

## \$12,000 TO \$15,000 FIRE

### Starts In Shor's Department Store

Damages Production Credit Association Building and Fixtures, Leggett's, Roses And Bank Building

Louisburg experienced one of the biggest fires in many years early Tuesday morning, when fire broke out in the rear end of Shor's Department Store on Main Street next door to Louisburg Production Credit Association and spread to the Production Credit Association building (the old Farmers & Merchants Bank), almost completely destroying both buildings and the stock of Shor's Department Store.

### NEW PASTOR



Rev. R. Herman Nicholson, new pastor of the First Citizens Church of the Methodist Church. The new minister is a graduate student in religion at Duke University, where he has served as chairman of the Committee on World Christian Missions. A native of Christianville, he attended Mitchell College and Lenoir-Rhyne College before enrolling at Duke.

## TOWN COMMIS- SIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in semi-monthly session, Feb. 22, 1940, at 7:30 P. M. All members were present except P. W. Elam.

A motion was passed to take a full page advertisement in the Louisburg College annual, "The Oak."

The Board instructed the Town Attorney to take the 1937 Tax Sales Certificates and to either collect the taxes or to foreclose on all property on which the 1937 taxes are past due.

The Board instructed Attorney J. F. Matthews to complete arrangements for the payment of the taxes due on the Meta J. Cooke property and to secure a deed to the Dave Wood property at once.

The Tax Committee was instructed to meet with the Tax Collector and to review all apparently uncollectable personal property taxes, with the view of charging them off the books.

The Board agreed to allow Dr. A. H. Fleming the sum of \$25.00 representing the cost of moving the ticket office at the Franklin County Fair Grounds, in accordance with its agreement under date of March 22, 1939.

It was agreed between Mr. M. S. Davis and the Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg, N. C., that there would be no additional fees charged by Mr. Davis for running levels, setting grade stakes, and superintending, the paving of alleys or streets leading to or around the Army Building, or the construction of any necessary retaining walls on the Army lots.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

### MORE ABOUT THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Two very interesting results came of the first article that appeared in this paper last week. The first of these results really amounted to a proof that the FRANKLIN TIMES goes considerably further from Louisburg than the confines of Franklin County. The county chairman had a most interesting letter which enclosed a check for the Crippled Children's Easter Seals sale. This letter was from a lady in Washington, D. C., who says that she has always been intensely interested in all that concerns Louisburg and Franklin County. She goes on to say that she found Louisburg a very happy home when she lived here and that she still continues to call this town her home. All this lady has to say is quite true. The second interesting result that came of last week's item regarding this Crippled Children Fund was the check which was enclosed in this lady's letter. This was the fund's first donation and it came from the capital of the United States.

If there are any good friends of the crippled children who would like to make their donations before the actual sale of seals begins which will be Monday, the eleventh of March, the treasurer, Mrs. John Williamson, at the Welfare Office will be glad to receive any checks.

The county committee has high hopes that the fund will really be adequate this year to care for the children of the county, and the committee feels further that if the good people of Franklin County show a willingness to do their part, that the state will be more than willing to do its share.

### RAMSEY KEYNOTER

Keynote speaker at the State Democratic Convention in Raleigh May 17 will be D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times. Governor Hoey said Tuesday.

The Governor said he had been informed of Ramsey's designation by R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, State Democratic Chairman. Ramsey also will serve as temporary chairman of the convention, until a permanent chairman is elected. Ramsey, a graduate of the University of Virginia, is widely known as a speaker, a student and a business executive. He began his newspaper career in 1920 as associate editor of the Citizen, subsequently served as editor of the Times and in 1930 became general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times company.

Interested from his college days in public affairs, he ran for commissioner of public safety of Asheville in 1919 and was elected. He held a similar post in Winston-Salem later. Since then, he has declined to become a candidate for public office. He has long been a leader in civic affairs and has played a prominent role in charitable organizations in Asheville.

The Polk County Agricultural Conservation Association committee has started a movement to get every farmer possible to sow at least 100 pounds of lespedeza seed this spring.

Young Perry is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Perry.

## Receive Funds For Finland

Mr. A. E. Henderson, Cashier of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., announces that his bank will receive funds for the Finns in Franklin County and transmit them to the State Treasurer.

Mr. Henderson was appointed Chairman for Franklin County the past week by Mr. George Watts Hill, State Chairman, of Durham. In commenting upon this move Mr. Henderson said that in addition to showing our sympathy for the Finns it was a good business proposition to whip the antagonists to good government overseas, and if the Finns can do it lets give them what they need to do it with.

Any one wishing to contribute to the cause will send or take their donation to Mr. A. E. Henderson, Cashier First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Louisburg, N. C., who will acknowledge receipt of same and send it on to do its mission.

## HEARING IN FATAL CRASH POSTPONED TWO WEEKS

A hearing for two men on charges which grew out of a fatal accident on U. S. Highway 1 near Youngsville last Thursday night, of last week, was continued for two weeks by Recorder Hamilton Hobgood in Louisburg recorder's court Tuesday.

Postponement was forced because Edmund Madarassy of New York City, a prosecuting witness, and Lewis Henry Perry, Youngsville Negro charged with operating a wagon without lights, were unable to attend. Madarassy is undergoing treatment in Wake Forest for a hip fracture.

The other defendant is E. P. Bond of Raleigh, truck driver for the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, charged with reckless driving.

Victim of the crash was Leona Mause of New York City, who was riding in a car with Madarassy which was struck by a truck driven by Bond. Coroner R. A. Bobbitt quoted Bond as saying that he swerved his truck to avoid striking Lewis' wagon and that the machine collided with Madarassy's car.

## SERMON TO SCOUTS

A successful Boy Scout anniversary service, with a sermon by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, was held at the Methodist Church last Sunday night. Dr. Bagby, local Baptist Minister, spoke on Jesus' experience at twelve years, using the topic, "The Boy of Twelve."

The speaker told of how neither Mary and Joseph, nor the wise Doctors in the Temple understood Jesus, and said that any boy of twelve was a puzzle to his parents, his teachers, and even to himself. This is because such rapid changes come into the mind and personality at this age. This is a most important age in a boy's life because the influences and sympathies which he feels at this period will determine the life of the man. Dr. Bagby further stated that the age of twelve, or somewhere close to that age, is the normal time for very significant religious experiences, with conversion and active church life often beginning at that time.

A very helpful impression was made on both the boys and the older persons present, as the spiritual opportunities of the Boy Scout age in life were emphasized.

He suggested that we will have to adopt a more balanced program. Make food and feed crops in proportion to many crops, and scrap the idea that you can make tobacco and cotton and buy your food and feed to better advantage. He pointed to live stock, poultry and diversified crops as our saviour and said "the quicker we realize it and adjust ourselves the quicker and easier will become the change. He expressed the greatest confidence in our people in being able and capable of handling this readjustment to great advantage. His was a most interesting and instructive address and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. A. F. Johnson, editor of the FRANKLIN TIMES, who took occasion to compliment the County Agents, their assistants and those attending on the inauguration of this Short Course and hoped they would continue it annual indefinitely.

Following lunch on the campus the evening session was divided into sections with Mr. J. O. Rowell discussing Controlling the Boll Weevil, and Mr. L. P. Watson discussing Sweet Potatoes as a Cash Crop in Franklin County at the Men's section, and Control of Household Pests and Small Fruits, respectively, at the Women's section. In addition the Women's session heard a most interesting and instructive address on Your Clothes and Personality by Mrs. Willie Hester.

The entire Short Course was considered a great success bringing valuable information to the farmers and instituting a wonderful spirit of cooperation.

Special guests present were: Miss Geraldine Parker, Miss Alberta Davis, Miss Camille Swindell, Mrs. E. F. Griffin and Mrs. Woodall. Members present were: Mrs. Walter Patten, Mrs. V. R. Kilby, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. T. K. Allen, Mrs. I. D. Moon, Mrs. S. F. Burt, Mrs. T. C. Amick, Mrs. J. G. Phillips, Miss Mary Yarborough, Mrs. A. Paul Bagby and Mrs. C. M. Watkins.

Because of the recent unusual weather, truck growers in the Wilmington area have been set back two to three weeks in their work, says J. P. Herring, county agent.

## FARMERS SHORT COURSE

### OPENED WEDNESDAY AT COLLEGE

Good Attendance on First Day; Splendid Addresses; Interesting Round Table Talks; Dr. Clarence Poe Addressed Thursday's Session

The two day Short Course for farmers inaugurated and put over by Franklin County's efficient County Agents, Farm and Home and their assistants, got off to a good start Wednesday morning with a splendid attendance.

At the morning session Supt. W. C. Strowd made the address of welcome and responded to by Mr. J. T. Patrick, County Agent Boyce introduced the speakers and presided.

Mr. O. F. McCrary made an interesting talk on Making Most of the Short Course, in which he stressed the idea of cooperating with the several agencies to find a way out of the present situation.

Mr. A. C. Kimrey made a short address telling in clear and understandable language of the care and importance of the family milk cow.

Mr. C. F. Parrish told those present of how to make poultry a cash income and told of the opportunities for the poultryman who gave the necessary attention to the project.

Mr. E. Y. Floyd told in a most interesting way of the outlook for 1940.

The meeting recessed for a picnic dinner on the campus. The evening session was opened by an address by Mr. K. T. Humphrey on the question of Cold Storage in preserving farm meats which was especially interesting and instructive.

The meeting was divided into Men's and Women's meetings at which Mr. E. Y. Floyd, Mrs. Cornelia Morris, and Mr. A. C. Kimrey made addresses and an interesting round table discussion was had.

Thursday morning's session opened with an address on The Garden that Feeds the Family, by Mr. L. P. Watson, in which much timely information was given.

Mr. J. O. Rowell spoke on Garden Insects and their Control. Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, made the address of the day on the subject "Ten Year Farm Program for the South" in which he pictured the predicament of the Southern farmers of today who is depending on cotton and tobacco. He pointed out that foreign countries had increased their tobacco production from 70,000,000 to 360,000,000 pounds or from 9 1/2 to 42 per cent of our 1938 crop, and that after the war England, if successful in winning the war, will be impoverished and unable to buy, it will likely increase duty on tobacco and give favor to her colonies which will no doubt be formed into United States of Europe.

The Cotton situation is as bad or worse and the speaker said it is amazing that our people have been able to survive under the readjustment going on in cotton.

He suggested that we will have to adopt a more balanced program. Make food and feed crops in proportion to many crops, and scrap the idea that you can make tobacco and cotton and buy your food and feed to better advantage. He pointed to live stock, poultry and diversified crops as our saviour and said "the quicker we realize it and adjust ourselves the quicker and easier will become the change. He expressed the greatest confidence in our people in being able and capable of handling this readjustment to great advantage. His was a most interesting and instructive address and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

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## Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held a short session on Tuesday and disposed of the following docket: Willie Hunter, abandonment and non support, cost paid and continued under former order.

William Henry Williams found not guilty of bastardy.

William Jones plead guilty to bastardy and was given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment to Lucille Wheelers of \$75 and pay costs.

Richard Moore was found guilty of abandonment and non support, and given 6 months on roads, execution not to issue upon the payment of \$2.00 per month to wife and costs.

Otho Medlin, possession of still, unlawful possession of whiskey, manufacturing whiskey, continued.

Ben Teasley plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, and given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and not to operate motor vehicle for 12 months.

R. P. Pearce, Zoll Pearce were found not guilty of worthless check charge.

Joe Davis Thomas, larceny and receiving, remanded to W. V. Ament, Juvenile Judge.

Lee Brodie plead guilty to motor vehicle violation, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

E. P. Bond reckless driving, resulting in death, continued.

YOUNGSVILLE VOTES BONDS  
Franklin County's thriving little town of Youngsville voted water and sewer bonds on February 20th by a good substantial majority. There were 215 registered and 173 voted for both bond issues while 42 actually voted against the issuance of the bonds. It took one hundred and eight votes to carry the issue and the results showed a majority of 85 over the registration or 131 over the actual voting.

This shows our sister town on the road to progress and better living.

FRANCE PUTS ARMY RULE ON FARMERS  
Paris.—The French government Tuesday ordered all the nation's farm workers requisitioned, holding them to the soil under military control to assure the spring planting.

A notice issued by the ministries of agriculture and labor said that "agricultural production delayed by the severe winter must be intensified so that provisioning of the country will not be compromised."

The requisition decree forbade business and industries to hire workers away from the farms without special permission.

MRS. YARBOROUGH ENTER-  
TAINS  
Mrs. Richard Yarborough entertained the O'Henry Book Club on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Robert Smithwick read a paper on "The Choice and Care of Silver." Mrs. Earle Murphy described "Old and New Patterns of Silver." Mrs. Murphy showed some very interesting pieces of flat silver, some being over two hundred years old.

Misses Mary and Edith Yarborough were guests.

A delicious refreshment course was served.

TO OPEN FLOWER SHOP  
Mrs. Hazel Roberson, who has been in charge of the Louisburg Flower Shop since its establishment has withdrawn and will open a Flower Shop of her own to be known as Hazel Roberson, Florist. This will be located in the Professional building on Court Street, the same location as the old Louisburg Flower Shop. Mrs. Roberson, whose experience in handling flowers for all occasions, informs the TIMES that she will be prepared to furnish flowers, in all designs and for all occasions at reasonable prices and promptly.

OTIS CASWELL BENTON  
Otis Caswell Benton, 29, died Wednesday morning at his home, Spring Hope, Route 2.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Benton; two sisters, and a brother, all of Spring Hope.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday at 2:30 o'clock. Burial was in the family cemetery.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE  
The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that Mr. A. O. Curl, Jr., Deputy Commissioner, will be in the office of Mr. George W. Ford, Register of Deeds at Louisburg on March 5th and 11th, 1940, for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers in filing their income and intangible personal property tax returns.

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## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Helsinki, Feb. 28.—The Red Army's relentless pressure against Finnish defenses along the shell-pocked Karelian Isthmus continued today to the accompaniment of successful Russian attacks on the far northern front near Petsamo.

The Finnish high command communique made scant mention of the Isthmus fighting, saying only that the "enemy suffered heavily" and that Finnish forces fought defensive actions with "lively" artillery fire on both sides.

As Soviet forces attacked across the ice of Viipuri Bay, apparently planning to envelop the city of Viipuri, civilians were withdrawn from many villages along the bay's western shore, since they had come within range of advancing Russian artillery.

The Russians seemed to thrust the spearhead of their attack westward along the Gulf of Finland coast at all costs.

There were signs that this might prove costly, since the Finns have strong batteries along the coast, though the coastal fortifications farther south, centering around Koivisto, already have fallen into Russian hands.

In addition, the Finns are standing firmly at Taipale, the eastern end of the Isthmus defense line where repeated Soviet assaults have failed to gain ground ever since the war started November 30.

Paris, Feb. 28.—Renewed patrol fighting on the Western Front accompanied by continued aerial activity, was reported tonight by military dispatches which said that French artillery had smashed German attempts to feel out advance positions.

At the same time, official announcements disclosed that British reconnaissance planes had flown over Berlin—as well as Kiel, Cuxhaven and Hanover—again last night, and reported that two German planes, which participated in mass flights over France, had been downed in the past 48 hours.

The land action was reported particularly hot in the sector between the Moselle and Saar rivers, not far from the Luxembourg border, where the Nazis have struck again and again in the last 10 days at French advance positions.

Three German patrols were halted in this area by French barbed wire before they got within striking distance of their objectives, dispatches from the front said.

Further east, in the vicinity of the Bliess River, French artillery was reported to have directed a hot fire against German positions, discouraging patrol activity in this sector. The French high command took note of these operations in its morning communique by mentioning increased artillery and patrol activity, but its nightly communique said merely "quiet day."

Berlin Version  
(In Berlin the German high command said a strong French infantry assault, supported by artillery, had been repelled east of the Moselle River last night.)

Announcement of the downing of two of the German planes which had taken part in flights over France, penetrating to the Paris area, was made in a special communique. It did not say, however, whether the planes had been downed by the anti-aircraft fire or pursuit ships.

Meanwhile, the British Air Ministry, which earlier had reported two other German planes destroyed off the English coast, announced that the Royal Air Force had made its fifth flight over Germany in six days, reconnoitering Hanover and the Nazi naval bases at Kiel and Cuxhaven in addition to flying over Berlin.

LIST VACANCIES WITH  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
In order that you may have first consideration in the renting of your vacant Stores, Offices, Homes, Apartments and Rooms please list them in the Chamber of Commerce office, Call 372-1 and list any vacancy with the Secretary so that when calls come in to her office she will be able to refer people to you.

This is just one of the many services available through your Chamber of Commerce.

An advertisement in The FRANKLIN TIMES usually gets satisfactory results.

JOSEPH THARRINGTON  
Funeral services were held Monday for Joseph Tharrington, 71, retired Franklin County farmer who died at his home Sunday. He is survived by a sister and several nieces and nephews.

Clayborn Harward, Chapel Hill, Route 3, is the second Durham County 4-H Club boy to secure a loan through the FSA with which to buy a broad sow and begin the production of purebred pigs.