Sylt, which began in the early morning and continued until nearly darkness.

The British attack appeared to be centered on Hindenburg Dam, a narrow breakwater and roadway between German Jutland and the Island of Sylt. All railroad traffic over the dam was suspended during the fighting.

From the Danish side of the border anti-aircraft fire was heard throughout the day until 4 p. m.

Two more British steamers were added during the day to the toll of ships sunk by air attack off the British coasts.

The steamer Oak Grove of 1,985 tons, survivor of two bombing attacks during the Spanish civil war, was sunk with a loss of several lives, including the captain and radio operator, when two German planes bombed and machine-gunned it in the North Sea yesterday.

The 1,013-ton British steamer Up-minster also was bombed from the air and sunk in the North Sea yesterday with the probable loss of three lives, including the captain. Ten survivors, two of whom were injured, were landed at East Coast port today and told of being machine-gunned by a Nazi plane while they were rowing away from the sinking ship in lifeboats.

With Finnish Northeastern Army, Near Russian Frontier, Jan. 10.—Finnish troops in three main battles on the Suomusalmi front during the last 18 days have almost destroyed a Soviet army corps of about 50,000 men and have crossed the Russian frontier in pursuit of remnants of three smashed divisions of the Red Army, I was advised on arriving here today.

In the trip across the battlefields from Suomusalmi to Raate, I saw how complete the Finnish victory had been, not only in the defeat of the Russian 44th division, but also of parts of the 164th division after earlier destruction of the 163rd division.

On the battlefield I saw the bodies of thousands of men and horses frozen atop the snow; war equipment, including 10-ton tanks abandoned so hastily that it still cluttered the roadway for four miles; bark gnawed from trees by starving horses; and the barricades by which the Finns had blocked both the retreat of the trapped Russians and the advance of reinforcements which the Red Army had on the border.

It was evident that the Finnish command had mapped out its plans carefully and carried them out with destructive precision. Lack of supplies, especially food for troops and horses, and the bitter cold had prevented the Russians from making even the semblance of an adequate defense.

"We couldn't see them," one Russian prisoner said of the final battle. "I saw one after another of my comrades killed. Still I

## LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"Jesus Prayed," is the sermon topic for Sunday morning. Evening service is at 7:30.

The Board of Stewards will hold its January meeting on next Tuesday night. The prayer service for next week will be Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. There will be the early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M. Church School will meet at 9:45 A. M. The adult Bible Class meets at the same time. The service of morning Prayer and Sermon will come at 11:00 A. M. After the morning service there will be the annual congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a vestry. There will be a few other matters of business to take up at this meeting. Every member of St. Paul's Parish is strongly urged to be present.

The Young Peoples Service League will meet at 6:30 P. M. in the Church.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday morning the pastor, Dr. A. Paul Bagby began a series of sermons on "The Journey of Life". The sermon itself dealt with the journey. He quoted of Abraham, "And he went out not knowing whether he went. By faith he sojourned." Hebrews 11: 3-10.

The scripture divides itself into two parts: by faith he went and by faith he sojourned. Both movement and rest should be rooted in faith. We can not stand still, we must move. Life has the call of God in it to move out! Abraham moved out of Ur of Chaldees—a moving out and away from false creeds and false practices. Christians today are called to move out of the clutch of some of their false practices and some of their false beliefs. Life lived in 1940 as it was lived in 1939 would be a failure. There are deeds that need to be laid aside that individuals may go forward. And stagnant theology is never to be desired.

Abraham knew not whither he went. Today we have a definite ideal—perfection. Abraham as he lived in Haran faced sorrow. When the props were knocked out he moved on into Canaan. He sojourned there, for it is said that he lived in tabernacles. Canaan was not his home. He was merely sojourning, "for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God".

Morning worship at eleven o'clock with the pastor preaching the second sermon in the series on "Journey of Life" which is entitled "Side Trips and Detours".

Evening worship begins at 7:00 and the pastor is preaching on "Whom? Does the Lord Stand By?"

Even though Russia and Germany have a pact, with two men like Stalin and Hitler at the head of affairs of their respective countries each had better keep their weather eye open. Neither of them ever kept a pledge yet and neither of them ever hesitate on the means used to accomplish what they want.

Immigration Official—I'm sorry but there's been a mistake here. We've got your hair down as dark instead of blond.

Modern Young Lady—Oh, that's all right. Will you alter it, or shall I?

couldn't see where the fire came from.

After this battle, the Finns were reported to have crossed the frontier in pursuit of the remnants of the Russian infantry. The military dispatches did not reveal the strength of the Finnish units that had crossed the frontier or at what points they crossed. The action was said to have occurred last night.

Entire Corps  
The army corps which the Finns routed was the 47th army corps of the Russian 9th army, according to military advices reaching Finnish commanders in the Raate sector. Two entire divisions—the 163rd and the 44th of 15,000 to 18,000 men each—and at least one regiment of the 164th division were smashed or destroyed in the fighting since December 24, the Finnish advices said.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!