

## COOLEY TO SPEAK

Congressman Harold D. Cooley to Address Franklin County Farm Bureau On May 5, 1944

The Executive Committee of the Franklin County Farm Bureau today announced that definite plans for a barbecue supper and address by Congressman Harold D. Cooley have been completed, according to Walter Fuller, Secretary. The Farm Bureau of which Mr. F. W. Justice is President advises that this will be a very important meeting for several reasons. Congressman Cooley will be on hand to address the members and visitors. The barbecue supper which will be served at a minimum cost to the members and their guests is expected to attract many and is expected to add fellowship to the business of the occasion. A report of the Nominating Committee and the election of new officers for the Franklin County Farm Bureau comprises the major portion of the program.

Mr. Otis Burrows, Chairman of the Committee on Food Arrangements for this meeting, announces that the barbecue supper will be served on the lawn of the Agriculture Building at 7:00 o'clock p. m. on the night of May 5th. By blocking off Nash Street from the County Agent's office down to Murphy's Store, it is the opinion of the Committee that they will be able to serve several hundred people in and around the Agriculture Building. Farm Bureau members and the associated women of the Farm Bureau will be asked to pay a minimum charge for their plates. All Farm Bureau members are requested and urged to invite and bring new members to this meeting. Plates will be served to all new members at the expense of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Blair Tucker, Chairman of the Program Committee, announces that Congressman Harold D. Cooley, member of Congress from this District and recognized far and wide as a very able speaker, will be on hand barring unforeseen Congressional events to address the group in the auditorium of the Courthouse at 8:30 following the barbecue supper.

Mr. Frank Justice, President of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, advises that the Bureau will receive and act on the report of the Nominating Committee along with any other nominations from the floor in the general election of new officers.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau was reorganized during the latter part of 1943. Interest in Farm Bureau Federation is stronger today in Franklin County than it has ever been. The State and National Farm Bureau is strongest in its history today. Franklin County Bureau with its present membership of two hundred forty is anticipating continued growth and strength of the organization. The State and National Farm Bureau have been very active in agricultural affairs of the State and Nation.

The Farm Bureau has taken a very active part in the fight for the control of tobacco production. A bill recently introduced by Congressman Cooley and supported by the Farm Bureau was passed by Congress which gives the Secretary of Agriculture authority to extend marketing quotas for the years 1945 and 46. The State and National Farm Bureau has taken an active part in the successful effort to have lifted the sixteen war unit requirement for agricultural deferment. In addition to these activities the State and National Farm Bureau have also been actively engaged in protecting the best interests of the other groups from this State, particularly peanut, potato, small fruits and vegetable growers and producers of dairy products.

He plays a fair game of golf if you watch him carefully.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, April 29:  
Saturday—Tex Ritter and Fuzzy Knight in 'Oklahoma Raiders' and Jerome Cowan and Faye Emerson in 'Find The Blackmailer'.  
Sunday—Monday—Humphrey Bogart, Michelle Morgan and Claude Rains in 'Passage To Marseille'.  
Tuesday—Geo. Montgomery, Ann Rutherford, and Glenn Miller and Band in 'Orchestra Wives' also last Chapter 'Winslow Coast Guard'.  
Wednesday—Franchot Tone and Ella Raines in 'Phantom Lady'.  
Thursday-Friday—Orson Welles as 'Edward Rochester' and Joan Fontaine as 'Jane' in 'Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre'.



CONG. HAROLD D. COOLEY

## STORES TO CLOSE

The FRANKLIN TIMES is again requested to state that the stores in Louisburg, with the exception of the hardware stores, will begin their Wednesday afternoon closing on May 3rd, 1944, at 12 o'clock. This closing is in order to give the clerks and others a half holiday throughout the summer. The hardware stores will not begin their closing until June.

## H. A. FAULKNER ELECTED CHAIRMAN FRANKLIN CO. DRY FORCES

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Franklin County Dry Forces held in the courthouse last Monday night, Mr. H. A. Faulkner was unanimously elected president to succeed the late Hon. S. H. Averitt, and Mr. C. T. Hudson was elected secretary-treasurer. Gaither M. Beam, local attorney and dry leader, acted as temporary chairman and presented Mr. Faulkner as an outstanding citizen of Franklin County and a good farmer, who has been Superintendent of Corinth's Baptist Sunday School for the past thirty-one years, a deacon in that church for thirty-two years, Master of the John Mills Lodge, Epsom, for a number of years and a past President of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Beam said there were two main objects before the Dry Forces at the present time. The first of which was to give all assistance possible to the officers in their endeavor to stamp out bootlegging. He called upon citizens of Franklin County to do their best along this line.

He said the second object was to impress upon the drys the importance of voting for dry men for office, stating that now was the time to decide the liquor question and not after the election. It will be too late then. He said he wanted real dry officers, not a Hoey-dry nor a Broughton-dry, but a bone-dry who would announce publicly that he wanted a state-wide referendum and was opposed to the "GAG Rule."

In accepting the presidency, Mr. Faulkner said that he realized the great responsibility of this position and hesitated to accept, but someone had to make a sacrifice and carry on the splendid work done by the late Mr. Averitt and Hon. W. H. Yarbrough, whose services will be greatly missed at this time. He called attention to the fact that the boys in service had voted 57% dry, and stated that the least we could do at home was to carry out their wishes and clean out our county so it would be a fit place for our boys when they return.

Attention was called to the fact that funds were needed to present the cause to the public and request was made for contributions to be sent to Mr. C. T. Hudson, Treasurer.

By unanimous vote it was decided to have public speaking at the courthouse every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p. m., Eastern War Time.

## COMMISSIONED ENSIGN

Charleston, S. C., April 25.—William Douglas Joyner, son of Mr. George Henry Joyner, of Louisburg, N. C., recently completed his training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, and was commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Ensign Joyner attended Louisburg College in Louisburg, N. C.

## FINAL REPORT

The Louisburg area of the Red Cross has reached its goal of \$6,500.00, according to statement of Dr. A. Paul Bagby. This has been a real accomplishment, and the chairman is happy over the results, \$4,700.00 of the amount will go to National headquarters; and \$1,800.00 will remain in the local treasury. The Louisburg Red Cross has not failed.

## PRECINCT MEETINGS

Only Few Reports Received In Time For Publication

The regular township precinct meetings of the Democratic organization were held on Saturday. At these meetings a precinct or township Executive Committee should have been elected and a list of delegates and alternates named for the County Convention to be held on Saturday (tomorrow) in the Court House in Louisburg at 11 o'clock a. m. Only two townships have sent in their reports at this writing. These were as follows:

**Cypress Creek**  
Executive Committee—Arthur Strickland, Chairman, Mrs. G. L. McGregor, Vice Chairman, Mrs. C. M. Moore, Secretary, J. M. Harris, T. S. Wilder, G. L. McGregor, B. E. Bass, Mesdames B. R. Moore, Lottie Gay, E. V. Stone. Delegates—Mrs. G. L. McGregor, Mrs. C. M. Moore, T. S. Wilder, Alternate, Arthur Strickland.

**Louisburg**  
Executive Committee—A. F. Johnson, Chairman, Mrs. J. R. Earle Vice Chairman, Mrs. H. W. Perry, Secretary, C. T. Hudson, E. H. Malone, W. L. Lumpkin, D. F. McKinne, Mrs. J. Y. Beasley, Mrs. J. W. Mann, Mrs. C. M. Howard.

Delegates—E. H. Malone, C. T. Hudson, W. D. Egerton, D. F. McKinne, L. O. Tharrington, W. B. Barrow, J. Y. Beasley, W. C. Webb, N. M. Perry, H. J. Hayes, J. F. Matthews, J. P. Timberlake, Jr., W. L. Lumpkin, Hill Yarbrough, Charlie Ford, R. W. Smithwick, C. C. Hudson, J. W. Strange, Willis May, P. S. Foster, Mesdames H. W. Perry, J. R. Earle, J. Y. Beasley, C. M. Howard, C. T. Hudson, H. B. Perry, H. A. Faulkner, G. M. Beam, G. W. Cobb, Ben T. Holden, Joe Ben Beasley, O. W. Perry, J. R. Strange, J. P. Timberlake, Sr., E. A. Kemp, M. C. Murphy, D. W. Spivey, J. M. Grainger, Ina Rouse, Miss Jessie Taylor Harris. Alternates—O. W. Perry, W. F. Shelton, H. B. Perry, Perry W. Wheeler, Terrell Kemp, E. C. Hunt, P. C. Holmes, Bryant Cottrell, Tom Wilson, Dr. W. R. Bass, N. F. Freeman, M. C. Murphy, W. B. Tucker, W. J. Cooper, George Leonard, W. G. Lancaster, J. A. Spencer, O. B. Burrows, H. S. Wiggins, Rev. E. H. Davis, John P. Moore, Frank Dennis, S. C. Foster, Sr., R. G. Davis, P. W. Elam, P. S. Allen, J. R. Allen, S. S. Meadows, C. R. Sykes.

In addition the Louisburg Precinct meeting adopted a motion that all alternates attending the Convention from this township should join with the delegates in casting the precinct vote.

The homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Little were demolished in the Pine Level section. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and daughter, Maybell, received treatment in Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield, while Mr. and Mrs. Little and son, Bobby, were treated by a physician here. None of the six was seriously hurt, it was understood.

## Recorder's Court

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

Weldon Jones, bastardy, nolle prods with leave, upon payment of costs by prosecuting witness. Charlie Spivey was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and given 12 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and the sum of \$30 into Court for the benefit of Anne Spivey.

Jack Leonard was found guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey for sale, and given 4 months on roads, upon payment of \$50 fine and costs execution of road sentence to issue at any time within 2 years, upon order of Solicitor.

Herman Lee Foster was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and given 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of fine of \$50 and costs. Not to operate car for 12 months. Raymond Thomas Oakley, abandonment, non-supt. jury requested and continued.

John Arrington plead guilty to speeding and fined \$5 and costs. J. M. Bullock failure to comply with former verdict of Court, was given 12 months on roads, subject to terms of probationary Judgment recorded in Recorders Court Criminal Docket.

The following cases were continued:  
Lena Brodie, no drivers license. Percy Cooke, assault with deadly weapon.

Vernon Hale, unlawful transportation of whiskey, transporting. Joe Hale, unlawful possession of whiskey, transporting.

Edward Earl Williams, reckless driving.

Albert Carrington, reckless driving.

Owen Doyle, unlawful possession of whiskey, sale of whiskey.

Cotton Week will be celebrated May 22 to 27, reports the National Cotton Council of America. Posters in red, white, and blue, carrying a fixed bayonet and a "V" of cotton bolls will be featured.

## Meadows Held On 17 Counts

BY PITT COUNTY GRAND JURY

Bills Charge 16 Counts of Embezzlement And One of False Pretense

Greenville, April 26. — True bills of indictment charging 16 counts of embezzlement and one of false pretense by Dr. Leon Meadows, retiring president of East Carolina Teachers College, were returned in Superior Court here today by the Pitt County Grand Jury.

Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford, presiding over a one-week term of Superior Court, ordered Meadows' bond set at \$5,000, which was furnished. \$12,000 Involved

The embezzlement counts charge the college head with misappropriating more than \$12,000 in special college and student activity funds over a period of five years. The false pretense charge covers one of the 16 counts of embezzlement. The charges grew out of a special audit of the student and college funds ordered last year by Governor Broughton and presented to the college board of trustees by the State Auditor's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation early in March. The board of trustees, after three sessions on the audit charges, exonerated Dr. Meadows of any mishandling of funds as charged. The audit listed as "not satisfactorily accounted for" the amount of \$18,636.34 of college and student-activity funds handled by Dr. Meadows in his personal bank account.

## Eastern Carolina Is Hit By Destructive Tornado

Storm Strikes Near Selma; Several Injured; Property Loss High

Selma, April 24.—A spring tornado struck in the Pine Level section, five miles from here, this afternoon about 6 o'clock, leaving in its wake thousands of dollars of property damage and at least six people injured.

The storm leveled trees and buildings in its mile-wide path. The length of the path of destruction was not determined to night, but it was understood that it extended through the Princeton section and nearly to Goldsboro, a distance of probably 15 miles. The homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Little were demolished in the Pine Level section. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and daughter, Maybell, received treatment in Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield, while Mr. and Mrs. Little and son, Bobby, were treated by a physician here. None of the six was seriously hurt, it was understood.

Witnesses here said the tornado appeared to come from the northwest, striking during a severe electrical storm. It was accompanied by a tremendous noise.

**Path of Destruction**  
Trees and telegraph poles were twisted like match-stems. In one section a forest area of perhaps a mile square was leveled to the ground. Damage to tobacco barns was expected to run unusually high.

The storm struck entirely in rural areas, but damage is expected to run into thousands of dollars from torn farm properties.

Telephone and telegraph service between here and Goldsboro was cut, with poles and lines being scattered on the ground.

The storm was described as the most serious that has ever struck this section.

Police officers and rescue workers went into the storm-torn area immediately after the tornado struck, and tonight were looking for possible additional victims of the tornado.

Reports from all sections hit by the tornado had not been received here tonight, making it probable that more homes than the two in the Pine Level area were demolished in the wide path of destruction.

Means of communication were being restored tonight as ground crews worked feverishly to restore telephone and telegraph lines.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon at the Gold Sand High School on Sunday evening, May 7th at 8:30 o'clock. The graduating exercises will be held on Friday evening, May 12th at 9:00 o'clock. Dr. J. Winston Pearce, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, will deliver the address.

## MILLS HIGH WINS CUP

In Franklin County League By Taking Three First Places in Glee Club Contests

Mills High School won first place in all three of the contests held Wednesday night in the Louisburg College auditorium. These contests were in Girls, Boys and Mixed Glee Club numbers. The results of the music contest are: Mills, first place; Youngsville, second place; Epsom, third place; Gold Sand, fourth place and Bunn, fifth place. The final results for the Franklin County League are as follows:  
1st place—Mills High School.  
2nd place—Epsom High School.  
3rd place—Youngsville High School.  
4th place—Franklin High School.  
5th place—Gold Sand High School.  
6th place—Bunn High School.  
7th place—Edward Best High School.

A trophy cup was awarded to the Mills High School for winning the largest number of points with a score of 630. The closest competitor was the Epsom High School with 500 points.

## MCDONALD MANAGER

Ralph McDonald, candidate for governor, this week appointed Mr. Linwood L. Sturdivant, widely known tobacco farmer, and fertilizer dealer, as Franklin County manager of the McDonald for governor campaign.

Sturdivant, whose experience as a tobacco warehouseman and farmer, ranges over a number of years brings to the county McDonald campaign a vigorous and active leadership. By his wide contacts and acquaintances all over the county, local McDonaldites are considering the campaign fortunate to have secured such a leader as Sturdivant.

## REGISTRARS

The following is a list of Registrars for the coming primary in Franklin County. The list of poll holders has not been completed as yet, but will be announced later. The Registration books open Saturday 29th, at 9 o'clock a. m. and remain open till 6 p. m. There is no new registration, only those coming of age since the last election, or who will become of age before the general election in November, or those who have moved and thereby changed their voting place and will become entitled to vote at the new location may register under the appropriate requirements. The registrars are as follows:  
Dunn No. 1—J. O. Williams.  
Dunn No. 2—C. E. Pearce.  
Harris—H. T. Rogers.  
Youngsville—Genadius Winston.  
Franklinton—Shem Collins.  
Hayesville—A. A. Pernell.  
Sandy Creek—G. B. Egerton.  
Gold Mine—John W. Neal.  
Cedar Rock—Ire T. Insoe.  
Cypress Creek—Arthur Strickland.  
Louisburg—W. B. Spivey.

## Accidentally Shoots Leg

Thomas E. Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick J. Hart, of near Youngsville, a member of the United States Army, whose unit is stationed in Texas, who was at home the past week on furlough, had the misfortune of having his leg badly smashed by an accidental gun shot. It seems that he and his wife and daughter were out riding and he saw a snake cross the road. He stopped to kill the snake. In the mean time the gun accidentally discharged, the load taking effect in his leg below the knee. He was given first aid treatment at Louisburg hospital by Dr. H. G. Perry and later taken to a government Army hospital at Camp Butler.

## WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Misses Evelyn Smithwick and Martha Ann Strowd, of Louisburg were appointed as members of next year's Cabinet of the Y. W. C. A. at Greensboro Woman's College.

Miss Martha Ann Strowd, of Louisburg, has been elected Council member of the Wesley Foundation; Methodist student organization at Woman's College, Greensboro.

N. C. Cotton ginners will hold district meetings at Gastonia, Raeford, and Scotland Neck on May 9, 10, and 11 respectively. Farmers are invited to attend these meetings on better ginning methods and practices.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL



Lt. Colonel Frank W. Wheelers, Jr., who was promoted from the rank of Major to that of Lieutenant Colonel on April 14, 1944. Col. Wheelers is with the Hdqs. III Corps Artillery, Presidio of Monterey, California.

## TRUSTEES MEET

The Board of Trustees of East Carolina Teachers College met yesterday morning at 11 in the Educational Building, Raleigh, to select an acting president of ECTC to succeed Dr. Leon R. Meadows, who last week asked permission to retire immediately. The board recently voted to permit him to retire as of August 31.

The session was closed. Being mentioned as the possible selection for acting president are June H. Rose, superintendent of Greenville public schools; Dr. H. J. McGinnis, ECTC registrar; and Dr. Robert J. Slay, head of the ECTC science department.

## MILLS HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCTMENT

Music Pupils in Recital Friday 8:30 P. M.  
Mills High School presents the music pupils of Mrs. E. C. Jernigan in piano recital in the Mills High School auditorium, Friday evening, 8:30.

In addition to the piano numbers, there will be presented a Musical Story, Cinderella, an interpretation in story and music. Commencement Sermon May 7th

The Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, local pastor of the Methodist Church will preach the Commencement Sermon to the Graduating Class of approximately forty pupils. This service will be in the Mills auditorium, Sunday, May 7, at 8:30 P. M.

Graduating Exercises will be held Friday evening, May 12, at 8:30, in the Mills auditorium. Dr. Edgar W. Knight will make the address to the Seniors. Miss Talmadge Thomas will give the Valedictory and Julian Lewis will deliver the Salutatory. All prizes and awards will be presented at this time.

## LIONS CLUB OFFICERS WIN INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Three officers of the Louisburg Lions Club were given miniature lion paper weights at the regular meeting Tuesday night at the County Agricultural Building. Lion Julius Timberlake, Jr. presented the awards to President G. M. Beam, First Vice-President, C. R. Sykes, and Secretary W. O. Lambeth. The awards of cast metal, handsomely engraved with the names of the recipients, were given by Lions International to the local club officials for winning second place in Division D in the International Membership Contest just closed.

Several business matters were taken up and a report was made by Lion Bagby, Chairman of the Playground Committee. It was decided to have a combined Mothers Day and Music Appreciation Week program the first meeting in May at which time each Lion would be expected to bring his wife.

Lion Walter Fuller had charge of the program and presented John Harris, Extension Horticulturist from State College, who showed a very timely U. S. D. A. Film on Victory Gardening.

Two members were added to the Club making a total membership of 46. The New Lions were Ben Fox and Willis May.

Commander Paul of the 4th U. S. Naval Fleet operating in the South Atlantic was a guest of Lion Blair Tucker for the meeting.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

## TWO DROWNED SUNDAY

Loses Lives in Auto Accident When Car Goes Off Bridge

W. E. Husketh, 37, of Route 1, Youngsville, white, and Kenneth Kellum, colored, of Robeson County, but recently of Louisburg, were drowned when the car in which they were riding crashed through a railing of a bridge on Little Creek, near the old John Medlin place Sunday afternoon. Jack Patton, of near Louisburg, a third occupant of the car escaped.

Coroner R. A. Bobbitt held an inquest on Monday night in the Court room, at which time evidence showed that Patton and Kellum, borrowed a car from a friend near Bunn, Sunday afternoon. That in their driving they attempted to cross this creek going northeast, and down grade, when the crash came. Upon getting the victims and car out, the evidence stated, two jars containing whiskey was found. After considering the evidence in full, the jury composed of P. W. Elam, W. B. Joyner, H. G. Leonard, Hobson Moore, Joe Tonkel and A. W. Edwards, came to a verdict to the effect that the parties came to their death through accidental means, the responsibility for which it was unable to place.

Following the action of the Coroner's inquest Patrolman M. H. Bynum served two warrants upon Jack Patton, one for driving drunk, and the other for involuntary manslaughter.

Funeral services for Mr. Husketh were conducted from Oak Grove Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. A. W. Icard. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Della Husketh of Route 1, Youngsville; two brothers, Ray and Leonard Husketh, both of Youngsville, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Grover C. Medlin of Route 1, Youngsville, and Floss Husketh of Zeblun.

## S. T. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services as follows have been announced by Rev. H. S. Cobe, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the Third Sunday after Easter:  
Holy Communion—8:00 a. m.  
Church School—9:45 a. m.  
Morning Prayer and sermon—11:00 a. m.  
Y. P. S. L.—6:45 p. m.

## LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"What Is Life's Greatest Investment?" is the sermon subject for the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. "Pauls Demas and Luke" is the subject for the 8 o'clock message Sunday evening. Church School will meet at 9:45 a. m., led by Prof. I. D. Moon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will meet at 7:00. Worship is a necessary part of life. Find time to go to your church Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor will speak Sunday morning on the text, "Thou art the man." In the evening the ordinance of baptism will be administered to sixteen or more candidates. The church is looking forward to a great day. 9:45 a. m.—Bible School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. 8:00 p. m.—Evening Worship.

## ENTERS CONTEST

Franklin County farmers are entering Corn Growing Contest for 1944, states W. C. Boyce, County Agent. Thirteen farmers in Epsom community have entered and ten other farmers have indicated they will enter. Entrance fees have been filed by L. C. Wheeler, Franklinton, R. 2; George and Q. S. Leonard, Louisburg, R. 4; Arthur Strickland, Louisburg, R. 4; M. H. Hunt, Louisburg, R. 1; and S. W. Tharrington, Louisburg, R. 1. The closing date for filing Entrance Fee is May 31, 1944. The rules of Contest permit farmers to use any practices desired including variety, fertilization, manure, date of seeding, spacing and planting on the right moon. \$100.00 War Bond is offered as first prize to the person producing the largest number of pounds of corn on the measured acre as determined by three impartial judges. Entrance fees are being filed with Vocational Teachers, Extension Workers and with the FRANKLIN TIMES Editor. A real Corn Growing Contest is assured.