

## EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Stockholm, Thursday, April 25.—Stiff fighting was reported early today from snowy Rombak Heights at Narvik, where Canadian troops and French "Blue Devils" sought to deliver a knock-out blow to 2,000 Germans holding the besieged iron ore port on Norway's Arctic coast.

The situation of the Germans in Narvik appeared to be in sharp contrast with that of their comrades 400 miles down the coast to the north of Trondheim, where a major German victory over the British and Norwegians was reported.

The plight of the almost entirely surrounded German garrison in Narvik was said to have become acute when the survivors of a German battalion of 1,000 men, haggard from hunger and without ammunition surrendered after being lured into a Norwegian trap 25 miles north of Narvik.

About 150 men of the German battalion were plucked off by snipers and others surrendered and gave up the town of Gratangen, occupying a dominating position 25 miles north of Narvik.

**Hitler's Plea**  
Chancellor Adolf Hitler was reported to be personally exhorting the commander of the Narvik garrison, General Dietl, to hold out as long as possible and to be promising all possible aid by airplanes.

On the vital Trondheim battlefield, a German attack by land, sea and air was reported to have virtually destroyed the town of Steinkjer and to have driven British and Norwegian troops in a six-mile retreat to new positions about 31 miles north of Nazi-held Trondheim.

The Canadian units and French Alpine "Blue Devils" fighting side-by-side with Norwegians against German Tyrolean ski troops around Narvik were reported pushing toward Bjornfjell on the Swedish-Norwegian frontier in an attempt to lock a trap around the Nazis inside Narvik.

The Allied force apparently was pushing eastward from Rombak Heights along the iron ore railroad to Sweden, hoping to cut off the Germans' last means of escape from the tightening steel ring.

**Norwegian Success**  
The surrender of the German battalion at Grantangen was the first victory credited to the Norwegian forces in the Narvik sector and resulted, according to border reports, from a ruse that lured the 1,000 Germans out from Narvik along the road to Tromsø.

The Germans advanced northward after a Norwegian retreat, then found retreat cut off and the town of Grantangen in flames while the Norwegians sniped at them from the hills.

For six days the Germans were said to have held out until their supplies of food and ammunition were exhausted.

## SPEAKING POSTPONED

The TIMES is requested to state that on account of a previous engagement to speak at Asheville, W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, will speak at Louisburg on Saturday, May 4th, 1940 at 3 P. M. in the Court House, instead of on Saturday, April 27th as announced last week. Franklin County citizens are requested to bear this in mind.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, April 27th:

Saturday—Double feature—Donald Barry in "Ghost Valley Raiders" and Jack Holt in "Outside The Three Mile Limit." Also the first chapter of the new serial "Drums of Fu Manchu."

Saturday night Owl Show—10:45, Adults Only. An All Star Cast in "The Wages of Sin."

Sunday-Monday—Tyrone Power and Dorothy Lamour in "Johnny Apollo" with Edward Arnold and Lloyd Nolan.

Tuesday—John Payne and Gloria Dickson in "King of the Lumberjacks" and the Middleton Family at the World's Fair, in Technicolor.

Wednesday—Kay Kyser and his orchestra in "That's Right You're Wrong."

Thursday-Friday—Merle Oberon and George Brent in "Til We Meet Again."

## YDC Jeffersonian Rally



JAMES P. LUMPKIN  
President Franklin County Young Democratic Club.

The Fourth Congressional District Jeffersonian Rally will be held at the State Fair Grounds at Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, April 29th, at 6 P. M. This Rally is being sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of the Fourth District.

Hon. Claude Pepper, Democratic Senator from Florida, and former Governor of that State, will make the principal address. Barbecue supper will be served. James P. Lumpkin, President of the Franklin County Club has a supply of tickets—and is urging all who can attend from Franklin County, securing their tickets from the local club representatives.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Dr. A. Paul Bagby preached on "Secret and Presumptuous Sins" on Sunday morning. He took his text from Ps. 19: 12, 13. The existence and glory of God are declared by nature. Every man hears nature's voice in his own language. But God does not leave it there. He adds is Word. Man needs more than nature to guide his life. God of nature is God of a moral order and therefore adds His word to guiding of this order.

Presumptuous sins are things done deliberately and known to be wrong. Secret sins are sins one does not recognize—the things done without decision.

The eleven o'clock worship service will be a unique one. Mr. J. Albert Wheelless will preside and the following lay people will speak on subjects named:

Mr. W. R. Mills, "Our Church and Sunday School."

Mr. G. M. Beam, "Our Church Finance."

Mr. S. H. Averett, "Prayer Meeting."

Mrs. Emma D. Hedgepeth, "Woman's Missionary Union."

Miss Elizabeth Lassiter, "A Correlated Church Program."

There will be no evening worship.

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

## RESIGNS PASTORATE

The FRANKLIN TIMES joins his many friends in their regrets at the information that Rev. E. Y. Averett has offered his resignation to Cedar Rock, Duke Memorial, Cypress Chapel and Poplar Springs Baptist Churches to become effective the last of May. Mr. Averett has accepted charges at Severn, Patecasi and Margaretsville in Northampton County. He says this is a much larger field and affords greater opportunity for his work. His home will be at Severn.

Mr. Averett has been in the ministerial work in Franklin County for four years and he and his good wife have made many staunch friends among our people who regret to see them leave.

## ELECTED PRESIDENT

Edwin Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fuller, of near Louisburg, was elected president of the University of North Carolina student branch of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association in the campus elections held Thursday, April 18th. Mr. Fuller is a third year student at the University and will assume his duties as president of the association immediately.

It isn't your position that makes you happy, it's your disposition.

## Announces Free Cooking School

The Franklin Times announces with pleasure that arrangements have been completed for the Franklin Times Cooking School to be conducted by Miss Ada Williams, noted Lecturer and Home Economist of the Spry Research Kitchens, Cambridge, Mass. This feature event will be held May 23rd and 24th at The New Louisburg Theatre.

Every woman reader of the Franklin Times is invited to be a guest at each session of the school. There will be classes on May 23 and 24 at 1:45 P. M.

A printed program containing all the recipes, tested and approved in the Spry Research Kitchens, will be presented to each person attending. These delicious and economical dishes will be prepared, cooked on the stage, explained step by step to the audience and presented daily to lucky women by Miss Ada Williams. Every woman is given an opportunity to participate in the distribution of the many valuable gifts at each session.

Admission is free to all women. No tickets are necessary. The doors will be opened early and the Franklin Times suggests your arriving early because there will be no reserved seats.

In addition many valuable gifts, consisting of groceries and other well-known household supplies will be distributed at each session.

Miss Williams, talented Lecturer and Writer on food subjects, has arranged each program with an eye to helping women with their home problems. She turns out delicious light cakes, tender flaky pastry, and a variety of appetizing, economical foods that will delight her listeners. Best of all, she shows you how to get the same results in your own kitchen.

Watch these columns for further details of the Franklin Times Cooking School. In the meanwhile reserve the dates — May 23rd and 24th.

## J. O. ALFORD DEAD

Information reached Louisburg Monday of the death of J. O. Alford, of Louisburg, R. 4, on Sunday at his home near Bunn. He was 46 years of age and is survived by one brother, B. S. Alford, and two sisters, Misses Mary Davis Alford and Belle Alford.

The funeral services were held from the home on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment was made in the family cemetery nearby.

Quite a good number of friends and relatives attended the last rites.

## R. B. ROBERTS DEAD

Mr. Robert B. Roberts, one of Franklin County's most highly respected and successful planters and citizens died at his home near Youngsville Wednesday afternoon in his 78th year, following an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Harrison, Mrs. Lillian Roberts, and one son, R. A. Roberts, of Youngsville, Route 1, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Charles B. Howard, assisted by Rev. J. B. Davis. Interment was made in Flat Rock cemetery.

The floral tribute was especially large and pretty and the large number present indicated the great esteem in which the deceased was held.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of hosts of friends.

## CHANGE

The Old Maids Convention of Epsom High School which had been advertised for Friday, April 26, was given on Thursday, April 25, due to the Glee Club contest having been postponed.

## CANDIDATES CAN'T USE TWO NAMES

Candidates for public office who happen to be better known as "Butch" or "Slag" or "Honest John" can have their nicknames printed on the ticket, Attorney General Harry McMullan has ruled, but they can't use their regular names and nicknames, too. In listing his name on a ballot, a candidate may use either his full name or initials or a nickname, McMullan said, but not any combination of the three.

## WILL CONDUCT COOKING SCHOOL



MISS ADA WILLIAMS

## Baseball Sunday

The TIMES is requested to announce that Epsom and Louisburg ball teams will cross bats in the Louisburg Ball Park Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the first game of the season on the local diamond. This gives promise of being a lively game that will make interest for the many ball fans who are expected to be present.

The Louisburg team is under new management this year, the TIMES is informed, with Charlie Richardson as manager.

## More Warnings

Rome, April 24.—Italy is determined to reach a "solution" safeguarding her immediate interests in the Mediterranean and the Balkans, a semi-official statement said tonight while the Fascist press continued warnings that Italy may enter the war on Germany's side.

Echoing Premier Benito Mussolini's statement of last Sunday, as revealed authoritatively yesterday, that Italy may go to war against the Allies within a few weeks, the press lashed out angrily at the Allies.

A publication of the War Ministry said that the Italian armed forces and people must be prepared to face developments in the international situation without sentimentality.

The semi-official news bulletin Informazione del Giorno thrust to the forefront again Italy's "natural aspirations," assailed the foreign press for its "unjustified apprehensions" regarding Italy's position and said that Mussolini still is determined to gain safeguards for his "immediate interests."

## PRINCESS CAFE CHANGES HANDS

W. W. Pippin, of Spring Hope, has leased and taken over the management of the Princess Cafe on Main Street. He is assisted in the operation of this popular eating place by H. D. Winstead, also of Spring Hope.

## Congressman Hampton Fulmer, of South Carolina, and Congressman Harold D. Cooley, of North Carolina, Discussing Cotton Crop Insurance



Mr. Fulmer is the ranking majority member of the House Committee on Agriculture and Mr. Cooley Acting Chairman of the sub-committee that handled the original All Risk Crop Insurance.

## Defer Action On Sunday Blue Law

The Board of Town Commissioners met in semi-monthly session, April 19, 1940 at 7:30 P. M. All members were present except W. B. Barrow.

The adoption of an ordinance to close theatres in Louisburg, on Sunday was deferred until the next meeting of the Board, at which time it will be glad to hear recommendations from any and all organizations and citizens of Louisburg.

The Board ordered that fire insurance on the new Fairbanks-Morse engine be renewed for the sum of \$22,000.00.

A motion was passed to employ O. E. Edwards to install the plumbing in the Town Office in the Armory Building for the outside price of \$20.00.

A motion was passed to remove the partition in the Armory Building foyer.

The following resolution was offered by W. G. Lancaster, seconded by P. W. Elam, and was adopted by the Board.

Be it resolved: That the Board of Town Commissioners sell to May Belle Burwell the property on Halifax Road formerly owned by her for the sum of \$68.51.

A motion prevailed to keep the WPA street project open until the drainage pipes on Perry Street are installed.

The following resolution was offered by W. G. Lancaster, seconded by R. C. Beck, and was adopted by the Board.

Be it resolved: That the Augustus Williams property on Halifax Road be sold to Iue Thomas for the sum of \$400.00.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## MRS. MURPHY ENTERTAINS CLUB

The O'Henry Book Club was entertained on Tuesday, April 16 by Mrs. Earle Murphy.

Miss Katherine Rogers read a paper on "Furnishing a Home for the Average American Family." Miss Camille Swindell's subject was "Flower Arrangements."

Other members present were: Miss Alberta Davis, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. J. E. Fulghum, Mrs. E. F. Griffin, Mrs. G. M. Oliver, Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, Miss Helen Smithwick, Miss Elizabeth Timberlake, Mrs. George Weaver, Mrs. J. A. Wheelless, Mrs. Dick Yarborough and Mrs. C. R. Sykes. Mrs. Vernon Peele and Mrs. J. L. Smith were guests.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Robert Smithwick, served a delightful refreshment course.

## NEW CONTRACTING FIRM

Mr. S. Z. Downey announced this week that he and his son, Mr. Carneal Downey had formed a building contracting firm to be known as Shirley Z. Downey & Son. They will do general building contracting, painting and repairing. He informed the TIMES that he is now figuring on several large jobs in and near Louisburg.

## HOLLYWOOD MOTTO: Marry in haste and repeat at leisure.

## Griffin Against War



MAJ. EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

A military man, Major Edward F. Griffin, of Louisburg, candidate for Congress in the Fourth District and commander of the 2nd battalion 113th Field Artillery, National Guard, expresses himself as follows:

"... with respect to my attitude as a member of Congress toward any proposal of American entry into the European War, beg to advise that I am absolutely opposed to our entry into the European War and shall use all my efforts while I am in Congress to defeat any measure that would tend to drag us into the same."

"I believe in an adequate Army and Navy to defend our country and to carry out the ideas of the Monroe Doctrine, but I do not believe that our Army and Navy should be used for any other purpose."

## Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court held quite an extended session on Tuesday and disposed of a number of cases. The docket was as follows:

Thomas Hunt, motor vehicle violation. Judgment suspended upon saying the county harmless.

Ennis Lancaster, found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, using profane language, was given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate a motor vehicle on public highways of N. C. for 12 months, and not to violate any of the whiskey laws of N. C. for 12 months. Appeal.

Eugene Turner was found guilty of public drunkenness, and given 30 days on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Josephine Harris pleads guilty to motor vehicle violation and given 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of costs.

George Ragland, motor vehicle violation, nolle pros.

Louie Bullock was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate a motor vehicle for 12 months on roads of N. C.

Claude Jeffreys, larceny and receiving, pleads guilty, given 18 months on roads.

Oscar Neal pleads guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Sammie Alston pleads guilty to larceny and receiving, prayer for judgment continued.

Zollie L. Murphy pleads guilty operating automobile intoxicated, resisting officer, reckless driving, motor vehicle violation, prayer for judgment continued, (three cases consolidated).

Haywood Guy Braswell was found guilty of motor vehicle violation, judgment suspended upon saving the county harmless.

John Eaton was found not guilty reckless driving.

The following cases were continued:

Charlie Hunt, assault on female.

Parker Robbins carrying concealed weapons, assault with deadly weapon, public drunkenness.

Dan Andrews, carrying concealed weapons, assault with deadly weapons, public drunkenness.

Herbert Perry, assault with deadly weapons, public drunkenness.

Doyet Oakley, operating automobile intoxicated.

Jack Alston, public drunkenness, request for jury.

Ernest Edwards, public drunkenness, request for jury.

John C. Crenshaw, operating automobile intoxicated.

## BETTER HOMES WEEK

April 28th to May 4th is Better Homes Week. The Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, in working with other local Civic organizations, is sponsoring this worthwhile undertaking.

What is Better Homes Week all about? Why all this talk and interest in every individual's home in our Community?

There are certain definite reasons why our whole community should rally to the appeal now being made. I desire first of all to make a slight change in the title. I choose to call it, "Better Homes and Clean-up Week."

There are many ways in which we can make our homes more livable, brighter, cleaner, more attractive, and beautiful, without spending a great deal of money. We can first of all: See that our premises are clean, that is our yards, gardens, and under the houses free from rubbish and trash. By this, we are doing double good, first: Nice clean surroundings help beautify our homes, and second: We are doing a nice bit of sanitary work to safeguard our health.

Then why not put some special emphasis on our yard and flower garden. Now is the time to plant many kinds of flowers that will be a great source of pleasure to us during the months to come. Don't expect your yard to grow beautiful grass by itself. It just isn't done that way. Get some good plant food and broadcast it over the entire yard at least once each month; keep your lawn mowed; and give some thought to color when planting your flowers. See that you have a good color scheme. Nothing is more beautiful than a well planned yard with beautiful grass, a host of flowers in full bloom with all the colors of the rainbow blended together, and plenty green shrubbery.

Then comes your home, your house itself. You have planned for a long time, no doubt, to make a few changes or to paint the house. Why not start right now with definite plans for some much needed repairs to your home during this period.

Now I am sure that our Town Commissioners will do their bit in having the streets and vacant lots in our business section cleaned of all trash and rubbish, and will cooperate in hauling all trash from the residential sections as quickly as possible. Place your rubbish in its usual place, and make a big pile. Your street cleaning department will not mind a bit. I would like to make this suggestion to our town officials; that some time during this period have our streets, and sidewalks at least in the business section washed or flooded. I am sure that the town as a whole would approve of such an action and I am sure the streets need it.

Now I will answer the question, why all of this? With the full cooperation of our citizens to this program, Louisburg will be a healthier, more beautiful town, and a better place to live.

Let us all get together on one thing in our lives and clean up, patch up, paint up, and make Louisburg a better place in which to live.

M. C. Murphy, Chairman  
Public Affairs Committee  
Louisburg Chamber of Commerce.

## MISS ALLEN ENTERTAINS.

Miss Max Allen entertained her card club and a number of additional guests Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. S. Ford, Sr. Mrs. Paul W. Elam scored high for club members and Mrs. T. K. Stockard held high score for guest.

Miss Helen Reynolds Allen and little Miss Lula Sturges assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to the following visitors: Mrs. F. R. Rose, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Mrs. T. K. Stockard, Mrs. John Tucker, Mrs. E. S. Ford, Jr., Miss Aileen Crowder, Mrs. W. C. Perry, Mrs. A. W. Person, Miss Felicia Allen; members: Mrs. Hill Yarborough, Mrs. P. S. Allen, Mrs. Paul W. Elam, Mrs. F. N. Egorston, Mrs. J. M. Allen II, and Miss Elizabeth Timberlake.

Where he applied Bordeaux and cuprocide sprays on his strawberry plants, an outstanding difference for the better can be observed, says M. L. Lanier, of Chinquapin, a Duplin County grower.

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