

LARGE CROWDS ATTENDING TOURNAMENT

Finals To Be Played Tonight in Louisburg Armory

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a basketball tournament in Franklin County were on hand Wednesday afternoon and night at the Louisburg Armory when play opened the 12th annual Franklin County High School basketball tournament. Six games were played on Wednesday afternoon and night with the following results: Epsom girls turned back Franklinton, 18-13, in the opening game. Lancaster led Epsom with 19 points, and Wester led Franklinton, with 6.



R.M. SALTER

A special invitation is being sent farmers of the County to attend the men's session of Farm and Home Short Course Program Wednesday Afternoon, March 12, at 1:00 o'clock to hear Dr. R. M. Salter's Address on "Needs of Research for Developing Improved Varieties of Small Grain." Dr. Salter followed Dean I. O. Schaub as Director of the Experiment Station and Wednesday afternoon will be his first appearance in Franklin County. The Wednesday afternoon program will be devoted to the production of seed with W. T. Moss, of Youngsville, presiding.

Hell Drivers At Franklinton

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that the Franklinton Council Jr. Order will sponsor an exposition of the Jesse Miller and Her Hell Drivers at the Fair Grounds on Sunday afternoon, March 9th, beginning at 3 o'clock. The feature of the performance will be Jesse Miller in her car turning event. The car will be turned completely over from high ramps. A full afternoon program will be presented.

NYA PROJECT COMPLETED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

The National Youth Administration completed the installation of two sewerage and disposal plants, for the Franklin County Board of Education, at Pearce and Pilot Schools, on March 4, 1941.

Around thirty five boys have been employed and have done the actual work, under the supervision of J. D. Riggan, Project Supervisor. They have received valuable work experience in carpentry and brick masonry. They have done a fine piece of work and are to be commended on the high type job that has been done. Some of the Franklin County boys will be given an opportunity to continue work with Mr. Riggan in Vance County.

He will be transferred to Henderson, N. C., where the National Youth Administration will construct a mechanical workshop for defense. This project will be located on Highway No. 1, 1 mile South of Henderson.

Mr. W. R. Mills, Superintendent of the Franklin County Schools has made the following statement in regard to the work done at Pearce and Pilot Schools by the National Youth Administration:

"We have been well pleased with the work of the National Youth Administration and with the manner in which Mr. Riggan has supervised the boys. In my judgment, these boys have received valuable work experience that will be of great value to them. Particularly, those boys who have manifested a serious intention to try to learn. I hope very much that we will be able to have Mr. Riggan, as foreman on another NYA project in a short while."

"I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Riggan, Mrs. White, the boys and entire NYA set-up."

Generally speaking, the people who do not enjoy the winter do not enjoy the summer either.

Close Store

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. closed its grocery store, that has been operating next to Louisburg Theatre for the past twelve to thirteen months, on Monday, Mr. Wilhelf, the popular manager, was transferred to Rocky Mount and the fixtures were stored for the present.

Two Days To Week

Mr. E. H. Patterson, of the State Highway Safety Division, and attached to the license examination feature, request the FRANKLIN TIMES to state that he will be in Louisburg every Monday and Thursday from 9 to 5 for the purpose of examining applicants for automobile drivers license.

TWO-DAY FARM SHORT COURSE

Elaborate plans have been made at Louisburg College in cooperation with Dr. Walter Patten, President of Louisburg College, to entertain farm men and farm women of Franklin County during Farm and Home Short Course Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, announces Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent and W. C. Boyce and E. P. Barnes, Farm Agents. The planned program will start promptly at 10:00 A. M. and will adjourn at 3:00 P. M. with one hour lunch period.

Many leaders in the Agricultural Program in North Carolina have accepted our invitation to appear on the Short Course Program including E. Y. Floyd, State Executive Officer of A.A.A.; Dr. R. M. Salter, Director of N. C. Experiment Station; Dr. W. H. Darst, Marketing Specialist, N. C. Dept. of Agriculture; R. W. Shoffner, Extension Farm Management Specialist of State College; B. C. Mangum, District Field Officer, A.A.A.; Miss Frances McGregor, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, State College, and Miss Julia McIver, Assistant Clothing Specialist.

More than 100 Franklin County farm men and farm women attended the two-day Short Course Program in February, 1940 with a larger attendance during the second day of the Program. Those attending adopted resolutions recommending that the Short Course Program be made an annual affair and it is believed the enrollment will be larger in 1941 than in 1940.

Dinner will be served during Farm and Home Short Course by Dietitian of Louisburg College in the Dining Hall at 25c a plate.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941

10:00 A. M. Joint Session - Auditorium

Invocation: Rev. A. Paul Bagby. Welcome: Dr. Walter Patten, Pres. Louisburg College.

Introduction of Guest: W. C. Boyce, County Agent. Business Session.

Talk - Cotton Stamp and Home Food Supply Programs: E. Y. Floyd, State Executive Officer, A.A.A.

12:00 LUNCH 1:00 P. M. Women's Session - Class Room.

Talk - Child Guidance Through Projects: Miss Frances McGregor, Ass't. State 4-H Club Leader.

2:00 P. M. Talk - Getting Most For Your Cotton Stamps: Miss Julia McIver, Ass't. Clothing Specialist.

1:00 P. M. Men's Session - Auditorium.

Address - Needs of Research For Developing Improved Varieties of Small Grain and Legume Seeds: Dr. R. M. Salter, Director N. C. Experiment Station.

2:00 P. M. Demonstration - Analysis of Seed: W. C. Boyce.

2:30 P. M. Motion Picture - Production and Marketing of Lespedeza Seed: Dr. W. H. Darst, Marketing Specialist, N. C. Dept. Agriculture.

4:00 P. M. Dinner - Dining Hall.

Thursday, March 13, 1941

10:00 A. M. Joint Session - Auditorium

Motion Picture - Tours of N. C. in Natural Color: R. W. Shoffner, Extension Farm Management Specialist.

11:00 A. M. Motion Picture - Soil Building Practices Observed in North Carolina: B. C. Mangum, District Field Officer, A.A.A.

12:00 LUNCH 1:00 P. M. Women's Session - Auditorium.

2:00 P. M. Talk - Yard Beautification: R. W. Shoffner.

1:00 P. M. Men's Session - Class Room.

Talk - Farm Outlook for 1941: R. W. Shoffner.

1:30 - 2:30 - Open Forum 2:30 P. M. Joint Session - Auditorium

Motion Picture in Natural Color - Home Beautification: R. W. Shoffner.

3:00 P. M. Report of Committees. ADJOURN.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples during the month of February:

WHITE—Edward Collins and Margaret Tolbert, Kermit Brantley and Catherine Hight, Charlie Patterson and Mattie Harris Gale, Phillips Clee and Virginia Spruill, Dave Foster, Fuller and Louise Staaback, Albert Thomas Thorne and Alma Lee Cash, Peyton J. Harris and Miriam M. Perry, Julius R. Fuller and Temple Davis, John F. Langley and Ruby Belle Finn, Jeff Bobbitt and Lula Denton, Gilbert Smith and Alma Penker.

COLORED—Willard Finch and Rosa Belle Crudup, June Branch and Eva Strickland, Hezekiah Wright and Mary Hight, Marvin Rogers and Levene Moore, Walter Thomas and Dorothy Perry, Paul Harvey and Sallie Ann Alston, Carey Horton and Alice Belle Yarborough, J. C. Long and Lula Lee Gales, Joseph Blacknall and Lemmie Hagwood, Early Richardson and Vivian Allen, Robert Cooke and Gladys Perry.

RESERVES CALLED

The War Department called all members of the Regular Army Reserve to active duty effective February 15, 1941. Those not authorized deferment and who have failed to report as directed are now shown on War Department records as AWOL and will be dropped as deserters March 15, 1941, provided they have not reported by that date.

All members of the Regular Army Reserve who failed to report are advised that they are subject to military law from the date ordered to active duty and should report immediately at the nearest Army post or recruiting station.

ADULT EDUCATION

Mrs. M. S. Clifton, WPA Adult Education Teacher, announces that classes will be held in the rooms over Scoggin Drug Store, beginning on Tuesday morning, March 11th at 9 o'clock. All interested are urged to call on Friday and Saturday for registration.

More than 300,000,000 postage stamps are printed daily—so there's no excuse for not writing that letter to your folks.

RECEIVE AUDITS

APPROVE ROAD PETITION TENTATIVELY

County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting; To Consider Contract For Feeding Prisoners Monday; Other Matters

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

The Board received and ordered filed the following reports: Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; J. E. Tuek, Negro Farm Agent; Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, Welfare Officer; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent.

A rebate of tax for dog listed in error was granted S. C. Kearney.

A motion by Bartholomew and carried that the bill of Yarborough and Yarborough for \$250.00 as Attorneys for Sam Radford, ordered by Judge Walter J. Bone, be deferred on account of it being excessive.

Upon examination and favorable report of the County Attorney the Clerk of the Courts annual audit and the A. B. C. quarterly audit, the Board received same.

Frank Williams was placed on the blind list at \$10 per month, upon recommendation of Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner.

James Glasgow and Edgar Huff were before the Board seeking medical and hospitalization. Mrs. Mitchiner was instructed to handle these cases in the best way possible, if she finds them to be emergency cases.

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

Walter Denton's allowance, an outside pauper, was raised from \$3 to \$4 per month.

H. K. Perry and Mrs. C. J. Griffin were before the Board asking that they be given further time to settle tax claims upon lands already in process of sale. They were informed the matter was now out of the hands of the Board.

A petition by citizens of Sandy Creek township asking for an improved road to be established running from near J. H. Joyner's by Laurel and Gold Sand School to Serepta Church be granted. The petition was approved with the reservation that the petition be withheld until a highway engineer could look over the project and report.

Upon motion five dollars per month for two months was appropriated towards the night education classes, being conducted under W.P.A. project.

Coms. Terrel and Bartholomew were appointed a committee to investigate the question of feeding the prisoners and report at Monday's meeting.

After approving a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet again Monday.

U. D. C. ENTERTAINED

On March 4, 1941, Mrs. G. M. Beam and Miss Sue Alston were hostesses to the Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. Beam.

Notwithstanding the storm which blew up just before the hour for the meeting quite a number were present. Business matters were discussed and some disposed of. Plans were made to attend the District Convention to be held in Spring Hope March 19th. Most of those present expect to attend this meeting. Much time having been spent in a business way a short program was carried out at the conclusion of which attractive sandwiches, chips, tea and candy were served by the hostesses.

BUYAS BULL

Durham, N. C.—The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by John Sprunt Hill to W. T. Moss, of Youngsville, N. C. This animal is 1, Wakefield Golden Knight 283288.

Winter cover crops in Johnston County are just average, considering the dry fall and winter and the lateness of seeding in many instances, reports Assistant Farm Agent R. M. Holder.

Prices received by American farmers for meat animals and livestock products averaged about 2 per cent higher in 1940 than in 1939, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

FRIDAY IS JURY DAY

VALENTINE CASE CONTINUED FOR JURY

Franklin Recorder's Court Has Small Docket; Recess To Friday To Try Jury Cases

The case of assault with deadly weapon against W. H. Valentine was continued to Friday for jury. This case grew out of a difference of opinion as to the delivery of a parity check at the Agricultural Office on Tuesday of last week when it is alleged Valentine assaulted Nat H. Ayscue, Chairman of the County Soil Conservation Committee, who has charge of the checks, with a knife. Other cases disposed of in Franklin Recorder's Court are as follows:

Edwin Jones plead guilty to reckless driving and judgment was suspended upon payment to M. H. Bynum \$120 for damage to car and the costs.

William A. Bryant plead guilty to speeding and motor vehicle violation, prayer for judgment was continued.

LeRoy Brodie was found guilty of larceny and given 4 months on roads.

Thos. B. Cooke plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and judgment was suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and not to operate a motor vehicle on the public roads of N. C. for 12 months.

The case of assault with deadly weapon vs. W. H. Valentine was continued to Friday upon request for a jury.

The following cases were continued: Ollie Hunt, possession of still and material.

Willie Coppedge, manufacturing whiskey.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

London, March 5.—The greatest need for ships and men in the proud history of British seapower was proclaimed today by the House of Commons today by the First Lord of the Admiralty, A. V. Alexander.

It was an extraordinary plea to Parliament for "many more ships and great numbers of men" to fight "the battle of the Atlantic" which, beginning now, may mean as much to Britain as did last Summer's fateful "Battle of France."

Alexander remained silent, however, when a member asked as to whether the government had "told America that what we require even more urgently than planes and money is ships and still more ships."

From the back benches, Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid arose also to warn the House of a "suicide fleet" of U-boats, small fast, striped of all but essential gear and manned by skeleton Nazi "volunteers of death" which, he said, Hitler plans to turn loose on British sea zones.

The U-boats, he said, are not expected to return home.

Alexander told the House that the 50 American destroyers obtained last year already have done good work in helping to meet the U-boat menace, in escort work and in rescuing seamen.

To rescuing crews, he added that "American aircraft are now in service with the fleet air arm and many more are yet to come. During the course of the year we shall receive from America a great reinforcement of ordnance and stores."

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, March 5.—(Thursday)—A new phase of the grim Nazi-Soviet chess game, with helpless Balkan nations as the pawns, was in progress today, with Russia's Joseph Stalin apparently moving to counter Adolf Hitler's move into Bulgaria.

Despite official secrecy and the breakdown of telephone and telegraph services throughout the Balkans, these facts emerged: 1. Rumanian Premier General Ion Antonescu, after an urgent flight to Vienna to confer with Reichsmarshal Herman Goerring, called an emergency meeting of the Rumanian cabinet early today on his return to Bucharest.

2. Nearly 1,000,000 Rumanian army reservists, leaving the fields untilled, massed in the vicinity of the Prut River frontier opposite the Soviet Red Army.

3. A Soviet note—its contents unknown—was acknowledged by Rumanian government quarters to have been received by Antonescu before his flight to Vienna.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 5.— (Continued on Page Eight)

WHAT CAN WE BELIEVE?

Babson Discusses Foreign Propaganda

(By ROGER W. BABSON)

Savannah, Georgia, March 7.—I have just come from the dining car of the Orange Blossom Special. While there, I was given the latest newspaper picked up on route. It was with a great interest that I found in a box on the first page the following:

News from warring countries is subject to censorship. It may sometimes be misleading. It is the right and duty of every American citizen to do his own thinking, hold to his own beliefs, and not permit himself or his country to become a victim of emotionalism or propaganda.

Probably other newspapers carry similar warning, but I had not before seen such a prominent notice on the first page of a daily paper.

PROTECT FREE SPEECH

I am 100% for freedom of the press; it is the foundation of democracy. When we lose it, we might as well close up shop; but permitting free speech by Americans is very different from printing lies from abroad. When the newspapers receive dispatches from abroad, through regular channels, how do they know whether these are true or false? People who criticize newspapers should spend a day at a managing editor's desk and see the mass of stuff which comes in from all over the world. Based upon my experiences in World War I—I do not believe two-thirds of the dispatches from the capitals of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Christianity today is so ignored that every nation believes it is "right" to lie.

Notwithstanding the present dastardly lying campaigns of every nation, the world is still getting better. Emilie Foltz says that in the 16th century coffee drinking was forbidden in Constantinople "because it stimulated thinking amongst the common people." It is said that the first offense was punished by beating and the second by death! Yet, in my visits to Constantinople, it seemed as though most of the people spent the larger part of the day sipping very strong coffee.

PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA

We can discount by 66 2/3 the news items from abroad; but it is difficult to keep calm over what is said within this country. The talk about "secret weapons," that a "new world order is inevitable," and that "democracy is doomed" is very bad. I also dislike talk about the utility of war and "I did not raise my boy to be cannon fodder." I recently listened to a communistic speech stressing the "corruption and oppression" by our "plutocratic democracies. Much of such talk we have heard in the halls of Congress during the past few weeks. Most of it has been honest; but some of it may have been enemy-inspired.

How far shall we go in suppressing such opinions. How can we distinguish between honest opinions of Americans and hired propaganda of foreign agents? It is more and more difficult for conscientious Americans to speak their minds if they disagree with the "higher-ups," or even with their intolerant neighbors. If we get so that those born in the U. S. or Canada cannot freely speak their honest thoughts without being persecuted, is democracy worth fighting for? Certainly, the treatment in some cities of John L. Lewis, Norman Thomas, and Marian Anderson is a disgrace to us all.

CENSORSHIP AHEAD

Newsmen in Washington have already been photographed and fingerprinted. The Secretary of the Navy has sent a "confidential" letter to newspapers asking them not to print certain facts. While making studies at Washington relative to the war uses and supplies of arsenic, I am at a loss to know whether the Chemical Warfare Service is telling me the truth or stringing me along.

All of this reminds me of World War I when I worked for the Committee on Public Information under that able genius, George Creel. Although we now have no such "Committee," yet Mr. Lowell Mellett heads a great press bureau in Washington which, indirectly, has the spending of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money. This bureau may be used to lead the taxpayers astray. Although I head a large

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