

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES

JUDGE W. C. HARRIS PRESIDING

Number of Cases Disposed Of; Court Opened Tuesday After Recessing Monday For Easter Holiday

After officials, defendants and witnesses had enjoyed a delightful Easter holiday Franklin Superior Court convened on Tuesday morning for the regular April term for the trial of criminal cases.

Hon. W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, is presiding, and delivered a most interesting charge to the grand jury. The State is ably represented by Solicitor W. Y. Bickett, and the docket was taken up and disposed of as follows:

Charlie Peppers was found guilty of larceny from person, given 12 months on roads. Appeal.

Norman Davis was found guilty of larceny from person and given 18 months on roads.

Zollie Hayes entered plea of guilty of house breaking and given 6 months on roads.

George Mann plead guilty to assault on a female and was given 18 months on roads, suspended for two years upon remaining of good behavior and paying costs.

Early Thomas plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Cliff Crudup plead nolo contendere to a charge of assault on a female and was given 12 months on roads, suspended upon good behavior for 2 years and paying costs.

Cliff Crudup plead nolo contendere to resisting officer, and given 12 months on roads, and pay a fine of \$25.00, road sentence to be suspended for 2 years under the condition that defendant be of good behavior and pay costs.

Sallie Gray Gilliam was granted a divorce from Irvin Gilliam, and was allotted the care of the daughter.

Dallas M. Stanton was granted a divorce from Georgia M. Stanton.

Mary Murray was found guilty of manslaughter, 2 - years at County Home.

Lorenza Debnam, on trial for murder, being tried only on a charge less than first degree. During the progress of the trial the defendant entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter and was given two years in State prison.

Mack A. Finch plead guilty to temporary larceny of an automobile, and was placed on probation and required to pay costs.

Court was still in progress as this report closed.

The Grand Jury completed its work on Wednesday and filed the following report:

Grand Jury Report To Hon. W. C. Harris, Judge Presiding:

The Grand Jury for the April 1944 term of Franklin County Superior Court respectfully returns and reports the following as a true and accurate report of the acts, activities and transactions of the Grand Jury for this term:

1. The Grand Jury has given careful and true consideration all bills of indictment and have passed upon such bills to the best of their judgment and with diligent effort.

2. The Grand Jury visited the common jail of Franklin County and found the same to be in good condition.

3. The Grand Jury visited the county home and found the building in good condition except that water from shower bath was leaking on floor and will cause flooring to rot.

We found that there are only two cows at the county home to furnish milk for all of the inmates (about 25 inmates) one of the cows is dry and there is only one gallon of milk for all of the inmates daily. We recommend that more cows be purchased and more milk be given the inmates.

4. The Grand Jury visited all the public offices of the county and so far as the Grand Jury was able to ascertain, the same are in excellent condition and properly conducted.

5. The financial condition of the county was inquired into and it was reported to the Grand Jury that the financial matters of the county are being properly and efficiently handled.

6. We investigated the town jail and found it to be in good condition.

7. We investigated the guardians bonds in the county and were informed by the Clerk of the Superior Court that all accounts of fiduciaries are being filed properly and promptly.

8. We investigated the re-

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ports filed by the magistrates of Franklin County and find that the following have filed proper reports: W. C. Webb, H. A. Faulkner, E. C. Perry, J. R. Pearce, E. C. Crews, J. M. Stallings, J. L. Palmer, the above named have filed at this term.

The following magistrates have failed to file reports due for this term: Arthur Strickland, Harry Rogers, L. O. Frazier, E. D. Parrish, M. L. Fowler, T. W. Boone, R. V. Harris, B. F. Wilder, C. Haywood Harper, J. L. Foster, J. P. Foster. We recommend that the Clerk of Superior Court notify these magistrates to file proper reports.

The following is a list of fines paid to County of Franklin by all magistrates during period between July 1, 1943 and April 1, 1944:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes W. C. Webb (\$74.50), J. R. Pearce (\$1.00), J. M. Stallings (\$5.00), E. C. Crews (\$15.00), E. C. Perry (\$20.00), George N. Stell (\$7.00), E. D. Parrish (\$5.00), T. W. Boone (\$20.00), H. A. Faulkner (\$5.00). Resubmitted, this 12 April, 1944.

F. M. AYSUCE, Foreman.

S. T. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The following services have been announced by Rev. H. S. Cobey for St. Paul's Church for the first Sunday after Easter.

Holy Communion—8:00 a. m. The Church School and Bible Class—9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00 a. m. Y. P. S. L.—6:45 p. m.

The National Council of the Episcopal Church announces a broadcast on Sunday morning at ten over the Columbia System of a sermon by the Archbishop of York, now visiting in this country.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Large crowds have attended the services at the Baptist Church this week. Dr. S. L. Blanton has brought most inspiring messages. The meeting will go through Sunday.

The week day hours are 8:25 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. The regular hours of worship for Sunday are:

9:45 a. m.—Bible School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. 8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship.

One of the hardest shows to get into in New York these days is called "One Touch of Venus," with music by Rudolph Goehr. A native of Germany, musician Goehr is also responsible for a stirring new infantry song . . . Now he's been inducted into the Army . . . And where is he? . . . He's in the Infantry.

The biggest talkers are usually the poorest listeners.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday April 15:

Saturday—Russell Hayden, Dub Taylor and Bob Willis in 'The Vigilantes Ride' and Ava Gardner and Dead End Kids in 'Ghosts On The Loose.' Also 'Captain America.'

Sunday—Ann Miller, Larry Parks, Joe Besser, The Vagabonds Condos Bros. and Hal McIntyre and Band in 'Hey Rookie.'

Monday-Tuesday—Greer Garrison and Walter Pidgeon in 'Madame Curie.'

Wednesday—Martha O'Driscoll and Noah Beery, Jr. in 'Week End Pass.'

Thursday-Friday—Alfred Hitchcock's production of John Steinbeck's 'Lifeboat' with Talulah Bankhead, William Bendix and Walter Szlak.

DARK AND WELDON RE-ELECTED TO SERVE EPSOM SCHOOL

At a recent meeting of the Epson School Committee, which consist of G. W. Eaves, J. Ira Weldon and R. T. Renn, the principal, Mr. D. J. Dark, was highly commended for his most efficient school organization and activities for the year 1943-44, and was unanimously re-elected to serve another term.

Mr. Dark was also commended for having a cooperative group of teachers to work with him in the Epson unit.

Mr. J. T. Griffin, agricultural teacher was commended for his work in the 4th War Loan Drive and the current Red Cross Drive.

The cafeteria manager, Mrs. F. B. Fuller, and her assistant, Mrs. Tolleie Foster, were highly praised for the splendid way in which they had operated the cafeteria since the opening of school. J. Ira Weldon was re-elected president P. T. A.

The committee was informed by a letter from Wiley F. Mitchell, County Supt. of Schools, that the Franklin County Board of Education in the regular meeting of April 3, 1944, re-elected J. Ira Weldon to serve on the local committee for another term of three years.

Mr. Weldon has rendered a great deal of valuable and unselfish service to the school and community, as a committee man, during the past ten years.

A treasurer's report showed that the school committee had given \$9.00 to the cafeteria during the year, and that a balance of \$40.00 was on hand.

Several minor matters were taken up and properly disposed of during the meeting.

The committee organization for the following year will be as follows:

Chairman, Mr. J. Ira Weldon; Secretary, Mr. G. W. Eaves; Treasurer, Mr. R. T. Renn.

Big Guns Pound Nazi

Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 11.—Allied artillery has opened a new barrage against the Continental and Des Roses hotels, chief enemy strongholds inside Cassino, while light enemy thrusts in the mountains north of Cassino and on the Anzio beachhead have been thrown back with stinging Nazi losses, it was disclosed today.

American and British guns also were hammering away at German attack concentrations south of Cassino, and in an acceleration of the steady aerial pounding of German communications RAF Wellingtons early today blasted the west coast ports of Plombino and San Sterno. These small harbors are stops on the Germans' overnight supply run by coastal craft from southern France.

Frostbitten Nazis Front dispatches said that the Germans were so desperate for manpower in Italy that they had sent in some troops who had lost toes from frostbite in Russia and could march only with great difficulty.

The new Allied barrage in Cassino possibly presaged a fourth offensive in the Allied jinx town, but there was as yet no news of infantry operations. Fourteen miles northeast of Cassino, the Germans struck at two points on newly captured Mt. Marrone. The enemy was thrown back on both sectors.

The Home Economics Club has recently sponsored a paper drive for grades one through seven. The room which collects the most paper was given an Easter egg hunt, Easter Monday. The following is a list of the rooms that participated and the amount each room brought:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. Lewis (3,274 lbs.), Miss Smithwick (2,620 lbs.), Miss Lucas (2,553 lbs.), Mrs. Uzzell (2,132 lbs.), Miss Winston (1,244 lbs.), Miss McGinnis (870 lbs.), Mrs. Inasco (795 lbs.), Mrs. Davis (677 lbs.), Miss Jenkins (248 lbs.), Mrs. Perry (210 lbs.). Total amount collected was 14,625 lbs.

Jacquelyn Word was chairman of this paper drive and she did a splendid job with the help of a few ninth grade girls and eighth grade boys.

The Home Ec club thanks each room for the splendid cooperation and hard work.

If your son comes back from England with an Oxford accent, you can thank—or blame—the Army Special Service Division in Great Britain. Ten new lecture courses in eight British Universities have been open to soldiers on furlough there. They may choose, among others, to attend Oxford, Cambridge, Exeter, or Edinburgh.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

RED CROSS WAR DRIVE

Rev. A. Paul Bagby Chairman, states and yet a full statement cannot be made. There are still two districts to hear from—these two having had a late start. Surely we shall be able to make a final report in the next week's TIMES. It appears, however, that we may fall \$100.00 short of our \$6,500.00 goal.

Russians Making Much Headway

London, Wednesday, April 12.—Red Army forces, smashing into the Crimea from two directions, have captured the ancient fortress city of Kerch in the east and charged down more than 37 miles from the north to split the isolated German divisions by taking Dzhankoi, crossroads of all railroads on the battle-scarred peninsula. Moscow announced last night.

In southeastern Poland, Moscow announced that a German relief column has captured the "Skala pocket" by capturing the town of Buczaca (Buchach), 36 miles west of Skala, thus partially breaking the Soviet ring of steel flung around the remnants of 15 Nazi divisions nine days ago.

Two orders of the day from Premier Josef Stalin and the regular Moscow war bulletins announced the resounding series of triumphs in the Crimea where two Russian armies, one newly constituted under the Stalingrad hero, Gen. Andrei Yeremenko, have begun a general drive against Nazi troops isolated by the swift Russian surge westward across the Ukraine and Romania.

Moscow dispatches said it was estimated unofficially in the Soviet capital that eleven German divisions—110,000 to 165,000 men—were facing death or surrender in the Crimea.

Premier Stalin announced that Gen. Yeremenko's new independent coastal army—fifth army to be thrown into the 39-day-old Ukrainian offensive—had captured 2,500-year-old Kerch yesterday, the second time in this war that city of 104,000 has been rewon by the Red Army.

Smashing westward, the independent army then breached the powerful German defense line across the narrow Kerch peninsula and captured more than forty towns and settlements in advancing more than 18 miles in one day.

To the northwest, Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian Army was revealed to have battered more than 37 miles southward in four days and captured Dzhankoi and 50 other towns on the northern side of the 10,000-square mile diamond-shaped peninsula. The Fourth Army, advancing across the Sivash Sea, penetrated 15 miles into the Crimea proper by taking Dzhankoi and by winning the town of Novo Ivanovka, 20 miles to the northwest, outflanked the powerful German defense line across the base of the Perekop isthmus, northwestern overland gateway to the Crimea.

Inducted

The following registrants were inducted April 12th, 1944—all white:

- Cameron Maltis Stallings. Berry Patterson Holden, Jr. William Wesley Ragland. Leonard Elmo Dean. Otho Piper. Ronald Lythford Gay. John Edward Allgood. George Harris. George Everett Phelps. Wallace Barrett Perry. Rommie Epp Catlette. Willie David Strickland. Julius Winston Wheeler. James Harold Harper. Preston Green Strother.

P. T. A. MEETING

The P. T. A. will hold its last meeting Thursday, April 20th, at 3:30 in the Mills School auditorium.

Miss Marjorie Gardner's Home Economics Class will present a Fashion Show.

The installation of the new officers for the school year 1944-1945, Mrs. George Weaver, President, Mrs. Clifford Hall, Vice President, and Mrs. Hugh H. Perry as Secretary and Treasurer, will be part of the program.

Refreshments will be served. Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Pres.

The Fifth Army has had mountains of clothing to dry in what our infantrymen wryly call "Sunny Italy" but the laundering job is not quite as hard as it might be. The Quartermaster there is using the local spaghetti-curing equipment which was once used to dry Italian spaghetti to just the right crispness for Mediterranean palates.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session Friday, April 7th at 7:30 p. m.

All members of the Board were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the Board.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police, Tax Collector, Supt. of the Light & Water Dept., and Town Clerk, were approved by the Board.

The Board instructed Mr. Pearce to make the best repairs possible to the ditch in front of Mr. Charlie Ford's home.

The matter of digging a well at the Louisburg Cemetery was referred to Mr. Cooper, who was instructed to confer with the County Health Officer and ascertain the State Laws governing the digging of wells in cemeteries.

The Board authorized the construction of a driveway leading into the residence of Mr. George Cobb, and the construction of a satisfactory drain ditch on the West side of Tan Street.

The Board passed the following motion: "That the Chairman of the Light & Water Committee make changes in the shifts of the plant engineers, in order to relieve Mr. Herman on the 12 a. m. to 8 a. m. shift".

The following motion was passed by the Board: "That the Carolina Lumber Company be notified that unless it wires its plant and connects to the newly constructed line to its premises within thirty days, the Town of Louisburg will remove the line in order to utilize the material therein".

The Board approved a number of invoices for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

LOUISBURG GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Ernest Furgurson was hostess to the Louisburg Garden Club at its April meeting on Thursday, April 6. The President, Mrs. E. S. Ford, directed the business of the afternoon, which consisted of routine matters. For the May meeting, it was decided to begin at 4 o'clock. Mrs. F. L. O'Neal was welcomed as a new member.

In keeping with the season, the house was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The "Still Life Picture" for the afternoon was arranged by Mrs. Palmer and combined the yellow and white of daffodils and jonquils with green stalks, in a white bowl, to make a charming ensemble.

Mrs. M. S. Davis described how to successfully "Grow Columbinas from Seed," by starting the seed in the fall in pans which should be covered by glass through the winter, and transplanting into a semi-shady place in the garden in March.

"Success With Spring Wildflowers" was discussed by Miss Lucy Smithwick. She read descriptions and showed colored pictures of many of the local wildflowers.

Mrs. Furgurson read interesting articles about "Bird's Foot Violets" and "Trillium".

Mrs. Palmer read two poems, "Garden Plot" and "Maytime".

The President announced that, for the May meeting, which would be at her home, every member was to bring an arrangement or "picture", preferably one suitable for a bedroom. The hostess served delicious tea and cookies and invited the guests to examine her interesting collection of curios brought by her son from India.

GETS STILL

Officer Phelps reports capturing a 30-gallon steel drum still outfit Wednesday night, on the Stamps farm near Louisburg, and destroyed 100 gallons sugar mash and got two men, Gerald Fogg and Lonnie McKnight, both colored. He was assisted by Patrolman M. H. Bynum and officers R. E. Neal and Dollie Pearce.

RECEIVES WINGS

William Douglas Joyner, of Louisburg, was graduated recently from the Naval Air Training Center at Pensacola, Fla., and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy. Ensign Joyner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Joyner, of Louisburg, Route 2. He was a student at the U. S. Naval Pre-Flight School at Chapel Hill and the Bunker Hill (Ind.) Naval Air Base before receiving his appointment as a Naval Air Cadet at the "Annapolis of the Air."

Ensign Joyner is spending a few days at home with his parents before reporting back for flight duty.

POSTPONED

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to state that The Tom Thumb wedding scheduled for April 21st, 1944, has been called off until further notice because of measles.

Wallace To Visit China

Washington, April 11.—Vice-President Wallace announced tonight he plans a trip to China in the late spring or early summer, and aides said he would go on official business as President Roosevelt's personal representative.

The projected trip, about which Wallace gave no details in a brief announcement, may possibly mean the Vice-President will be out of the country at the time of the July 19 Democratic national convention. He has given every indication he plans to be a candidate for renomination.

No Details

A 30-word announcement handed to newsmen by aides said merely: "Vice-President Wallace hopes to visit Chungking sometime in late spring or early summer. No definite plans have been made and no additional details are available at this time."

Wallace closeted himself from reporters but a member of his secretarial staff said the trip would be made on official business, that the Vice-President would represent the President and that there was no doubt he would confer with President Chiang Kai-Shek while in China's capital.

The announcement came as a surprise to most members of the Senate, of which Wallace is the presiding officer. It revived speculation, however, about the possibility that Wallace might be left off the ticket if President Roosevelt seeks a fourth term.

FANCY CATTLE

Grand Champion at Rocky Mount Livestock Show sold for 53 1-2c a pound bringing a total of \$524.30. This steer was exhibited by John B. Frazier of Nash County. The Reserve Champion Steer was exhibited by Q. S. Leonard, Louisburg, Route 4. He graded U. S. Prime and sold for 39 1-2c a pound, weighing 1024 pounds. According to the Judge, the fastest steer in the Show was the Third Place Steer exhibited by George Leonard, Louisburg, Route 4. George's steer weighed 1022 pounds and was placed third in the class of 52 fat steers. He also graded U. S. Prime. Four other entries from the Leonard farm including two steers exhibited by Betsy Leonard showed in the first eleven places. One steer was exhibited by Sandy Tharrington, Jr., Louisburg, Route 1. He graded in the top group and sold for 21c a pound. The calf exhibited by Sandy Tharrington, Jr. weighed 360 pounds when purchased and was sold at a weight of 685 pounds after a five-month feeding period with a gain in excess of two pounds for each day fed. Where other factors were even the larger steers with high finish showed above the medium and light weights.

The contests between 4-H Club Members is as keen as that observed between different foot ball, basket ball, and base ball teams. 4-H Club boys are wholeheartedly entering the contests in the attempt to produce and show the best animal. In order to accomplish this, good animals must be selected and properly fed which are steps that assist in developing our future livestock farmers. This Show is resulting in increased production of livestock for food and therefore, contributed towards the War Feed and Food Production Program.

It was announced that the Livestock Show in Rocky Mount would be continued in 1945. Now is the time for 4-H Club Members in Franklin County to make plans to obtain early this Fall steers to be fattened for our 1945 Show. Leading citizens are being urged to assist in obtaining additional 4-H Club Members to feed cattle that entries from Franklin County may be larger in 1945. The strong support given by livestock buyers has made the production of fat steers both educational and profitable.

FORESTS

Farmer friends! April is a danger month for forest and woods fires in the South. It is the duty of every patriotic American to prevent uncontrolled fires, and his duty, also, to put out fires that do get started. When you see any unattended fire in the woods, get your neighbors to help you put it out. Notify your fire warden if you need more help. Remember, every large fire was once a small fire. Help save our wood for war.

There is an acute shortage of most of the important legume and grass seeds. Any farmer who can produce these seeds is sure to be able to make a profit from their sale. The need is great for hay and pasture for the increased livestock population, and many farmers are harvesting crops that will be left to produce seeds.

WAR NEWS

New Delhi, April 11.—Hurled back with sharp losses in their first direct assault on the Allied base of Kohima in eastern India, Japanese invasion forces have swung around through the jungles north of the town and already have planted snipers along the 35-mile supply highway between Kohima and the station of Dimapur on the American-operated Bengal-Assam railway, it was reported today.

(A German broadcast of Tokyo dispatches said the Japanese had captured an "important" Allied base six miles north of Kohima and had severed the "Allied withdrawal route." The Kohima-Dimapur highway, to which the broadcast presumably referred, runs northwest from Kohima—not north.)

Honolulu, April 11.—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz today testified at a habeas corpus hearing that "it is within Japanese capabilities to launch carrier-borne air attacks and land commando and espionage raiders on Hawaii despite all precautions."

Nimitz and Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, commanding the Hawaii Department, demanded retention of the present modified martial law as vital to the security of these islands and Richardson charged:

"If we remove from the military governor the power given him under martial law to carry out his mission it will hinder the war effort."

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Wednesday, April 12.—Another phase of the Bismarck Sea campaign neared a climax today as 40,000 Japanese, embeshed by a relentless sea and air blockade, retreated into the northeast end of New Britain for a final stand around tottering Rabaul.

Within four months of the first landing by American troops on that strategic island, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that the major portion of New Britain was in Allied control and the foe "in full retreat."

Japs Abandon Bases

American forces, pushing north-eastward along the coasts of the island since landings at the western end, found the enemy had abandoned Cape Hoskins and Gasmata. Hoskins, a supply and fuel base, is on the north-central coast. Gasmata, an air base, is almost directly across the island on the south coast.

U. D. C. MEETING

Another enjoyable meeting of the Joseph J. Davis Chapter, U. D. C., was held April 4, 1944, with Mrs. Alice Uzzell hostess. Business was discussed, and for the program selections from the Confederate Veteran were read as follows:

A sketch of the life of General Leonidas Polk, C. S. A., from an essay by Mrs. C. W. McMahon, was read by Miss Sue T. Alston. The South and "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Capt. W. W. Carnes of Florida, read by Mrs. W. J. Cooper. Beautiful music by Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Uzzell. Mrs. Mills' selections were "Beautiful Dreamer" and "The Rosary."

After the program a delicious sweet course was served by the hostess.

MRS. C. M. HOWARD HOSTESS

The Edwin Fuller Club met with Mrs. C. M. Howard on April 11th.

The club continued the study of "A World at War." Mrs. B. T. Holden gave an excellent talk and paper on "Women Leaders in our Auxiliary Forces." She showed pictures illustrating her talk. Among them was a pathetic scene in Sicily, showing a soldier receiving blood plasma in a home of small children and an old woman.

Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough's current topic on Sir Arthur Tedder showed his value to the war. She also gave explanations of "More Maritzey."

Mrs. Howard had as special guests Miss Nellie Martin, Mrs. Mollie Beam and Mrs. Gorrell.

The hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. Hodges, served a delicious salad course followed by home made candies.

TIMBER

Farmers if you grow timber, trees suitable for lumber, pulpwood or other forest products, remember your country needs them. With invasion of the continent near, forest products are now needed more than ever for the war. Put your trees into the fight. Your State or Federal Forester, war board chairman, or county agent will see that you get help in selecting the trees to cut so as to leave your woodland in a productive condition.

It is easy to find fault with others and overlook our own.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—