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## TO DEDICATE ARMORY

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1940

#### Splendid Program Arranged

Plans Taking Shape For Big Day in Louisburg As An Appreciation To The Boys of Battery 'B' On The Eve of Their Mobilization Into 12 Months of Intensive Training—Committees Named To Put Over Occasion

At a mass meeting held in the Town office on Friday night and sponsored by the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, machinery was set in motion to hold appropriate dedicatory service for the New Armory building which was nearing completion and is now occupied by Battery "B" 113th Field Artillery. Following a full discussion the date for the dedication was set for Tuesday, September 24th, 1940 and various committees were appointed to carry out each portion of a well arranged program. The Central Committee was composed of W. G. Lancaster, H. C. Kearney and Mayor W. C. Webb.

At this writing the tentative plans for the day has been arranged as follows and barring any unforeseen obstacle, it will be perfected and carried out. The activities of the day will begin with a luncheon at 12:30 given by the town to the members of Battery "B", visiting Militia men and speakers, and will be followed with a parade at 2:30 o'clock, which will be made up of American Legionnaires, Military Units, Bands, School children, floats, etc.

The dedication services proper will begin in the auditorium of the New Armory at 4 P. M., when one of the State's most popular speakers will deliver the address of the occasion after which the presentation and acceptance of the New Armory building will be made. Throughout these ceremonies music will be furnished by combined choirs, bands and soloists.

A most important part of the program will be the expected presentation of a portrait of the late Major Samuel Perry Boddie and its placing on the walls of the auditorium by the Jambes Post American Legion of Louisburg. The Post is now pressing every effort to have the portrait completed in time for presentation on this occasion, and has been assured of its delivery.

At about 10 o'clock that night the American Legion will hold a big dance for all those who wish to join in an evening's pleasure. An expert decorator has been secured to properly decorate the town and all individual businesses for the occasion and the proper committees are busy trying to secure the best speakers, bands and music possible.

To this occasion a wide open invitation is being issued to everybody in North Carolina and all visitors from other parts of the country to be present with the assurance from Mayor Webb that the town will be thrown wide open, the Keys thrown away and all officers and citizens instructed to give all their time, ability and energy to giving all visitors the biggest time possible. So, come, the officers will not be officers on this occasion.

The following committees were appointed, the Chairman being named first:

- Arrangements Committee—W. C. Webb, W. G. Lancaster, Crawford Kearney.
- Publicity Committee—A. F. Johnson, W. F. Shelton, A. B. Sandidge, G. B. Harris, John Tucker, P. D. Croom, Howard Edwards.
- Military Committee—Major E. F. Griffin.
- Merchants Decoration Committee—M. C. Murphy, Malcolm McKinne, Robert Smithwick, H. C. Taylor, Jr., Wilbur Raynor, N. F. Freeman.
- Parade Committee—W. J. Shearin, Jr., Dick Whitefield, E. J. Cheatham, Miss Lynne Hall, C. E. Pace, C. F. Cash, R. J. Rose, L. W. Henderson, Walter W. Cooke, Durwood Dickie, Mrs. Kenneth Tharrington, Miss Mary White-Nash.
- Dance Committee—Jambes Post of American Legion.
- Airplane Committee—Floyd Griffin, Wilbur Raynor, Linwood Gupton.
- Finance Committee—Cecil Sykes, Armistead Henderson, Harvey Bartholomew, Dr. D. T. Smithwick, William Barrow, Mrs. Weldon Egerton, F. H. Allen.
- Luncheon Committee—G. M. Beam, W. B. Tucker, F. M. Fuller,

#### A Proclamation

That, Whereas, the WPA, the Citizens of Franklin County and Louisburg cooperating have completed a New and Modern Armory Building in Louisburg, and Whereas, in appreciation for this splendid building and the patriotic spirit demonstrated by the many members of Battery "B" 113th F. A., and former Military Units originating in and from our County, and Whereas, the people of Louisburg in mass meeting selected Tuesday, September 24th, 1940, as a day for holding appropriate dedicatory exercises.

Now Therefore, I, W. C. Webb, Mayor of the Town of Louisburg, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 24th, a day properly set apart for appropriate dedicatory exercises and extend the heartfelt invitation for every citizen in the United States, especially of Franklin and adjoining counties to be present and assist in making this a great day of appreciation and dedication in Louisburg.

Done in my office in Louisburg, this 4th day of September, 1940.  
W. C. WEBB, Mayor.

#### LOCATES IN LOUISBURG

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smothers arrived in Louisburg the past week to make their future home. Mr. Smothers is resident engineer for the State Highway and Public Works Commission and will have supervision of the construction of the Bunn-Pilot road. He will have offices over A & P Store on Nash Street.

The five-day week would be all right if we didn't have to report for work until Monday noon.

#### OVER TEN MILLION POUNDS OFFERED

#### AT OPENING EASTERN MARKETS TUESDAY

#### Prices Higher Than Last Year But Under Border And Georgia Opening—Quality Off—Large Crowds Attend Sales On The Different Markets

(News-Observer)  
Flue-cured tobacco paved Tobacco Road with gold leaf Tuesday as the Bright Belt turned loose upward of \$2,000,000 on opening sales of the auction season.

The largest crowds in years swarmed over warehouse floors of 14 Bright Belt markets to follow the sale of approximately 10,900,000 pounds of leaf, which brought prices ranging from three to 31 cents a pound. Price averaged 17 to 18 cents for tobacco generally regarded as inferior to last year's offerings.

First-day sales topped last year's \$15.94 average but fell short of the Border Belt opening of two weeks ago. Growers generally admitted that tobacco fell short of the quality produced last year and agreed that prices were satisfactory, but others contended the higher grades were falling below Border Belt average.

Those who talked a short crop and three-year control as sustaining factors in price asserted that their averages were disappointing. The majority agreed that the general trend was more sluggish than the bidding that marked the Border Belt opening.

A heavy bulk of tobacco, light in weight, appeared on practically every market in the belt and few warehouses cleared during the selling day. However, the market supervisors predicted the opening rush would be cleared by Thursday night with sales following schedule thereafter.

#### Civil Court Convenes

#### Good Sized Docket—Work Progressing Slowly, As Usual With Civil Courts

Franklin Superior Court for Civil cases convened in its regular September term on Monday morning with Hon. R. Hunt Parker, Judge presiding. It took only a few minutes to get down to business as Judge Parker has impressed our people as an able, business like Judge. He is especially courteous in handling his Courts, but also just as firm in his rulings.

The docket was called, the jurors answered, and trial begun. Up to yesterday at noon cases had been disposed of as follows: Gilbert Wilder was awarded a verdict for \$20 against F. H. Watson. E. M. Wheeler was awarded a verdict against D. M. Brannon. Mrs. D. N. Brannon, Stanford Brannon and Dan T. Curran, H. G. Taylor and G. B. Watkins, trading as Fleming Warehouse, concerning the seizure and sale of crops made by Brannon on Wheeler's land.

Irma Neal Henry was granted a divorce from John R. Henry. The case of Lutie Delbridge by her next friend, G. B. H. Stallings, vs. Zeffie Collins, et al, involving the title to a piece of land in Cedar Rock township, was in progress of trial as our report closed, at noon Thursday.

Court was still in progress and will last throughout the week. Next week the Court will be presided over by Hon. Clawson L. Williams, Judge.

#### Louisburg College Opening

Today the announcement comes from the office of President Patten that Louisburg College will open on Monday, September 9, 1940, with fine prospects for a full enrollment of students.

During the summer months a great deal of work has been done in and about the college buildings. The front halls of the Administration Building, also the offices of the president, and the Faculty Parlor have been redecorated, and a brick walk has been laid from the Administration Building to the main street of the city, and the dormitory rooms have been renovated and prepared for the reception of the students.

The following new members have been added to the faculty of the college: Willard H. Clatworthy, A.B. Berea College, A.M. the University of Kentucky. Miss Alice A. Kramer, B.S., Columbia University, M. Ed., Springfield College, Springfield, Mass. Miss Rose Marciolo, A.B., East Carolina Teachers College. William Irving Shope, B.S., State College of the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Grady Hardin, of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, succeeds Miss Lydia Deyton as Dietician of the College.

Each of these new faculty members comes with the highest recommendations, having had several years of successful experience in their respective fields of work. The college is looking forward to another most successful year.

#### ACCIDENTALLY INJURED

Mrs. W. R. Mills was painfully injured at her home on Sunset Avenue Sunday evening about 8 o'clock when she stumbled and fell down a flight of steps leading to the flower garden when she was going to cut some flowers. In the fall and while trying to catch herself the piling knife she held in her hand cut her neck just below the right ear and to the front. Doctors were called and the wound, which was deep, came near being serious, was dressed and at last reports she was getting along nicely.

The many friends of the family were delighted to learn the cut was not serious.

#### ACT AGAINST SLOT MACHINES

#### COMMISSIONERS ORDER OFFICERS TO ENFORCE LAW

Lions Club at Franklinton Relieved of Tax on Fair; Many Reports Filed; Jury For October Drawn

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all present. Business was transacted as follows: Reports from the following officers were received and ordered filed: W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; E. R. Richardson, Superintendent County Home; R. F. Yarborough, County Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Welfare Officer; Miss Lillie May Braxton, Home Agent; J. E. Tuck, Negro Farm Agent.

F. L. Herman was given a drawback for two dogs listed in error. The Lions Club of Franklinton was given exemption from tax on fair. Rev. Clarence Bass was before the Board with reference to the enforcement of the Slot Machine law in Franklin County, outlining their many evils and requested some action looking towards remedying same. On motion of Bartholomew and seconded by Terrell, the following order was unanimously carried: "The law enforcement officers in Franklin County were instructed to proceed immediately to take action against all illegal slot machines and one-armed bandits in Franklin County and in the event said slot machines are not immediately vacated the existence of the said slot machines and one-armed bandits be brought to the attention of the Criminal Courts of Franklin County in order that proper action may be taken."

A jury list for October term of Criminal Court for Franklin County was drawn. After approving a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

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#### Presents Portraits

#### American Legion To Honor Major Samuel P. Boddie and Governor Thomas W. Bickett.

The Jambes Post of the American Legion has decided to honor two of Franklin County's most esteemed and distinguished sons, Major Samuel P. Boddie and Governor Thomas Bickett. The American Legion will honor these two beloved, patriotic citizens by the presentation of their portraits, to be displayed in public buildings. The portrait of Major Boddie will be placed in the new Community and Armory building and it will be presented at the Armory and Community Building dedication exercises that will be held on Tuesday, September 24th. At a later date a portrait of Governor Bickett will be presented and placed on display in the Franklin County Court House, along with those of other eminent citizens of Franklin County. The portraits will be painted by C. R. Strudwick, well known artist of Hillsboro, N. C.

The American Legion is composed of veterans of the World War and it's members fully appreciate both the military and community services that were rendered to our County, State, and Nation by these two illustrious citizens.

Major Sam Boddie led Company D, 120th Infantry from the Mexican Border through the Hindenburg Line. His war record is one of which we are justly proud. Governor Bickett was our war time Governor, and he led our State through the troublesome, hectic days of the World War, in a masterful manner. His unblemished record is also one that we are proud of. It is the sincere hope of the Jambes Post of the American Legion that their portraits may be an everlasting inspiration to us all for love, honor, and respect of our God and Country.

#### GUARDSMEN CALLED

#### President Issued Call Sunday For Mobilization on September 16th

President Roosevelt's mobilization call Sunday summoned North Carolina's entire National Guard strength of 4,080 enlisted men and 300 officers, and Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts said Sunday night the Tar Heel troops were ready to go.

The Adjutant General said the soldiers would be mobilized September 16 at their respective stations and that about 10 days would be allowed for "putting their house in order" before the men are shipped out to concentration points.

Mobilization of the 30th Division and the 252nd Coast Artillery will take every qualified North Carolina guardsman except the State Staff of eight officers and the State Detachment of 20 enlisted men. It will send into active service with the regular Army the 120th Infantry, the 113th Field Artillery, the 105th Medical Corps, the 105th Engineers, the 30th Signal Corps at Canton, the 60th Brigade headquarters at Leaksville and the Coast Artillery. All units of the 30th Division will be concentrated at Camp Jackson near Columbia, S. C., and the bulk of 252nd Coast Artillery will go to Fort Moultrie, S. C., with the First Battalion going to Fort Screven, Ga.

North Carolina guardsmen, recently returned from three weeks of maneuvers in Mississippi and Louisiana, were described by the Adjutant General as physically fit, ready and willing to go into service. He said the Guard was amply equipped for the service and probably would have equipment enough for peace-time strength.

Guard activities for the next 15 days will center on getting properties in order for the exodus to out-of-State camps. Only two units in the State will have trouble, General Metts said.

At North Wilkesboro, where the army was damaged by flood, a good deal of engineering equipment was lost and must be replaced. The Canton armory was submerged by the flood, and a number of motorized units must be dissembled and renovated to remove flood silt.

The North Carolina National guard will move into regular service at its present allotted strength of 4,080 enlisted men. During the 10 days of home preparation, any discharges of men with dependents or other valid reasons will be made up by quick recruit.

General Metts added that as soon as the Guard becomes a part of the regular Army forces, it is anticipated that the War Department would run in fresh recruits to build the units up to peace time strength immediately. That will mean 5,300 to 5,500 men in the North Carolina companies.

Whether the War Department will take advantage of the conscription measure—if it is law by that time—remained a question.

#### AT RED BUD

The Revival will start at Red Bud Baptist Church the 2nd Sunday in September at 3:00 P. M. The pastor, Rev. John Edwards, will be assisted by the Rev. Ray Harrington. The public is cordially invited.

#### PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Friday, Sept. 6th: Last Times Today—Pat O'Brien and John Garfield in "Flowing Gold." Saturday—Double Feature—The Three Mesquites in "Okla-homa Renegades" and the Dead End Kids in "You're Not So Tough." Also "Adventures of Red Ryder." Sunday-Monday—Allan Jones, Martha Raye, Joe Penner and Rosemary Lane in "The Boys From Syracuse." Tuesday—Don Ameche, Andrea Leeds and Al Jolson in "Swanee River." Wednesday—Bob Hope, Paulette Goddard in "The Cat and The Canary." Thursday-Friday—Randolph Scott, Kay Francis, Brian Donlevy, George Bancroft, Andy Devine, Broderick Crawford and Stuart Erwin in "When The Daltons Rode."

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#### LAST GAME

Manager Grady Wheeler announces that Sunday afternoon will be the last game of ball between the Louisburg team and the Durham Steers on the local diamond this season. This game gives promise of much sport and preparations are being made for a big crowd.

#### PRESIDENT DEDICATES PARK

#### Delivers Address at New Found Gap on Monday Afternoon In Presence of Big Crowd

Newfound Gap, Tennessee-North Carolina Line, Sept. 2.—President Roosevelt sternly informed the American people tonight that to remain free they must steel themselves for sacrifices, achieve absolute national unity, and "prepare in a thousand ways" to defend their country and their liberties. "The greatest attack that ever has been launched against freedom of the individual," he said, "is nearer the Americas than ever before."

"To meet that attack we must prepare beforehand—for preparation later may and probably would be too late."

The spirit of the pioneer is needed, Mr. Roosevelt contended. But the nation also needs modern arms and trained men. Dangers far more deadly than the frontiersman had to face, he said, cannot be met with "pitchforks and squirrel rifles or even with the training or the weapons of the war of 1917 and 1918."