

EIGHT FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

LUMPKIN AND WILLIAMSON NOT OPPOSED

Each Commissioner District Has Contest; Youngsville, Hayesville, Sandy Creek, Gold Mine and Cedar Rock Have No Constable Contest

Six o'clock Saturday evening, when filing time reached the deadline, developed quite a list of candidates for the several offices in Franklin County. It also developed the largest list of aspirants for the office of Register of Deeds that Franklin County has experienced since the inauguration of the primary system. Eight filed for this position, which indicates a merry time for them and their constituents for the next six weeks.

Willie Lee Lumpkin for the Senate, and B. N. (Pier) Williamson, County Accountant, were honored with a declaration which comes when there is no opposition. This is considered quite complimentary, especially for one of the major offices. The only others to receive this honor were Constables John B. Young, Youngsville; R. E. Neal, Hayesville; K. E. Joyner, Sandy Creek; G. S. Gilliam, Gold Mine; and Clinton Swanson, Cedar Rock. Cypress Creek was left in the blank.

H. Crawford Kearney will oppose Representative Asher F. Johnson for the House, and E. C. Bulluck will oppose Judge Hamilton Hobgood for Judge of Recorder's Court.

Those contesting for Register of Deeds are W. H. Allen, Jr., A. Royal Strange, W. S. Boone, Mrs. Sidney C. Holden, Alex T. Wood, Robert H. Johnson, A. H. (Bully) Spencer and Grover C. Parrish. J. D. Morris from District No. 1 and Mrs. D. T. Fuller from District No. 3 filed for membership on the Board of Education. These two got by without opposition but their names will have to go on the primary ballot as they do not go on the election ballot.

Each one of the five Commissioner districts developed contest with a three sided angle in No. 3—Louisburg and Cypress Creek. In each case the old Commissioner filed but has opposition. Those running for Commissioners are by districts as follows:

District No. 1—John M. Stallings, J. Fred Perry.
District No. 2—S. E. Winston, John T. Sawyer.
District No. 3—J. Z. Terrell, J. Ira Weldon.
District No. 4—T. W. Boone, O. T. Murphy.
District No. 5—H. T. Bartholomew, E. C. Perry, Thomas C. Wilson.

The Constable contests are as follows:
Dunn—B. B. Brantley will be opposed by J. S. Carter.
Harris—L. T. Glenn will run it off with Zolite C. Wheeler.
Franklin has a three cornered run with all new contestants which are R. S. Weathers, Alvin Moore, John W. Odom.
Louisburg—W. A. Phelps goes to bat against Fred Frazier.
With the increased fees the Board of Elections was able to turn in the largest amount of cash in many years if not in the history of this set up.

Last year in North Carolina, 207 persons were killed in accidents on highway curves.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, April 20th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Tom Brown and Peggy Moran in "Oh, Johnny How You Can Love" and the Three Mesquiteres in "Pioneers of the West." Also the final chapter of "Zorros Fighting Legion."

Sunday-Monday-Deanna Durbin, Kay Francis and Walter Pidgeon in "It's A Date."

Tuesday—Vincent Price, Margaret Lindsay, Nan Gray and George Sanders in "House of Seven Gables."

Wednesday—Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette and six big radio acts in "Rancho Grande."

Thursday-Friday—Lana Turner, Joan Blondell and George Murphy in "Two Girls On Broadway."

Broughton Speaks

To Big Crowd in Court Room—Wayland Spruill, For Commissioner of Agriculture, Also Speaks

The Franklin County Court room was well filled Monday afternoon to hear Hon. J. M. Broughton, candidate for Governor of North Carolina. Referring to the women he said they voted forty per cent of the votes in the last primary and that it was proper that they should be in the Democratic party, not because it is perfect but because it responds most to their needs and desires. He paid a nice and fitting tribute to the Young Democrats showing the entrance of young people brings in new ideas, new vigor and new progress, and he declared this is the only country on earth where freedom exists.

He declared himself against mudslinging, for schools, better roads, and an economical government where it did not do away with our present progress.

Mr. Broughton was present by Mr. John O. Wilson, who is manager for Franklin County for Mr. Broughton and the many present enjoyed the speech of the would-be Governor.

Following the address of Mr. Broughton Senator W. L. Lumpkin introduced Hon. C. Wayland Spruill, of Bertie, a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, who delivered quite an interesting address in the interest of his candidacy. After paying tributes to Judge Burgwyn, Senators Lumpkin and Griffin, and Representative Johnson, he proceeded in a strong manner to show why he should be selected by the people. He was not so much interested in a guarantee of quantity of crops one could make as he was in a system to pay the farmer a fair price for what he did make. He expressed his belief in education, vocational and adult and in the establishment of the twelfth grade, but he also felt that the control of these schools should be brought back home.

He made his appeal in a very dramatic and emotional way that brought much applause.

Wins Music Honor

Louisburg was ably represented, Tuesday in Greensboro at the twenty first annual music festival. Miss Talmadge Thomas, twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas, who for three consecutive years has won superior rating in piano at the music festival, was one of six to win the highest rating in piano Tuesday, in class B-C schools. Talmadge is a pupil of Mrs. O. Y. Yarbrough and shows great promise of becoming a noted musician.

Mills High Glee club will leave early Friday morning (today) and will participate in the Twenty first annual music festival which has been held in Greensboro since Tuesday.

The Glee Club won an A rating in the music festival held in Raleigh recently.

To Operate Filling Station

Mr. Edgar J. Fuller, who has been with the Louisburg Theatre for a long while informed the TIMES the past week that he has leased the Standard Filling Station on Main Street opposite the Postoffice, formerly operated by Mr. Foster, and will operate same, giving his time to his new business. He will be assisted by Mr. Raymond Strickland. He says in addition to Esso products he will handle a full line of accessories and will make a specialty of good service to his patrons. Read his advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Foster will operate the Standard Station south of Tar River.

Scott To Speak

The TIMES is requested to announce that W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina, will speak to the citizens of Franklin County in the Court room at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, April 27th, 1940. Go out and hear Commissioner Scott tell you of your Agricultural problems and how he will like to serve you.

Cooper Speaks



THOMAS E. COOPER

Hitting hard at the sales tax as "an iniquitous tax on poverty," and at the "organized politicians in Raleigh who are taxing the life out of the people," Tom Cooper, mayor of Wilmington and candidate for governor, brought his sound truck campaign to Franklin County Tuesday afternoon when he spoke in Louisburg from the pullman platform of his red, white and blue "campaign headquarters."

Cooper came to Louisburg after speaking in the morning in Tarboro, Rocky Mount and Nashville.

"There is no need for North Carolinians continuing to pay a three per cent sales tax,"

The last general assembly, he said, "wanted to cut the sales tax but those slippery 'fellas' told the boys in the legislature that a cut in the sales tax would result in a \$700,000 deficit. Instead the State now is collecting \$2,000,000 more than it needs to operate the government."

"My proposition on the sales tax," he said, is this: "If I am elected governor I am going to cut the sales tax one-half per cent each biennium and by following that plan we can continue to cut it until it is entirely abolished."

Strongly he advocated cutting automobile license tag fees to a flat \$5, saying there is no need for the state to continue to charge a high license tax when "it has twice as much in the sinking fund as it needs to retire every term road bond now outstanding."

He also called for changing the deadline for buying tags from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1 to give the people a chance to recover from the shock of Christmas buying before they have to purchase their tags. This, he said, "won't cost the State a dime, because the people will buy those tags by Feb. 1, and in the meantime they will be operating their cars and buying gasoline on which they will be paying a tax as they do now. It will simply mean that we won't run the poor folks off the road because they have no money right after Christmas."

He made a plea for "home rule," saying there is too much centralization of government in Raleigh.

"The people of the respective counties know what is best for their counties and there is no sense in those slick tongued politicians in Raleigh telling them how to operate their county government and their schools," he said.

Other planks in his platform on which he touched were:

A better and broader education system with emphasis on vocational education; making the teaching profession attractive to talented people by increasing the pay of teachers, and by giving them a retirement fund and sick leave with pay; better secondary roads; exploitation of Latin American markets for North Carolina tobacco; cooperation between capital and labor and a general program of progress for North Carolina.

WILSON NAMED BROUGHTON MANAGER

Raleigh, April 18. — John O. Wilson, of Louisburg, has been appointed Franklin County manager for gubernatorial candidate J. M. Broughton, it was announced today by State Manager, E. B. Denny.

A prominent Franklin County farmer and a graduate of N. C. State College, Mr. Wilson serves as president of the Production Credit Association and the Farm Security Administration.

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MAKING HISTORY

Louisburg City Court Introduces Jury System

Louisburg's Mayor's Court broke a record this week that dates back to first establishment of the town and has taken a long step forward, even though the wisdom is to be determined by the future use of the system.

This record breaking history making action is the establishment of a jury system in the Mayor's Court, patterned no doubt after the provisions of law making a jury possible in a Magistrate's Court.

It is entirely fair that a defendant be given the privilege of having a jury pass upon his guilt or innocence, especially as compared with the opinion of just one man. The only question would be is it wise to have so many Courts with juries—would it be better if a jury is desired pass the case up to a bigger Court?

The case which has the distinction of being the first jury case the Mayor's Court has ever had is that against M. H. Bynum, State Highway Patrolman, charged with violating a town parking ordinance and the citizens drawn for the special venire by little Miss Helen Welch Tucker were: R. W. Smithwick, Davis Perry, John W. King, H. C. Taylor, Jr., J. W. Perry, H. C. Taylor, Sr., W. N. Fuller, Harold Vaughan, W. C. Boyce, J. Howard Cash, Hobart Roberson, Lee Bunn, M. M. Reynolds, C. M. Beasley, M. S. Davis, George C. Pollard, V. E. Owens, W. A. Raynor, W. F. Shelton, T. P. Williams, L. E. Scoggin, C. C. Rudd, W. H. Spencer, J. P. Timberlake, Jr.

After exhausting the venire three others, James Collier, M. C. Pleasants and Joe Leonard were called before the jury was completed.

Those selected to try the case were George Pollard, H. C. Taylor, Jr., Joe Leonard, Lee Bunn, M. M. Reynolds, Harold Vaughan, and the case was heard before Mayor W. C. Webb, with the result that Bynum was found guilty and the Mayor imposed a fine of one cent and costs. The defense took an appeal. The defense was represented by John P. Matthews and T. P. Gholson and the private prosecution represented by W. H. Yarbrough and E. F. Griffin. D. F. McKinnis was the prosecuting witness.

Major Garland Jones Named As Griffin Manager

Edward P. Griffin, candidate for Congress in the Fourth Congressional District, today announced the appointment of Major Garland Jones, of Raleigh, as his District Campaign Manager.

Mr. Griffin also announced that his district and county headquarters will be opened on the morning of Thursday, April 18th, on the second floor of the Law Building on Martin Street opposite the Post Office, where his friends will be welcome at all times.

Major Jones was born in Raleigh and graduated from State College. He served in the World War as Major of Field Artillery in the 81st Division and saw service overseas. Major Jones is closely identified with Mr. Griffin's home county, as his family were natives of Louisburg. His grandfather was Major Daniel S. Hill, and his uncle was the late Matthew F. Davis, long connected with Louisburg College and the old Louisburg Academy.

Mr. Griffin states that he will soon address the voters of the district over the radio, announcement of which will hereafter be made.—News-Observer.

LOUISBURG FOLK WIN DAMAGES

Washington.—President Roosevelt has signed a bill awarding a total of \$8,214.67 to four residents of Louisburg, N. C., in settlement of their damage claims arising from an automobile accident.

The four, who were struck by a soil conservation service truck in June, 1936, were granted awards as follows:

W. B. Tucker, \$5,000; Helen W. Tucker, \$1,475.70; Lonnie Meadows, \$546.29; and Susie Meadows, \$1,192.68.

MR. R. H. DAVIS DEAD

Mr. Robert H. Davis, one of Louisburg's oldest and most highly respected citizens died at the home of Mr. S. T. Wilder on Main Street early Friday morning following a short illness. He was 83 years of age and was the last of an old and distinguished Franklin County family. He was the eldest son of "Honest Joe" Davis and was himself a most worthy citizen. Placing honesty, fairness and respect for all, in his catechism—for living he won friends and admirers in all walks of life.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, conducted by Rev. Leicester F. Kent, rector and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery by the side of his wife and only son, who had preceded him many years. Quite a large number attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The pallbearers were J. E. Malone, Jr., J. H. Boone, R. C. Beck, Kemp Yarbrough, E. L. Fleming, of Middleburg, and John W. Harris, of Raleigh.

Advises Japan Keep Hands Off

Washington, April 17.—Vigorously, if indirectly, the United States called on Japan tonight to keep her hands off the Dutch East Indies, vital source of rubber, tin and other raw materials for America and other nations.

Secretary Hull issued a formal statement, which is to be handed to the Japanese foreign office by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, asserting that any intervention there "would be prejudicial to the cause of stability, peace and security in the entire Pacific area."

His pronouncement was prefaced with the remark that he had "noted with interest" a recent Japanese statement expressing concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands Indies. This statement, made by Foreign Minister Arita, had raised some speculation as to whether Japan might move to "protect" the Indies in case their mother country, Holland, became involved in the European war.

While Hull's statement was being issued, news despatches from Shanghai stated that authorities of the British, French and American fleets in that area of the world had said there was a "serious possibility" of a Japanese attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies in the event of a German invasion of the Netherlands.

Tonight's statement by Hull was in preparation during most of the day, and although newspapermen made many inquiries, there had been no intimation that it would be forthcoming.

ABC MEN CAPTURE FRANKLIN STILL

ABC Officer Fred Frazier reported Monday the destruction of a steel drum whiskey still near the Nash County line in Eastern Franklin County. The outfit was complete but unattended at the time of the raid.

Near the Granville County line officers poured out 400 gallons of fermenting mash that bootleggers had placed to await the coming of what officers thought was a portable still. Frazier was assisted by Deputies Joyner and Gilman and Sheriff J. P. Moore.

Narvik Occupied

By J. NORMAN LODGE
Somewhere Near Narvik, Norway — Via Gellivare, Sweden—April 18.—(Thursday)—British marines, fighting alongside their Norwegian allies, have occupied Narvik, the northern ore port, and a surrounding area; and the Germans are retreating to the South.

With a driver as my guide, I made my way afoot to the outskirts of Narvik, where I was arrested by British troops. I ascertained that the British are occupying Bjorksdalen, a short distance this side of the Swedish border; Oyjord, Gratnjen and three places to the north and south of Narvik, Elvegard, Elvegaardsmoen, and Harstad, the British landing point.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

DEDICATES PORTRAITS

Services Held in Court Room Following Noon Hour

A most interesting service was held in the Court room Monday afternoon, immediately upon reconvening after the lunch hour when the Portraits of Judge Joseph J. Davis, Judge C. M. Cooke, Messrs. W. H. Ruffin and Houston Spencer were formally presented to the County and the local bar and accepted by W. H. Yarbrough, Dean and President of the local bar association.

Mr. E. H. Malone, Chairman of the Committee was in charge of the exercises.

Rev. E. H. Davis in a very pretty and fitting tribute presented the portrait of Judge Joseph J. Davis, telling in a touching manner many personal experiences and much of the biography of the subject, and emphasized the origin of his title "Honest Joe" by telling of a business occurrence that few would have made good. He said he died a poor man in this world's goods, but rich in the love and esteem of his fellowman.

The portrait of Judge C. M. Cooke was presented by his grandson, Charles M. Cooke, 3rd, who in the many pretty remarks said "it is most fitting that his portrait remain here on the walls of the Court room in the home he loved so well, and in which he had given the greater part of his life and talents to protect and defend society and the individuals." With this in behalf of the family he presented the portrait that hangs on the walls of the Court room.

Mr. Kemp Yarbrough read a presentation of the portrait of Mr. Houston Spencer from a member of the family who was unavoidably detained from coming. The presentation was especially pretty and touching in its recital of the family interest.

The portrait of Mr. Wm. Haywood Ruffin was presented by Mr. J. E. Malone. After reciting much of the biography of the subject, Mr. Malone said he became a vital part of Louisburg through the strength of his intellect, character and ability and his enthusiastic and consistent desire to be of assistance in any civic move. The good in him was not interred with his remains but his influence is felt today. He walked humbly with God and served his generation.

W. H. Yarbrough, dean of the bar, accepted these portraits in a very pretty address stating that he was doing so on behalf of the whole citizenship of the County. "These were lawyers but it was not in the prosecution of their profession," he said, "but they won their highest honors as guardians of Franklin County's honor and defenders of its fair name."

Judge Burgwyn expressed the deepest gratification for the privilege of being present on this occasion. He stated that services of this kind are an honor to the citizens as well as those being honored. He paid a nice tribute to Judge Cooke, who administered the oath to him when he entered the practice of law, feeling closer to him by having known him. He also made many complimentary remarks about the others.

The services were completed and adjournment was taken.

DUKE FROSH TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

The Louisburg College Trojans will play host to the Blue Imps from Duke here Friday afternoon. It is the first meeting of these two teams in several years and should provide some keen competition. The Duke Frosh has on its pitching staff the son of Lefty Grove, star hurler for the Boston Red Sox, and he is likely to see some action.

On Saturday the Trojans will journey down to Buie's Creek to renew an old rivalry with Campbell College. This game should have a great bearing in determining the Junior College Conference championship.

Louisburg will be, on the road next week in playing three conference games. Wednesday the Trojans meet the strong Oak Ridge team a double header at Oak Ridge. On Thursday they will play Pfeiffer at Pfeiffer.

There is always room at the top, they say. There also is always room on the shelf.

DALE GETS 18 TO 25 YEARS

MANY CASES CONTINUED

Grand Jury Makes Report; Judge Burgwyn Makes Splendid Charge; Court Still In Session

The regular April term of Franklin Criminal Court convened Monday with Hon. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, presiding. His charge to the Grand Jury was unique and interesting as it dealt largely in historical data and information, much of which was new to his listeners. He paid a high tribute to the late Judge C. M. Cooke and other distinguished lawyers of Franklin County and impressed the jurors with the importance of doing their duty in returning true bills and presentments, so that the Court could properly protect the law-abiding citizens of the County.

In the absence of Solicitor W. Y. Bickett, who was detained in Raleigh in the trial of the Cotten murder case, Sen. W. L. Lumpkin, Mr. Hill Yarbrough, Mr. G. M. Beam and Mr. J. E. Malone handled the work of the prosecution of the cases for the State, making splendid records.

Cases were disposed of as follows:

A divorce was granted Thelma M. Gardner from Charles W. Gardner.

James Dale, alias Bud Dale, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was given 18 to 25 years in State's Prison.

Robert E. Perry, non-support, continued under former order. J. V. Pridgen, non-support, continued under former order. Foster Holmes, larceny, under probation, continued under former order.

Leon Williams, larceny, continued under former order.

Sam S. Cannon and National Surety Corporation, sci fa, continued.

John W. Leonard, removing crops, continued under former order.

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Irvin Gilliam, assault on female, continued under former order.

Charlie Spivey, Jr., larceny and receiving, not guilty.

Burwell Wester, false pretense, not guilty.

Clement Richardson, forcible trespass, judgment prayed, 12 months on roads.

C. E. Pace was granted a divorce from Sallie Fort T. Pace.

J. O. Perry, abandonment of wife and children and assault with deadly weapon, judgment prayed.

Court was in progress as the TIMES went to press yesterday noon.

Report of Grand Jury

The Grand Jury completed its work and made its report Wednesday and were discharged for the term. The report follows:

The Grand Jury for the April Term, 1940 for Franklin County Superior Court respectfully returns and reports the following as a true report of the acts, activities and works of the Grand Jury for this Term:

1. The Grand Jury has given careful and true consideration to all bills of indictment passed and have passed upon such bills to the best of their judgment and with diligent effort.

2. It was reported to the Grand Jury that a number of places were selling alcoholic beer in Franklin County on Sunday and that such places were undesirable in the community, and, therefore, this Grand Jury recommends that an investigation be made of such places, and that more strenuous rules be applied to for sale of alcoholic beer in the various townships of Franklin County.

3. The Grand Jury made a visit to the common jail of Franklin County and found same in good condition.

4. The prison camp, which is located near Bunn, was visited by a committee and the committee reported to the Grand Jury that the said camp was in excellent condition.

5. The County Home was visited by the Grand Jury and found to be in good condition, and the Superintendent is to be congratulated upon the excellent condition.

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