

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Only Matters Of Routine

Draw Jury For February Term—Nothing of Special Public Interest Before Board

The Board of County Commissioners met in the Commissioners room of the Court House on Monday, January 3rd, 1944 at 10 a. m. with all members present except Joyner.

The minutes for the December meeting were read and approved. The following reports were received and ordered filed: Dr. S. P. Burt, County Health Officer; Mrs. J. F. Michener, Supt. Welfare; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Dem. Agent; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; E. R. Richardson, Supt. County Home; H. H. Price, Negro Farm Agent.

Dr. S. P. Burt, County Health Officer, stated to the Board that he visited the County Jail (on call) and found Jerdon Yarborough to be insane. Jerdon Yarborough (colored) was removed from said Jail to Goldsboro, N. C., for treatment.

Mr. John F. Matthews, County Attorney, stated to the Board that the Bar Association (Law) in their last meeting asked that the names of the Jurors be printed on the Court Calendar. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Joe W. Mitchell appeared before the Board and asked that he be put in the Franklin County Home. He was informed by the Board that his case would be turned over to the Welfare Department for investigation.

Com. T. S. Dean read a letter to the Board from Mr. Billie Patterson, stating his circumstances and requested that the County give some financial aid for his mother, Mrs. Pernel Patterson. The Welfare Department was asked by the Board to investigate the Patterson case.

Com. H. T. Bartholomew requested that the Welfare Department investigate the case of Mrs. Jennie Hale.

The case of Miss Iola Holloway, of Youngsville, N. C., was presented to the Board. Upon request of said Board the case was left open until next month for further investigation.

The Commissioners with the assistance of the Sheriff drew a jury for the February term of Franklin Criminal Superior Court. The following were appointed Tax list takers: S. Kearney, Franklinton township; John E. Williams, Louisburg township.

Germans Rush Defenses to Slow Rome Drive

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 5.—German engineers are rushing to completion an Italian "Siegfried Line" several miles deep and as powerful as similar Nazi fortifications in Western Europe, German prisoners reported today at headquarters disclosed that Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, a tank expert, had taken over command of the British Eighth Army in its drive up Italy's Adriatic coast.

Intent on keeping the Allies from Rome as long as possible, the Nazis were said to be installing their formidable new defense system only a few miles from the present battle line, with its strongest features located in the neighborhood of Cassino opposite the Fifth Army and inland from Pescara, Adriatic seaport which Canadian forces are nearing.

The desperate nature of German resistance in Italy in recent weeks possibly was dictated by the necessity of holding until the new line could be completed. Dr. Fritz Todt, German engineering genius who constructed similar "walls" in the west, was killed nearly a year ago in a plane accident, but the organization he built up is believed still functioning.

In addition to forging the new line, the Nazis were reported forming reserves of mobile defense units back of the fighting line and to be reinforcing their troops at the front with crack mountain regiments. An Allied officer said the enemy appeared to be preparing for a long war of attrition up the Italian leg.

The greatest crop losses in North Carolina are caused by growers not doing farm jobs at the proper time.

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S. SGT. CHARLES P. WILDER

A telegram from the Secretary of War has been received by Mr. James Perry Wilder informing him that his brother, Charles P. Wilder has been reported missing in action since Dec. 16th in the European area.

RED CROSS

Please return all sweaters and left over yarn at once. New quota of sweater yarn ready to be distributed when old is returned. 144 Kit Bags to be made. Some of contents to fill these bags have already arrived. Lets get them ready now.

66 pairs of gloves still to be knitted. If you can knit gloves help us with these—Knit and Sew for the Red Cross. Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, Pys. Chairman, 407 Church Street.

George W. Champion Dead

George W. Champion, 64, died Friday night at his home on Louisburg, Route 2.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son, Charles Champion, Sunday afternoon, by the Rev. John Edwards, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Harris and Mrs. Maggie Gupton; four sons, C. C. G. W., A. J., and Bennie Champion.

The pall bearers were grandsons and nephews, and were Duke Champion, J. D. Champion, J. W. Champion, Alvin Champion, S. T. Murray, Sid Champion. Quite a number attended the last rites and the floral tributes was especially pretty.

BAPTIST HOUR

Dr. Ralph A. Herring of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, will be heard on the program of The Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock EWT over Stations WPTF of Raleigh and WBIG of Greensboro, according to Dr. S. F. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia, Chairman of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. His subject, "The Primacy of the Spiritual," will be of special interest to people everywhere in these crucial days through which we pass, according to Mr. Lowe.

Dr. Herring, popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, is a trusted servant of the Baptist denomination, being past Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention, now President of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, and also serving as Trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, and North Carolina member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Hour Programs are broadcast over an independent southern network of 32 stations, covering the territory from the East Coast to the far Southwest, and are sponsored by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The speakers for the following three Sundays of January will be: On January 16th—Dr. Douglas S. Freeman of Richmond, Va. On January 23rd—Dr. Harold W. Tribble of Louisville, Ky. On January 30th—Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

Government crop reports on the 1914 cotton crop will be made on the 8th of July, August, September, November and December. The October 1 condition and other information will be given on October 9.

GERMAN HELMET

Gaither Beam, Chairman of the Fourth War Loan Campaign, has received a German Helmet that was captured in the present war. This helmet will be used in the coming bond sale drive which begins on the eighteenth.

HELD UNDER \$5,000 BOND

By Recorder Clements in Vance

John Robert Nelms Given Hearing in Murder of Soldier Brother—Father Signs Bond

John Robert Nelms was held under a \$5,000 bond for his appearance at the January term of Vance County Superior Court under a charge of the murder in connection with the death of his brother, Pvt. Leslie F. Nelms, 31 year old soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, at a preliminary hearing before Recorder R. E. Clements at Henderson Friday.

The bond was signed by T. N. Nelms, the father of the accused. Pvt. Nelms was shot to death with a rifle near Kittrell last Sunday night.

Junius Huff of Franklinton testified at the hearing that John R. Nelms came to his home early Monday morning and said his brother was in the car outside and had died of a heart attack. He was discovered later that he had been shot in the chest.

The brother of the dead man was arrested by Deputy Sheriff R. E. Neal of Franklin County and State Highway Patrolman A. L. Taylor of Henderson.

Pvt. Nelms, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Nelms of Louisburg, Route 2, was found shot to death in the back seat of an automobile early Monday morning. A .22 calibre rifle, which Coroner R. A. Bobbitt said was used in the killing was found in the automobile.

It was brought out at an inquest held by Coroner Bobbitt that John Robert and Leslie had gone to visit George Smith near Kittrell last Sunday. Both had been drinking and when they left the Smith home, Leslie was driving the car. John Robert testified that when he awoke early Monday morning the car was in a ditch and his brother was lying dead on the back seat.

MR. AND MRS. JOE MCGHEE DEAD

Franklinton.—Joint funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Joe McGhee, 69, who died here Monday night, and her husband, 86, who died Tuesday afternoon.

Both succumbed, after long illnesses, at the home of their only son, Ed W. McGhee of Franklinton. Services were conducted at 3:30 Wednesday from the son's home by the Rev. S. E. Mercer, assisted by the Rev. Charles Apple. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery here.

The couple is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucy Whitte, of Warren County, in addition to their son. Mrs. McGhee also is survived by a brother and three sisters.

ICE PLANT CHANGES NAME

Mr. J. C. Debnam, Proprietor, informed the Franklin Times reporter this week that he has changed the name of the Quality Ice Co., recently purchased by him from Mr. George Selby, to Little River Ice Co. In addition he is moving and rebuilding the plant on a lot located on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and will increase the capacity of the plant to 40 tons per day. Mr. T. D. Raper, Manager of the local plant, says the new plant, when completed will be up-to-date and dependable in every respect.

Jury List

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the February term of Franklin Criminal Superior Court, a one week term:

- Dunn—Berry C. Johnson, M. T. May, W. W. Winstead, R. C. Richardson, M. H. Moye, J. E. Land, Arthur Strickland. Harris—Z. B. White, W. C. Privette. Youngsville—H. P. Rogers, Rufus G. Harris, R. T. Pergerson, W. E. Denton, R. C. Catlett 3. Franklinton—George W. Best, M. M. Holmes. Hayesville—J. D. Winn, W. D. Ayscue. Sandy Creek—R. L. Ayscue, W. F. Hale. Gold Mine—W. H. Foster, G. W. Foster, Paul Joyner, Wilson Smith, S. G. Leonard, H. M. Lancaster, Cloice Burnett. Cedar Rock—C. C. Morgan, C. T. Medlin, J. M. Gupton, R. G. Moore, Otho Hayes, R. H. Layton, D. L. Smith, D. B. Gardner. Cypress Creek—E. D. Moore. Louisburg—A. B. Insoce, Harold D. Vaughan, Charlie Timberlake, G. G. Phelps, T. L. Duke, J. R. Allen, E. M. Gupton, George W. Leonard, N. M. Perry.

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China Planning Huge Offensive

Preparing To Throw Millions of Men Against Japanese With Allied Help

Chungking, Jan. 5.—Liang Han-Tsao, Chinese minister of information, said today that the Chinese army would launch "several millions" of men in a general counter-offensive against Japan during 1944, provided the weight of Allied arms is thrown against such points as Hongkong, Canton and Burma and that Allied air strength in China is increased.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his New Year's address to China had said his nation should bear the responsibility for an attack against Japan on the mainland of Asia in 1944. Liang said that "several millions of the Chinese field army will this year be prepared to cooperate with Allied naval operations in launching attacks along various fronts."

No Time Set He did not specify theaters where Allied naval operations could be expected.

Liang said it was difficult to say definitely when the Chinese army would move, but added that "Even if Allied forces launch an attack on the Philippines, the days of the general Chinese counter-offensive will be hastened."

"The time of the offensive also depends upon the supremacy Allied forces may hold over the enemy in China's skies," he continued.

He said that Chinese forces expected to obtain better equipment from the Allies, but "with the available equipment, still will launch a counter-offensive." Their action, he predicted, would be accompanied by attacks launched upon the enemy by the peoples of occupied territories.

Mrs. Matilda Mills Dead

Mrs. Matilda Mills, 90, mother of the late William Robert Mills, widely-known Franklin County educator, died in her sleep at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Gray Harris, early Monday.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church, at the graveside in the family cemetery near Rocky Mount, Va., at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. B. C. Johnson, of Bunn, Mrs. H. G. Stanley, of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. J. T. Craig, of Ferrum, Va.; six sons, A. D., of Zebulon, S. L., G. L., and J. B., of Roanoke, Va., E. W., of Richmond, Va.; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

CRUSADE FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER

America is interested in the termination of this war. In home after home across the nation there is the silent or audible prayer that this shall be the last year.

America is also interested in the peace that shall follow this war. She is interested in a peace that shall be based on certain and unshakable foundations. In keeping with these aims and determinations a great mass meeting "Crusade for a New World Order" will be held in Raleigh, Friday, January 14, at Edenton Street Church. This will be an all day meeting, beginning at 10:00 a. m. with afternoon and evening sessions.

Prominent among the speakers are Bishops Hughes, Cushman, Wade, Purcell, and the outstanding church leader, Dr. Diffendorfer.

In a recent issue of the "Time" magazine, this effort on the part of the Church was highly praised for its saneness of approach and timeliness.

This meeting will be open, not only to Methodists, but to all who seek light and guidance on the building of a better world.

Gets Stills

Officer W. A. Phelps reports the capture and destruction of a 60 gallon gasvanized still outfit in Youngsville township Friday. The still was in operation. He also found and destroyed two more kettles at the place and 800 to 1000 gallons of sugar mash. He was assisted by Officer Dollie Pearce.

Deputy R. E. Neal reports the destruction of a steel drum whiskey stilling outfit Friday in Sandy Creek township. The stilling operation had just begun and he destroyed 100 gallons beer and arrested two men, Dave Ingram and Charlie Edward Butts. He was assisted by Officers Dollie Pearce and W. A. Phelps of Franklin County, and E. A. Cottrell, Sheriff of Vance County.

YOUNGVILLE SCHOOL CANNERY



Reading for left to right on the front row are Mrs. W. R. Holden, Annie Frances Cooke, Margaret Dement, Rev. E. M. Carter. On the back are F. C. Winston, Vocational Teacher, who is in charge of the Cannery, and who worker up the project, Ann Strickland, Make Bridgers, W. R. Holden.

THE PROJECT

The following information pictures the building, its cost and objects:

"The Youngsville school cannery is a wooden frame building covered with tin. It is 35' long and 25' wide with a boiler room of 10'x10'. The expenses of the building were paid for by the following:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Lions Club of Youngsville \$ 50.00, Youngsville P.T.A. 142.00, Franklin County Board of Education 311.18, Total \$503.18

"This does not include the labor cost of construction. Six different individuals contributed their labor free. The county mechanic installed the boiler and part of the plumbing, such as installation of retorts, vats, drains, etc. was done by the agricultural class. The building was wired by the county mechanic, and the building was painted by the agricultural class. (Paint furnished by county not included in above expense item).

"Some of the labor was hired this summer to put down concrete floor. This was paid by P.T.A. (included above). All vats, ta-

bles, plumbing, steam and water lines were paid by RWPT funds and are not included in above items.

"There were no individual contributions except in labor. The local Home Demonstration Club donated \$20.00 to purchase small items, as knives, tubs, buckets, etc.

"We have invoices to show that the building cost at least \$1,800.00 and with an estimated labor bill of \$400.00 would put the value of building at \$2,200.00."

F. C. WINSTON.

The object of the plant is to provide means and equipment to can meats, vegetables and fruits for the citizens of this school district in particular and others in general. The plan is the owners of the meat or other products to be canned do the work of canning. The school furnishes the equipment and the expert supervision of the work.

Vocational Teacher Francis C. Winston and his assistants deserve much credit and commendation for this splendid institution.

Fourth War Loan Campaign Begins January 18th --- Franklin County Quota Expected to be \$290,000

Beginning January 18th, Franklin County will be called upon to purchase about \$290,000 of War Bonds. Of this amount \$190,000 should be of series E. It is hoped that each family in the county will purchase at least one bond and receive a sticker to be placed on the window. This sticker will indicate that the family holding it has made a purchase during the Fourth War Loan Campaign.

Each township chairman is requested to call a meeting of his committee and make plans to canvass every home in the county. Youngsville has already organized and held its meeting. Mr. J. L. Brown, their chairman, says they expect to lead the county again.

U. S. Bombers Strike Keil

London, Thursday, Jan. 6.—U. S. heavy bombers and escorting fighters blasted 95 German planes out of the sky yesterday as they ranged across a record 800-mile front to strike the Kiel shipyards, airfields at Bordeaux and Tours in France, and industrial targets in Western Germany.

Dusseldorf was reported by a Berlin radio broadcast to have been among the bombers objectives.

It was the biggest day for U. S. Army Air Force gunners since the December 11 raid on Emden, when 138 Nazi fighters were bagged. The widespread operation cost the attacking force 25 heavy bombers and 12 escorting fighters.

Strong Defense To reach their targets the bombers knifed through a strong defense which included rocket planes and ME1110s towing what appeared to be new-type anti-aircraft bombs.

Guns on the Flying Fortresses and Liberators accounted for 62 of the German planes downed while Thunderbolt and Lightning pilots got 33 in the far-ranging operation which in scope became one of the great daylight assaults of the war.

Claiming that German losses during the day's aerial battles were "remarkably light," the German news agency DNB in a broadcast dispatch said, "More

than 50 British-American planes, of which at least four-fifths were four-engined bombers, were destroyed—23 of them over France."

The blow at the Kiel shipyards was the third one in three weeks and the second in as many days.

TWO PULPWOOD CUTTING DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD

Two more woodland thinning demonstrations to obtain pulpwood will be held in the County next week. These pulpwood cutting demonstrations are being sponsored jointly by all the Agricultural Agencies working in the County and the County Pulpwood Committee.

One demonstration will be held January 11, 1944 at 1:30 p. m. on the H. E. "Dot" Pernel farm, one quarter of a mile north of Weldon's Pond. The other one will be held January 14, 1944 at 1:30 p. m. on the Henry P. Speed farm at Gold Sand School. A representative from one of the paper companies and a forester from the N. C. State Extension Service will be present to answer any questions that may arise. Farmers interested in selling pulpwood or thinning their woodland for fuel wood are urged to be present at one of these two meetings and bring either an axe or cross-cut saw.

Contrary to popular belief, there is practically no difference in the ultimate value of a legume crop whether it be turned under green or after it is dead.

J. H. BEST DEAD

Mr. John Henry Best, one of Franklin County's popular citizens and progressive planters died early Saturday while being taken to a hospital in Raleigh, from an acute attack of flu and pneumonia. Mr. Best was 63 years of age and had been in bad health for a number of years. Until his health failed him he was very active in all public and civic matters looking to the betterment of his home county. He was a son of the late Don E. Best and a brother of the late Edward Leigh Best, one of the State's leading educators. He is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Best.

The deceased was a member of Shiloh Methodist Church and a member of Louisburg Masonic Lodge.

The funeral services were held from his country home near Louisburg at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery. Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty speaking a beautiful tribute of love and respect.

The pall bearers were as follows: Active — John Harris, Clyde Harris, Mortimer Harris, Harvil Harris, E. H. Malone, W. B. Barrow. Honorary—James Malone, Wilson Harris, Dr. R. F. Yarborough, L. E. Scoggins, Sr., Haywood Stallings, P. E. Dean, Thornton Jeffreys, J. A. Hodges, C. M. Howard, John May, Willie Davis, H. C. Gupton, H. B. Perry, M. C. Pleasants, Arch Wilson, John Wilson, Alex Wilson, of Statesville, Hugh Wilson, of Raleigh, Dr. Hicks, of Raleigh, A. W. Person, I. Perry Wheeler, R. C. Beck, Sr., O. W. Perry, W. E. Strange, Ire T. Insoce, George Leonard, Q. S. Leonard, Frank Egerton, J. T. Pruitt, H. C. Taylor, Sr., G. W. Murphy.

WAR WORKERS NEEDED AT NAVAL OPERATING BASE

Another Regionwide recruiting program has been inaugurated by the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region to fill hundreds of skilled and unskilled positions at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

Urgently needed are Electricians, Electroplaters, Machinists (Inside), Pipefitters, Plumbers, Sheetmetal Workers, Elevator Mechanics, Refrigeration Mechanics, all paying \$1.14 per hour; Automotive Mechanics at \$1.08 per hour; Machine Operators at \$1.20 per hour and Sr. Laborers at \$1.70 per hour. These positions pay time and a half for overtime in excess of 40 hours a week.

An immediate appointment and free transportation to the place of duty, plus free meal tickets if the authorized travel is for six or more hours and embraces customary meal times, are offered all persons who qualify for these vitally needed positions.

Adequate plans and arrangements have been made so that every appointee will be suitably housed on the same day that he reports for duty. Dormitories, trailers and unfurnished apartments are available at reasonable cost.

For complete details regarding these important war positions at the Naval Operating Base, see Mr. Earl Murphy at Louisburg, N. C. Appointments will be made in accordance with War Manpower Commission policies and Employment Stabilization Plans. Applications are not desired from persons already using their highest skills in war work or from persons employed in critical positions in essential activities.

E. C. T. C. ALUMNI MEETING

The Franklin County Chapter of the E. C. T. C. Alumni Association will meet on Monday evening, January 10, at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Roger Mitchell. All people who have attended East Carolina Teachers College now in Franklin County are invited to attend.

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PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Jan. 8th: Saturday—Wild Bill Elliott in 'Death Valley Manhunt' and Blondie and Dagwood in 'Footlight Glamour', also Masked Marvel.

Sunday-Monday — Alice Faye, Phil Baker, Carmen Miranda, Charlotte Greenwood and Benny Goodman and his Orchestra in 'The Gang's All Here.'

Tuesday—Betty Grable and Harry James and his Orchestra in 'Springtime in The Rockies,' also Batman.

Wednesday—Jean Parker and Bruce Kellogg in 'The Deer Slayer.'

Thursday-Friday — Olsen and Johnson, Count Basie and his Orchestra, with a host of guest stars in 'Crazy House.'