

COURT ENTERS SECOND WEEK

JUDGE JEFF D. JOHNSON PRESIDING

Only One Case Taken Up So Far And That Involves the J. B. Perry Estate

Franklin Civil Superior Court convened in Louisburg Monday for the second week of the March term, with Hon. Jeff D. Johnson, of Clinton, presiding.

The jury on this case is composed of H. M. Dickens, S. E. Burnett, W. B. Burnett, T. W. Perdue, Troy Shearin, Fred Peoples, E. L. Leonard, P. C. Perdue, J. C. Oakley, G. K. Hayes, D. N. Hamm, Allen E. Ellington.

This is Judge Johnson's first official trip to Louisburg and is making a splendid impression upon Franklin County people in the manner in which he is conducting his Court.

Ballot Bill Gets Senate Approval

House Adoption of State's Rights Measure Conceded; Veto Prospect Grows

Washington, March 14.—A service ballot bill accentuating state's rights, and alternately described as an aid and a bar to vote by millions of uniformed Americans, passed the Senate, today 47 to 31, and moved toward the House for final Congressional action.

The product of weeks of debate in both houses and lengthy arguments in a conference committee, the measure gives state absentee ballots preferential standing and offers a short-form Federal ballot only as a last resort, with a state approval string attached for overseas troops.

Twenty-three Democrats, 24 Republicans voted for the compromise bill, with 24 Democrats, six Republicans and one Progressive opposing passage.

Opponents gained a half dozen more votes than they had counted in their polls, including that of Majority Leader Barkley, who declared the measure was held together with more legal "adhesive tape" than he ever had seen before.

What It Provides As approved by the Senate, it provides for expediting handling—by air mail, if practicable—of post card applications for state absentee ballot forms.

Military and naval personnel stationed in the United States could not use the Federal ballots unless the governors of their home states had certified, first, that the Federal ballots were authorized, and second, that the states had made no provision for absentee voting.

Prepare for the boll weevil fight by the purchase of calcium arsenate now. With transportation tight and labor short, orders for dust should be placed early.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, March 18th: Saturday—Gene Aury and Smiley Burnette in 'Tumbline Tumbleweeds' and John Loder in 'Adventure in Iraq' also Captain America.

RECEIVES EAGLE AWARD



SCOUT JOHN PERRY

Who received the Eagle Award, the highest honor that befalls a Scout, at a Court of Honor held in the Court House in Louisburg on Sunday, February 13th. He is the son of Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, who pinned the award on Scout Perry, after it had been awarded by Chief Scout Executive Claude Humphreys.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session at 7 P. M., March 10, 1944.

All members of the Board were present except W. B. Barrow. The Board approved the monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Chief of Police, Tax Collector and Supt. of the Power Plant.

Mr. Harkins was instructed to send the voltage regulator to the factory immediately for complete repairs.

C. E. Spencer was appointed by the Board to serve as official Electrical Inspector for the Town of Louisburg, N. C. and the rural area served by the Louisburg Power Plant.

The Board approved the purchase of one four inch Matthews fire hydrant and one six inch Matthews hydrant, from R. D. Wood & Co.

The Armory Committee and the Building Committee were instructed to investigate the floor of the Armory Auditorium and to submit an estimate of the cost of repairing the floor to the Board.

A motion was passed by the Board "That the construction of any new power lines or water mains must be approved by a majority vote of the members of the Board."

The request for a street light on E. Nash Street near the residence of Mrs. R. H. Strickland was approved.

MILL NOW AT WORK

Mr. F. P. Hart, proprietor of the Hart Block Mill, informed the FRANKLIN TIMES that he has his mill now in operation and is turning out dogwood and persimmon shuttle blocks in good quantities.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"One Purpose For Dedication" is the sermon subject for the 11:00 service Sunday morning. There will not be a Sunday evening service.

S. T. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. H. S. Cobey, rector, announces services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, as follows: Holy Communion—8:00 a. m. Church School and Bible Class—9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00 a. m.

TEACHERS' MEETING

Held in Louisburg at Mills School, Friday Afternoon

Friday afternoon, March 10, Supt. Wiley F. Mitchell held a county wide teachers' meeting in Mills School for the purpose of organizing the County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association for the term of 1944-45 and to give a Physical Education clinic for the teachers of the County.

Mr. D. J. Dark, Principal of the Epsom High School was elected President for the new term. Mr. Dark has been in the county for a long while and has given to the county excellent service, instruction and wise counsel at all times. This honor is well deserved.

After the professional affairs were attended to, the teachers and principals were directed to the local gym where Miss Ruth Moore of the Physical Education Department of The State Department of Public Instruction demonstrated with the teachers the many useful, entertaining, and beneficial games and exercises that could be successfully carried out by the schools and class room teachers.

Lions Entertain Deputy District Governor

Deputy District Governor H. A. Dupree, of Raleigh, spoke to the Louisburg Lions Club Tuesday night at the County Agricultural Building. Lion Dupree addressed the club on the subject of "What a Lions Club Means to Me."

The Deputy District Governor stated that there are now 4,370 Lions Clubs in 14 countries and last year 66,507 different activities were undertaken. 14,376 new members were added in the month of January. The local club was congratulated upon its rapid growth in recent months.

Lion Beam, President of the Club, announced the appointment of a Tobacco Committee to serve with the Tobacco Board of Trade in promoting the Louisburg Tobacco Market. The committee to consist of: P. H. Massey, Chairman, George Eaves, J. P. Timberlake, Jr., Lee Bell, W. L. Lumpkin, and Dr. A. Paul Bagby.

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DR. WINSTON NEW WELFARE COMMISSIONER

Raleigh, March 14.—The new State Commissioner of Public Welfare is Dr. Ellen Black Winston, head of the sociology department of Meredith College. Dr. Winston succeeds Mrs. W. T. Boat, who resigned. The new commissioner is a native of Bryson City and a graduate of Converse College. She is president of the state legislative council.

'A' GAS RATIONS UNIFORM

Raleigh One of Worst Black Market Centers

Washington, March 14.—The "A" card gasoline ration today was lowered to two gallons a week for the entire country, effective March 22, because of imminent "critical demands" and a gigantic black market which is draining 2,500,000 gallons daily from the restricted civilian supply.

The action means a one-third cut in basic family car rations for all parts of the country except the Eastern seaboard, where the "A" ration already is two gallons weekly.

Accompanying the order was another tightening of restrictions for issuance of "B" coupons in five states of the Pacific coast area—California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona—so that holders of "B" books cannot get additional "B" coupons to make up for the lowered value of "A" coupons.

"B" card holders in the section lying between those five states and the Eastern seaboard, however, will be allowed some additional gasoline. The supply situation is not so tight there as it is in the coastal sections.

The "B" coupons are solely for occupational driving. In some communities, half of all "C" coupons are counterfeit. He named Milwaukee, Wis., and Raleigh, N. C., as places where this is true, and said the percentage of counterfeit coupons in some other places includes Youngstown, Ohio, and Baltimore, 45 per cent; Newark, 40; Chicago, 35; New York, 25 to 30; Atlanta, 25; Cleveland, 15 to 20; and San Francisco, 15.

SOVIETS NEAR RUMANIA

London, Thursday, March 16.—The Red Army, shattering the last natural German defense line in the Ukraine, has crossed the middle Bug River on a 62-mile front and hurled the battered Nazi troops back to within 29 miles of the old Rumanian border. Moscow revealed last night.

Veteran troops of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army, some of them using planks and empty barrels, ferried the swiftflowing river southwest of Uman under protection of one of the most intense artillery barrages of the war.

Then the Russians pounded through strong German defenses on the west bank, crushed enemy resistance and captured more than 100 towns and settlements as they continued their advance. Gains of almost 19 miles were made in a drive which also carried to within nine miles of the middle section of the Odessa-Lwow railroad.

The smash across the Bug paced general advances yesterday by the Soviet armies of the Ukraine which captured more than 328 towns and settlements on six sectors of the 500-mile front, pushed to within 15 miles southeast of Nikolayev by capturing the railroad station of Kopany in a 12-mile advance, and killed "thousands" of Germans trapped in a pocket north of Kherson.

The crossing of the Bug in an area where the river has steep rocky banks and a swift current was achieved by troops holding the center of the Second Army's long line. On the eastern flank other Second Army forces swept southward toward the Bug on a 65-mile front and moved to within 14 miles northeast of Pomochnya, eastern terminus of the last German east-west railroad across the Ukraine, by capturing the town of Nova Kovka.

Troops on the western side of the Second Army line moved southward on a curving 75-mile front to advance with six miles southeast of the German stronghold of Vinnitsa by capturing the town of Piasrevka, and within 17 miles east of Zhmerinka by taking Pilava.

The modern Little Red Riding Hood is one who can meet the wolf at the door and come out with a fur coat.

RED CROSS WAR DRIVE

The town of Louisburg will give about \$3,000.00 in this War Drive, according to a statement made by Dr. Bagby, the chairman. The color of people of the Louisburg Area will raise \$1,000.00. The other sections of the county will surely contribute the \$2,500.00 remainder of the \$3,500.00 goal. Let's go well over the top!

FIRES DRAIN MANPOWER

Stressing the need of prevention of forest fires, the U. S. Forest Service points out that manpower, essential in war industries, training camps and on farms, must be diverted to fight such fires.

GERMANS FIGHT AT CASSINO

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 15.—American bombers destroyed Cassino today with a greater weight of bombs than ever was dropped on Berlin in a day, and Allied tanks and infantry battled through the flaming ruins against fierce resistance from German troops who, somehow, lived through the holocaust.

Covered by the massed fire of hundreds of guns that shattered the few walls the bombers had left standing, British and American troops drove through most of what had been Cassino town. Dana Adams Schmidt of the United Press reported in a front dispatch. The wreckage of the castle on the slope of Monte Cassino just back of the town also was occupied.

Desperate Battle As they advanced through the rubble, the Allies met dazed but desperate Germans who crawled out of underground pill-boxes and caverns firing any arms they could lay their hands on. Engineers clearing a path for tanks through the debris had to lay down their picks and shovels and fight off suicidal Nazi charges.

The destruction of the Rome road city where Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army had been stalled by a German street-by-street defense since Feb. 2 was officially called complete after it had been subjected to the most concentrated bombardment in aerial history.

Every plane of Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker's Mediterranean command was thrown into a record 3,000 sorties during the day, and 1,400 tons of bombs were loosed on the tiny one-square-mile area of Cassino alone. Another 1,400 tons smashed into German positions on the surrounding hills.

Eaker, who with Clark watched the historic spectacle from an observation post 5,000 yards away, said tonight that the effectiveness of the bombing had exceeded his highest expectations and that after it was over Cassino lay flattened "except for edges sticking out here and there."

He said the total bomb tonnage involved in the day's operations was "more than 2,500," including many 2,000 pound bombs, and air observers had earlier fixed the total figure at around 2,800 tons.

Deferment On Strict Basis

Washington, March 14.—Selective Service tonight prohibited occupational draft deferments for men aged 18 to 25, inclusive, except when approved by State draft directors or when engaged in an occupation specifically exempted from this policy by the Director of Selective Service.

This extended to men aged 23-25, inclusive, a policy already in effect for those 18 to 22. The move was announced coincident with reports that a new plan is in the making to "ration" occupational deferments to war plants in much the same manner that scarce materials now are rationed to them on the basis of the greatest need at the moment in the light of shifting trends in arms production.

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COMMANDER

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Lamm Re-Elected President



MR. M. T. LAMM

The annual meeting of the Henderson National Farm Loan Association was held in Henderson on March 10, at which time the following directors were elected: M. T. Lamm, Route 4, Louisburg, N. C.; W. H. Greenway, Route 3, Oxford, N. C.; J. B. Davis, Warrenton, N. C.; E. C. Parrott, Oxford, N. C.; and F. W. Justice, Route 1, Louisburg, N. C.

At the meeting of the directors held after the stockholders' meeting, the following officers were elected: M. T. Lamm, president, W. H. Greenway, vice-president, E. L. Irvin, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Ellen Trogon, assistant secretary-treasurer.

During the session, financial and other reports on 1943 operations were made by President Lamm and Secretary-Treasurer Irvin. A major step taken during the year, it was brought out, was the provision made for paying all retired members 100 cents on the dollar for their stock. According to Mr. Lamm the close of 1943 found the organization in the best financial condition in its history.

The association is in the best position it has ever been to serve the long-term needs of our farmers," he declared. Others present beside stockholders were Mr. J. Maor Pruitt, Regional Manager of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, and Mr. Jackson, Chief of Planning Section of the Farm Credit Administration of Kansas City, Missouri, who made interesting talks in connection with farm credit.

PULPWOOD VITAL TO RED CROSS

Unless there is a continual flow of pulpwood into the mills, the American Red Cross will be severely handicapped in its far flung missions of mercy among Allied service men overseas. The Red Cross drive this month and the Victory Pulpwood Campaign have a similar objective: to help American fighting men wherever they may be. Pulpwood does its part by protecting their equipment, medical supplies, and food in transit to the battlefield. More than 2500 medical items are packed in paper. Pulpwood makes the surgical dressings and supplies the blood plasma containers which Red Cross field men use in saving the lives and easing the pain of the wounded.

Every box of food, candy, and tobacco that goes to American prisoners of war in enemy territory is packed in paper-board made of pulpwood. And so is the welcome Christmas package which went to our fighting men by the thousands last year. Many of us cannot give the service men the personal attention that they get from the Red Cross. Our job is on the Home Front. But we can make their tasks easier, their lots more comfortable. We may indirectly save their lives. Pulpwood is our medium.

Contribute generously to the Red Cross and cut pulpwood for American fighting men everywhere.

VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION

Raleigh, March 13.—The State Unemployment Compensation Commission says veterans who produce certificates of discharge from the armed forces will be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. Previously veterans had to apply for unemployment insurance within six months of their release in order to establish their benefit rights. Now they automatically qualify when presenting their discharge papers.

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A AMERICAN BOMBERS HIT BRUNSWICK

London, March 15.—American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, out on their 13th attack in 17 days, bombed the big German aircraft manufacturing center of Brunswick today protected by a powerful escort of Lightnings and Thunderbolts which shot down 36 Nazi fighters.

Few of the Germans were able to break through the escort, an official announcement said, and the Allied losses were three bombers and five fighters. The number of German fighters downed by the bombers themselves was not immediately tabulated.

Heavy Clouds The assault was made through heavy clouds described officially as "practically a complete overcast," and the vital aviation targets including Messerschmitt factories, were hit through instrument sighting.

The weather apparently prevented the Germans from rising in any great numbers, and big air battles, which the Allies like so that they can have an opportunity to cut down German air strength, failed to develop. An Allied announcement noted that although some bomber crews reported sighting numerous German fighters, others saw practically none and the toll of German planes was far below the top figures for American raids on Germany.

Brunswick, a target now hit seven times by the American daylight force since Jan. 11, a little more than two months ago cost the Americans 60 Fortresses and Liberators compared to today's three.

The returning armen used such phrases as "milk run" and "practice mission" to describe the attack. "The going was so smooth," 19-year-old Fortress Navigator Lt. David Ormes, of 13 Mills Place Crawfordville, Ind., remarked jokingly, "that I read 50 pages of Halliburton's 'Royal Road to Romance' while we were over Germany."

Draft Chieftain Defends New Rules for Farmers

Washington, March 15.—Industry will have to give up 200,000 to 250,000 younger men to the armed services under new regulations on occupational deferments. Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey told a Senate committee today in stoutly defending tightened rules for deferment of farm workers.

The Senate group, an agriculture subcommittee headed by Senator Russell (D-Ga.), called Hershey before it to discuss the possibility of easing the new farm deferment regulations, but the draft head flatly told the members that farm workers cannot be given preferred treatment.

Industrial states have contributed far more men proportionately to the Army than agricultural states, he said, and added: "My job is to raise an Army and not to keep the people of any state at home. We are past the place where we can leave people for sentimental reasons doing things they want to do."

The new restrictions on occupational deferment for men under 26 in industry came under fire meantime at hearings by the House Military Committee. Rep. Harness (R-Ind) complained that they are an invasion of the discretionary powers Congress gave local draft boards, but Col. Francis V. Keesling, Jr., Selective Service legislative agent, replied that local boards have shown a tendency to be "fairly independent."

The 200,000 to 250,000 men to be released to the armed services by these regulations compare with a total of 1,200,000 which Selective Service has estimated will have to be drafted by July 1 if the fighting forces are to reach their desired goal of 11,300,000.

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He is the son of Mrs. J. P. Winston and the late J. F. Winston of Wendell. His mother now is living in Raleigh, at 121 Halfax Street.

Most familiar spices used in home cooking can now be found in the markets because shipping from South America, India, and the West Indies has become safer and easier.