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DISCUSS NEW SCHOOL TERM

PRINCIPALS HELD MEETING SATURDAY

Schools Will Open at 8:30 O'clock Each Morning — County-wide Teachers Meeting to be Held on August 21st at 10 a. m. at Mills School in Louisburg — Leaders to Discuss Important Subjects

A meeting of the Principals of Franklin County Schools was held in the office of the Board of Education, Saturday, August 7th at 10 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the organization and administration of schools for the ensuing year which is to begin on August 23rd.

In discussing school problems, Superintendent Mitchell pointed out that the beginning of the 1943-44 school term marked a new era in the educational program of Franklin County. The children have been provided with a twelve year program to be operated for a period of nine months. The citizens of Franklin County and the State of North Carolina have made this possible because they realize the necessity and the importance of giving our children every educational opportunity at this time. These advantages come to us at a time when our nation is at war, and as a result we are confronted with many handicaps such as teacher shortage, rationing program, restricted transportation, and a rapidly changing curriculum in order to meet the demands brought upon us by the War effort in order that we might defend the fundamental principles upon which our State and Nation were founded. It behooves all of us to put forth every ounce of strength and energy to meet these demands with a maximum amount of efficiency and at a minimum amount of cost. If our County demands increased industrial intelligence the training of men and women for leadership in manufacturing, trade and commerce, we must put forth an all out effort and embark upon this program immediately. Yet we must realize that it becomes our duty to attempt to carry on a well balanced program and in so doing it behooves us to instill in our pupils the realization that intellectual and industrial supremacy can mean nothing to a nation unless righteousness prevails both in public and private life. It should be our aim and purpose to train these boys and girls for citizenship that has always been interpreted to mean an education which will set a life for service to be the best interest of humanity, by training boys and girls how to play, work and serve together to the best interest of all concerned in all activities.

The schools will open at 8:30 and the State requirements of a six hour schedule will be adhered to. A short schedule will be arranged at such time when the farming conditions would demand the assistance of the school children. In cooperation with the farms the school principals will announce request from various farmers for school children to assist in carrying on the farm program. Children interested in picking cotton or assisting in any other way in meeting the demands for labor will be requested to bring a written permission from parents to go with the farmer, who in turn, will provide transportation and protection to the child while engaged in this endeavor.

Care of present equipment was emphasized, especially in connection with the maintenance of the school plant and the buses which cannot be replaced for the duration.

Superintendent Mitchell stressed the need of well disciplined schools in Franklin County, explaining that good discipline is an index to good teaching. Subject matter cannot be mastered in a disorganized room. Self restraint, respect for others and care of public property are valuable traits for the future citizens of our respective communities to develop.

Dr. W. C. Perry, member of the Franklin County Board of Health, in addressing the group told the principals that every child must have a small pox vaccination scar

BLACKOUT SUCCESSFUL

Louisburg Undergoes Unannounced Blackout Tuesday Night With Great Success

Louisburg experienced its first unexpected blackout Tuesday night, and as announced by Chief Air Raid Warden W. B. Barrow, proved to be a great success, with the people cooperating one hundred per cent.

The yellow signal represented by lights flickering, was given at 9:45. This was a warning that enemy planes had been sighted headed in this direction.

At 10 o'clock the Blue signal, a long steady blast, was sounded. This warning suggested the enemy planes were headed this way. At this signal all lights are to be put out, except some that have been specifically exempted, traffic lights with auto without lights.

At 10:15 the Red signal, represented by a series of short blasts was sounded which was to tell the public that bombs were expected to fall at any time. On this signal all traffic was to stop and all pedestrians take cover.

This lasted only a short while before the Blue signal was sounded again at 10:25, represented by a long steady blast, informing the public that the enemy planes had passed, but might return. The lights were to remain out with traffic resuming slow and dim lighted movements.

The White signal was given at 10:30, with public announcements over radio or full lights cut on, representing that all danger had passed.

The citizens responded exceptionally well in their cooperation making the blackout a complete success, giving assurance that the enemy would get little assistance at finding its target in this section.

Chief Warden Barrow was especially appreciative of the splendid work of the several assistants that contributed greatly to the splendid outcome of the blackout.

SMITH-HARRELL

The marriage of Miss Rachel Leigh Harrell, daughter of Mrs. Levi Wells Harrell and the late Mr. Harrell, of Rosehill, to Cpl. Fitz Gerald Smith, of Fort Worth, Texas, son of Mrs. Frank Smith and the late Dr. Smith, of Fort Worth, took place Saturday evening, July 31, in Louisburg at the home of Mrs. William Wilson, sister of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

In a floral setting of white blossoms, an improvised altar was flanked by candelabra against a background of pines. The bride wore a dress of soldier blue crepe with luggage tan accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of Tailsman roses.

The bride attended Louisburg College. Prior to her marriage she held a position in Louisburg with the Agricultural Administration Association.

Corporal Smith attended Texas Christian University. At present he is intraining at the Army Finance School in Wake Forest.

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or a doctor's certificate of vaccination at the time of registration.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick presented his annual plan for awarding a medal to a member of the seventh grade for good citizenship in order to impress the value of civic virtue.

On August 21st at 10:00 a. m. a county-wide teachers' meeting will be held in the Mills High School in Louisburg for the purpose of completing the organization of the schools. At that time the groups will organize on the basis of subjects and departments. Leaders for discussion of the various groups are:

English—Mr. E. C. Jernigan.
History—Mr. O. G. Thompson.
Mathematics—Mr. R. G. Stephens.
Science—Mr. D. J. Dark.
Geography—Mr. M. K. Carswell.
Foreign Language—Mr. W. P. Morton.
Grammar Grade—Mr. C. C. Brown.
Primary—Mrs. Clara Long Moore.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session at 8 p. m., August 6th, 1943. All members of the Board were present except Commissioner W. J. Cooper.

The Board approved the minutes of previous meetings and the monthly reports of the Chief of Police, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Superintendent of the Light & Water Departments.

Captain Hill Yarborough requested the Board to install an extension telephone from the Town's Office telephone to the State Guard Office in the rear of the Armory Building. The Board agreed to permit the installation of this telephone.

The Purchasing Agent was authorized to buy the necessary paint with which to paint the two standpipes.

The Board approved the purchase of a new 3 1/2 K.V.A. transformer and a new 5 K.V.A. transformer.

Mr. Fisher J. Beasley presented through James E. Malone, Jr., a claim for damages to two of his lots in amount of \$100.00. This damage was done when the WPA widened a street against the wishes and orders of Mr. Beasley, and took a portion of two lots for the construction of a street.

The Board voted to allow the claim for damages as requested by Mr. Beasley.

A request for a sewer line on South Kenmore Avenue was presented by residents of this section. Due to the shortage of labor and the difficulty of securing the necessary materials for this proposed sewer line, the Board refused this request.

The Board approved a number of invoices for payment.

There being no further business before it, the Board adjourned.

Chinese Quick to Reject Three Jap Peace Feelers

Chungking, Aug. 10.—The Japanese have made three separate peace feelers to the Chinese government within the past two months, all of which have been spurned, well-informed sources said today.

Official circles stated categorically, however, that the government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would not consider any form of Japanese peace offer, but was determined to stand by the United Nations.

The Tokyo proposals, it was revealed included an offer of a return to the status quo as of July 7, 1937, when Japanese troops opened fire on the Chinese army at the Marco Polo bridge on the outskirts of Peking.

In return for economic rights in North China, the Japanese were said to be willing to abandon completely their aspiration in central and south China.

The disclosure followed a recent charge of Vladimir Rogov, published in an article in the official Soviet trade union organ, War and the Working Class, in Moscow, that the Japanese are using "appeasers" who hold high government posts in Chungking "who by means of vicious political intrigues" are trying to split the Kuomintang, Chinese government party, and Chinese Communists, and that these "defeatists" are plotting to reach an "honorable" peace with Tokyo.

Authoritative sources commenting on Rogov's further warning that trouble between Chungking and the Chinese Communists would lead to civil war, said: "The central government has no intention of using forcible measure to dissolve the Communists."

Following the recent departure of Gen. Chou En-Lai, chief Communist liaison officer in Chungking to Yenan, northern China Communist center, Communist circles in the capital expressed the fear of possible military action against the "border regional government." It was felt that this would be aimed at ending the anomalous situation where a Communist independent government and army exist on the Mongolian border outside the framework of the Chungking government.

That fear, however, since has been dissipated, it was said.

If you don't get everything you think is coming to you maybe you should be glad.

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GASOLINE

Chairman Johnson, discussing the gasoline situation the past week stated the public generally was not cooperating with the government in the gasoline control effort, but on the other hand represented the efforts of the government. He said recently a person applied for gasoline to go to a physician in Rocky Mount for treatment several times. The certificate presented did not contain the statement that "the physical condition of the patient would not permit the use of a bus." Upon investigation it was found that a bus made three trips daily from within about a mile or mile and a half of the persons home to Rocky Mount and the schedule was such that it could easily be used. The gasoline regulations say that if bus, or train accommodations are available gasoline cannot be issued for this purpose. The question of convenience or cost is not a consideration. It further developed that the person had arrangements with a neighbor to take them to Rocky Mount for \$3.00 a trip, and we found that the round-trip bus fare was only \$1.21 from Stallings or 99 cents from Castalia. Apparently there was nothing seriously wrong with the person. This is not the only case of this kind. We have many, said Chairman Johnson, some with even less cooperation evident. It is this lack of cooperation that makes the work of the Board so hard and unpleasant.

The local Board together with all other Boards, said Chairman Johnson, are instructed to deduct from all supplemental gasoline allotments, mileage heretofore granted for travel to work a distance of less than 2 miles. This restriction will seriously reduce the allotment to most all cars in any town in Franklin County.

The Board has recently received instructions not to take renewal applications for supplemental gasoline more than 15 days before the expiration date on the last allotment. In effect this means if a person is given an allotment for three or four months it must last out that time or the person to whom it is issued will have to do without until his old allotment has expired.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

George W. James was found guilty of motor vehicle law violation, to be discharged upon payment of costs.

Lillie Mae Batchelor pleads guilty to assault with deadly weapon, 6 months in State's prison, to be suspended on payment of costs and doctor's bill, not to exceed \$10 and \$8 to prosecuting witness.

George Jones, assault with deadly weapon, the costs having been paid by the prosecuting witness the State took a nolle prosequi.

Junius Chavis and Betty Perry, 1 and a, verdict of guilty as to both and sentenced each to 30 days in jail, suspended upon saving the County harmless.

The following cases were continued:

D. L. Ayscue, reckless driving, hit and run.
J. W. Cobb, speeding.
Irvin B. Gilliam, non-support.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. E. H. Davis will be guest preacher at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Sunday School convenes at 9:45 a. m., led by Prof. I. D. Moon.

Union Vespers will not be held Sunday night but will be resumed next Sunday night, August 22.

HERBERT GRAHAM HOLMES

Franklin.—Herbert Graham Holmes, 56, died Tuesday night at his home after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Pope's Chapel Christian Church, by the Rev. E. M. Carter, of Youngville, assisted by the Rev. S. E. Maddren, of Franklin.

Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Ferguson; and six children, Niel, Dorothy, Anne, and Henry Holmes, of Franklin, Mrs. Royall Spence, of Burlington, and Graham Holmes of the Navy.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Alfred P. Chambliss, Jr., of Warrenton, will conduct services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at eight o'clock, p. m. Sunday, August 15th.

Church School will begin promptly at 9:45 A. M., Sunday, and will last for one hour. Mr. Will Yarborough, Bible Class teacher.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The only kind of strikes we like to hear of is when our army strikes the enemy.

WAR NEWS

London, Thursday, Aug. 12.—Powerful, fast columns of Red Army tanks and motorized infantry cut the Kharkov-Poltava railroad yesterday, and passed the peak point of last winter's offensive, captured the German base of Aktyrka, 62 miles northwest of Kharkov, and drove 7 1-2 miles northeast of Kharkov.

The cutting of the Poltava railroad isolated Kharkov on the west, made its fall within a matter of days almost inevitable, and left the Germans with only two escape routes by rail for the tens of thousands of men garrisoned there.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 11.—British warships extended Allied domination of Italy's coastline from toe to shin in the pre-dawn hours of yesterday with a bombardment of targets as far north as the Bay of Naples.

The ghostly flotillas moved with ease up to the naval establishments of Castellammare at the southern corner of the Bay of Naples and the vulnerable railway bridge at Cape Vaticano, 150 miles to the south, dramatically demonstrating the weakness of Italy to amphibious invasion.

London, Thursday, Aug. 12.—British heavy bombers spilled more than 1,500 long tons of explosives on the Nazi shrine city of Nurnberg Tuesday night, and Berlin radio abruptly quit the air just after mid-night today to indicate that the RAF was hammering Germany for the third straight night.

German planes dropped bombs on a southwestern English coastal district early today. These retaliatory stabs have grown infrequent during the summer as the Axis air force has been put more and more on the defensive.

The blasting of Nurnberg disclosed a switch in Allied strategy, aimed at destroying Germany's finished products centers as distinct from her already devastated basic industries.

Sixteen bombers, all of the Royal Air Force, failed to return from the 1,000-mile round-trip flight. Three Nazi night fighters were destroyed.

Dr. Patten Speaks To Lions Club

The Louisburg Lions Club held its regular luncheon meeting at Mrs. Beasley's Dining Room, Tuesday, August 10, 1943 at 7 p. m. Lion President G. M. Beam announced the appointment of the following committee chairman for the coming year:

Attendance, W. J. Shearin; Constitution and By-laws, W. B. Tucker; Finance, Dr. E. L. Eagles; Lions Education, P. H. Massey; Membership, C. R. Sykes; Program and Entertainment, I. D. Moon; Publicity, W. O. Lambeth; Military Affairs, Lee Bell; Blind Work, N. F. Freeman; Boys' and Girls' Work, Dr. A. Paul Bagby; Civic Improvement, Dr. R. L. Eagles; Community Betterment, W. B. Tucker; Education, Wiley F. Mitchell; Health and Welfare, Edgar J. Fuller; Safety, Lee Bell.

Dr. Walter Patten, President of Louisburg College, spoke to the Club on some of the enrollment problems confronting the College this coming year. Dr. Patten brought out that in spite of all the emphasis being placed on short training courses today due to war pressure the school will carry on and give the regular courses to those who desire them. "There will be a great need for the college trained boy and girl," said Dr. Patten, "to solve not only local but national and international problems in the world of tomorrow."

Willie Lee Lumpkin and A. C. Hall were welcomed into the Club as new members.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

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

Saturday—James Craig and Patricia Dane in 'Northwest Rangers' and Dick Foran and Irene Hervey in 'He's My Guy.'

Sunday—Monday—Ann Miller, John Hubbard, Rochester and Freddy Martin and Band in 'What's Buzzin Cousin.'

Tuesday—George Sanders and Anna Sten in 'They Came to Blow Up America.'

Wednesday—Harrie Hilliard and David Bruce in 'Honeymoon Lodge.'

Thursday-Friday—Jon Hall, Maria Montez and Sabu in 'White Savage.'

PRICE DIFFERENTIAL MADE

Between Graded and Ungraded Tobacco — Meeting Held at Wilson

Wilson, Aug. 11.—The Office of Price Administration has set a three-cents a pound differential between graded and ungraded tobacco and ungraded and untied tobacco, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation announced at a meeting of some 1,000 farmers from throughout the State at a protest meeting in the Wilson County courthouse tonight.

Shaw said he was informed of this action early tonight in a telephone conversation with J. B. Hutson, head of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

He quoted Hutson as saying further that "No further changes will be made this season in the tobacco price ceiling."

Hutson said that the CCC will make "purchases substantially in line with last season, but will show a little better price on better grades," with an approximate raise to 50 cents a pound instead of 47 cents. These purchases would not, however, "be at the expense of low grade tobacco."

Ungraded or Nothing

The statements were given by Shaw tonight amid a growing determination of farmers throughout Eastern North Carolina to either sell their tobacco ungraded and untied or not at all, unless the price ceiling is raised.

Most of the farmers expressed the opinion that the recent OPA ruling "meant nothing at all" and would result in the same prices. The OPA was quoted in a dispatch from Washington today as willing to raise the price on flue-cured tobacco to \$44 per hundred for graded and tied leaf, if enough ungraded and untied tobacco was sold to bring the season's average to the present ceiling of \$41 per hundred.

But whether or not Eastern North Carolina farmers could place their tobacco on warehouse floors ungraded and untied and find any bidders appeared doubtful today after such action was tried down at Mullins, S. C.

AT HOME ON FURLOUGH

Chief Petty Officer David Collier, of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collier, Sr., arrived in Louisburg Monday to spend a week with his parents. He has just seen extensive service in the Pacific War Zone, and upon arrival on the Pacific coast he came home by plane. David has been in the Navy about four and a half years. His many friends in Louisburg were delighted to see him.

Raised \$487.50

Molly Pitcher Day was celebrated in Louisburg Saturday, August 7th, by seven enthusiastic Boy Scouts. \$112.50 worth of stamps were sold and \$375.00 worth of bonds.

This meant much walking in heavy shoes and socks for feet accustomed to cool breezes. Forty-one and one-half hours of service were given by the following boys: George Davis, Leslie Tharrington, Grady Harris, Edgar Owens, Edmond Rabill, Clifford Joyner and Wyatt Freeman.

The Scouts and the Women's Division of the Franklin County War Finance Committee thank each person who purchased a stamp or bond on Molly Pitcher Day.

Many a husband has turned over a new leaf because his wife can read him like a book.

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FIGHTING IN SICILY

Allies Crowding Axis Forces Finish

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 11.—British and American attacks, knifing through both coastal flanks, put the heart of German bitter-end resistance at Randazzo in Sicily under increasing pressure today.

British Tommies of the 50th Northumbrian Division fought their way through the town of Guardia, seven miles north of Acireale on the east coast of Sicily, and advanced to within a short distance south of Riposto.

30 Miles From Italy

The vanguard of the British Eighth Army thus drew up to a line directly east of Mt. Etna's summit and gained its first glimpse of Italy's shoreline after battling its way from Egypt. Riposto is nine miles south of Taormina, an Axis evacuation base, and less than 30 miles from Italy.

The American Seventh Army was reported to have made gains in the battle for Cape Orlando, a little more than 40 miles from Messina, after firmly establishing itself on the bridgehead won by sea-borne infantry two days ago. This landing was at the mouth of the Rosmarino River, three miles east of San Agata.

(The German communique said German forces there were adopting a mobile defense.)

The enemy's small boat traffic across the narrow strait of Messina increased and indications of the gathering of an evacuation fleet multiplied—signs which caused the Allied air forces, favored by moonlight nights, to hurl greater fleets than ever into making any Sicilian Dunkerque a costly endeavor.

But Allied spokesmen warned against expecting anything but a measured advance.

Hot Battle

The battle for Randazzo, north of Mt. Etna, grew in intensity as the stubborn enemy burrowed into the ruins of that central sector key point, apparently determined to make it a Sicilian Verdun.

American troops threw themselves across mountain rivers in the face of raking artillery fire and with their British and Canadian Allies charged to within about six miles of their objective.

Allied combat engineers continued to perform near miracles in building temporary bridges and clearing the roads of thousands of tons of dynamite-loosed debris in order to get up the guns and the materials to strangle the Germans into submission.

For the fourth consecutive day fleets of Allied light and fighter-bombers saturated Randazzo with bombs, intended to choke the narrow twisting roads and make it untenable.

German losses in killed and wounded were reported by Allied spokesmen to have been extra high because of their grim, fanatical resistance against overwhelming odds.

Some companies of parachute troops and of the Goering Armored Division, with normal complements of 200 men, were said to have been reduced to less than 20.

Randazzo, because of its domination of the roads crossing from north to south and east to west, is the Tunis or Bizerte of Sicily, so far as the Germans were concerned, and they are making the battle one of the fiercest of Sicily.

Less Ack-Ack

That this center of resistance might be weakening, however, was indicated by the reports of Allied airmen who said the anti-aircraft fire there had dwindled to almost nothing. A few days ago it was as heavy as at any point encountered in Sicily.

The enemy was reported by aerial reconnaissance to have concentrated more than 100 barges and armored ferries along 18 miles of mainland coast between Cape Spartivento and Cape Armi.

Other signs of increased anxiety over an escape route were seen in the fact that for the first time in days, a large ship and barges entered Milazzo harbor on the north coast in broad daylight.

And we heard about a girl who was asked if she would like to sell kisses at a bazaar, and when questioned if she had any experience, replied, "Yes, I went to college." She got the job.