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SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 28TH

Franklin County Schools to Begin 1944-45 Term Aug. 28, Announced by Wiley F. Mitchell, Superintendent

The Franklin County Board of Education, in its regular meeting Monday, July 3rd, set the opening date of schools of the County Administrative Unit for August 28, 1944. Opening at this date and allowing one week for Christmas will permit the completion of the nine months' school term by May 11, 1945. Last year schools opened on August 23rd, took two weeks for Christmas holidays and completed the nine months' term by May 11th.

In order to cooperate with the farmers in providing as much help from the school children as possible, it was decided to open schools one week later in the Fall and reduce the holiday season.

Teachers are allotted to the various districts on the basis of average daily attendance, and not total enrollment. This means that every day your children are out of school, for any reason whatsoever, you are increasing the possibility of losing one or more teachers during the next school year.

As a result of poor attendance last year, Franklin County teacher allotment for the ensuing term has been reduced from 196 to 191 teachers. This reduction in teaching personnel is going to seriously handicap the program of work in several of our schools because of overcrowded classrooms. According to the total enrollment figures Franklin County has practically the same enrollment for the ensuing term as we had last year, and if the parents will lend their cooperation there is a possibility that several of our schools could regain the teacher lost due to the vast number of absences during the past school term.

LOCAL LIONS WILL MEET WITH THE YOUNGVILLE CLUB

The Louisburg Lions and Lionesses will meet with the Youngville Club on the night of July 11, 1944 for the installation of their officers for the coming year and Ladies Night. The meeting will be informal and every Lion is expected to bring his lady.

Lion Numa Freeman is Chairman of a Committee to arrange transportation and a way will be found for each Lion and Lioness desiring to go. It will be necessary for each local Lion to notify the Club Secretary not later than Friday, July 7, 1944 as to whether you are planning to go or not.

SMITHWICK-EVANS

Announcements as follows have been received in Louisburg: "Mr. and Mrs. Daniel White Evans request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn Owen, to Robert Walter Smithwick, junior, Lieutenant, United States Army, on Saturday, the fifteenth of July, at half after eight o'clock in the evening, Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia." The bride-to-be is one of Lynchburg's talented and popular young ladies who enjoys the friendship of host of admirers. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, and is now among the armed forces. He is one of Louisburg's popular young men and has many friends who will join in extending congratulations to he and his bride.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, July 8th:

Saturday—Russell Hayden in 'The Last Horseman', and 'The Battle for New Guinea Attack'. Also Tiger Woman.

Sunday—Monday—Marsha Hunt and Henry Travers in 'None Shall Escape'.

Tuesday—Belita, James Ellison, Henry Busse, Eddie Lebaron, Mitchell Ayres and Bands in 'Lady Let's Dance', also 'The Phantom'.

Wednesday—Errol Flynn and Julie Bishop in 'Northern Pursuit'.

Thursday—Friday—Lucille Ball, Dick Powell and Virginia O'Brien in 'Meet The People'.

County Commissioners Meet

Report Delayed On Account Of Holiday Intervening

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday and consumed practically the whole day solving and disposing of problems put before them.

On account of the 4th of July holiday and the Wednesday half holiday the Clerk did not have opportunity to transcribe the minutes of the meeting, therefore they will not be found in this issue of the FRANKLIN TIMES. It is hoped that they can be gotten for next week.

Allies Advancing In Normandy

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Wednesday, July 5.—United States troops, supported by an artillery barrage greater than that which shattered Marshal Rommel's Alamein defenses in Egypt, yesterday captured the last ridge overlooking the tottering German west Normandy anchor and six-way road junction of La Haye du Puits.

With the fall of La Haye regarded as imminent, Canadian troops, springing forward in their first major action since mid-June, captured Carpiquet and spilled across its airport only three miles west of the imperilled German eastern anchor of Caen.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, American First Army commander, himself pulled the lanyard of one Long Tom rifle at noon yesterday as hundreds of guns sent shells crashing into selected German targets in the biggest Fourth of July fireworks ever touched off by the Army.

A dispatch from Associated Press front correspondent Don Whitehead said the mighty "serenade" was more powerful than that used by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery in breaking Rommel's 1942 line in Egypt at the beginning of the Allied North African conquest.

Heavy Fighting

Heavy fighting was raging along a 20-mile front from Carentan to the sea on the west side of the Cherbourg Peninsula as the Americans hammered out two-day gains of two to four or more miles. Four more villages fell to the Americans, one of them only one and a half miles from La Haye.

The Germans were fighting in the hedges on one low hill guarding La Haye.

Headquarters disclosed that St. Jores, road and rail point six miles east of La Haye, had changed hands since the Americans took it Monday. The Germans again were thrown out of there today, front dispatches said.

An Allied communique issued at 11:30 last night told of "substantial gains" around La Haye, including the capture of dominating heights outside the town, and also announced the fall of Carpiquet and said fighting was raging for possession of its airport.

Vicious hand-to-hand fighting occurred between the Canadians and Germans around a hangar at Carpiquet airport, front dispatches said.

British rocket-firing Typhoons supporting the Canadian advance fired on the Germans at point-blank range, while British troops on the Canadian right wing swept ahead from one to two miles, capturing Vernon, two miles below Carpiquet and four miles southwest of Caen.

Vernon had been abandoned by the Germans after a deadly British artillery barrage, dispatches said.

British Advance

British artillery was shelling the small, desperate band of Germans clinging to hangars at the Carpiquet airfield, and a British staff officer in the field summarized capture of the town thus: "We've driven one stage nearer Caen. Today was a good beat forward. The Boche still is very strong within his ring of dug-in tanks before Caen, however."

COTTON BLOOMS

The following cotton blooms have been received since our last report:

Lewis Jeffreys, colored, near Flat Rock church, brought in red and white blooms Thursday of last week.

Ed Brodie and J. H. Neal, farming just south of Louisburg, brought in red blooms Friday.

Alvis Davis, colored, of near Mapleville, brought in red blooms Saturday.

FLIER HOME FROM WAR

T/Sgt. C. B. Perry, Jr., Fortress Gunner, Given Several Decorations

A Louisburg man, member of the American Eighth Air Force, having completed 30 missions over Nazi Europe as turret gunner on a Flying Fortress, is home on leave. He is T-Sgt. C. B. Perry, Jr., whose parents live here, and he wears on his chest ribbons denoting the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European theatre of operations ribbon with the star of combat duty.

Perry, who is 23, was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg in August, 1942, and after a Private Hargroveish 10 days in the Army began his first training at St. Petersburg, Fla. Those first 10 days Perry didn't even know to what branch of the Army he was attached. He was glad when it turned out to be the Air Force.

Following his Air Force basic at St. Petersburg, Perry received aerial gunnery instruction at Fort Myers, Fla., and was assigned as crew member on a new B-17. There followed hops and training flights to almost all the four corners of the United States as the crew learned to work, fight and live as a team.

Flight Over Europe

One day the Fortress took the long flight to England and on Nov. 3, 1943, Perry had his first mission over Europe. On May 11 of this year the Louisburg boy and his crew mates completed their 30th mission. During those six months Perry had missions over Augsburg, Steintin, Leipzig and three different times was over the Nazi capital itself.

Though Perry's plane was damaged on several occasions it always managed to get back, even if not to its home base every time. The men suffered wounds, too, and on one occasion a crew member was killed at his post. Perry considers himself lucky to have come back without a scratch.

The Louisburg gunner said he guessed he had seen his share of luck. He said, "It's the boys who don't come back who deserve the credit."

Following a stay at the Air Force rehabilitation center at Miami Beach, Fla., Perry will take additional aerial gunnery instruction and be assigned to an Air Force base as gunnery instructor.

Red Cross Chairman Dead

Had Distinguished Career As Diplomat Before Becoming Head of Red Cross

Hot Springs, Va., July 2.—Norman H. Davis, 66-year-old Chairman of the American Red Cross and former diplomat, died early today of a cerebral hemorrhage.

In ill health for some time, Davis had been resting here from his duties as supervisor of the expanded wartime Red Cross program.

Before becoming Red Cross chairman in 1938, he had served in various diplomatic posts under Presidents Wilson, Hoover and Roosevelt.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. (Eastern War Time) Wednesday at Christ Church in Alexandria, Va., where George Washington worshipped. Burial services will be private.

In addition to heading the American Red Cross, Davis also was chairman of the board of governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, composed of the organizations of 61 nations.

OTIS HOLDEN

Youngville.—Otis Holden, 39, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home here Tuesday night.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lillian Pearce; a daughter, Nancy Fay Holden; his mother, Mrs. Docie Holden, a sister, Jessie Holden, and two brothers, Tobie Holden of Youngville, and S/Sgt. Fred Holden of Camp Blanding, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock from the graveside at Oak Level Christian Church near here by the Rev. S. E. Madren and the Rev. Mr. Hughes. The body remained in state in the church an hour preceding the funeral.

You can have banana fritters and I'll take another slice of fresh home-made bread and butter.

Franklin County Behind In Sale Of "E" Bonds

Chairman Gaither M. Beam is calling on all township chairmen to make a special effort to sell more "E" bonds. Franklin County's quota for "E" bonds is \$178,000.00 and only \$60,000.00 have been sold. This means that extra efforts will have to be exerted if we are to keep up our reputation for always selling our quota.

Sandy Creek, Dunn No. 1, and Hayesville have sold their quotas. Dunn No. 1 had a quota of \$11,500.00 and they have sold \$12,850.00 to date. Hayesville had a quota of \$13,000.00 and they have sold \$13,400.00. These townships will continue to sell "E" bonds.

Do your part, BUY A BOND TODAY.

Carl Watkins, Jr. Receives Eagle Award

The Eagle Award, the highest rank in Scouting, was presented to Carl Watkins, Jr., at the Court of Honor that was held Sunday. Carl's father planned the award on the sash, which sash was fully covered with different Merit Badges and awards that have been earned during the five years of service in Troop No. 20. One of the most outstanding recognition Carl has received as a Scout was when he was chosen to be a member of the Flaming Arrow, a Boy Scout's Fraternity.

Captain Warlick, a father of two Eagle Scouts, of Camp Butler, made a very impressive and interesting talk on the Scout's Oath and Law.

Eugege Tomlinson, a cousin of Carl, and now a student at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., spoke on what his knowledge in Scouting has meant to him today.

He advised the boys to keep up the good work for they would be fully repaid for the time spent.

Merit Badges were presented to the following boys:

Garland Muslan, Life Rank. Grady Harris, Jr., Firemanship. Larry Lewis, Cooking.

George Davis, Woodwork and Home Repairing.

Frank Rose, Jr., Woodcarving. Earle Murphy, Jr., Athletics.

Nick Perry, Painting and Automobile.

Mr. Louis Word, Chairman of Advancement Committee, was in charge of the program.

HOLLYWOOD GRILL OPENS

Hollywood Grill, Louisburg's newest drink and eating parlor, opened the first in the building next to the Louisburg Theatre.

This new place is operated by Mr. W. H. Spencer, Proprietor, who assures the public the best service available. Mr. Spencer, who was a former resident of Louisburg, after spending some time at Newport News, Va., has returned to Louisburg to engage in business. He is accompanied by his wife, the former Mrs. Marguerite Finch.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood reports issuing marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of June:

WHITE—Paul Hudson Williams and Annie Lee Sledge, Gary M. Howard, Jr. and Jane Rowland Fuller, Edwin Lawrence Miller, Jr. and Begetta Carolyn Meachalka, Henry Lee West and Pauline Abbott, Edison Theodore Johnson and Estelle Ayscue, Jesse F. Oglesby and Rebecca K. Pearce, Forrest Smith and Louise Chappell, George F. Hill, Jr. and Ida Mae Davis, Alvin B. Champion and Adell Wheeler, Jesse Bernon Williams and Pearlene Bell, Robert Jerome Sawyer and Frances Spivey, T. H. Dickens and Margaret Collins.

COLORED—Frederic Arrington and Beulah Mae Evans, Herman Lee Foster and Bernice Thomas, Wm. Conyers and Essie Mae Perry.

About six million bushels of corn will be brought in from South America in July, according to reports. The corn will be shipped in by private importers. Plans for other shipments are not yet complete.

Keep on buying War Bonds and hold on to all you buy.

Take Capital Of Marianas

Garapan First Jap City To Fall To Allies; Task Force Hits Jap Isles

United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, July 4.—American Marines and Army troops on Saipan Island have captured Garapan, administrative center of the Marianas, and the strategic Tanapag harbor, squeezing the remaining Japanese forces on the island into a nine-square mile pocket. It was disclosed today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who also announced a task force raid on the Volcano Islands, 725 miles from Tokyo.

Apparently throwing the full weight of their invading forces against the length of the island front, the Americans swept forward on Sunday to capture Garapan and the town and harbor of Tanapag on the west coast of the island, seize the mountain village of Atchugau in the center, and push northward to within four miles of Inagsa Point on the east coast.

First Jap City

Garapan, largest town on Saipan, was the first Japanese city to fall to the Americans since the war began.

The attack on Iwo Jima in the Volcano group, the second on the island in a month, was carried out by a fast carried task force whose aircraft shot down 39 enemy fighters, probably bagged 16 more and probably destroyed or damaged at least 24 on the ground.

The task force action against Iwo Jima and an attack by other carrier aircraft and naval surface units against Rota Island, 68 miles south of Saipan, also carried out Sunday, apparently was coordinated with the general offensive on Saipan to prevent enemy aerial opposition.

Seizure of Tanapag gave the American forces a virtually landlocked harbor, the best in the Marianas, which should ease materially the problem of supplying the Saipan ground forces and providing shelter for the great task forces supporting the offensive.

Bury 7,312 Japs

Nimitz disclosed that the advancing American forces had buried a total of 7,312 enemy dead, part of the estimated original 20,000 defenders of the 71-square-mile island only 1,496 miles southeast of Tokyo.

'Postal Notes' to Make Their Appearance Soon

Washington, July 2.—Uncle Sam's new, streamlined "Money Orders" will make their bow soon and a boom business is expected. The money orders, to be known as "Postal Notes," will be issued in fixed denominations of 10 cents, 50 cents and \$1 and up in multiples of 50 cents—for amounts up to \$10. Odd cents will be added by attaching postal note adhesive stamps.

Congress authorized the notes in a little-publicized bill. President Roosevelt liked the idea and signed the measure and the Post Office Department is preparing for a rush business.

The notes will eliminate money order complications for millions of persons and save time, expense and sore arches. The fee for them will be a flat five cents, regardless of denomination, as against 10 to 15 cents for regular money orders.

Purchasers will not be required to fill out application blanks. They simply will buy the notes, attach any necessary stamps and write in the name of the payee. They can be cashed at any post office on proper identification.

About 70 per cent of the money order business is for amounts of \$10 or less. Thus, the new notes will eliminate considerable accounting, correspondence, money transfers required by the present system—and a deficit. Of the 346,000,000 money orders issued annually, the Post Office Department averages a loss of one cent each. This deficit for fiscal 1943 was \$3,269,000.

The nation tried the note system once before—from 1884 to 1894—and the number of orders issued doubled in that period.

YARN ON HAND

The American Red Cross Production Chairman has much yarn on hand to be knitted for our boys in Service. Please knit a sweater or some gloves now.

The disposition of a man to return to the scene of his folly is well nigh irresistible.

Nazis Falling Back

Americans Continue Push Toward Livorno as British Near Port of Ancona

Rome, July 4.—Allied armies registered gains of from four to more than eight miles—along the entire 165-mile Italian front today, overcoming bitter resistance of German suicide units in some sectors.

The Nazis offered particularly fierce opposition along the west coast, where an American infantry combat team stabbed northward from captured Cecina to within 15 miles of Livorno (Leghorn) and within 23 miles of the edge of Pisa.

At points the Yanks were reported within artillery range of the enemy's Gothic Line defenses, running from the Pisa area across the peninsula to Rimini on the Adriatic.

Eighth Army Gains

The Eighth Army mopped up the entire area immediately north of Lake Trasimeno in hard fighting, with some Nazi units resisting "to the last man and the last round," an Allied spokesman said. Magione, on the east side of the lake, was taken after a bitter struggle.

In advancing to within eight miles of the inland communications center of Arezzo, on a main highway to Florence, British and other Eighth Army troops inflicted upon the Germans what were officially announced as the heaviest losses since the Hitler Line was broken.

It was in this immediate area that Hannibal annihilated the trapped Roman army of 15,000 men more than 2,100 years ago. From historic Siena, occupied early yesterday almost without a fight, French colonial infantry and American armored units pushed on to Florence, 31 airline miles away, after pausing only long enough to raise their flags over the city. Only a small garrison was left in Siena.

Red Army Frees Polotsk

London, Wednesday, July 5.—Indomitable Russian troops completed the capture of Polotsk in White Russia yesterday after hours of hand-to-hand fighting, while other Red troops drove 37 miles west of previously-announced positions and pointed a spearhead directly at the ancient Polish city of Wino (Vilna), Moscow said today.

With German defenses crumbling all along the 300-mile front, the vanguard of Gen. Ivan Bagramian's First Baltic Army burst through the sparsely-settled lake country southwest of Polotsk and occupied the railway station of Konstantinov, 48 miles northwest of Wilno.

In this spreading offensive, Bagramian's army also captured more than 300 other places, one of which, the district center of Myerl, was within 10 miles of the Latvian border.

Polotsk, already left far in the rear by the westward rush of the Red armies, was entered Monday by Bagramian's troops and was the scene of bitter street fighting with bayonets and small arms during the night.

Nazis Repelled

Moscow said that the Germans brought up reinforcements and fought fiercely to hold the city of 72,000, their largest remaining foothold on Soviet soil. At least 15 counterattacks were made by the Nazis, striking from their blockhouses and entrenchments behind barbed wire, but none of these stopped the relentless advance of the Soviet tanks and infantry.

The end was inevitable and the German radio finally announced that the Nazis had evacuated the city even before its capture was announced by Premier Marshal Stalin in a special order of the day.

Altogether, nearly 900 places were captured during Tuesday's fighting, the Russian nightly communique announced.

Forty of these were on the northern front, where the Reds continued to drive back the Finns northwest of Petrozavodsk.

In White Russia the Red troops still were mopping up around the capital, Minsk, which was captured Monday, and even farther to the rear in the forests around Bobruisk.

WOUNDED

Tuesday's News-Observer carried an item stating that Pfc. Claude E. Journagan, brother of Easley H. Journagan, Louisburg, was wounded in the European area.

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You Can Help The Boys at The Front By Buying War Bonds