

BISHOP PURCELL TO SPEAK

At Louisburg College Commencement

BEGINNING FRIDAY EVENING

Dr. Walter Patten to Deliver Baccalaureate Sermon; Dr. D. E. Earnhardt To Lead Worship at Vesper Service Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.; Other Features Promise Much Entertainment And Enjoyment; Graduating Class One of Largest; Splendid Year

Louisburg College will begin its 1941 Commencement exercises Friday evening, May 23, when the voice and piano classes, under the direction of Professors I. D. Moon and James E. Byerly, give their annual music recital at 8:00 P. M. in the college auditorium.

The alumni banquet at 7:00 o'clock Saturday, May 24, in the college dining room will feature the return of a host of former Louisburg teachers and administrative officers, among them being Miss Sally Betts, of Sanford, N. C., for many years Dean of Women, and Miss Alma Bizello, of Goldsboro, former Registrar and head of the mathematics department. Dr. Sadie Johnson, alumni president of Louisburg College, will preside at this affair, which several hundreds of former students are expected to attend.

Class Day exercises will begin at 8:15 P. M., immediately following the Alumni dinner, and will be introduced by a Processional by the Senior Class, and will feature an address by the class president, Ralph Roe, Suffolk, Virginia, and other members of the senior class. Marshalls for the exercises are selected on the basis of scholarship and include: Sarah Davis, Chief Marshal, Louisburg; Helen Hall, Roxboro; Evelyn Lowe, of Fayetteville; Virginia Spivey, Louisburg; and Gene Thompson, of Franklinton.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 1:00 A. M. Sunday morning at the Methodist Church by the president of the College, Dr. Walter Patten, following which at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Patten will entertain in honor of the graduating class and their parents.

At 7:15 P. M. the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. groups will hold a vesper service on the North West campus with former Louisburg President, Dr. D. E. Earnhardt, leading the worship.

Bishop Clare Purcell of the Methodist Church will deliver the Baccalaureate Address at the graduation exercises at 10:00 A. M., Monday morning, May 26, at which time the presentation of Diplomas, Certificates, Awards and Honors will bring to a close the academic year.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 24:
Saturday—Double Feature—Roy Rogers and "Gabby" Hayes in "Old Cheyenne," and Dennis O'Keefe and Florence Rice in "Mr. District Attorney" also Captain No. 3 "Adventures of Captain Marvel."
Sunday Only—Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore and Laraine Day in "The People vs. Dr. Kildare."
Monday-Tuesday—John Beal and Albert Dewyer in "The Great Commandment."
Wednesday—Chester Morris and Rochelle Hudson in "Meet Boston Blackie."
Thursday-Friday—Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell and Rita Hayworth in "Blood and Sand."

TO DELIVER BACCA LAUREATE SERMON



DR. WALTER PATTEN

TO LEAD WORSHIP AT VESPER SERVICE



DR. D. E. EARNHARDT

STORES TO CLOSE

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that all stores and business establishments in Louisburg will be closed every Wednesday afternoon, beginning June 4th, at 12:00 o'clock, for a half holiday, during the months of June, July and August, 1941. The drug stores and doctors will make their usual arrangement, leaving one drug store open and one doctor on call on said Wednesday afternoons.

Not Decided

Judge Carr To Hand Down Decision Saturday

The hearing on the restraining order against the Town of Louisburg's purchasing engines for the power plant was heard before Judge Leo Carr at Graham on last Saturday. Representatives of both sides were on hand and a full discussion was had.

Judge Carr announced that he would take the question under advisement and render his decision on Saturday, May 24th, at Greenville.

DRY FORCES TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the United Dry Forces of Franklin County in the Court House in Louisburg on Friday night, May 23rd, at 8 o'clock. All who are interested in calling an election on the liquor question are urged to be present.

THANKSGIVING

Washington, May 20.—The 48 states again will celebrate Thanksgiving on the traditional last Thursday in November because, in the words of President Roosevelt, advancing the date failed to accomplish its purpose.

When he announced in August, 1939, that he was advancing the date, the President said retailers wanted the change because they figured business would be better if there were a longer interval between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Besides, he said, Thanksgiving had not always been celebrated on the final Thursday in November.

Recommended

Mr. A. W. Person has been recommended by the joint action of W. V. Avent, Clerk of the Superior Court, Phil R. Insoe, Chairman of the County Board of Elections, and Supt. W. R. Mills, of the Franklin County Schools, to fill the vacancy on the local Draft Board caused by the resignation of Mr. J. E. Malone.

BINGO TOURNAMENT FOR CHARITY

The Junior Woman's League is sponsoring a Bingo Tournament Friday, May 23rd (tonight) in the Armory auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. The proceeds will go toward helping underprivileged children. There will be no admission at the door. Each Bingo game will cost five cents and a prize will be awarded the winner at the end of each game. Come to the Armory Friday night and play Bingo and help a worthy cause. Your patronage will be appreciated.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Sunday morning, Dr. A. Paul Bagby will preach at the usual hour—using for his topic, "The Books and the Book." Sunday School at 9:45. B. T. U. at 6:45.

REVIVAL AT PINEY GROVE

There will be evangelistic services at Piney Grove Church during the week of May 25-June 1, each evening at 8:00 P. M. Rev. Mr. Odell Brown, of Waynesville, N. C., will do the preaching. He has exceptional evangelistic talent. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Among the new books received at the County Library, it is announced, are: "Random Harvest," James Hilton; "War Nurse," "Country Lawyer," by Partridge; "Sapphira and the Slave Girl" by Cather; "The Jasmine Farm" by Elizabeth; "The Vanishing Virginian" by Williams.

MRS. W. H. ALLEN, JR. HOSTESS

Mrs. W. H. Allen, Jr., delightfully entertained the members of the Monday evening Bridge Club and additional guests at the home of Mrs. G. W. Cobb, Monday evening.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Vichy, France, May 21.—German military equipment already is crossing Turkey en route to Syria and Iraq by rail due to Nazi squeeze play, diplomatic courses here reported tonight.

Reports from Istanbul said passenger traffic to Iraq had been stopped, but did not mention freight traffic.

Diplomatic circles here said the situation was this: Small German military units in Iraq quickly established themselves along the railroad to Turkey and threatened to cut this line north of Baghdad unless the Turks agreed to let German material move through Turkey to Iraq.

Since this route to the Persian Gulf is a principal source of imports for Turkey now that the East Mediterranean is a war zone, the Turks had to comply.

(The British have been reported in control of Basra, Iraq's Persian Gulf port, and presumably could use the same means to keep the Turks from bowing to German demands, but this dispatch made no mention of the possibility.)

This asserted railroad deal was cited in Vichy as proof that Turkey was doing everything possible to remain at peace.

Berlin, May 21.—Hopes of speedy release for at least part of the 140 Americans from the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, sunk by a German raider while en route from New York to Alexandria, were obscured tonight by tangled questions of international law.

The Germans have stated unequivocally that all of the Americans aboard the Zamzam, which for a time was feared lost with all 322 passengers and crew, were brought through the British blockade and safely to St. Jean de Luz, France, and early today a German spokesman forecast their speedy release for return to the United States through neutral countries.

But later, authorized sources said German military authorities first would make sure that 24 American ambulance drivers who were en route to Africa aboard the Zamzam would be in no position to reveal military secrets to the British.

Berlin, May 21.—A blasting dive-bombing attack on Britain's Mediterranean fleet and the seizure of key positions on the island of Crete by German air-borne troops today opened the way for a possible Axis offensive against Egypt and the Suez Canal, Nazi quarters claimed.

Squadrons of Nazi "Stukas," it was announced by radio, today bombed and damaged seven and perhaps eight British warships, including a battleship, in a strong attack just west of invaded Crete.

Nazi spokesmen said the warships "presumably were maneuvering in an effort to affect a possible imminent British evacuation of Crete to Egypt."

Five British cruisers were seen on fire with direct bomb hits and a battleship suffered a direct hit, while another bomb exploded so close to its stern that "the mighty ship was swept sideways," said the official DNB agency.

"It must be assumed that the battleship's maneuverability was badly impaired."

London, Thursday, May 22.—Thousands of German sky troops plummeting down in force on the Greek island of Crete by parachute and glider plane were reported early today to have failed to gain any key points in their audacious battle with British im-

OPEN BIDS

Only One Bid Received—Other Companies Not Interested

The Board of Town Commissioners met in Special Session Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock to open sealed bids on the addition and repairs to the local light and power plant.

Only one bid was received and that was from Fairbanks, Morse & Co., and was the same as the proposition formerly made. Letters from Dillon Supply Co., General Motors Sales Corporation, American Locomotive Co., Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation and the Nordberg Manufacturing Co. These letters stated that they were not interested, some because of a trade-in feature, some because they did not make the smaller deisels and some because they had all the orders they could handle.

The bids were held until after the hearing on the restraining order was settled.

Nazi shock troops also tried to storm the island's rocky shores from speedboat troop carriers, but were repulsed, authoritative British sources said.

Cairo dispatches said 1,000 Nazis were killed or captured in the first day's fighting Tuesday.

Many of the German gliders were reported to have cracked up in landing. It was one of the most fantastic battles in history, marking as it did the first use of glider-borne troops, and the use of blitz tactics in an ancient land of forbidden terrain where guerrilla bands have battled down through the centuries.

Informal sources in London said there was every indication that the attack, in its third day, was increasingly violent, with the possibility that 7,000 paratroopers now were in the battle.

Intensified efforts of sea-borne forces to gain a toehold on the embattled island have failed thus far, the informed sources said.

There was no confirmation here of the official German news agency DNB's report that the Luftwaffe had bombed five cruisers, a battleship and a destroyer in the Eastern Mediterranean, firing four ships and causing the cruiser to list.

Fishing Expedition Referring to the DNB claim, one authorized source said "the report is simply another German fishing expedition seeking to learn the locations of British ships."

Hero of Gallipoli and the Somme, Major General Bernard C. Freyberg, the British commander in this struggle which has brought the present to the brink of the future, rallied land, sea and air forces to a fight which he knew might be long and severe.

The situation on the 160-mile-long island itself, so far as could be told, was this:

At least 4,500 troops have been landed from the skies on the western end of Crete, about Suda Bay, the British naval base, and the island capital of Canea, five miles distant.

Three thousand of these came down on the shores of the bay beginning at 4:30 p. m., Tuesday. Within two hours, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "the greater part of these had been accounted for." The fighting there went on yesterday, but the situation still was considered in hand.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

DR. GLENN TO SPEAK

AT MEMORIAL SERVICES JUNE 1st

Service To Be Held In Court House at 2:30 In The Afternoon—Large Crowd Expected

It is with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure that the Franklin County Memorial Association announces that Dr. John C. Glenn, of Raleigh, will be the speaker at the services on June 1st, 1941 at 2:30 P. M. Dr. Glenn is an outstanding speaker and it is quite an honor that he has accepted an invitation to address the meeting, as his calendar is always crowded with engagements.

The general public has always supported this Memorial organization and it is hoped that this year will bring an even greater response than ever before. There are not many families in the county which are not effected in some way by the wars in the past and by the present emergency.

Wouldn't it be very fitting and a beautiful tribute to those men who are now in camp, to those from the World War now in hospitals, and going about their daily affairs, and to those who have long since gone West, for all of Franklin County to unite in one great Memorial Service to do them all honor at one time? Let us give Dr. Glenn a welcome he will long remember, and at the same time, exercise our patriotic spirit and loyalty for which our County has always been famous.

A list of the graves to be decorated and the committee as well as the program in full will be given in next week's FRANKLIN TIMES. If there are graves not on the list please notify A. F. Johnson, Secretary of the Association at once.

Golf Tournaments

LOUISBURG TURNS TABLES ON WAKE FOREST

On last Saturday afternoon, Wake Forest was defeated by the strong Louisburg golf team by the close score of 25 to 26, in a tournament played on the Wake Forest course. As the score indicates, this was a hotly-contested match and was not settled until the last ball was sunk. Bill Huggins, who had no trouble with the fast irregular Wake Forest greens, was low scorer for the afternoon with a 76. William Barrow, Jr., was runner-up with a 77.

Those making points for Louisburg were: Buddy Beam, 1; William Barrow, Jr., 2½; Joe Barrow, 2½; Huggins, 3; Jonah Taylor, 1; Coy Cox, ½; Word, ½; Arch Wilson, 1; Pernell, 3; Ashley, 2½; Thomas, 2½; Gilliam, 3; Cheatham, 3.

The Green Hill Country Club has won a total of seven tournaments as against two defeats. The next tournament will be with Smithfield tomorrow afternoon at Smithfield. On next Wednesday afternoon, a tournament will be played with Warrenton on the Warrenton course.

GREEN HILL LOSES TO OXFORD CLUB

In a tournament played on the Oxford course, the Louisburg golfers lost by the close score of 23½ to 18½, on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Although William Barrow, Jr., Napier Williamson, Dr. Wheeler, Arch Wilson, Coy Cox and several of the other good golfers of Louisburg were unable to play in this match, the Louisburg boys made a splendid showing. Six Louisburg players made scores in the 70's. Snooks Collier, who is playing some of the best and most consistent golf of any amateur in the section, tied with Joe Barrow for the low score of 73. Bill Huggins, who seems to have the knack of winning all of his matches played on foreign courses, was runner-up with a score of 75.

Others making scores in the 70's were: Dr. Bagby, 76; Ed Owens, 76; and Buddy Beam, 76. Those making points for Louisburg were: Buddy Beam, 2; Snooks Collier, 2½; Bill Huggins, 3; Joe Barrow, 1; Dr. Bagby, 1½; Word, 1½; John Tucker, 1; Gilliam, 1; Cheatham, 2; Pernell, 3.

LOUISBURG CIRCUIT

The following schedule for Sunday, May 25, has been announced by Pastor R. H. Nicholson:

- 10:00 A. M. Sunday School, Shiloh Church.
- 11:00 A. M. Morning worship, Shiloh Church.
- 2:00 P. M. Sunday School, Piney Grove Church.
- 3:00 P. M. Revival begins, Piney Grove Church.
- 8:00 P. M. Evening worship, Leah's Chapel Church.

DON'T BE SO PESSIMISTIC

Babson Says Some Years of Prosperity May Be Ahead

(By ROGER W. BABSON) Babson Park, Mass., May 23.—In view of the changed situation in Washington following the collaboration between United States and Germany, the War will be shorter than most people think. Although we may, directly or indirectly, convey shipments to England yet, with Congress in its present mood, there is a chance of the United States now declaring War.

NEW DEALERS WEAKENING For this, and other reasons, there is no cause for the pessimism which is about today in Washington, New York, and most of the large cities. It is true that huge sums of money are being taken from the rich through terribly high taxes. This money is being given either to labor in the form of high wages or short hours, or is being distributed to the unfortunate through various forms of relief. Billions are being spent on tanks and airplanes; but are these any more wasteful than pleasure cars and crime? Crime alone, last year, cost this country \$15,000,000,000.

I got a new idea in Washington the other day. Here it is as put up to me by one of the New Deal economists. Said he: "Give us two or three years longer and these economic operations will not be necessary as the patients are constantly dying off. Isn't it just as humane to keep the economically inefficient businessmen, farmers, and unemployed free from pain and let them die naturally as it is to eliminate them now through bankruptcy? They have only a few more years to live anyway." This is a new thought to me; but there may be something in it.

LIQUIDATING LABOR Surely, labor leaders have seen their best days for some time to come. During the past eight years labor has had the sympathy of not only the Administration, but also of a large part of the public. Even the newspapers of the country found it bad business to combat labor. Hence, labor leaders have been riding "high, wide, and handsome." This situation has greatly changed during the past few days. Strikes have become unpopular and labor leaders have been put on the defensive.

President Roosevelt and Mr. Perkins may not have the guts to get after these labor leaders as they did the bankers and the utilities; but things move very fast these days. Who would have thought that memberships on the New York Stock Exchange—which sold for \$650,000 twelve years ago—could now be bought for only \$20,000 when they carry \$20,000 life insurance! Wage workers will be protected in their desire to organize and bargain collectively; but they will not be allowed to defy the Anti-Trust laws or hold up American consumers.

WHAT ABOUT INFLATION? Congress has increased the debt limit to \$65,000,000,000. Unless there is a negotiated peace within a reasonable time, this debt will approach \$100,000,000,000. Whether we will come to the printing of the currency, I do not know. Washington insists that dangerous inflation will be prevented through high taxation, price fixing, and forcing wage workers to put a portion of their money into government bonds instead of spending it. This would keep people from bidding up prices. Things which are largely wasteful or harmful will be taxed especially heavily.

On the other hand, it must be realized that inflation in some form will be one of the methods to be used for defraying the expenses of a long war. Some readjustment of the currency will be needed in order to hold our foreign trade and compete with foreign nations where inflation has already gotten well under way. A mild form of inflation might be quite helpful to business and offers one way of reducing our public debt.

YOUNG MEN AMERICA'S Most of the pessimism now floating about comes from the older businessmen who cannot forget the "good old days" when taxes were very low and they could do as they pleased. The nation owes these bankers, manufacturers, and merchants a tremendous amount of money.

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A MEDAL
IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SAFETY
OR A WREATH