

RECEIVES ROAD PETITIONS

MANY REPORTS ORDERED FILED

Commissioners Hear Plan To Put Names Under Pictures In Court Room and To Improve County Property on Tar River

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present except Bartholomew. The following business was transacted:

Three road petitions presented to the Board from citizens of Pearce, Riley's and Hopkins, one from the Ivey and Warrenton roads community and one from Cypress Creek township, the Board ordered these paved and sent to the State Highway Commission.

Reports from the following officers were received and ordered filed: Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Welfare Officer; Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; J. E. Tuck, Negro Farm Agent; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent.

A petition for widening State Highway No. 1.

Trumiller Harris was placed upon the blind list.

The Board drew a jury for the April term of Court.

The Board of Elections was before the Commissioners in regard to expenses in carrying out the New Election law and was assured the cooperation of the Board in its efforts to properly conduct the elections in the most economical manner.

A. F. Johnson suggested to the Board that the names of the subjects be placed under the pictures that are hung upon the walls of the Court room, suggesting that since we are proud of these former citizens sufficient to provide space for the pictures in the Court room lets tell others who they are. And also to invite the families of Governor Bickett, Sen. Wylie M. Person, S. A. Newell and any others to furnish pictures to be placed in the Court room in their memory. It was suggested that the Historical Commission take action in keeping with the suggestion at once. He also suggested that the County make an investigation looking to improving the County property by the side of the Ford Place and back of the jail, with WPA Aid, and town cooperation, making of it a parking place and building up the County's property to a usable unit. This was deferred until Commissioner Bartholomew could be present.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

ERVIN S. WILDER

Spring Hope.—Funeral services for Ervin S. Wilder, 76, of the Seven Paths community, who died Monday at 7:45 p. m., were held Tuesday at Cypress Creek Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. E. Y. Averette, assisted by Dr. W. R. Cullum.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, T. S. Wilder, of Seven Paths and Charlie Wilder, of Spring Hope, R. F. D.; two daughters, Mrs. Lee McGregor, of Louisburg, Route 4, and Mrs. Glenn Medley, of Rocky Mount; and eight grandchildren.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, April 6th:

Saturday — Double Feature—Charles Starrett in "Blazing Six Shooters" and Lynn Bari in "Free Blonde and Twenty-One", also Chapter No. 10 "Zorros Fighting Legion."

Sunday — Lynda Darnell in "Stardust" with John Payne and Roland Young.

Monday — Shirley Temple in "The Blue Bird" in Technicolor. Tuesday—On the Stage in Person—Bill Holt and His South Sea Islanders" On the Screen—Loretta Young and David Niven in "Eternally Yours."

Wednesday—Tom Brown and Constance Moore in "Ma, He's Making Eyes At Me."

Thursday-Friday—Henry Fonda, Russell Simpson and Jane Darwell in John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath."

European Summary

London—Churchill made dictator of Britain's warring services in drastic cabinet shake-up; Earl of Athlone appointed governor-general of Canada; British say Germans unsuccessful in two convoy raids; Britain and Germany lose one plane each in battle off east coast.

Berlin—Goering says Hitler has forces mobilized for "decisive blow" in west, but gives no clue as to when; Nazis report British convoy "successfully" attacked.

Paris—Reynaud, in broadcast to United States, says Allies "are strong, and strong enough to win," and will conclude no "phony" peace with Hitler; German prisoners captured on western front; 36 former Communist deputies given four-year prison sentences, eight others draw suspended sentences.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held an unusually large session, especially from a spectators standpoint, Tuesday after a two weeks vacation. Prosecuting Attorney Charles P. Green was assisted by Attorneys Hill Yarborough and Jack Matthews and cases were disposed of as follows:

James Davis was found guilty of bastardy, and given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$100 to Ina Kelly.

O. W. Hicks was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapon.

James Cooley plead guilty to larceny and receiving, and was given 90 days on roads.

James Lewis, Jr., plead guilty to motor vehicle violation and was given 60 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

D. B. Gardner plead guilty to public drunkenness, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

James Cooley plead guilty to larceny and receiving, and was given 9 months on roads.

Henry Burt plead guilty to motor vehicle violation, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Elvin Pearce was found not guilty of carrying concealed weapon, assault with deadly weapon.

Jarvis Evans plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, and given 4 months on roads.

Archie Bell was found guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey and given 6 months on roads, execution not to issue upon payment of costs and not to violate any of the liquor laws of North Carolina in two years.

The following cases were continued: Eugene Turner, public drunkenness, profane language.

Aaron Medlin, reckless driving, Ennis Lancaster, operating automobile intoxicated, profane language.

Henry C. Wood, reckless driving.

Thomas Hunt, motor vehicle violation.

Louie Bullock, operating automobile intoxicated.

List of Jurors

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the April term of Franklin Criminal Court, to convene on Monday, April 15th: Dunn—Dollie Pearce, F. R. Watkins, A. B. Medlin, E. C. Pearce.

Harris—C. H. Richardson, H. W. Oakley, B. D. Denton, Youngsville—J. A. Sandling, I. V. Grissom.

Franklinton—Carl W. Bailey, J. F. Harris.

Hayesville—E. H. Journegan, R. N. Ayescue, W. H. Wilder, H. L. Ayescue, W. W. Wynn.

Sandy Creek—J. B. Bumgardner, Elliott Fuller.

Gold Mine—Percy Gupton, Cedar Rock—J. E. Gupton, Cypress Creek—W. G. Bowden, J. W. Wilder, Wilson Gay, Louisburg—D. W. Simmons, P. C. Holmes, R. R. Gupton, H. L. Alford, B. W. Cash, G. C. Harris, A. G. Knott.

THOMAS MAXWELL'S MANAGER

Wednesday's News - Observer gives the appointment of Mr. Ernest P. Thomas by A. J. Maxwell, candidate for Governor, as his manager for Franklin County.

Speak in jest if you will—but not too often. Only professional jesters find caps and bells profitable.

M. S. CLIFTON, Sr. DEAD

Mr. Maurice S. Clifton, Sr., one of Louisburg's most highly respected citizens died at his home about 8 o'clock Wednesday night following a long illness. He was 64 years of age and is survived by his wife and five children, M. S. Clifton, Jr., and Mrs. Edward Uzzell, of Raleigh; Mrs. Sophia Pike, of Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Mary Anna Clifton, of Trenton; and Billy Clifton, of Louisburg, and the following sisters, Mrs. John W. King, Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mrs. Kate C. Perry, and Mrs. L. L. Joyner.

During his active life Maurice was very popular and active in the business and social life of Louisburg, having served the Town in an official capacity, was Register of Deeds and Cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. He enjoyed a wide popularity through the entire County.

Funeral services were held from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he held membership, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. L. F. Kent, the rector, and interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were: P. W. Elam, P. S. Allen, J. M. Allen, J. B. King, W. T. King, John King, Maurice Joyner, Dr. W. C. Perry, Joe Munford. Those in charge of the flowers were Mrs. Earl Murphy, Mrs. W. C. Perry, Mrs. W. T. King, Mrs. James King. Music was by a vested choir.

Quite a large number of friends attended both services to pay a last sad tribute to the deceased.

Tucker-Johnson

The marriage of Miss Hazel Hayward Johnson and John Allen Tucker was solemnized at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The church was beautifully decorated. Spires and ferns were banked against the chancel walls. Eucharistic candles burned on the altar. Large baskets of spirea were interspersed with ferns along the choir rail and in the transepts.

Ushers were George Olivier, Bob Johnson, James Shearin and McKinnis Pearce, of Washington, D. C.

The prenuptial organ music was played by Mrs. H. J. Lewis. The vested choir entered singing the professional, "O Perfect Love."

The bride, entering with her father, Dr. Harry H. Johnson, took her place in the front pew. The groom entered the Church with his best man, W. Blair Tucker and took his place in the opposite pew.

The bride wore a pink and Navy blue ensemble with white accessories. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of roses and valley lilies. She had no attendants.

The officiating minister was the Rev. Leicester F. Kent, rector of the church. He administered communion to the bride and groom after the betrothal.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. After the vows were spoken, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker left the church by way of the vestry room. The choir sang as a recessional the hymn, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden."

The bride is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hayward Johnson. She is a graduate of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, and of the Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore. Mr. Tucker is the son of Mrs. Claude Tucker and the late Mr. Tucker. He received his education at Louisburg College.

After a wedding trip to Charleston, S. C., the couple will be at home at 305 North Main Street, Louisburg.

Following the wedding the parents of the bride entertained informally at a luncheon at their residence on Sunset Avenue.

Census Takers

The following is the list of Census takers for Franklin County:

C. V. Beddingfield, W. H. Baker, J. M. Stallings, M. L. Hagwood, John Chambliss, C. E. Winston, G. R. Bridgers, J. E. Winn, Hector Harris, R. G. Winn, Glenn O. Kennedy, Grover C. Parrish, Perry Griffin, John Neal, H. E. Gardner, Mrs. Gladys Collier, C. E. Moore, B. N. Williamson, Sr., John A. Tucker, and B. B. Massenburg.

L. T. Weeks, Extension tobacco specialist of State College, predicts that tobacco will be later than has been the case in the past several years.

The bumper is more deadly than the hoghead.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Hon. Frank L. Dunlap, Chairman N. C. State Highway & Public Works Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir: There is a movement on foot to induce the State Highway Commission to widen Highway No. 1, from the Virginia line to the South Carolina state line and to eliminate the curves on this highway.

The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce is very much opposed to this vast, unnecessary expenditure of public funds, on that section of Highway No. 1, from Norlina, N. C. to Raleigh, N. C. Our opposition is based on the following primary reasons:

1. Highway No. 1 traverses Franklin County its entire length North and South. The huge sums of money that might be spent on the proposed improvement of this highway will be charged to our County as a whole, whereas the improvement will benefit only the extreme Western side of our County. This money is badly needed to improve primary and secondary highways that serve the majority of our people. Highway No. 564, known as the Halifax Highway has been badly neglected for years, and sorely needs re-locating and reconstructing. In its present condition it is a disgrace to the State Highway Commission, and an insult to the taxpayers whom it serves. This is one of the highways on which money charged to Franklin County should be spent. We need a hard surfaced connecting link from Bunn, N. C. to Pilot, N. C. We have begged for this short length for years. This is another project on which money allotted to our County should be spent. Highway No. 56 leads East needs improving and repairing. Our secondary highways serving thousands of our citizens need every bit of improvement that can possibly be allowed to them. These are the projects that our people as a majority want and need.

2. We are opposed to the construction of super concrete highways, such as it is proposed to make of Highway No. 1, for the purpose of serving freight trucks. Our railroads have built their tracks and they maintain them at their own expense. Our railroad

3. Our chief reason for opposing the expenditure of huge sums of money on that section of Highway No. 1, from Norlina, N. C. to Raleigh, N. C., is that a brand new, beautiful highway has just recently been completed and opened to the public. The State Highway Commission built this highway for the particular purpose of relieving traffic on Highway No. 1. If the Highway Commission would exert every effort to divert passenger traffic to this new highway, the trucks could hog Highway No. 1, at the expense of the tax payers of North Carolina, to their utmost delight.

If the new highway is not going to be used, why was money wasted in the construction of it? The distance on No. 1 from Norlina to Raleigh, compared to the distance on the new highway is negligible. The new highway is safer, more modern, and saves a great amount of time for the tourist and travelers. It was built to relieve traffic on Highway No. 1, and to save our tax payers the expense of re-locating and rebuilding this section of Highway No. 1.

We think that Highway No. 1 should be kept in good condition, but we sincerely hope that before approving the tremendous expenditure that is being asked for, your State Highway Commission will give this request your most serious attention and thought, particularly considering the needs of the majority of our people. I am,

Respectfully yours,

T. K. STOCKARD, Chairman of Roads Committee, Louisburg Chamber of Commerce.

LOUISBURG PUPILS PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT MUSIC CONTESTS

Over 800 students, representing nine counties and 22 schools, took part in the District High School Elimination Contest last Friday at Needham Broughton School in Raleigh; and will have its finals at the Woman's College in Greensboro, April 16-19. Ratings were given on the basis of excellence of performance, from one through four. Those who received grades of one or two are entitled to compete in Greensboro.

Louisburg scored the following: Class A, Mixed Chorus, two; Class C, Girls' Glee Club, two; Class C, Jr. High, Piano, Talmadge Thomas, one, which was the only grade of one received by an instrumental pupil that day. This is the third consecutive year that Talmadge has won a Superior rating in the finals.

On Saturday, at the School for the Blind in Raleigh, the Annual State Music Festival for Eastern North Carolina was conducted; with not quite as many students participating, due to the fact that glee clubs did not take part in this festival. Those who received grades of Superior rating are invited to be guests of the Convention of Federated Music Clubs to be held in Elizabeth City, April 24-27; and on Saturday, which is called Junior Day, the program will be climaxed with the appearance of all Superior ratings appearing thereon.

Winners of Superior and Excellent ratings for Louisburg follow: Martha Grey King, vocal solo; Maxine Bailey, vocal solo; Maxine Bailey, Jane Murphy and Anne Allen, vocal trio; and Talmadge Thomas, piano solo—all Superiors. Excellent ratings were awarded Nancy Griffin, piano solo; Mae and Sarah Davis, piano duo; and Nancy Hayes and Martha Grey King, vocal duet.

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Dual Office Held Banned Under Law

Attorney General Harry McMullan said Wednesday he had ruled that the constitutional ban on double office holding prohibited a county prosecuting attorney from also being chairman of a county elections board.

McMullan released a digest of recent rulings which included: The building code promulgated by the North Carolina Building Code Council has no official status as law.

No person holding any federal, state or local office or place of trust, except justices of the peace, is eligible to serve as an election official in any capacity.

(The above would include members of the Agricultural Committees over the County as well as others, and renders void actions of parties holding both in the former position.)

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of Louisburg Baptist Church spoke on "The Design of Baptism" at the eleven o'clock worship hour over last Sunday. He took his text from Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

At the 7:30 evening worship hour he spoke on "A Meaningful Addition." Following the sermon the baptismal service was held. Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Subject: "The Secret of the Lord's Supper." Evening worship hour will be given over for Methodist service.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Training Union at 6:45 P. M.

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AGAINST DIVISION

Delegations Monday Unanimous Against Dividing Voting Precincts

At the meeting of the Board of Elections for Franklin County held on Monday morning for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the voters in Franklin County, Youngsville, Cedar Rock and Louisburg townships as to the division of the precincts, the opinion of those present was almost one hundred per cent against the change to smaller precincts. This sentiment is presumed to be the sentiment of the entire voting public in these townships since those desiring a change, if any, failed to attend and make known their wishes.

The meeting was presided over by Chairman Phil R. Inscow, with the other two members being present.

Youngsville township was represented by a delegation including C. C. Winston, W. C. Perry and others and a petition of 36 signers and Charles P. Green was spokesman, and his argument was supplemented by Messrs. Winston and Perry.

Franklinton was represented by a delegation of ten, of whom W. H. Green, H. F. Fuller, H. C. Kearney, M. W. Hardy, George Gilliam discussed the question. The ten voted not to divide the precinct.

B. N. Williamson, H. H. Hobbins, E. F. Griffin, W. D. Egerton, Chas. P. Green, B. B. Massenburg spoke for Louisburg township and strongly opposed any change.

T. S. Dean and Davis spoke for Cedar Rock township and also opposed a change in that precinct.

Chairman Inscow and Secretary Frazier of the Board of Elections explained that as a new registration had been called this is the proper time to make a change, if one is to be made at any time in the near future, and that the only interest the Board had in the matter was to provide all the convenience and accommodations possible for the voters. They told of how hard it was to get proper help as provided under the law for the large precincts on account of the long hours. Answering a question raised for extra help they explained the Board had appointed all the law allowed them to in the past, and the division was the only legal means by which to increase the number.

The Board announced the wishes of those present would be given full consideration at their meeting Saturday when the question will be acted upon.

METHODIST REVIVAL

The revival at the Louisburg Methodist Church will come to a close on this Friday night, with the final sermon by Rev. H. I. Glass, of Raleigh. The attendance has been fine and quite a number have expressed the desire to begin the active Christian life.

On Friday the public is invited to hear Mr. Glass at the College Chapel at 10:30 A. M. and at the church at 7:30 P. M.

On next Sunday the services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Phillips. There will be the service for reception of members at both the Sunday morning and Sunday night services.

RESULT OF THE EASTER SEAL SALE

Despite the fact that money is rather hard to get hold of in Franklin County at the present time, the Easter Seal Sale went over the top in fine shape. There are still just a few places to be heard from and the county committee feels confident that the total amount collected will be One Hundred Fifty Dollars or even a little better. This is really splendid and the committee wants to thank everyone who participated in the seal sale.

With this amount of money now at the disposal of the Welfare Office, a great deal of constructive good can be done.

The Sweet Young Thing next door says that every time her boy friend kisses her, she sees spots before her eyes. We found out her boy friend has freckles.

IT IS FORTUNATE FOR MOST OF US THAT WE CANNOT BORROW MONEY AS EASILY AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN.

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CHURCHILL TAKES OVER

London, April 3.—First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill, Britain's most popular personality of the war, tonight became the "strong man" of the nation's war effort in an extensive cabinet shake-up that affected 11 ministers.

Because of Churchill's ranking as the arch-foe of Nazism and his desire for smashing blows against Germany, there was speculation among Britons that the war may "really get started" at last.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's announcement of the shifts placed new men in the key posts of air, shipping, food and defense coordination after increasing complaints against the government's war policies.

The executive "war cabinet" of Chamberlain was whittled down from nine to eight members, with Churchill administering Britain's war effort insofar as it concerns actual fighting. He will preside over sessions of the army and air force commands as well as the ministry of supply, in addition to continuing his control over Britain's most powerful weapon, her navy.

Those in Shake Up Figuring in the shake-up were: Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood, replaced by Lord Privy Seal Sir Samuel Hoare, with whom he traded posts after bitter attacks in parliament on the slowness of aviation production.

Minister of Food Supply William S. Morrison, replaced by Lord Woolton, adviser on supplies to the War Office.

Minister of Defense Coordination Lord Chatfield, resigned after sending a letter to Chamberlain complaining that his authority was crippled because he did not sit in the "war cabinet." No successor was named for Lord Chatfield, and to Churchill probably will fall the bulk of the authority which he has held.

Robert S. Hudson, secretary of overseas trade, became Minister of Shipping, replacing Sir John Gilmour, who died last Saturday in the midst of bitter attacks on his work.

Kingsley Wood, Morrison and Gilmour all had been under particularly heavy attacks in Parliament in the press and by the public.

Chamberlain, explaining that the shakeup was necessary to "secure full coordination" in the government, and that it carried "no reflection" on the affected ministers, revealed the increase in Churchill's authority.

Decisive Blow To Be Struck

Berlin, April 3.—Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, Adolf Hitler's political heir, told millions of German children today that Hitler had mobilized all his forces for "a decisive blow in the West."

"It is here," he said, "that the decisive blow must be struck." The mighty German army, he told the breathless children, will attack on the West as it did in the Polish blitzkrieg "when Hitler is determined to put an end to this war." He gave no further clue to the time of the attack.

As Goering spoke, Col. Gen. Walther Von Brauchitsch was inspecting troops on the Western Front, especially those stationed in the Rhineland. The tour, which started Sunday, ended tonight.

Goering spoke over a nationwide radio broadcast from the festival hall of the Air Ministry to school children and apprentices in factories who forgot their studies or dropped their tools to hear the one-hour address.

Immediately before Goering were assembled youths employed in the air ministry as office boys, messenger boys and apprentices as well as members of the Hitler Youth flying corps.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the Second Sunday after Easter. There will be no early service, this being the first Sunday of the month. Church School will meet at 9:45 A. M. There will be the Celebration of the Holy Communion and Sermon at 1:00 A. M. The Young People's Service League will give a pageant: "Lady Catechism," in the Church at 7:30 P. M.

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