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TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session Dec. 6th, 1941 at 7:30. Upon roll call the following members were present: F. H. Allen, W. B. Barrow, R. C. Beck, W. G. Lancaster, and Mayor W. C. Webb. Commissioners P. W. Elam and C. R. Sykes were absent.

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Chief of Police, and Supt. of Lights and Water, were read and approved by the Board.

The Board authorized the purchase of the necessary piston rings for the engines at the power plant.

Mr. F. N. Egerton informed the Board that the present WPA Street Project will expire within two weeks, and that additional cement would have to be purchased with which to complete the curbs and gutters as authorized. The Board approved the purchase of 100 bags of cement for the completion of the authorized curbs and gutters.

A motion was passed to accept the contract for Diesel Fuel Oil that was offered by the Home Oil Company.

All bids on Diesel Lubricating oil were rejected because of the fact that some of the bids submitted do not contain the specifications that were requested by the Board.

After authorizing the transfer of outstanding Revenue Certificates from the Municipal Acceptance Corporation to the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Louisburg, N. C., the meeting adjourned. A Resolution was properly adopted authorizing this transfer of the outstanding Revenue Certificates against the new 375 H. P. engine.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

Stockholders of the Louisburg Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting in the Armory at Louisburg, N. C., on Friday morning, January 17, 1941 at 10:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mr. J. O. Wilson, President of the association.

At this meeting, complete and detailed reports will be made by the officers of the association on its operations for the past year, directors will be elected and other important business transacted.

In announcing the date of the annual meeting, Mr. Wilson said that it was hoped to make the attendance of stockholders at this year's meeting the largest in the history of the association. He said that the annual meetings of the association afford the stockholders an opportunity to learn every detail of the operations of their organization.

The Louisburg Production Credit Association, which makes short-term loans to finance all types of farm and livestock operations, serves Franklin county and in 1940 made loans totaling \$240,000.00 to its 650 members.

MRS. PATTEN HOSTESS

The Current Literature Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter Patten on Tuesday afternoon, December 10th.

The subject for the afternoon was "Monastic Scribes," and Mrs. V. R. Kilby had the first paper on the subject, "Life in a Mediaeval Monastery and Methods of Work in Monastic Scriptoria." The second paper was by Mrs. L. F. Kent on "Changes in Form of Written Letters from Roman Times to the Fifteenth Century."

Following the program the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious salad course was served with the Christmas colors used in the decorations.

Members present were: Mrs. S. P. Hart, Mrs. V. R. Kilby, Mrs. L. F. Kent, Mrs. T. C. Amick, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. R. H. Welch, Mrs. T. K. Allen, Mrs. Malcolm McKinne, Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, Miss Mary Yarborough, Mrs. C. M. Watkins, Mrs. L. D. Moon, Miss Loula Jarman, Mrs. A. Paul Bagby and the hostess.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Dec. 14:

Saturday — Double Feature—Bill Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Three Men From Texas" and Don "Red" Barry in "Texas Terror" and Chapter No. 7 "King of The Royal Mounted."

Sunday—Monday — Lew Ayres, Robert Young and Ljonei Barrymore in "Dr. Kildare's Crisis."

Tuesday—John Howard, Ellen Drew and May Robson in "Texas Rangers Ride Again."

Wednesday—Pat O'Brien and Constance Bennett in "Escape To Glory."

Thursday-Friday—Errol Flynn and Brenda Marshall in "The Sea Hawk."

CALCUTT APPEALS SENTENCE

(News-Observer)

Joe Calcutt, of Fayetteville, head of a slot machine empire, appealed to the Supreme Court Wednesday from judgment of 12 months in jail, \$10,000 fine and three-year probation imposed by Wake Superior Court to put him out of business.

Six friends from Fayetteville posted \$25,000 bond for his appeal.

The Vending Machine Company mogul stepped from his Wake County cell only to encounter capias for appearance in Mecklenburg and Chowan county courts on old slot machine scores. He gave \$1,000 bond on the Edenton capias and was released to the custody of an attorney for appearance today in Charlotte.

The slot machine empire ruled by Calcutt for a quarter-century trembled under a new quake Wednesday when Judge R. Hunt Parker extended the suspended sentence from 18 months to two years and declared that, in getting out of the business, Calcutt cannot sell his machines in the State.

Bishop Pays Fine
Final gesture of the slot machine chief was payment of the \$1,000 fine imposed upon his subordinate, C. C. Bishop, of Raleigh. On payment of the fine and \$33.80 costs, Bishop was released under three-year probation prohibiting his employment, directly or indirectly, in the illicit slot machine trade.

Another remnant of the racket will disappear today with the commitment of J. Norman Finch, underling of Calcutt, to 12 months on the road and H. E. Laing, leading as Capitol Amusement Company, to eight months on previous indictments.

As slot machines bowed out, the racket-busting brought echoes in the Revenue Department and the State Department of Justice.

Still burning in the public ear are two questions raised by Judge Parker. Has the Revenue Department ever refused a license to any distributor? Why did evidence dug up by the State Bureau of Investigation in Cumberland County last April never result in a prosecution there?

The Revenue Department admitted yesterday that since the 1939 Revenue Act revived the tax on questionable slot machines and the Attorney General interpreted it, not a single license has ever been denied to applicants who have obtained more than 9,000 licenses.

With regard to the SBI evidence that gathered dust in Department of Justice files from May 1 until December 9, SBI Director Frederick C. Handy is positively noncommittal. Attorney General Harry McMillan—head of the Department of Justice—is hazy in memory and Governor Hoozy does not know. Judge Henry L. Stevens of Warsaw, who called for the Cumberland probe, is anxious to know why no trials resulted.

Jailed

Russell L. Tate, a Social Security worker giving his address as Warrenton, was arrested Wednesday by Chief of Police C. E. Pace and Deputies Fred Frazier and K. E. Gupton under a charge of indecent exposure. It is understood the crime was committed between the business section of town and the College before several young ladies. He was committed to jail to await hearing and bond.

Basketball Game Monday Night

The second home game of the season for Louisburg College's basketball team will take place in the Armory Monday night, Dec. 16, when they meet the quintet from Chowan College. The game will start at 7:30 and gives promise of being a good one.

Cruiser Sails

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 10.—The British auxiliary cruiser Carnarvon Castle headed into the South Atlantic tonight with signs still showing of the damage she received in a fight with a raiding German.

She lifted anchor with neutral naval observers believing an aircraft carrier would aid the British cruisers now hunting German merchant raiders, four of which are believed prowling the South Atlantic.

The Carnarvon Castle may go to the British naval base in the Falkland Islands or to Buenos Aires for further repairs to her plates and exhaust, shot away in the naval battle December 5 off the Brazilian coast.

Christmas Song Service

A County-wide Christmas Song Service and Tree will be held in the Auditorium of the new Armory Building in Louisburg, Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 2:30 (two-thirty) o'clock in the afternoon. Everybody in the County is invited to attend.

Professor I. D. Moon will direct the Choir of 100 voices. Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough will be the accompanist. The Rev. A. Paul Bagby will have charge of the program.

PROGRAM

Joy to the World.....Choir and Audience
Invocation.....The Rev. F. D. Hedden
The Birth of the Christ Child:
Scripture Lesson.....The Rev. S. E. Mercer
O Little Town of Bethlehem.....Choir and Audience
The Story of the Other Wise Man.....Choir and Audience
—Van Dyke.....Mrs. Frank R. Rose
There is a Song in the Air.....Franklinton Quartet
Hark the Heralds Angels Sing.....Choir and Audience
Jesus Bambino—solo.....Miss Rose Malone
Silent Night-Holy Night.....Choir and Audience
Benediction.....The Rev. L. F. Kent

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY

Cooperate with your Community Chairman and get your Christmas gifts for the needy to your Community Center NOW. The rush just at Christmas Time is always bad and can be avoided if you act now. Each Community in the County is taking care of its own needy this Christmas and every family known to us, to the Welfare Office and to the Churches, who would have had no Christmas otherwise, is now being taken care of through their Chamber of Commerce. The last Community Needy Christmas list left the Chamber of Commerce office last Saturday. Each Community is now planning Christmas for those less fortunate than themselves. The people in Louisburg are bringing Christmas to the needy families in Louisburg Township, a few border families living in the outlying districts in the County who live in no special community and our County Home. If you in Louisburg will take a family to make happy this Christmas or if you have toys, clothing or fruit, candies, etc., you would like to give please call me at 372-1 or carry your gifts to the Christmas Storage Room our Community Christmas Center in the Armory Building. The storage room will be open today and remain open until Saturday, Dec. 21st, and I would like to hear from you as early as possible. There are many families yet to be taken and many little children looking to us for their Christmas.

MRS. T. K. STOCKARD, Sec. Louisburg Chamber of Commerce.

"YOU BELONG TO GOD"

Singing Tower Service at Louisburg Methodist Church Sunday Evening

The Choir and Young People of Louisburg Methodist Church will present a twenty minute service of Christmas Carols beginning at 7:10 P. M., Sunday evening. The music will come from the tower of the church and can easily be heard as you walk to church or sit in your car or from the inside of the church. Following this will be the special "Harvest Day Service."

"You Belong To God" will be the subject for the eleven o'clock sermon by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church. This message is prepared for a people, at an hour when many forces tend to blind the human-divine kinship.

A "Harvest Day" service will be held at 7:30, representing the final ingathering of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. An added feature will be the presenting of gifts for the needy family which the Society has agreed to care for at this Christmas. These services are prepared for you, to which you are cordially invited.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

In the absence of the pastor Dr. Walter Patten, of Louisburg College preached at the Baptist Church.

Dr. A. Paul Bagby will preach on "Who is My Neighbor?" at the eleven o'clock worship hour. At the seven-thirty evening hour he will preach on "Substitutes for Religion."

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

EAT WELL CAFE

The above is the name of one of Louisburg's newest eating places. It will be run by Wm. H. (Skinner) Horton and is located in the room of the Burt Building on the corner of Court and Main Streets recently vacated by Raynor's Radio and Jewelry Shop. Mr. Horton says he is going to operate a strictly first class place and at reasonable prices.

BASKET BALL

Louisburg Armory Officially Dedicated Friday Night

The basketball court in the new Louisburg Armory was officially dedicated Friday night as Mills High School of Louisburg split honors with Gold Sand School in a double-header game.

The Gold Sand girls team took the first half with a 23 to 4 tally. Lillian Gray lead the winners, scoring with 8 points while Selma Joyner of the locals accounted for all four points.

The Mills quint triumphed over the visiting boys by 16 to 12 with Hardwick leading the locals at each with 8 points while Watkins of Gold Sand scored 4. Strickland of Louisburg was outstanding for good floor work.

Used for the first time in the county were the new metal, oval shaped backboards which high school Coach B. Huggins said stopped a lot of the usual wild shots. The new boards have an area of 10 1/2 square feet compared with 24 in the old boards.

Basketball League Organized

At a meeting Monday night, Louisburg's City League was organized. E. F. Thomas was elected President of the League and John Tucker was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The following managers discussed plans for organizing four strong teams, which will play one league game a week in the New Armory.

Bill Huggins, Coach at the local High School.

Joe Tonkel, for the past several seasons manager of the Louisburg All Stars.

Charlie Richardson, manager of the local baseball team during the past season, and John Tucker, former player for Mills High School, Louisburg College and Louisburg All Stars.

The president wishes to advise all players who are living in Franklin County and who are not playing high school or college ball to report to one of the managers.

This league is organized so that all players, young or old, may take part again in this fast growing sport.

The first games will be played next Thursday night, Dec. 19th, at the Armory, beginning at 7:30.

MEETING DATE CHANGED

Mrs. W. J. Cooper, President of Mills P. T. A. announces a meeting for Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 17th, at 3:30 at the school auditorium. The school band will furnish music and Mrs. Yarboro's girls will sing. Supt. W. R. Mills will explain the "New School Legislation" that is to be presented to the Legislature. All parents are urged to go out and take something for the White Christmas.

MAIL EARLY

Local Postoffice officials are urging all patrons to do their mailing early and that proper postage be placed on all packages as the Clerks and Carriers do not have time to place these stamps upon your packages. Also see that your package is properly addressed as third class mail is not forwardable without extra postage. Persons are warned against placing any written wording besides their name on unsealed Christmas cards. This is not permissible and may result in your card not being delivered or that you or your friend may have to supply the extra postage.

Bear these things in mind and you will get better service and remove embarrassment for lack of proper postage.

Greeks Pressing Push in Albania

Strive To Keep Italians On Run To Prevent Creation of New Defense Line

Athens, Dec. 10.—Greek forces were reported tonight to be sweeping forward all along the 120-mile front in a new offensive designed to pulverize the retreating Italian lines before the arrival and organization of 80,000 new troops.

The fresh Fascist legions were said to have been debarked, along with much ammunition and quantities of supplies, at Durazzo. They were moving up to the central defense line which the Italians were striving to establish along the line of the Shkumbi River, with the strong base at Elbasan as its axis.

The Greek high command was represented as hoping to shatter the Italian force before General Ubaldo Soddu can throw in his reinforcements and weld the whole army into an effective force.

(Frontier reports at Struga, Yugoslavia, said that Italian transports were evacuating Italian troops from Porto Palermo, North of Porto Edda. Albanian guerrilla warfare behind the lines made further retreat northward along the coastal road virtually impossible, the reports said.)

Greek troops were reported to have stormed a chain of Italian outposts thrown up in the Monra heights above Lake Ochrida in an effort to cover the Italian retreat toward Elbasan. A ferocious battle was said to have resulted in the area north of Pogradec.

Greek scouts were reported to have found the bodies of 180 Italian soldiers perfectly preserved in the snow north of Pogradec.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday with a medium sized docket, which was disposed of as follows:

Buck Fowler, speeding, no fine with leave.

Buck Fowler was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, and was given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and not to operate a motor vehicle for 12 months on public highways of North Carolina.

Charlie Perry plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, and was given 60 days on roads. The case of removing crops against N. D. Flowers was nolle prosequit with leave.

N. W. Beddingfield plead guilty to motor vehicle violation, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Clarence E. Vick was found not guilty of speeding.

Robert Lee Spencer, Nathan Fogg, Matthew Higgs, Aaron Malone, manufacturing whiskey, possession of still, plead guilty, given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs each.

William Lipscomb was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated, and given 4 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate any motor vehicle on the public highways of North Carolina. Appeal.

Zollie Hayes was found guilty of reckless driving and given 90 days on roads.

Thomas Black, bastardy, continued to June.

The following cases were continued: Jerry Cooke, assault with deadly weapon.

B. B. Beckham, unlawful possession of whiskey and public drunkenness.

G. E. Gupton, operating automobile intoxicated.

Russell Ferrell, motor vehicle violation.

W. L. McGhee, gambling.

Jesse Tant, assault on a female.

Big Hogs

Big hog killings have been reported to the FRANKLIN TIMES as follows:

Isham Frazier, Youngsville township, two weighing 515, 248.

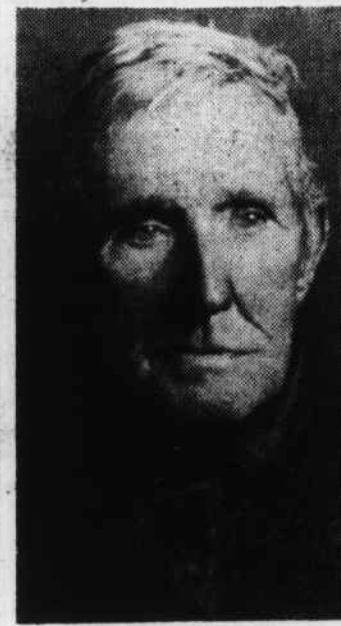
F. C. Poole, Pine Ridge, three weighing 490, 465, 322.

C. J. Perry, Pine Ridge, one weighing 472.

Sid Perry, Pine Ridge, two weighing 470, 217.

Russell Taylor, Pine Ridge, two weighing 480, 405.

DEAD



WILEY W. HOLMES

Wiley W. Holmes, one of Louisburg and Franklin County's most generally known citizens, died at his home about two miles North of Louisburg Thursday afternoon. He was 89 years of age and is survived by his wife, three sons, Walter C. W. S., and Sam T. Holmes, of Franklin County, and two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Gupton, of near Louisburg, and Mrs. Nathan Clarke, of Raleigh, and 33 grandchildren.

Mr. Holmes will be remembered as the pioneer cabbage, and other vegetable, plant salesman of this section. He was a good farmer and possessed a rigidly honest and straight-forward character, outspoken and dependable in his convictions. For many years he was the official auctioneer for public as well as private sales in Louisburg. He was known far and wide in this section of the State and had many friends.

The funeral services were held from the home on Friday evening at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, assisted by Dr. A. Paul Bagby and Rev. L. E. Kent, and was largely attended.

The pallbearers were his grandchildren and the floral tribute was very pretty.

Dies Suddenly

Reports received over radio yesterday morning stated that Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States died suddenly Thursday morning.

GETTING READY

E. Johnston Neal, Contractor, Raleigh, has had his tool house erected on the Dr. Fleming lot on Main Street preparatory to taking down the residence thereon to make room for the erection of a modern filling station for the Pure Oil Co., who has recently purchased the property from Dr. A. H. Fleming.

PIRE TUESDAY

The fire alarm Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock was sent in from Jack Hayes old store. The fire department responded promptly and found there was no trouble, save a lot of smoke in the attic caused from two heaters overcrowding the flue and causing the smoke to seep out and the wind blowing caused some to re-enter the building. There was no damage.

MRS. I. G. BALL

Mrs. I. G. Ball, 71, died late Monday at her home in eastern Franklin County. She had been an invalid for several years.

The funeral was held at the Hickory Rock Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Mr. McCoy.

Mrs. Ball was a widow and leaves several children and other relatives.

MEAT CUTTING AND CURING DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD

Mr. E. V. Vestal, Extension Swine Specialist, will hold a meat cutting and curing demonstration in the county on Tuesday, December 17th, beginning at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. This demonstration will be held on the farm of G. C. Crudup, in the Bunn community.

All negro farmers are invited to be present and witness this demonstration. J. E. TUCK, Negro County Agent.

Recently completed records show that during the past 12 months the average net income of 12 Cherokee County demonstration poultry flocks was \$453.58 per flock, reports Farm Agent A. Q. Ketter.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

WAR IN EUROPE

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The war will end "in a reasonably short time" with a great knockout offensive against Britain, Germany boasted tonight after Adolf Hitler asserted in a speech loaded with attacks on the United States that "I can beat any other power in the world!"

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, receiving foreign newspaper correspondents from Nazi-held Paris a few hours after Hitler's 90-minute speech, said a final "great lightning offensive against Britain" is imminent and will surpass in fury any blow thus far struck.

"The fact is," Goebbels said, "we already feel that we have won the war and therefore are concentrating on the future new order in Europe and economic and cultural relations with the rest of the world, especially with the Americas."

Hitler, in his speech describing the war as a world-wide showdown between the Nazi and democratic ways of life, had told 12,000 workers of a big Berlin armament plant that he is leading the German people in a death struggle against the capitalist slavery of the United States and Great Britain.

"There will be neither military nor economic defeat for Germany. I am not a man who ends battles unsuccessfully," the Fuehrer said at noon in the big Reichstag where anti-aircraft gunners stood on the alert against any British air attack.

"If we already have no gold, then we have power of work; and German power of work is our gold and our capital; and with this gold I can beat any other power in the world," he shouted amid deafening cheers of the workers.

London, Dec. 10.—Strong forces of the British Army of the Nile have thrown a line of troops between two major Italian invasion bases in Egypt and already have taken 4,000 Fascist prisoners in a continuing offensive over an area stretching far into the desert from the Mediterranean coast, it was declared officially today.

This new and "considerable" operation, which required the British to advance northward 75 miles from their interior Egyptian positions to engage the Italians, was described to a shouting House of Commons today by Prime Minister Churchill with the concluding observation: "We shall no doubt receive further news shortly."

The British African command itself, announcing the seizure of more than 4,000 Italian soldiers and "a number" of tanks in three days of heavy fighting, limited its report on today's campaign to a single line: "Operations in the western desert are continuing successfully."

The British Mediterranean fleet and the Royal Air Force, Churchill told the House, are cooperating closely, and warships have bombarded the Fascists' coastal positions.

Planes Downed
The activity of the air arm was almost simultaneously illustrated by the announcement of the Air Ministry here that 22 Italian planes had been destroyed yesterday over the western front desert, against the loss of three British planes.

These were the first successes made by the British counter-invasion as reported by the Prime Minister.

The spearhead arrived at the Mediterranean coast between Sidi Barrani and Buqbug, the two main Italian coastal positions lying roughly 70 miles and 35 miles, respectively, within Egypt from the frontier of Italian Libya, from which the Fascists launched their invasion. Churchill would not say whether Sidi Barrani was cut off.

Italian positions to the southward of Sidi Barrani have fallen to the British, with 500 prisoners taken in that single engagement and the Italian commanding general killed; a second and more important position nearer the coast also occupied by the British. To begin this campaign, said Churchill, the British, supported by imperial troops and a detachment of the "Free French" forces, crossed 75 miles of desert "almost in a single bound."

By late October, he explained, the British in the Middle East had been in position to take the offensive, but the Italian invasion of Greece intervened and forced the dispatch of a considerable part of the British Air Force to aid the Greeks.

The food stamp plan for aiding the market in moving surplus foods into trade channels has been extended to Asheville and the remainder of Buncombe County, announces the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Records kept by Onslow County demonstration poultrymen during the past four years show that a substantial profit can be made from chickens, says Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelley.