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TERRELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN

MATTHEWS ELECTED COUNTY ATTORNEY

Hobgood Granted Leave of Absence and J. E. Malone Appointed Acting Recorder; Sheriff Moore, Clerk Avert, Coroner Bobbitt, Constables John W. Odum, W. A. Phelps, Clinton Swanson, K. E. Joyner, H. J. Richards and G. S. Gilliam Take Oath and Qualify; Tax List Taken Named

Promptly at 1 o'clock Monday Messrs. J. Z. Terrell, H. T. Bartholomew, T. S. Dean, H. S. Pearce and Percy W. Joyner met in the Commissioners room in the Court House and took the oath of office as Commissioners administered by Justice of the Peace J. L. Palmer, and the newly constituted Board proceeded to organize as follows:

Upon motion J. Z. Terrell was elected Temporary Chairman and immediately upon assuming the Chair Commissioner Bartholomew moved that said J. Z. Terrell be elected Permanent Chairman of the Board—this motion was seconded by Com. Dean and duly carried.

Com. Dean moved that John F. Matthews be appointed County Attorney for a term of one year, at the same salary he now received, \$200.00 per month—this motion was seconded by Com. Joyner and duly carried. The Commissioners then discussed with Mr. Matthews the duties expected of him and the amount of time he would be expected to give to the work of the County.

Judge Hamilton Hobgood was granted a leave of absence as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, and upon motion of Com. Dean seconded by Com. Bartholomew, J. E. Malone was appointed acting Judge of the Recorders Court during the absence of Judge Hobgood. This motion duly carried.

The Chairman, J. Z. Terrell, then made the following appointment of committees:

Finance—H. T. Bartholomew and Howard S. Pearce.
Court House and grounds, Jail and County Buildings—H. T. Bartholomew and Percy Joyner.
County Home—T. P. Dean.
Board of Health—Percy Joyner (The Chairman by virtue of his office is automatically on the Board of Health.)
Welfare Department—J. Z. Terrell.

Upon recommendation of the Sheriff, and upon motion of Com. Dean, seconded by Com. Joyner and duly carried Vassor Perry was appointed Jailor at a salary of \$50.00 per month, with the understanding that he feed the prisoners at the usual price of 25c per meal.

Mr. Sam Pernel was appointed Janitor at a salary of \$20.00 per week to perform the same duties as he has been performing.

The following constables appeared before the Board to take oath of office: John W. Odum, O. E. Moore, W. A. Phelps, Clinton Swanson, K. E. Joyner, Harold J. Richards, G. S. Gilliam—they presented their bonds, but due to some technical error or otherwise, the bonds were not accepted by the County Attorney, who informed the constables that he would get them straightened out and let them know when said bonds were returned and in order for acceptance, but that they would continue their duties as usual.

The bond of R. A. Bobbitt coroner, was also held up by the County Attorney until some corrections could be made in same.

J. P. Moore Sheriff and W. V. Avert, Clerk of the Superior Court, also appeared before the Board and took their oath of office. Their bonds were presented, inspected by the County Attorney and accepted: T. S. Dean, H. T. Bartholomew, Percy Joyner, and Howard S. Pearce voting in favor of accepting said bonds.

Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Pearce, and carried by unanimous vote the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Louisburg, was designated as depository for the funds of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

A Jury was drawn by the Sheriff and the Commissioners for the January term of Franklin Superior Court.

J. H. Boone was, upon motion of Com. Dean seconded by Com. Pearce and unanimously carried, appointed Tax Supervisor for 1943 tax listing.

Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew and seconded by Com.

RETIRING



TAYLOR W. BOONE

Who has served Franklin County for ten years as Commissioner, most of which time as Chairman and contributed to bringing the county out of a period of depression to the present enviable financial condition. He has made the county a most efficient and worthy public official.

Jury List

The following is a list of jurors drawn by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, for the January term of Court: Dunn—L. H. Medlin, H. H. Beddingfield, J. M. Furgerson, Horace Pippin, J. S. Carter, Everett Land, B. P. Alford, Decimo Gay, E. W. Moore.
Harris—Lonnie Roberts.
Youngsville—J. G. Powell, W. W. Murphy, C. B. Barham, Jr., S. F. Holden.
Franklin—M. D. McDowell, E. E. Pruitt, C. S. Poythress, R. T. Catlett, Jr., W. H. Sandling, Sandy Creek—Jasper Parrish, Gold Mine—June H. Gupton, Sam Gupton, E. J. House, Bryant King, Joe Dement, Ernest Foster, Cedar Rock—B. J. Pearce, J. M. Shearin.
Cypress Creek—M. R. Sykes.
Louisburg—Willie Brown, T. T. Kemp, W. D. Egerton, I. Perry Wheeler, C. M. Howard, John H. May.

ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Franklin County E. C. T. C. Alumni Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Robert Smithwick in Louisburg, December 1, 1942, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Susie Jackson, after which the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and made a report of the financial standing.

Since such few members were present, the program that was prepared by Miss Vivian Lucas was saved until the next meeting which will probably be held February 2, 1943.

Delicious sandwiches were served to Mrs. Susie Jackson, Miss Vivian Lucas, Mrs. Robert Smithwick, Mrs. R. B. Mitchell and Miss Marjorie Gardner, after which the meeting was adjourned.

P. T. A. MEETING

The fourth meeting of the P. T. A. will be held Dec. 17th at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Mills High School.

The Topic, Spiritual Needs of Our Children and Youth—Christmas Carols.

Devotion; The Christmas message for the World today, Dr. A. Paul Bagby.

Talk: The Madonnas, Mrs. Frank Rose.

Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, president of the association, invites all parents to be present at this meeting and contribute to the White Christmas collection.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 12th: Saturday—Johnny Mack Brown and Tex Ritter in 'The Old Chisholm Trail' and Bruce Bennett in 'Underground Agent', also Chapter 3 'King of the Mounties.'

Sunday—Monday—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in 'Keep 'Em Flying.'

Tuesday—Richard Greene in 'Flying Fortress.'

Wednesday—Dick Foran and John Hubbard in 'The Mummy's Tomb.'

Thursday - Friday - Loretta Young and Brian Aherne in 'A Night To Remember.'

Court Of Honor

Edgar Lee Perry to Receive Eagle Rank At Boy Scout Meeting

The December Court of Honor of Troop No. 20, Louisburg, N. C., will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Church.

The feature will be the presentation of Eagle rank to Edgar Lee Perry. The Eagle badge will be pinned on Edgar Lee by his mother, according to the usual custom.

At this same time Julian Lewis will receive his Life Badge. Also Lary Lewis will be presented his Star Badge. The Star, Life and Eagle Ranks are respectively the highest steps in Scout advancement. Those who attain these honors, of necessity, should be real Scouts, representative Scouts—Scouts on the inside as well as on the outside.

In addition to the above awards the following boys will receive Merit Badges: Bud Granger, Jack Cooper, Howard Baggett, Carl Watkins, Julian Lewis, Lary Lewis, Cheatham Alston, John Perry, Joe Barrow, Garland Mustian, George Murphy, Earle Murphy, Jr.

Parents and friends of Scouts are invited to attend this meeting. Parents of Eagle Scouts are especially urged to attend as they will be recognized for the part they took in working with their sons to achieve the highest rank in Scouting. Your presence will mean a great deal to the boys—please come.

NAVAL CADET

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 4.—George William Joyner, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Joyner, Louisburg, North Carolina, has been selected for training as a Naval aviation cadet and will be ordered to active duty shortly.

Joyner graduated from Mills High School, Louisburg, and is now a student at Louisburg College. Sgt. Leonard Elmore Gilliam, a cousin, is in the U. S. Army.

When ordered to active duty Joyner will report to the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, either the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, or the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, for three months of physical conditioning, instruction in Naval essentials, military drill and ground school subjects. After completing this course, he will be ordered to one of the Navy's numerous reserve bases for primary flight training.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB MEETS

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 8, Misses Lula Sturges and Jane Wilson were hostesses to the Junior Music Club at the home of Mrs. F. H. Allen, Sr. Cut flowers, Christmas berries, and pine, combined with candle light, lent a holiday air to the party.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Talmadge Thomas, after which "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung and the Club Pledge read. A sketch, "Christmas Around the World," was given. Individual members contributing, showing how Christmas is celebrated in many foreign countries.

Misses Nancy Griffin and Talmadge Thomas then read interesting articles concerning the radio work of the following American singers: Vivian Della Chiesa, Margaret Speaks, Lucille Manners, Kate Smith.

According to the custom of the club, each member performed, including Miss Mary Jane Edwards, a new member of the faculty of Mills High School. She also led the club in singing the Junior Hymn.

At the conclusion of the program the guests were invited into the dining-room where Mrs. Conrad Sturges presided at a beautifully appointed Christmas Tea-table. Delicious refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, hot chocolate, hot tea and mints, were served. Club members were delighted to have little "Buzzie" Sturges as a guest for the afternoon.

At an earlier fall meeting, at which time Miss Talmadge Thomas was co-hostess with Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough, Counselor, officers for the year were elected, as follows: Talmadge Thomas, Pres., Nancy Griffin, Vice-Pres., Julia Cooke, Sec., Mary Jane Edwards, Treas., Rich Malone, Publicity Act. "American Women Composers and Musicians" was the subject adopted for the year's study.

CALLED FOR TRAINING

Miss Mary Estelle Winston, daughter of Major and Mrs. S. E. Winston, of Youngsville, has received orders to report to Iowa State College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Dec. 15th for 60 days special training for the WAVES a Branch of the U. S. Navy. She will leave Raleigh Sunday a. m. with a party for Cedar Falls.

RETIRING



JOHN M. STALLINGS

In his retiring from the Board of County Commissioners after years of devoted service Franklin County loses one of its most capable and interested public officials. He has given unstintingly of his ability and time to help put Franklin County in the forefront of good business methods.

SCRAP

The FRANKLIN TIMES has been handed a report on the results of the recent Scrap drive to Nov. 30th: Total amount of Scrap metal collected \$02,570. rubber \$8,422. Total value of Scrap sold, \$1,736.46, rubber \$24.02. Amount of Scrap unsold, metal \$20,539, rubber \$2,981.

ALUMNAE-ALUMNI OF LOUISBURG COLLEGE ORGANIZE A FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAPTER

Louisburg College was at home to the alumnae and alumni of Louisburg and Franklin County Saturday afternoon December fifth from 3:30 to 6 o'clock.

A Franklin County Alumnae-Alumni Chapter was organized with Mrs. Maurice S. Clifton, president of the General Alumnae-Alumni Association, presiding. Officers elected were: President; Mrs. James Allen II, Vice President; Mr. William Shelton, Secretary; Mrs. Grover Harris, Treasurer; Miss Julia Brown Hudgins.

Mrs. Clifton spoke of the aim, purpose, and hope for the Franklin County Chapter. Dr. Patten talked interestingly about Louisburg College—Present and Future. An informal coffee hour followed in the Social Hall amid beautiful festive Christmas decorations. A motif of silver and red was carried out in the details of the appointment. The coffee table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with an arrangement of silvered greens flanked by red papers.

COLLEGE HOLDS PEARL HARBOR PROGRAM

Pearl Harbor Day was observed at the regular chapel hour in the college auditorium Monday morning. The inspirational and patriotic hymn "America the Beautiful" was sung by the entire group to open the program. The choir also gave an appropriate selection, "God of Our Fathers."

Mr. V. R. Kilby, head of the History Department, was speaker for the occasion. He outlined the significance of the attack as a token of our grave mistake of unpreparedness and as a reminder of the price we are to pay for victory.

Dr. Walter Patten concluded the program with a prayer for a victory of peace and brotherhood throughout all nations.

WARNING

North Carolinians who have oil heating plants in their homes face a shivery winter unless they take immediate steps to convert the equipment for use of coal.

Governor Broughton issued this urgent reminder yesterday, following receipt of a communication from L. B. Davis, director of marketing, District No. 1, Office of Petroleum Coordination of War.

Davis asserted the situation is of "the utmost gravity" and that it is imperative for all owners of oil heating plants in homes and business establishments to convert such plants without delay.

The War Production Board has approved priority ratings which will make available grades and stokers for the conversion, Davis declared. He urged anyone having difficulty in obtaining such facilities to get in touch with the nearest office of the WPB.

WAR NEWS

Washington, Dec. 9.—American torpedo planes and divers, blasting the seventh Japanese invasion thrust against Guadalcanal, sank an enemy cruiser or destroyer, set fire to three other warships and shot down 10 aircraft last Thursday at a cost of only three planes, the Navy disclosed today.

The going also got tougher for the beleaguered enemy troops on Guadalcanal, where American soldiers and Marines, in a possible prelude to a drive to annihilate every Japanese on the island, employed heavy artillery fire yesterday west of prized Henderson airfield.

These developments were announced as Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons, commanding general of the Hawaiian department, made a surprise visit here to confer with the general staff—presumably on Pacific offensive operations.

The air-sea battle was announced sketchily by the Navy Saturday. Today it filled in the details, revealing that the Japanese force consisted of 10 cruisers and destroyers which were bearing down from the northwest and were intercepted 150 miles from their goal.

London, Dec. 9.—Allied and German patrols today fought brief but bitter battles in bad weather along the Axis horseshoe defending Bizerte while the British and Americans rushed tanks, guns, planes and men to the front for the impending great battle for Tunisia.

A dispatch by Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent at the Allied Force Headquarters in North Africa, said the weather was restricting land and air action, but that the British and American patrols were stabbing repeatedly at the German defenses before Bizerte.

Field reports from North Africa showed that last Sunday 20 German tanks were destroyed when the Nazis struck British and American positions on a hill southwest of Tebourba.

In that action the Germans wedged into the Allied line, but were forced to withdraw when the Americans and British hurled more tanks and guns against them. The Nazi tanks were flaming wrecks.

Not Speaking
The Germans and Italians in Tunisia are not on speaking terms now in some places, and in some instances refuse to be photographed together, an Allied headquarters spokesman declared. He merely passed the intelligence along, saying that "we don't know how much it means."

London, Dec. 9.—Air raid sirens wailing tonight in Switzerland indicated that the Royal Air Force, relentlessly pursuing Britain's determination to bomb Italy out of the war, was crossing the Alps for another raid on Northern Italy following up last night's destructive attack upon Turin.

The Swiss radio reported that raid alarms were sounded in Basel and Zurich at 9 p. m.

Last night the biggest bombers of the RAF heaped destruction and a solid mass of fire upon Turin with "many" four-ton and two-ton block-busters and thousands of incendiary bombs.

The Italian high command acknowledged the devastation in these words today: "Enemy planes carried out a violent raid last night over Turin, causing very heavy damage, especially to buildings in the central area, including a university and a hospital."

The Italians reported one plane was shot down and crashed in the center of the city, killing seven of its crew. The British reported one plane was missing.

All the returning crews reported large and concentrated fires were planted on their objectives as the result of skillfully placed flames lighting the way for precision bombing in clear weather.

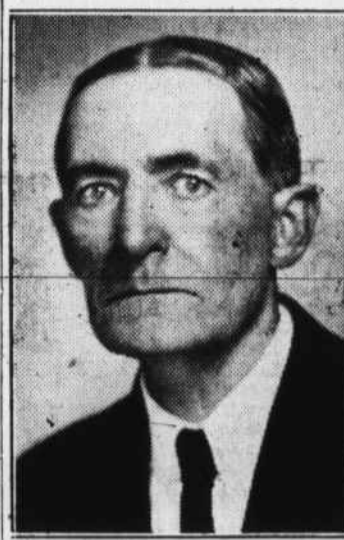
Moscow, Thursday, Dec. 10.—Russian airmen in two days have destroyed 68 transport planes trying to ferry supplies to German troops in the Stalingrad sector, and the Red Army fighting near Velikie Luki has killed more than 6,000 troops of the 246th Nazi infantry division in an exhausting struggle on the frozen central front, it was announced early today.

The midnight Soviet communique did not claim any important gains for Russian arms during yesterday's fighting, which was marked by continuing German counterattacks and methodical Russian consolidation of hard-won gains on both fronts.

Another inhabited locality was captured, however, in the Velikie Luki sector, the bulletin said, and one battery of 105-mm. guns and two tanks were taken in the effort to annihilate the remainder of the 246th Nazi division.

Approximately 900 Germans were killed in offensive operations northwest and southwest of Stalingrad, the communique said,

RETIRING



MAJ. SETPHEN E. WINSTON

As Commissioner Maj. Winston, a World War I Veteran, has given Franklin County eight and a half years of capable and efficient service, contributing his time and ability to the county's present splendid financial condition. Following his father's precedent he was always watchful of the county's interest, and mindful of the citizens welfare.

and inside the northern factory district of the Volga River city the Russians destroyed 13 Nazi emplacements and wiped out one infantry company.

JAMES A. BLEDSOE

James A. Bledsoe, 43, died Tuesday night in Duke Hospital, Durham.

Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Beulah Edwards; a son, Elton Bledsoe, of Fort Dix, N. J.; five sisters, Mrs. Thurston Wilson, Mrs. Clyde Edwards, Mrs. Clyde Perdue, Mrs. Parham Gupton, and Mrs. Henry Leonard, all of Louisburg, Route 3; and two brothers, Maurice Bledsoe, of Route 3, and Willie Bledsoe, of Gretna, Va.

Funeral services were held at 11 a. m. Thursday at Corinth Baptist Church. The Rev. John Edwards and the Rev. Mr. Russell officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

O. C. HILL, JR.

O. C. Hill, Jr., 27, died in a Raleigh hospital early Thursday morning of last week.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hill, of Elm City; two sisters, Mrs. James W. Bachelor, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Anne Hill Waddell, of Fayetteville; his grandmother, Mrs. Henry W. Hill, of Sanford; two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Elm City Friday afternoon at 3 with the Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald and the Rev. W. M. Howard officiating. Burial was in the Elm City cemetery.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

The Woman's Society For Christian Service will hold its annual Harvest Day Service Sunday Morning at the 11:00 hour. Mrs. Walter Patten, president of the society will be in charge of the program. The special message will be brought by Miss Mildred Hudgins, Dean of Women at Louisburg College.

Evening Service at 7:30. The Church School meets at 9:45 led by Prof. I. D. Moon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship services at 8:45. There is no better way to start the new week than by going to Church Sunday.

P. T. A. MEETING

The P. T. A. of the Youngsville School will meet Thursday night, December 17th, at 7:30.

A program consisting of Christmas music will be presented by the Youngsville High School Glee Club, directed by Mr. Thane McDonald, of Wake Forest College, and the Elementary grades under the direction of Mrs. Bruce Hartsell, teacher of Public School Music in the Youngsville school.

Come, and enjoy the music. Effie R. Tharrington, Chairman of Publicity Committee.

ACTIVE DUTY

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3.—Headquarters Fourth Service Command announced the following Air Corps Enlisted Reservists have been ordered to active duty today: Raymond David Tonkel, 714 N. Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., to the Air Forces Classification Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

Ten Union County 4-H Club members will grow baby beef calves this year as part of their project activity.

CLOSE LAND SALES

MANY REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED

Many Routine Matters Completed; Lancaster and Cooper of Town Board Before County Board; Dr. D. T. Smithwick on Behalf Of Board of Health and Himself Express Appreciation For Work of Old Board; Pass Many Accounts and Adjourn Sine Die

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County met in regular session at 10 a. m. on December 7th, 1942 in the Commissioners room. T. W. Boone, Chairman, H. T. Bartholomew, J. Z. Terrell, S. E. Winston and J. M. Stallings being present.

The minutes of the November meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Arch G. Gupton was before the Board in reference to tract of land formerly owned by her, to which the county now has a deed. Upon motion of Com. Winston, seconded by Com. Terrell and duly carried, the County attorney was instructed to make deed to Mrs. Pattie E. Gupton for a cash payment of \$160.00, within the next 30 days, and the balance of \$200.00 to be secured by a deed of trust payable December 1, 1943.

The following reports were received and order filed: Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; H. H. Price, Negro Farm Agent; Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, Welfare Officer; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent; Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer; W. C. Joyce, Farm Agent.

W. G. Lancaster of the Board of Town Commissioners appeared before the Board and stated that he had a sale for the following lots in Louisburg, in which the county had a total of \$596.67 taxes and \$1,054.22 in taxes: Bortie Foster lot, Millie Foster lot, Ed Perry Estate, Mary Green Hill lot, Jimmy Martin lot. Upon motion duly made and carried Mr. Lancaster was instructed to proceed with said sale as reported to the Board.

Motion of Com. Terrell, seconded by Com. Bartholomew, the County Accountant was instructed to pay the Supreme Court costs in the case of State vs. Lorenzo Debnam which was returned to Franklin County for a new trial.

H. T. Bartholomew was appointed to look at the Wiley Green lot in Black Town and ascertain if an offer made to the Board of \$125.00 is sufficient, and report to the Board.

The County Accountant, upon motion of Com. Winston, seconded by Com. Terrell, and duly carried, was instructed to make deed to the 194 acre tract of land in Franklin Township, known as the W. H. Harris, Jr. tract, to Mrs. R. E. Clarke, sister of W. H. Harris, upon the cash payment by Mrs. Clarke of \$850.00.

The title of the 27 1-2 acre tract of land known as the Wm. Perry-John Yarboro tract, to Alfred Batchelor, was discussed, the county owning a one-half undivided interest in said tract. Action in this matter was deferred until the first Monday in January.

T. S. Dean was appointed to look into the matter of the Mary W. Denon tract of land in Gold Mine township, for which the county has had an offer of \$500.00, and report his findings to the Board on the first Monday in January, 1943.

The county attorney was instructed to make deed to the Sidney Gupton land to Ennis Gupton, same being a one-fourth undivided interest, upon payment of the amount of taxes and court costs and whatever amount the county might have in said land. Com. Winston made motion, seconded by Com. Terrell and same was duly carried.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick appeared before the Board in behalf of the Board of Health and for himself personally and expressed the deep appreciation of said Board of Health for the cooperation and help of the Board of County Commissioners, and for their conscientious work during their term of office.

Motion by Com. Terrell, seconded by Com. Bartholomew and duly carried that A. F. Johnson be granted auctioneer license upon payment of \$5.00 license fee.

The county attorney was instructed to proceed with the collection of the Huford Harris taxes.

Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Stallings and duly carried, the County Accountant was instructed to pay mileage to Commissioners for inspecting the property belonging to the County, which list was made up by the County Attorney.

After allowing a number of accounts and giving expression to the kind and pleasant feelings of so long an association in the work of the public the old Board adjourned sine die.

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