

MRS. MALONE RE-ELECTED

**Board of Directors Louis-
burg Chamber of Com-
merce Holds Fine Meet-
ing**

The Board of Directors of the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce held an important meeting Wednesday at the Franklin Hotel. After an enjoyable luncheon the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave reports on current business.

A general discussion was had on the needs of our town and county. Several ideas were presented but the most important thing at the present time was found to be our agricultural situation. The secretary read a letter from Mr. Boyce, the county agent, announcing a meeting in the courthouse on February 2nd, pertaining to this same question so the matter was turned over to Mr. W. B. Tucker, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Each member of the Board of Directors was urged to be present at this meeting.

Mrs. James E. Malone was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the year 1940. Her services were commended and with an active and interested Board of Directors the work of the Chamber of Commerce is expected to be most beneficial to our town and county.

Weather

Weatherman R. A. Bobbitt reports the past cold spell the worst for many years. He says the maximum temperature for the past month was 42.29 with a minimum of 15.43. For the same period in 1936 the maximum was 48.50 and the minimum 25.75. The coldest days this year were the 27, 28 and 29 all of which were below zero. While in 1936 only one day dropped below reaching 2 degrees.

From reports reaching the TIMES from over the county there has been snow on the ground every day since Christmas and at this time there seems no certainty as to when it will leave.

SURPRISE DINNER PARTY

Miss Martha Ray Matthews was honored on her thirteenth birthday, Tuesday evening, Jan. 23rd, at six o'clock when her mother, Mrs. H. A. Matthews entertained in her home with a surprise dinner party.

The dining room was lighted with long white tapers and the table was centered with the usual birthday cake, pink and white a touch of green the color scheme, place cards, little Valentine drum boys. A two-course dinner was served by Miss Marion Matthews to the honoree and Misses Janice Perry, Doris Holmes, Kitty Joy Beasley, Edith Cottrell, Jackie Word, Sarah Hardwick, Martha Lou Murphy, Bill Matthews and Mrs. S. T. Cottrell.

Following the dinner and cutting the birthday cake, guests gathered in the living room where they enjoyed playing several games and a vocal selection by Miss Jackie Word, before saying goodbye when all wished Martha Ray many more happy returns of the day.

Recently the following testimonial was received by a patent medicine concern: "For nine years I was totally deaf, and after using your ear salve for only ten days, I hear from my brother in Nebraska."

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Feb. 3rd:

Saturday - Double Feature—On Stage in Person, Jack Ritchie and his Texas Rhythm Rangers. On screen, Tex Ritter in "Down Wyoming Trail." Also first chapter of the new serial "Zorros Fighting Legion."

Sunday - Monday - Tuesday—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien and George Brent in "The Fighting 69th."

Wednesday—Ann Sothern and John Carroll in "Congo Malsie."

Thursday - Friday - Spencer Tracy and Hedy Lamarr in "I Take This Woman."

Last Times Today - James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan in "The Shop Around the Corner."

Cooper Enters Governor's Race

**Mayor Tom Cooper of Wil-
mington Announces His
Candidacy For Governor
On "Golden Rule" Plat-
form; Issues Brief State-
ment**

Raleigh, Jan. 29. — With a "Golden Rule" platform and an assertion that he would surprise the "wise boys who say they can't see me with a spy-glass," Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington, yesterday announced his candidacy for governor of North Carolina.

Cooper launched his campaign at a press conference in a hotel room here, by issuing a terse statement which he typed himself, hunt and peck fashion, on a portable typewriter. The statement follows:

"I have surveyed the field of announced and unannounced candidates and do not find one that I feel represents the great masses of people—and when I say masses I include among others teachers, laborers, farmers and merchants—and I therefore hereby announce my candidacy for governor of North Carolina subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

"As to my platform, I could take a lot of time and give you a lot of superfluous supercilious words, but I shall use only a few words that I learned at my mother's knee—the Golden Rule, Luke 6:31:

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also them likewise."

Four other Democrats previously have announced for governor, and Cooper's entry assures the largest Democratic field in the state's history. The Democratic nomination is equivalent to election.

Cooper said he would ask all of the candidates to sign two agreements with him. His proposals are:

1. That all candidates speak from the platform in public debates, and that no campaign speeches be made except from public debate platforms where all other candidates are appearing.

2. That the high man in the first primary be unopposed in the second primary.

"I want the boys—the more the merrier—to meet me on the same platform," he grinned.

"Governor Hoey has said he wants a short campaign. I propose that we shorten it by eliminating the second primary.

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tonkel, of Louisburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marguerite Isear Tonkel to Herman David Berlin, of Norfolk, Va., and Raleigh. Mr. Berlin is the son of Harry Berlin and the late Mrs. Berlin, of Norfolk, Va. The wedding will take place in March.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held its regular weekly session on Tuesday with the following disposition of the docket:

Zollie Medlin, carrying concealed weapons, commitment to issue in conformity with judgment in case No. 27, Nov. 28, 1939.

John Satterwhite, forcible trespass, settled in full.

Roy Askew, not guilty of using profane and indecent language and drunk on highway.

Graham Fuller plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey, and given 90 days on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of costs and not to violate any of the whiskey laws of N. C. for two years.

Zollie Medlin was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$25 fine.

State vs Charlie Spivey, Jr., receiving stolen property, found guilty and given 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

The following cases were continued:

Nuel Wright, forcible trespass. A. S. Wiggs, operating automobile intoxicated.

Eugene Turner, profane and indecent language on public highway and drunk.

Ennis Lancaster, operating automobile intoxicated, using indecent language on highway.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

MRS. S. T. WIL- DER DEAD

Mrs. Samuel Taylor Wilder, 70, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fleming, of Middleburg, died Saturday at 2:30 o'clock at Parkview Hospital, Rocky Mount, following a brief illness.

Surviving are her husband, two children, Samuel T. Wilder, Jr., of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Jonah Taylor, of Greensboro; three sisters, Mrs. C. P. Harris and Miss Maude Fleming, both of Louisburg; and Mrs. Frederick Severance, of Asheville; four brothers, E. L. Fleming, Middleburg; Vance Fleming, Henderson; J. Albert Fleming, Raleigh; and Wilmont Fleming, Philadelphia, Penn.

The funeral services were held from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. Paul Bagby and interment was made at Oakwood Cemetery. A large number was present at both services and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty.

The pallbearers were: J. H. Boone, H. C. Taylor, Sr., T. M. Harris, W. J. Cooper, Harvel Harris, Grover C. Harris.

Mrs. Wilder was one of Louisburg's foremost ladies and was especially popular among her many friends and neighbors. She was much interested in her church her community and her home where her splendid talents spoke so well of her kindness and devotion.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire town.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes campaign which is replacing the President's Birthday dance this year in raising funds with which to fight infantile paralysis, is in charge of Mr. John A. Tucker who is inviting all who will to send or bring in their dimes to be put to this cause. The campaign begun on Thursday, February 1st and will continue for ten days.

Bear in mind that a good portion of this money is retained in Franklin County to be used locally for the fight on infantile paralysis and the other portion is sent to Warm Springs to be used in the National fight against this dreaded disease.

Don't forget to hand in or send your dime and help this cause along.

Stove Blast Dam- ages Residence

**Explosion in Dr. A. Paul Bagby's
Home Demolishes Stove And
Two Windows**

Members of the family of Dr. A. Paul Bagby escaped unhurt Saturday morning when water pipes connecting to a kitchen range exploded, demolishing the stove and blowing out two windows in the room.

Dr. Bagby had built a fire in the range half an hour before and his wife had left the kitchen only five minutes prior to the blast. The doctor was sitting in a front room and at the time was reading a newspaper account of a tank blast in a Dunn home that resulted in the death of a small boy.

In the good old days, when wars were just wars, the successful nations levied tribute on the conquered people to pay for them. Now the idea seems to be to run a charge account with Uncle Sam.

Surprise

Washington, Jan. 31.—To the surprise of his widow, Senator William E. Borah left nearly \$200,000 worth of government bonds in a safe deposit box.

Mrs. Borah disclosed today that the substantial estate had been discovered by Miss Grace Heilman, the Senator's secretary for many years, when she opened the box to obtain his will and take it to Idaho for probate at the time of the funeral.

"I was surprised at the amount of the Senator's estate," Mrs. Borah said. She explained that she had never interested herself in the Senator's financial affairs, although she knew he had three life insurance policies, proceeds from the sale of their Idaho home, fees from speeches and savings from his salary as Senator for more than 30 years.

Schools To Open Monday

On account of the extreme weather conditions the schools in Franklin County have been closed since Wednesday of last week, but will be opened again on regular schedule Monday morning. All students are urged to return promptly and assist in making up the time lost in every way possible.

School Is Badly Damaged By Fire

**Franklin County Structure Gut-
ted By Blaze That Went
Unnoticed For Hours**

Franklin, Jan. 28.—Fire of undetermined origin, which apparently had burned most of Saturday night without being discovered, today had left a portion of the interior of the Franklin Public School a smoldering wreckage—the interior of the janitor supplies room, kitchen and cafeteria and school authorities postponed until February 5th.

Work was begun early Monday making repairs.

The school was to have reopened Wednesday of this week after a shut-down due to the weather.

Officials today had not estimated damage to the school, but said it would be "considerable." Insurance will cover the loss, they said.

Although the large three-story brick building is located in the center of town and on U. S. Highway No. 1, the blaze was not discovered until 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning. The structure itself is fire resistant and the fire had not broken out into the open. Indications were a short circuit in the wiring probably started the blaze late Saturday night and it swept through the kitchen, cafeteria and supply rooms, destroying everything inflammable. Smoke, heat and falling plaster caused considerable damage in other parts of the building not touched directly by the fire. The blaze had almost burned itself out when discovered early Sunday.

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REAL WINTER Louisburg and Vicinity Suf- fer Coldest Spell Since 1917-18

Since the fall of the big snow on Tuesday afternoon and night of last week Louisburg and vicinity has been experiencing a touch of real winter weather. With the ground frozen and covered with a heavy coating of snow and a cold blast coming in from Canada the thermometer has been playing tag with zero since Friday, when it dropped to 2 1/2 above, and on Saturday to 1 degree above. On Sunday the thermometer registered 1 1/2 degrees below zero and on Monday and Tuesday 2 degrees below. These readings were taken from the government thermometer which is under supervision to Mr. R. A. Bobbitt, local weatherman. Four or five days of this time the thermometer failed to reach as high as freezing and many water pipes throughout the section gave way to the freezing temperatures.

This is unquestionably the coldest spell in this section since the winter of 1917-18 when 10 degrees below zero was registered and water pipes two feet in the ground gave way to the freeze.

The winter of 1935-36 was also a cold one and presented a long cold spell but failed to meet this one by one or two degrees.

The river just above the dam has been frozen over sufficient to accommodate skaters for several days and many of our citizens have been enjoying this sport so seldom realized in this section.

The weather began to moderate Tuesday and brought much relief to the shivering public.

The highway department did a nice job of clearing the highways, and considering the vast amount of snow and ice to be handled made especially good time in handling the situation.

Luckily no serious accidents were had in this section, the drivers showing unexcelled caution in driving about the slick and badly snow and ice jammed highways and streets.

Reduced Bond

At a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Leo Carr at Halifax Tuesday, William C. Gilliam, under a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and attempt at robbery on C. Haywood Harper, and who was held for Superior Court in Franklin County under an \$8,000 bond by Judge Hamilton Hefgood at a preliminary hearing held in Louisburg on December 12th, the bond imposed by the Recorder was reduced to \$6,000. This bond had not been given Wednesday.

The defendant was represented by Messrs. T. P. Gholson, of Henderson, and Hill Yarborough, of Louisburg, and the State was represented by Solicitor W. Y. Bickert, of Raleigh.

One out of every four farmers who insured their 1939 wheat production under Federal "all-risk" insurance program has received an indemnity to make up for unavoidable crop loss.

Briton Says Uncle Sam Now Has Japan On Spot

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—A British financier from Shanghai said today that America "is playing poker in Japan with five deuces," and that "you've got Japan absolutely cold, and all the business people in Japan know it."

The financier, Sir Victor Sassoon, arrived on the liner President Coolidge from the Orient.

"In Japan," he said, "the business people and diplomats want peace in China, and friendliness with the United States. They say it is 'our only hope.'"

"But there are other forces to be reckoned with. The navy favors peace, but figures it can run a bluff and get something for nothing, why not try it. However, the navy is not looking for trouble."

"It is the army, sitting in the middle of Manchuria, that wants to fight America, while the navy, which would have to do the fighting, does not."

Sir Victor declared the United States was "firmly in the saddle" in Japan, despite the fact that many powerful forces in that empire were pulling the nation in so many directions that her ultimate course was unpredictable.

China, he said, was too big to be conquered, and if the Chinese persisted in refusing to be conquered, "there are not enough Japanese to subdue them."

The British capitalist said that while some units of the Japanese army in China were beginning to wonder "what they're doing there," another section of the army—in Manchuria and North China—was belligerent, and "you can't tell which will win in the end."

As to British relations with Japan, Sir Victor had this to say: That Great Britain should and probably would stand absolutely firm on the "Assama incident," in which a group of German seamen were removed from a Japanese vessel by a British warship.

"Britain is right under international law," he argued. "She is entitled to seize contraband of war, and young men of military age—trained sailors as well—are contraband of war, as much as bombs or bullets."

Sir Victor, financier, hotel man and real estate operator, came to the United States on vacation. He will visit Chester Frita, Shanghai broker, in Hollywood.

Paul Grady Enters Race

**Makes Sixth Man To Offer
For Governor In The
Coming Campaign**

(News-Observer)

In a statement featured by declarations for a statewide referendum on the liquor question and outright repeal of the sales tax, Paul D. Grady, of Kenly, Tuesday became the sixth candidate to announce formally in the race for the 1940 Democratic nomination for Governor. The two high men in the primary on May 25 will be entitled to enter a second primary on June 22.

Veteran Politician

Mr. Grady, who is a lawyer and is 48 years old, has been active in politics for more than 20 years. He represented Johnston County in the House of Representatives in 1919 and 1921 and was a member of the State Senate in 1923, 1925, 1933 and 1935, being President Pro Tempore in his last session. His name has appeared in the last three statewide Democratic primaries and received approximately 200,000 votes each time. He led the field for Lieutenant Governor by 23,000 votes in the first primary in 1936, but was defeated by 9,000 votes in the second primary. In 1938, he was a candidate against Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne and lost by 55,000 votes.

Since the second primary in 1936, Mr. Grady has been associated politically with those who supported Dr. Ralph W. McDonald for Governor in 1936. Dr. McDonald is the only 1936 candidate not mentioned by Mr. Grady in his announcement. Compliments are paid both to Governor Hoey as one of a line of successful governors and to former Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, under whom Mr. Grady served and whom he describes as "one of North Carolina's most successful and efficient Lieutenant Governors."

Liquor Issues

In his declaration for a statewide referendum on liquor, Mr. Grady deals with a subject avoided so far by every other candidate except Mayor Cooper, who declared against a statewide referendum and for the right of every county to decide the question for itself.

Mr. Grady is less specific in his discussion of the sales tax. While declaring for repeal, he states that his detailed plan for replacing this tax would be announced later in the campaign. Other subjects are also reserved for a forthcoming pamphlet to be entitled: "The Tax Payer vs. The Tax Spenders," which will discuss subjects as "political payoffs" which is touched upon briefly in Tuesday's announcement under the heading "Reorganization of the State Government." In his opening statement, Mr. Grady opposed diversion of highway funds. Other subjects discussed are: labor, education and agriculture.

"I haven't any money" used to quiet a high-pressure salesman, but today it just amuses him, because all he wants is your signature to a promise to pay in twenty-five monthly installments.

Warning

Washington, Jan. 31.—Rear Admiral Claude C. Bloch tonight warned indirectly that if the United States withdraws from the Philippines "for good" in 1946, it cannot hope to protect its Far Eastern interests without building an impregnable sea and air base at Guam, American possession 1,300 miles off the coast of Japan. Bloch, former commander-in-chief of the fleet and now commandant of the 14th Naval district at Honolulu, mentioned fortification of Guam as one of two alternatives for the protection of American rights in the Orient. He was the principal speaker at the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense here.

His reference to the Far Eastern defense problem followed the decision of the Senate foreign relations committee to postpone consideration of various Japanese embargo proposals until after it has disposed of legislation for non-military loans to Finland—probably in a week or so. It also coincided with the foreign policy address of Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita before the Japanese parliament.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

London, Jan. 31. — Neville Chamberlain told Americans tonight that their war-withered trade with England will prosper if they wait until "the time comes to turn once more from war to peace," and gave Adolf Hitler jibe for jibe, defiance for defiance.

"We are prepared for air raids if they should come," was his answer to the man who last night jeered at "Old Mr. Chamberlain and his Bible" and threatened England and France with a taste of "the fight they asked for."

He reviewed the "prodigious results" of the British war effort—more than 1,250,000 men under arms, airplane construction stepped up to a point seven times greater than 1935-36, orders for supplies totaling nearly Lbs200,000,000 (\$808,000,000), doubled and some cases quadrupled gun production, and shell output more rapid than that of 1914.

Yet, no neutral, he said, "feels itself threatened by this enormous accumulation of power."

At the same time, the British Prime Minister, speaking at a luncheon at a London hotel, did his best to placate Europe's disturbed little neutrals, some of whom have expressed resentment at a broadcast suggestion by Winston Churchill that their only hope lies in "united action" with the Allies.

To Japan, he voiced his "distress" that the Oriental power should be angry over British war methods.

"We have in the past been the largest customer of the United States for their agricultural produce," Chamberlain said. "As soon as the war began, we were compelled to curtail our import of things which were not essential to us that we may concentrate our dollar resources upon purchases from the United States of those enormous masses of munitions and equipment which it is necessary for us to have in order to carry on the struggle."

Not Indifferent. "But let nobody suppose that we want to use the measures that we have taken for any purpose other than prosecution of the war, nor that we are indifferent to losses which neutrals may thereby sustain."

Germany

Berlin, Jan. 31. — Germany's way of ruling occupied Poland is in the best interest of the Polish population, but the Poles must recognize Greater Germany's right as a warring nation of 80 millions to eliminate enemies on her flank, Arthur Seyss-Inquart, deputy governor of the area, told correspondents today.

Germany's future relation to any such Polish state as may survive will be determined, the Austrian Nazi leader predicted, by the readiness with which Poles revise their thinking processes and cease to conspire against the Reich.

He decried as "gross exaggerations" claims by the exile Polish government in Paris that 18,000 persons had been executed by the Germans in Poland, but warned that Germans, "fighting the fight of our lives," could not tolerate conditions "which might amount to a stab in the back."

It would benefit the Poles, Seyss-Inquart insisted, if foreign countries would cease meddling in Poland and inciting the Polish intelligentsia.

Stiff measures often have to be taken with Chauvinistic Polish intellectuals, he acknowledged, but the Polish workers and peasants, he said, are led easily and are being taught German orderliness and efficiency.