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COMMISSIONERS MEET

Constables Bonds Approved, Oaths Administered; Many Routine Matters

The County Commissioners met at 10 o'clock Monday with the following Commissioners present: J. Z. Terrell, Chairman, H. S. Pearce, H. T. Bartholomew, Percy Joyner, T. S. Dean.

The minutes of the December meetings were read and approved.

The Tax list takers in Bunn, Youngsville and Louisburg townships, who had been previously appointed, being unable to serve in such capacity the following were appointed for their respective townships: F. C. Richardson, G. W. Winston and J. E. Williams.

Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Bartholomew, the county attorney was instructed to make deed to W. S. Predy and Florence Predy for a lot which they had previously bought and made improvements on, upon the cash payment of \$150.00.

Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Joyner and duly carried the County Attorney was instructed to make a deed for the county's interest in the Ed Perry-Yarboro tract of land to Alfred Batchelor upon the cash payment of \$280.00.

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

A report from the Franklin County Library Board was also read to the commissioners and is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

S. O. Wilder was appointed a committee to investigate the alleged killing of a turkey hen of J. W. Allgood by dogs.

E. H. Malone, County Chairman of Civilian Defense appeared before the Board in reference to small expenses of the Ration Office which are not paid by the Federal Government and which are necessary items for the efficient administration of said office. Upon motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Pearce, the County Accountant was instructed to pay these small items in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 per month.

Upon motion of Com. Dean, seconded by Com. Pearce, the County Attorney was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Ira T. Insko, County Chm. of AAA conveying a request of the farmers of Franklin County that his office be kept open on Saturday afternoons for the convenience of the farmers, and Mr. Boyce assured the Commissioners that his office would also be kept open in cooperation with the AAA office. And to further assure Mr. Insko that it was agreeable with the Commissioners if they closed half a day on some other afternoon in the week, in place of Saturdays.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the County Accountant was instructed to issue check to H. G. Thompson for \$1.00 for dog listed in error and on which taxes had already been paid.

Upon motion of Com. Dean, seconded by Com. Bartholomew and unanimously carried, the County Accountant was instructed to pay the premiums on insurance on county buildings now due and repairs to the County Home from the revolving fund, and he was further instructed to renew the policies for three years instead of the one year as formerly, in order to obtain a lower rate, which is possible under the three year plan, and was further instructed to convert those now held to three year policies.

The County Accountant was instructed to pay the Bill of John Kerr, Jr., Attorney in Warren County of \$50.00 for services rendered in the collection of \$600.00 owed by Plummer Williamson on land in Warren County, and the County Attorney was instructed to complete the collection of said debt of trust.

K. E. Joyner, W. A. Phelps, Harold J. Richards, G. S. Gilliam and Clinton Swanson, Constables presented their bonds to the Board, which bonds were approved by the County Attorney and

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RECORDER'S COURT

Regular Cases Tried Tuesday; Jury Cases Called Wednesday

Franklin County Recorder's Court convened Tuesday and disposed of the regular cases. On Wednesday the jury cases were called. This session was in progress Thursday. The following cases had been disposed of as the paper went to press:

Percy Williams was found not guilty of operating automobile intoxicated.

Ollie Jeffreys was found guilty of no drivers license, discharged upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Maryland Dick, larceny and receiving, nol. pros with leave.

Percy Williams was found guilty of driving a car without license, discharged upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

J. Marion Grainger, through Counsel plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, fined \$50 and costs, not to operate a car for 12 months.

Horace Collins plead guilty to larceny and receiving and was given 4 months on roads. Not guilty as to injury to property.

Robert Henry Dunston plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and was given 4 months on roads, upon payment of costs including \$15 for Doctor, execution to issue any time in 2 years.

Rosabel Moss Evans was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, and was given 4 months in jail. Commissioners to hire out. Johnnie Johnson pleads guilty of forcible trespass and was given 4 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Leon Leonard plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and fined 50 and costs, and not to drive a car in 12 months.

J. Clyde Wester was found not guilty of operating automobile intoxicated.

The following cases were continued: Richard Patton, no drivers license.

T. V. Pool, operating automobile intoxicated, reckless driving.

P. W. Joyner operating automobile intoxicated, resisting an officer.

The jury cases were taken up on Wednesday and disposed of as follows:

Herman Journigan, bastardy, continued.

Mary Jane Green, selling beer without license.

A nolle pros was taken in the case of assault on a female against A. L. McInnis.

R. R. Radford, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

Leroy Howard operating automobile intoxicated, no drivers license, continued.

Zollie Medlin, operating automobile intoxicated, found guilty, discharged upon payment of \$50 fine and costs. Appeal.

Zollie Medlin pleads guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, given 60 days on road, not to operate car for 12 months. Appeal.

Robert Haywood Strickland, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

Harvel Harris, operating automobile intoxicated, continued.

The Court directed that in the future the jury trials will be called on the second Wednesday in each month. Also that a fee of \$3.00 will have to be paid down on the request for a jury trial.

Cotton farmers will have 15 more days in which to apply for Federal crop insurance on their 1942 cotton crop than on their 1942 crop, the closing date in North Carolina being April 1.

For the duration of the war we insist that our fiction give us happy endings.

NO FUN DRIVING

Washington, Jan. 6.—"If it's fun, it's out."

OPA authorities said tonight that is the best test for whether or not motoring is pleasure driving, which is forbidden beginning at noon tomorrow in Eastern states. These authorities, speaking anonymously pending the issuance of an official definition tomorrow, said:

Going to church is not pleasure driving.

Taking children to school probably is all right, in the absence of other transportation.

Going to a doctor or a hospital obviously is all right.

WORK BEGUN ON BRIDGE

To Put On New Floor; To Relieve The Undesirable Water Situation

Mr. G. W. Pruitt of the State Highway maintenance department arrived at Tar River bridge in Louisburg with a force and equipment Wednesday morning and began removing the asphalt top to the bridge preparatory to replacing it with a new concrete floor to be constructed in such way as to eliminate the undesirable water splashing situation that has been so unsatisfactory for a long number of years.

This will be a great benefit to the walking public that has to cross the bridge.

Mr. C. C. Hudson, a former County Commissioner is to be given much of the credit for this activity as he has been active in convincing the Highway Department of the necessity and securing its activity.

The public is cautioned to drive slowly in approaching and crossing the bridge as it has been placed on the one lane drive regulations.

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Mrs. Nelle Newell Dead

The many friends of the family will learn with much regret of the death of Mrs. Nelle Simpson Newell, widow of the late S. Atwood Newell, which occurred in a hospital in Henderson at 11 o'clock Friday night following a short but serious illness.

She was found in her room early Thursday morning in a serious condition, having been taken ill during the night, and taken to the hospital that afternoon, where the end came the next evening. She was a native of Martin County, the daughter of the late John D. Simpson and Eliza Griffin Simpson. She was married to Mr. S. Atwood Newell, a prominent attorney in Williamston in 1907. In 1915 they moved to Louisburg, where Mr. Newell became prominent in the practice of law, and Mrs. Newell won an enviable place in social and church work. She was a member of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Sgt. John A. Newell, of Port Meade, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Newell Womble, of Charlotte; a sister, Mrs. Erah Cobb, of Williamston; and a brother, J. Dillon Simpson, of Mount Airy.

Funeral services were held from the Louisburg Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden and Rev. O. W. Dowd, of Dunn, a former pastor and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. Quite a large number attended both services and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty.

The pall bearers were: C. M. Howard, L. M. Word, P. W. Elam, Geo. D. Davis and J. C. Taylor.

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Board of Health Meets

The Board of Health of Franklin County composed of Chairman J. Z. Terrell, of the Board of County Commissioners, Mayor W. C. Webb, of Louisburg, and Supt. W. F. Mitchell, of the County Schools met in its office on Monday and completed its organization by re-electing Dr. S. P. Burt, of Louisburg, Dr. E. V. Green, of Youngsville, and Dr. D. T. Smithwick, of Louisburg, to membership on the Board.

The Board set Monday, January 11th, as a date for the next meeting, when it is expected they will elect a Health Officer.

Take Training

Miss Elizabeth G. Brown, N. Y. A. representative for Franklin, Warren, Vance, Granville and Person counties was in Louisburg the past week to accompany Misses Hortense Poole, Bessie Poole, R. I. Louisburg, Mrs. John Lewis, of Wood, and Owen Gup-ton, of R. I. Castalia, to Raleigh where they will take training for 12 weeks on State College Campus at Raleigh Residence Center, in the various War efforts. Mrs. Wood's husband is now in the armed service in Africa.

VICTORY CONGRESS OPENS

Washington, Jan. 6.—The 78th Congress—dubbed the "Victory Congress" from the rostrum of the House—met today in a mood for solemn united action to win the war and for sharp insistence upon writing its own laws on domestic issues, regardless of the wishes of the White House.

These two determinations dominated a brief preliminary session of speechmaking and organization for the tragically vital period which lies ahead. They were expressed by Republican spokesmen, conscious of their greatly-reinforced strength. And they came from the Democratic side of the political barrier as well.

Last fall's election, with its wide Republican gains, was reflected at the outset in the closest vote-for party control of the House in the last decade. The Democrats won. By 217 to 206, they reelected Speaker Rayburn.

Immediately, the tension of the situation was broken. Republicans and Democrats alike jumped to their feet in a stormy and prolonged ovation. And when Representative Martin of Massachusetts, the defeated Republican nominee for Speaker, said it was particularly appropriate that this honor should go to Rayburn on his 61st birthday, the pandemonium was renewed.

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McDonald Chairman President's Birthday Celebration

Dr. Ralph McDonald, State Chairman for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc. has appointed Mrs. Hugh W. Perry as County Chairman. The message which President Roosevelt has dedicated to this cause is "Nothing is closer to my heart than the health of our boys and girls and young men and young women. To me it is one of the front lines of our National Defense." President Roosevelt also states "I feel strongly, therefore, that the work of the National Foundation must be continued and I am happy to have it use my birthday in its 1943 fund-raising drive."

Mrs. Perry expects to have a County organization perfected within a short time so that an intensive campaign may be begun on the 15th and continued through the 30th of January.

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College Opens

After Holidays and Schedules Examinations and Registration

The college formally closed the mid-year holidays with the opening, Tuesday, January 5. Only a small percentage of the students failed to return, a fact especially notable in view of the depletion in college enrollments generally. Some of the local absences are occasioned by the women taking secretarial positions and the men being inducted into armed service.

Examinations closing the first semester will run on week days from 14 to 18 inclusive. Registration for the second semester will be held January 19.

ODT Appeals

It has been requested by the Office of Defense Transportation that appeals for additional mileage and gasoline on Certificates of War Necessity be submitted to the Raleigh office by January 10, 1943, if possible, therefore, the Franklin County Farm Transportation Committee is asking farmers in the county, who desire to make an appeal, to do so as soon as possible in order that their appeals might be reviewed by the local committee and sent to the Raleigh office by January 10, 1943. If, at any time, the farmer feels he is entitled to further adjustment, he is free to request such an adjustment.

J. C. NOWELL, Chairman, Franklin County Farm Transportation Committee.

When the tickets sell at a premium, the show is almost certain to be good.

WAR NEWS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Jan. 6.—Veteran British First Army troops captured Jebel Azzag and nearby points in an attack launched yesterday to drive the Axis from high ground dominating Allied positions along a road about 15 miles west of Mateur, the Allied command announced tonight.

It was the first real fighting in two weeks in North Tunisia. "Successful attacks were made on hills north of the road and we captured Jebel Azzag and other points in the vicinity," the Allied command communique announced.

"Our forces are mopping up isolated machinegun posts and have repulsed a counterattack against one of our newly-won positions."

In the air, a headquarters spokesman said, Fortress bombers scored hits or near misses on a cruiser leaving the Tunisian harbor of Sfax and left the Sfax power station in flames.

Washington, Jan. 6.—American forces pounded the Japs by land, air, and sea Tuesday as the long-dormant Solomons campaign exploded with a fury which suggested a battle of major scope may be in the making.

A task force, carrying out the first United States naval offensive in that area since the original invasion of the Solomons five months ago, swept 180 miles northwest of Guadalcanal—the deepest penetration of Solomons waters by American surface ships—and bombarded the new Jap air base at Munda.

The pre-dawn thrust touched off a swift sequence of sorties which gave the Americans—perhaps their busiest hours since their great naval victory November 13-15.

The task force action was followed by three aerial sweeps which carried deep into the heart of Jap positions in the northern Solomons and continued blows against the enemy on Guadalcanal.

The final accounting for the day showed at least seven Jap planes destroyed, one enemy transport hit, one Jap heavy cruiser attacked with unrevealed results, undetermined damage to the airfield at Munda, 84 enemy troops slaughtered on Guadalcanal and two American planes lost.

Moscow, Thursday, Jan. 7.—Russian armies forming both the northern and southern arms of the Soviet pincers aimed at Rostov hammered on new gains yesterday, capturing eight villages in the Middle Don and 13 villages and two railway stations in the North Caucasus, the Red Army announced today.

The Soviets pushed another 10 miles up the main Caucasian railway from Prokhladnenski, captured only Tuesday, and seized the station at Soldatskaya, 310 miles southeast of Rostov, the midnight communique said.

The communique also reported the capture of Baksan in the northern Caucasus. (A Baksansk, eight miles east of newly-won Nalchik and 23 miles southwest of Prokhladnenski appears on available maps.)

In the Middle Don, northeast of Rostov, the newly-occupied villages included Maryinskaya and Kamyshevskaya.

(Available maps list neither town by that spelling, but do include a Mariinskaya, on the north bank of the Don 25 miles west-southwest of Tsimlyanskaya and 95 miles northeast of Rostov, and a Kamisovskaya, also on the north bank of the Don and five miles east of Mariinskaya.)

Harris Names Committees

Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris yesterday set the stage for a short session of the 1943 General Assembly by announcing his committee appointments within 25 minutes after the Senate officially convened at noon.

Harris told Democratic party members that he hoped the General Assembly would finish its business in 50 days. His early announcement of committees was the first step in sending the Senate off to a quick start. The appointments usually are made the second or third day.

Senator H. P. Taylor of Anson, was named chairman of the appropriations committee, and Senator Thomas O'Berry of Wayne was named head of the finance committee.

PLEASURE DRIVING BANNED

Washington, Jan. 6.—OPA today banned pleasure driving in the East and slashed the amount of fuel oil that schools, stores, theatres and other non-residential establishments may consume in the 17-State area.

Many such buildings face the possibility of curtailing their hours or days of operations under the order. OPA left it to the school boards, store operators and others in charge of oil-consuming buildings to determine how they will meet the reduced fuel rations.

Amusement places especially were hit hard. The order forbidding pleasure driving in the East specifically banned motoring to theatres as well as race tracks. With this order certain to cut down amusement centers' patronage and the fuel oil order threatening to make theaters and night clubs cool beyond comfort, continued operation of some of the establishments seemed in doubt.

Use of fuel oil in non-residential establishments in the East was curtailed 25 per cent below present rations, giving them about 45 per cent of normal requirements.

Noon Today

Under the edict against pleasure driving, effective at noon tomorrow, any motorist driving to amusement centers or to "purely social engagements" faces the cancellation of all or part of his gasoline ration.

OPA called upon State, county and local law enforcement agencies to carry out the new regulation in 17 Eastern states and the District of Columbia where the oil-gasoline shortage is acute.

The ruling immediately threatened the operation of race tracks. President John C. Clark of the Miami (Fla.) Jockey Club said Hialeah Park, scheduled to open next Wednesday, would not operate "until such time as there is full approval of the continuance of racing." Chairman Herbert Bayard Swope of the New York State Racing Commission said racing would continue if it could do so legitimately—"if not, it will stop. It asks no special consideration."

OPA prohibited all pleasure motoring by holders of A, B and C passenger car ration cards. It did not define "pleasure driving" fully, but said the term would have "broad meaning" and would be interpreted in an official regulation tomorrow.

However, the finding of a passenger car at a race track will be taken as "prima facie" evidence that gasoline rations and tires are being dissipated needlessly and illegally," the announcement stated.

Essential Driving

Price Administrator Leon Henderson made it clear that he had chosen this action in preference to a new slash in the value of A coupons. He said checks had proved that nearly half of all A rations in the East were being used for essential driving only. This ration is good for only three gallons a week in the Seaboard area.

"The chief abuses, insofar as gallons used for pleasure (are concerned)," said Henderson, "seem to stem from the B and C card holders, who either have exaggerated their needs or are not fulfilling the car-sharing plans they outlined to procure the rations originally."

The second scrap drive in Transylvania County is being undertaken by 4-H Clubs in cooperation with the schools.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Jan. 9th:

Saturday—Charles Starrett in 'Riding Through Nevada' and John Hubbard and Virginia Grey in 'Secrets of the Underground.'

Sunday—Monday—Jack Benny and Ann Sheridan in 'George Washington Slept Here.'

Tuesday—The Dead End Kids and the Little Tough Guys in 'Mug Town.' Also Wild Bill Elliott in 'Valley of Vanishing Men.'

Wednesday—Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre and Maxie Rosenbloom in 'The Boogie Man Will Get You.'

Thursday-Friday—Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith in 'Gentleman

AFTER THE WAR EMPLOYMENT

Babson Forecasts New Technical Colleges

By ROGER W. BABSON
Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Next to the spiritual condition of the nation the full employment of its people is of primary importance. Under normal conditions about 45,000,000 are gainfully employed. Today this has gone up to about 55,000,000; while during the depths of the depression of the 1930's there were only 35,000,000 so employed with 10,000,000 unemployed walking the streets. Of these, probably 2,500,000 were unemployed.

Don't Get Panicky

With doubt the United States and Canada will be faced with a big unemployment problem after World War II. Not only will 10,000,000 men be returning from the army, navy and air forces to their homes but another 10,000,000 or more now working in war plants, shipyards, etc., temporarily at least, will be thrown out of work. To the average statistician the situation looks dark and unsolvable. Yet, there is no reason for getting panicky.

To begin with there will be a tremendous "consumer demand" after the war. People will stampede for new automobiles, new refrigerators, new radios and new appliances of all kinds from kitchen utensils to farm implements. Moreover, the people will have the money and bonds to pay for these things. Merchants will again stock up with goods which means that manufacturers must quickly "convert" and re-employ millions of people.

Capitalism To Be Tested

During the years directly following peace, employers should forget themselves in order to save themselves. Many millions will be tired and sick, of rationing, price-fixing and government inefficiency. The businessmen will then have a real chance to throw off the "ball and chains", which the New Deal has put upon them. To do this, however, we employers must assume more responsibility and must make a greater effort to give employment than we ever have in the past.

Unless businessmen do then wake up and assume leadership, the free-enterprise system may get a severe beating. These returning soldiers will be in no mood to see factories needlessly shut down. Then the Communists and other radicals will come forward with crazy plans which will make the New Dealers look like hard-shelled Republicans. Yes, the unemployment problem must then fearlessly be met and solved, OR ELSE!

Preventing Unemployment

No new committees need be formed nor new reports need be issued. The files of the Department of Labor contain voluminous studies on how unemployment can be reduced during a depression. These plans range from raising the school age and getting women back into the homes, to the quota system in which I was so much interested ten years ago. We will not need new plans for work, but rather we will need merely to work the plans we have.

Here at Washington I have heard of plans to turn some of the great-government buildings, now full of clerks, into a mammoth National University for returning soldiers. These plans also include having branches of this great University in different sections of the country using empty munition plants for school rooms and laboratories; while the students can live in the new houses now occupied by war workers. It is estimated that this new National University may have an enrollment of 1,000,000 students!

What About Our Ivy Colleges?

Of course, such a plan will be fought bitterly both by the old line endowed colleges like Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., and also by the State Universities which have great political in-

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