

W. C. PERRY GETS \$500

In Verdict at End of Case Friday, Counter Claims Non-Suited, Except One

Franklin Civil Superior Court came to a close for its March term Friday after the completion of the John F. Matthews, Executor of W. C. Perry, deceased, vs. The First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Administrator d.t.n. of the J. B. Perry Estate. In this case the W. C. Perry estate was granted a verdict of \$500 for services rendered to J. B. Perry, but allowed a \$25 counter claim involving a watch. All other counter claims were non-suited.

No other cases were taken up and adjournment was taken.

Dr. Meadows Exonerated

Greenville, March 21.—The Board of Trustees of East Carolina Teachers College, by a vote of 8-4, this afternoon exonerated Dr. Leon R. Meadows, president of the college, of "any suggestion of wrong doing or misapplication of college funds."

The board's action was taken during closed session after a public hearing which lasted a good part of the morning. Today's meeting was the third held by the board since receiving a report from the State Auditor's Office on March 10 charging that Dr. Meadows had "not satisfactorily accounted for" \$18,636.34 of the \$27,531.22 in college and student funds which he handled in his personal bank account since becoming president in 1934.

Following is the vote on the resolution adopted this afternoon, as announced by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, chairman of the board:

For the resolution—F. C. Harding, Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, J. K. Warren, Mrs. Frank Greathouse, Mrs. John Dawson, Mrs. Charles M. Johnson, Mrs. Charles F. Forbes, Mrs. W. B. Murphy.

Against the resolution—J. H. Waldrop, A. B. Corey, A. B. Andrews, O. P. Makepeace.

"All Accounted For" In the resolution, the board states that while it does not approve of the method of book-keeping and mingling of college and personal funds as admitted at the hearing by Dr. Meadows, "we found all such funds accounted for."

The resolution continues: "Dr. Meadows has honestly handled and accounted for every dollar of college funds entrusted to him and has wisely and economically used said funds for the best interest of the college, and is therefore completely exonerated from any suggestion of wrong doing or misapplication of college funds as contained in the audit and report of the Department of Justice."

The resolution points "with pride to the physical growth of the college under Dr. Meadows' leadership." The board suggests that a bonded treasurer be entrusted with college funds in the future.

INDUCTED

The Franklin County Draft Board reports the following men inducted this week:

ARMY—J. F. Gupton, Jr., Jack Thomas Ayscue, Henry Joe Godfrey, James Asher Johnson, Charlie Wayne Harris, Max Ward Wilder, George Howard Pearce, Jr., Trust Hubert Bunn, Kenneth Vaughn Pearce, Aubrey Taylor Bulluck.

NAVY—Max Archibald Parrish, Joseph James Bartholomew, Stanley Hancock Patten, William Ausley Gilliam, Elbert James Radford, Walter Joseph Rens, Roy Whitney Eury, Ludolph Edwards, Russell Ishmael Peggerson, Robert Happer Rice, Eulian Brooks Williams, Jr.

BUYING WAR BONDS NOW WILL SAVE OUR BOYS AND OUR COUNTRY. LET'S GO!

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, March 25th:

Saturday—Johnny Mack Brown and Raymond Hatton in "Texas Kid" and Tina Thayer and Dickie Moore in "Jive Junction," also "Captain America."

Sunday—Monday—Robert Taylor, Susan Peters and Robert Beachley in "Song of Russia."

Tuesday—James Cagney and Margaret Lindsay in "Frisco Kid," also "Don Winslow" serial.

Wednesday—Michael O'Shea and Susan Hayward in "Jack London."

Thursday—Friday—Gene Kelly, Jean Pierre Aumont and Sir Cedric Hardwicke in "The Cross of Lorraine."

"Lena Rivers" To Be Presented At Mills High Auditorium, March 31



MARTHA RAY MATTHEWS Who plays the leading role as Lena Rivers, a young and pretty girl of seventeen.



TALMADGE THOMAS Who is cast in the part of Mrs. Livingstone, a woman with social ambitions.



DORIS HOLMES Who plays the part of Anna Livingstone, a sweet and warm-hearted young girl of eighteen.



MAE BELL Who portrays the character, Granny Nichols, Lena's beloved grandmother.

The Commercial Department of Mills High will present "Lena Rivers," a three-act play, on March 31, at 8:00 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Those taking part are: Martha Ray Matthews, as Lena Rivers; Howard Baggett, as Durward Belmont; Willie Robertson, as John Livingstone; Talmadge Thomas, as Mrs. Livingstone; Nancy Griffin, as Caroline Livingstone; Doris Holmes, as Anna Livingstone; Jim King, as John Junior; Mae Bell, as Granny Nichols; Suzanne Jernigan, as Aunt Milly; Bill Herman, as Old Caesar; Weldon Kimball, as Frank Graham; Nicky Alston, as Mrs. Graham; and Clyde Collier, as Malcolm Everett.

We regret that we were unable to secure pictures of the entire cast, but this proved to be impossible.

MAN SENTENCED ON OPA CHARGES

Fayetteville, March 20.—M. D. (Doc) Bennett, well known Cumberland man, was sentenced to five years in Federal prison, and one year each on three other counts and fined \$500 by Judge I. M. Meekins for violation of OPA regulations in United States District Court here this afternoon.

The three one-year terms were ordered to run concurrently with the longer term. Bennett was arrested Feb. 24 when OPA agents raided his home on the Lumberton road. They testified that they found 2,556 gasoline coupons, two thirds of which were allegedly counterfeit, 555 counterfeit sugar coupons, \$8,100 and a pint of whiskey in a paper bag.

The defendant appealed to the Circuit Court. Judge Meekins reduced his bond to \$5,000. It had been placed at \$20,000 when he was bound over to the District Court on charges of violation of the second War Powers Act of 1942.

A three-inch layer of straw or pine needles in the Victory Garden will help save water and keep down grass and weeds.

PAID

The filing fee for Dr. Ralph McDonald, gubernatorial candidate, was paid to the State Board of Elections yesterday.

McDonald's filing fee was paid by Pfc. Thomas Broughton of Dan, who is stationed at Cherry Point with the U. S. Marines. Private Broughton, a former newspaperman at Lenoir and former publicity director here for the NYA in North Carolina, came to Raleigh from Cherry Point to pay the fee while McDonald was out of town on a speaking engagement.

McDonald will file his pledge today, thus completing the official filing.—Saturday's News-Observer.

RED CROSS DRIVE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, Chairman of the local Red Cross announces that present indications are that the quota of \$6,000.00 set for this area will be raised. The Town of Louisburg is expected to contribute \$3,000.00 and reports from other sections are good. Dr. Bagby says that a final report will be published next week.

Recorder's Court

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

O. J. Wrenn, plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, and given 3 months on roads, suspended on payment of costs.

Mark James Weaver plead guilty to speeding, to be discharged on payment of \$5.00 and costs.

Meedie Sykes plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon and was given 3 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Elias Basket was found not guilty of abandoning crops.

John T. Sawyer plead guilty to violating barber shop regulations, to be discharged upon saving John harmless.

King Alston plead guilty to possession of still, and was given 3 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Harry Perry was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 4 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs.

Norman Harris, Jr., was found guilty of manufacturing whiskey, and given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs.

J. A. Ingram plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, reckless driving, fined \$50 and costs and not to operate a car for 12 months.

Rosa Lee Smith was found not guilty of larceny and receiving. The following cases were continued:

Lee Burnette, 6 a. i. Max Parrish, speeding. Raymond Jasper Williams, oal. Ollie Wrenn, 6 a. i. Robert Lee Perry, a d w. Weldon Jones, bastardy.

JOHNSTON MAN GROWS TOBACCO IN PACIFIC

Selma, March 20.—Lloyd L. Foster, CM, 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Foster of Route 1, Selma, writes his parents under date of Feb. 16, as follows: "I am sending you a picture of myself seated beside a stalk of tobacco that I set out on the 15th of November. It was awfully pretty until a storm tore lots of the leaves off. It is eight feet tall, with 36 leaves. There are no insect holes. I'll tell you all about it when I get home." Young Foster, who is somewhere in the South Pacific, was a tobacco farmer before enlisting in the Army.

GETS STILL

Deputy Sheriff R. E. Neal reports the capture of a 60-gallon steel drum steam blockade still outfit west of Franklinton on Thursday of last week and the destruction of 1,000 gallons sugar mash. Also captured a 25-gallon submarine outfit near the other one. He was assisted by Officers W. A. Phelps and Vance County ABC Officers L. A. Jackson and J. D. Peck.

WARD-LEONARD

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Leonard, of Louisburg, Route 2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Blanch, of Newport News, Virginia, to Lemuel Smith Ward, A.S., U. S. Navy, Great Lakes, Illinois, formerly of Messick, Virginia. The marriage will take place in April.

St. Peter—How did you get up here? Recent Arrival—Flu.

NON-VOTERS

Washington, March 20.—A bill barring non-voters from Federal employment was introduced jointly today by Sens. Joseph C. Guffey (D-Pa.) and Bennett Champ Clark (D-Mo).

The measure stipulates that jobs be awarded only to citizens qualified and registered in state, territory or possession. Non-voters already employed would be permitted to continue in temporary status until given time to qualify.

The measure would bar from Federal employment aliens, Southern Negroes and residents of the District of Columbia unless they had lived there five years or longer.

Predicting that the bill would make him "hated" by government employees, Guffey said that a "man who is not interested enough to vote is not worthy of holding a Federal job."

Patch Replaces General Patton

Guadalcanal Hero Takes Over Seventh Army; Patton to Lead Invasion Army

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 21.—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., known in the field as "Old Blood and Guts," has been replaced as commander of the United States Seventh Army by Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, a veteran of the Pacific fighting, headquarters announced today.

The 54-year-old Patch, with a record of 30 years of Army service, handled the final mop-up of the Japanese on Guadalcanal, moving in with the Army troops to relieve Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift's Marines, and also commander of the United States troops in New Caledonia.

He was awarded the Navy's Distinguished Service Medal for his work at Guadalcanal, and was lauded by Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., in these words: "Having sent General Patch to do a tall order job on Guadalcanal, I am surprised and pleased at the speed with which he removed the enemy's pants to accomplish it."

While several units formerly with the Seventh Army have been assigned to the Fifth Army in Italy, the location of the Seventh has not been disclosed, and has been the subject of considerable guesswork by the Germans, who at one time reported it had gone to sea.

Victory in Sicily Patton led the Seventh Army to victory in Sicily. His forces toppled Messina, the last Sicilian city captured. Later, he received wide publicity over an incident involving the slapping of a United States soldier in a field hospital near Palermo.

He was rebuked by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and apologized to the officers and men of the Seventh Army. His nickname derives from an explosive temperament which finds him contemptuous of his personal safety in the heat of battle.

He also is known as the "general who never lost a battle."

THE JUNIOR CLASS PRESENTS BANQUET

The Junior Class of Mills High School entertained the Senior, the county school superintendent, school board, and school faculty at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet held amid a St. Patrick's Day setting in the Home Economics room, March 17 at the school.

A color scheme of green and white, carrying out the St. Patrick's Day motif, was used in place cards, decorations, programs and menu. The speakers table was centered with carnations. Fern and spring flowers were used throughout the decorations in the banquet hall.

Following the dinner an after-dinner speech was given by G. M. Beam, local attorney.

The menu consisted of grapefruit, ham, garden peas, parsleyed potatoes, Irish salad, pickles, rolls, iced tea, ice cream and cake. About a hundred persons enjoyed the banquet and the following program:

Invocation, Jack Cooper; Welcome, Mae Bell; Toast to Seniors, Douglas Strickland; Response, Willie Robertson; Toast to special guests, Nick Perry; Response, Wiley F. Mitchell; Toast to the ladies, Weldon Kimball; Response, Talmadge Thomas; Toast to the gentlemen, Ramona Liles; Response, Billy Cobey; Toast to the faculty, Beadie Sykes; Response, E. C. Jernigan; Skit, by Nancy Griffin and others; Toast to the "cooks," "Bud" Grainger; Response, waitresses; Guest Speaker, G. M. Beam; "End of a Perfect Day," Jim King; the program was closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

The Junior Class wishes to express publicly its appreciation to Mr. Beam for a fine after-dinner talk, and to the Home Economics Department for its splendid work in preparing the delicious food.

OFFICERS' COURSE

Fort Sill, Okla., Mar. 21.—(FAS)—First Lieutenant David W. Spivey, Louisburg, N. C., has been selected to attend the New Unit Officers' Course of the Field Artillery School at this post.

First Lieutenant David W. Spivey, Louisburg, N. C., attended Louisburg Junior College in 1939.

Enlisted men and officers are constantly returning to the nation's only Field Artillery School for instruction in the latest artillery tactics and techniques.

The accuracy and effect with which artillery fire has been delivered on the enemy by our troops overseas reflects the value of this training.

A home-made lime spreader can be built by using the rear end of a Model A Ford car.

Roy Rodwell Dies At Home; Rites Friday

Funeral services for Roy O. Rodwell, 54, retired banker, who died at 4:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home on Cooper Avenue after an illness of several years, were held at 11 o'clock last Friday morning at the First Presbyterian Church, and interment followed in Elmwood cemetery here.

Rev. W. D. McInnis, pastor of the church, was in charge of the rites.

Mr. Rodwell is survived by his wife, the former Miss Rebecca Watkins, and two children, Roy, Jr., and Nancy Jefferson Rodwell; three brothers, Clyde E. and Hermon W. Rodwell, both of Warrenton, and Jeffress Rodwell, of Orinda, Cal. His parents, Walter P. and Margaret Jeffress Rodwell, have been dead many years. Also surviving is a cousin, Miss Rena Rodwell, of Warren County.

Mr. Rodwell was born August 14, 1889, at the old Rodwell home near Macon, in Warren County. He was connected with the Bank of Warren in Warrenton for some years before coming to Henderson after being discharged from the Army at the close of the first World War. Since then he had been connected with the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Henderson, and at the time of his retirement because of ill health was vice president and cashier of the bank, a connection he had held for a number of years.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a deacon in that church. For about fifteen years he was treasurer of the Vance County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and was a member of Henderson Post No. 60, of the American Legion, and also a member of the Masons.

Pallbearers for the funeral were as follows: J. Bailey Owen, W. A. Hunt, R. B. Taylor, Dr. A. P. Newcomb, T. I. Gilliam, George A. Rose, Jr., John H. Hazelhurst, B. H. Perry, Arnam Harris, all of Henderson; Dr. J. A. Gill, of Elizabeth City, and Dr. C. H. Pette, of Warrenton.—Henderson Dispatch.

Election Boards

At a meeting of the State Board of Elections held in Raleigh Friday the County Elections Boards for the State were appointed.

At this time Phil R. Inscow, R. I. Castalla, L. O. Frazier, R. I. Henderson, and Bland Mitchell, of Youngsville, were reappointed members of the Franklin County Board. Mr. Mitchell is the republican member.

The Boards of adjoining counties that may be of interest to our readers are as follows; the last named being the republican member:

Nash—William Collins, Nashville, I. D. Thorpe, Rocky Mount, W. H. Proctor, Nashville.

Vance—Fred G. Royster, C. P. Tanner, Thurman M. Hicks, all of Henderson.

Wake—L. A. Daub, Knightsdale, Carroll Weathers, Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh.

Warren—Richard R. Davis, Warrenton, Gid W. King, Macon, W. J. Bishop, Vaughan.

Halifax—Waverly F. White, Enfield, Robert C. Shields, Scotland Neck, E. Dana Dickens, Halifax.

Granville—T. S. Royster, T. G. Stem, Jr., A. W. Peace, all of Oxford.

The largest supply of seed Irish potatoes in history has been available to farmers this spring. Certified seed potatoes jumped from 20 1-2 to 29 million bushels.

LEAVING HOTELS

Washington, March 20.—The release of 139 Miami Beach hotels by midsummer was announced today by the War Department as the latest step in a reduced Army Air Forces training program.

Approximately 20,000 officers and men will complete the training courses they have started at Miami Beach, but future students will be assigned to the San Antonio cadet center and Sheppard Field in Texas. The training programs in Florida involve officer candidates, pre-flight cadets and enlisted men.

"With the peak of the training program past," said today's announcement, "Army-owned installations now are available to absorb the present numbers of men entering the AAF."

A number of hotels in different parts of the country already had been released by the Air Forces.

The announcement said the Air Forces will continue to use Miami Beach facilities for the Air Transport Command, the Redistribution Station Number two, and the rehabilitation and convalescent training program of the Air Surgeon.

WAR NEWS

London, Thursday, March 23.—Powerful formations of RAF night bombers last night heavily attacked battered Frankfurt-on-Main after 1,600 to possibly 1,750 American heavy bombers and fighters in daylight buried 1,500 tons of bombs on Berlin, setting huge fires in the heart of Nazi-occupied Germany.

The British bombers were over Germany "in strength," an official announcement said, with Frankfurt the chief target.

It was the third heavy Allied air assault on the center of Germany's chemical industry in four days. One thousand RAF bombers hit Frankfurt and other targets last Saturday night, and A. U. S. Eighth Air Force armada of probably 1,500 planes hammered the transportation hub Monday in daylight.

City Being Evacuated A Swedish traveler from Frankfurt arriving in Stockholm last night, said that Frankfurt was being evacuated at "full speed," and that the city's center had been wiped out. Fires were still burning in Frankfurt yesterday, he indicated.

Yesterday's American attack on Berlin was completely unchallenged by the Luftwaffe. Nazi planes failing to rise to combat three mighty waves of heavy bombers and fighters that attacked the capital at 1:00 p. m.

Converging on the city from three directions, the aerial armada smashed objectives in the center of Berlin and war plants and transportation facilities in its suburbs. The bombers also showed propaganda leaflets on the capital.

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 22.—Allied infantrymen, fighting with everything from flame-throwers to bush knives, advanced slowly tonight against bitter German resistance and severe terrain handicaps in the battle for Casinno and the eastern slopes of Monastery Hill.

Field guns supported the foot troops from close range. The Germans were ejected from several more of the fortified buildings at the southwestern corner of the ruined town and Fifth Army troops wired and mined the newly captured areas to prevent enemy infiltration.

Artillery Blasts Nazis Allied artillery was hauled up to blast point-blank at fanatic German parachute troops clinging to the ruins of the Continental Hotel and a half-dozen other buildings at the southern edge of Casinno as the fight for that Nazi stronghold rose to its wildest pitch.

Behind this raking fire, battle-hardened New Zealand infantry slugged forward foot-by-foot, often engaging in fierce hand-to-hand combat. At the end of a week of savage fighting the Germans still were resisting with a ferocity that has characterized their defense of the road to Rome.

New Delhi, March 22.—Japanese columns have made their first penetration of India and are pushing on westward through the Manipur mountain country in the direction of the key road junction of Imphal, 30 miles away.

The Japanese drive into India was announced by Allied headquarters today in a communique which stated little except that the enemy "continues to move to the west."

Toward Allies' Road Imphal is the southern terminus of an all-weather road that winds 175 miles north through the Naga hill country to a junction with the India-Assam-China supply line. Allied jugular vein in the Burma theater.

Gen. Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck, commander-in-chief for India under Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Southeast Asia command, minimized the seriousness of the Japanese threat. He said the Manipur drive was an effort "to divert Allied forces and relieve strong Allied pressure against their lines on the Arakan front."

Washington, March 22.—Confronted with unfilled draft quotas and a general shortage of ground forces, the Army announced today the transfer to ground duty of 36,000 young men who had been ear-marked for air training.

Meantime, a high military official reported that draft boards had been failing for 13 months to meet the calls of the armed forces, and asserted that "the time has arrived when we must have the fighting men we need."

This statement was the latest development in a tug of war between the armed forces and industry and agriculture for the services of thousands of young men under 27. An aviation industry official countered with a claim that blanket cancellations of draft deferments granted the young men would cripple war-necessary airlines.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—