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JAP NAVY DEFEATED

U. S. Loses One Light Carrier

Japs Lost At Least One Battleship, Several Cruisers and Destroyers, With Many Other Vessels Damaged in Philippines Fray; Americans Lose Carrier Princeton; Enemy Plane Losses Soar

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters Pearl Harbor, Oct. 25.—The Japanese navy has been defeated, seriously damaged and routed in the Philippines in momentous engagements with the U. S. fleet which have cost the enemy at least one battleship and one aircraft carrier sunk, at least five battleships and two carriers heavily damaged, and several cruisers and destroyers sunk, it was announced today.

Adm. William F. Halsey, commanding the United States Third Fleet which won one part of the victory, reported to President Roosevelt:

Jap Fleet Crippled
"The Japanese navy in the Philippines area has been defeated, seriously damaged and routed by the United States Navy in that area."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in a special statement: "The Japanese navy has received its most crushing defeat of the war. Its future efforts can only be on a dwindling scale."

Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States fleet, said that virtually the whole Japanese fleet was involved in the series of actions, which extended from the mid-Philippines invasion zone to the waters between the northern Philippines and Formosa.

At least 150 enemy planes have been shot down, and probably the total will prove above 200.

U. S. Carrier Sunk
The United States has lost the 10,000-ton light aircraft carrier Princeton and several PT boats sunk and several escort carriers and destroyers damaged.

MacArthur reported the loss of an American escort carrier. Presumably this was not the Princeton, which is a full-fledged carrier.

The enemy battleship known sunk was of the 28,300-ton Yamashiro class mounting 12 14-inch guns in its main batteries. It was in one of two Japanese battleship formations which attempted to attack MacArthur's invasion forces in the Leyte gulf. Both formations were ripped by Vice Adm. Thomas C. Kinkaid's Seventh Fleet supported by Australian cruisers and carriers of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's fast task force.

United Press War Correspondent Ralph Teatsworth reported in an eye-witness dispatch from Kinkaid's flagship that a second Japanese battleship probably had been sunk and he quoted a Navy spokesman as saying: "The enemy has been decisively defeated with heavy losses. Our fleet is without serious losses and fit to fight tomorrow."

The enemy carrier known sunk, a large one, was destroyed by carrier-borne planes of Halsey's Third Fleet off the northern Philippines.

Details Yet to Come
Details of a momentous American naval victory, possibly in its full implication the most important of the war, are still to come. Damage done to the enemy is not yet known in full.

MacArthur reported that Monday, Pearl Harbor time—Tuesday, Philippines time—the Japanese attempted a big aerial attack on his invasion fleet. The enemy planes swept over the Leyte Gulf just after dawn. Carrier planes intercepted them, broke up their formations and defeated them. Fifty-three enemy planes were destroyed by planes and anti-aircraft guns.

Tuesday, Pearl Harbor—today, Philippines time—two Japanese fleets moved in to attack MacArthur's invasion zone.

One went in from the south through the Surigao Strait south of Leyte. The other went in through the San Bernardino Pass north of Leyte and adjacent Samar.

In the Surigao force were two Japanese battleships, a heavy cruiser, a light cruiser and four destroyers. Kinkaid moved in with his combat ships and carrier planes. The enemy fleet was routed. The battleship was sunk early in the engagement.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Leyte, Philippines, Thursday, Oct. 26.—American dismounted cavalry troops have invaded Sa-

UNITED WAR FUND

The United War Fund Drive of Franklin County is now on. Franklin County has been requested to raise 10,000 for the War Fund. It is hoped that every man, woman and child will contribute to the utmost of their means to this worthy cause. Franklin County has been blessed with good crops and very few casualties of War so far. Let us show our appreciation by contributing freely.

mar, third largest of the Philippines and last island barrier on the road to Luzon and Manila, while forces fighting on Leyte have punched nine miles inland to seize the key road junction of Burauen.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur also announced in a special communique that Field Marshal Count Juichi Terauchi's Japanese defenders of the northern Leyte front were "disintegrating" under the American hammer blows.

Philippines in Action
The three-mile American advance which occupied Burauen, southern terminus of an inland highway, split the Japanese lines in northern Leyte, and threw the enemy back toward the hills; where fierce Filipino guerrillas were reported in action.

The new American triumphs pushed our lines nine miles inland and raised to 31 the number of towns and villages captured. Six airfields also have been seized.

The invasion of Samar, with an area of 5,124 square miles, was made by dismounted cavalry of Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's First Cavalry division which preceded the assault with a 17-mile amphibious drive up the northeastern Leyte coast which lengthened the American lines on Leyte to 53 miles.

Bound Over To Court

On Charge of Robbery; Waives Bill Before Mayor Webb

Braxton Tart, 21, claiming his home located near Ingleside, was arrested the past week and lodged in jail, charged with having knocked William Lawson Griffin, of Selma, down with a wine bottle on Spring Street in Louisville on Wednesday night, and robbing him. Tart at first denied his guilt but said several men attacked both of them, but later admitted that he did the robbery by himself and got \$5.00. Griffin was struck across the mouth injuring both lips, and knocking out two teeth, it was reported.

The hearing was given Tart before Mayor Webb, and bond was placed at \$500 which was later given.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

Hallowe'en Carnival

The Louisville Lions Club will sponsor a Hallowe'en Carnival for young people and adults on Tuesday night, October 31, 7:00 P. M. at the Armory.

A worthwhile program of clean fun is being planned for the entertainment of the entire family. Prizes will be offered for the best costume, funniest and etc. Lionesses are being requested to make sandwiches for the carnival. Various Lions will have charge of the various phases of the Carnival.

Come out one and all to the Lions Club Hallowe'en Carnival, Tuesday night, October 31, at 7:00 P. M. at the Armory.

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PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisville Theatre, beginning Saturday, Oct. 28th:

Saturday—Rod Cameron and Fuzzy Knight in 'Boss of Boomtown' and Chester Morris and Janis Carter in 'One Mysterious Night,' also 'Haunted Harbor' serial.

Sunday—Ina Ray Hutton and Band, Hugh Herbert and Ann Savage in 'Ever Since Venus.'

Monday-Tuesday—Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Raymond Massey, Jack Carson and Peter Lorre in 'Arsenic and Old Lace.'

Wednesday—Roy Rogers and Dale Evans in 'San Fernando Valley,' also 'Flying Cadets' serial.

Thursday-Friday—Irene Dunne, Alan Marshall and Roddy McDowall in 'The White Cliffs of Dover.'

TOBACCO WAR BOND DRIVE

Capt. Geo. Lumpkin Leads Pvt. Roy Jones Strong in Second; Union Warehouse Leads in Sales

Captain George Lumpkin is still leading with the largest amount of War Bonds bought in his honor and Pvt. Roy Jones remains in second place. Pvt. Jones has held second place since the beginning of the Tobacco War Bond Drive.

Union Warehouse continues to lead in bond sales with a total of \$3,800.00. Planters' Warehouse is second with \$925.00 and Southside is third with \$800.00. A total of \$5,526.00 in bonds have been sold in the 3 warehouses.

War Bonds have been bought in Franklin County honoring the following men and women, who are in the armed services:

Lt. Helen R. Allen, Camp Wolters, Texas; Lt. W. B. Jenkins, Camp McCoy, Wis.; Lt. Col. Edward F. Griffin, European Theatre; J. P. Underhill, France; Hugh H. Perry, Jr., European Theatre; David F. Collier, South Pacific; Max Wilder, Overseas; Capt. Darrel L. Perry, France; Lt. Col. Frank W. Wheelers, Jr., Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N. C.; Sgt. Mary Harris Freeman, Army Air Base, Maxton, N. C.; Ben Clay, Sjc, Overseas; John Clay, Pbm, 1c, Naval Hospital, Little Creek, Va.; Pvt. Roy Jones, Belgium; Lt. Col. C. B. Sturgess, France; Minor Gouverneur, Overseas; Capt. George Lumpkin, New River, N. C.; Beauford Harris, New Guinea, and George Freeman, Camp Jackson, S. C.

Do you honestly feel that you are doing everything in your power to back up the boys on the various fronts? If you want to do more and help win the war, BUY MORE WAR BONDS. REMEMBER YOU NEVER GET BACK LESS THAN YOU ORIGINALLY PUT IN THE BOND.

MRS. ZOLLIE C. WHEELER DEAD

Funeral services for Mrs. Zollie C. Wheeler, 53, of Louisville, Route 1, who died at her home early Saturday were conducted by the Rev. Claude Chaffin from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery here.

Surviving are her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Lee Baker and Mrs. J. V. Arnold, both of Louisville, Route 1, and Mrs. Mary Howell of Henderson, and three brothers, J. T. Young and J. W. Young, both of Louisville, Route 1, and Larry Young, of South Hill, Va.

The pall bearers were Percy Joyner, John P. Moore, Owen Wilder, Carl S. Harris, William Hill, John Wright.

Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

RAGLAND-RAGLAND

Mrs. Maude E. Ragland, of Louisville and H. G. Ragland, Sr., of Raleigh, were united in marriage Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the pastor's study at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bradus Jones officiating at the ceremony.

Mrs. Ragland wore an olive green suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Ragland will be at home in Louisville.—News-Observer.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The services on the 21st Sunday after Trinity will be at the usual hours, announced Rev. Harry S. Cobey, Rector. Subject of sermon, "Awareness."

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN (AND WOMEN) TO COME TO THE AID OF THE PARTY

Our State and National Committees are urgently calling on us for funds with which to carry on this Campaign and it is up to us, who have no local fight on, as loyal Democrats to put our shoulders to the wheel.

Mr. A. F. Johnson will accept contributions and we urge every one in the County who can do so to send, in cash or check payable to A. F. Johnson, Treas., a any amount (small or large) as early as possible.

E. H. Malone, Chairman For Democratic Executive Committee for Franklin County.

PRICES IMPROVING

ALL GRADES SELLING WELL AND STRONG

Tobacco Selling As High As \$50—Large Number Farmers Selling and Expressing Satisfaction

According to information given out yesterday by Sales Supervisor James Speed, tobacco has been selling on the Louisville Market the past week as high as \$50 and all grades showing a strong increase and demand. Many farmers have been on the market the past week and in most all cases have expressed satisfaction. Many new comers are joining the Louisville Market.

Sales the past week have been heavy, but the carry over from day to day has been light. Most all growers getting a sale each day.

The entire spirit surrounding the market makes one realize that Louisville is the Friendly Market not only to sell tobacco but on which to buy the necessities of life.

Get your tobacco ready and bring it on to Louisville.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

A special memorial service will be held in the Methodist Church here Sunday morning for J. H. Joyner, S. J. C., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joyner, who was killed in the invasion of France on June 8.

Chaplain G. T. Holman of Camp Butler will be the guest speaker and members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary and Boy Scouts will attend the services.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday evening November 3rd at 8 o'clock in the Commissioners Room in the Court House. Members please be present, and invite others who are eligible to join. We have one hundred charter members, which is a record charter, not only in North Carolina, but in the United States. The more members we have the better service we will be able to give our veterans. JOIN NOW and do your part in helping win the war and the peace.

JESSIE TAYLOR HARRIS, Secretary.

P. T. A. MEETS

The Parent-Teachers Association of Mills High School held its second meeting of the year Thursday afternoon, Oct. 19th.

Taking part on the program were Mr. Forrest Hedden, Mr. E. C. Jernigan, Mrs. James King, Mrs. R. G. Bailey, Miss Margaret Strickland and Mrs. Alice Uzell.

A good attendance enjoyed this program. The next meeting will be "Father's Night meeting" to be held Nov. 16th. The Fathers are especially invited to attend this meeting. A splendid program has been planned including an out-of-town speaker.

STUPP-ALLEN

Camp Wolters, Texas.—First Lieutenant Helen R. Allen, assistant adjutant at Camp Wolters, and Capt. John P. Stupp, formerly assistant personnel officer of the Infantry Replacement Training Center here, were united in marriage at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., 16 October.

Lt. Allen, of Louisville, N. C. is the daughter of Mrs. Felix H. Allen, Sr., also of Louisville. Capt. Stupp is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin P. Stupp, of St. Louis, Mo. He is now the adjutant of the 2nd Battalion of the 144th Infantry, at Camp Van Dorn.

The wedding took place at the 144th Infantry Regimental Chapel at Camp Van Dorn. After the ceremony, the couple left on a wedding trip to New Orleans, La., following which Lt. Allen will return to Camp Wolters.

Lt. Allen attended Sweetbrier College, Virginia, and entered the Army in March 1943. She received her commission as an officer in the Women's Army Corps at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., in November 1943, and then reported to Camp Wolters, where she has been stationed ever since as the assistant adjutant.

Capt. Stupp attended Lehigh University at Bethlehem, Pa., and is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He held a reserve commission and entered on active duty May 1942. He was at Camp Wolters from July 1943 until the end of last month.

The WFA has ordered packers operating under Federal inspection to set aside 80 per cent of all canner and cutter beef for overseas military operations and other war uses.

LOG CABIN

Franklin - Warren District Meeting of The Boy Scout Executive Committee

The possibility of building a log cabin for the Boy Scouts was one of the subjects discussed at a lively meeting of the Boy Scout Executive committee meeting held at Mrs. Beasley's Cafe on October 19th.

Mr. Cecil Webb, the hard working and efficient Field Executive, met with the present executive committee, and presented as the first order of business, the formation of a nominating committee, with Mayor Webb as chairman, to name candidates for District Chairman, Vice Chairman and Commissioner for the Franklin-Warren District of the Occaneechee Boy Scout Council. The committee is to be appointed by Mr. P. H. Massey the present District Chairman, with membership from other communities in the District where there are troops.

A report of the advancement at the last Court of Honor was made by Mr. Louis M. Word. This included 1 Eagle Scout, 1 Star Scout, 2 First Class Scouts and ten merit badges.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster, Chairman for health and safety, stated that a more satisfactory meeting place for the scouts should be secured. This brought out a suggestion that a log cabin might be built in which the boys would take pride as a building of their own. It was also suggested that though such a cabin would belong to the scouts and therefore be under their charge, yet it could also be used for other activities of the young people of Louisville. Mr. Jernigan, Chairman for Leadership Training was then requested to present this project to the City Commissioners and other organizations that might be interested in helping make the Scout cabin a reality.

The next District meeting is to be held on November tenth and progress along various lines in scouting from Louisville and other communities is expected to be reported at that time.

Co. 8, N. C. S. G. At Camp

A letter from Company Clerk Alex T. Wood received the past week giving information of the members in attendance contained in this statement, which most of us can appreciate. "There is no place on earth like old Louisville, North Carolina. One day away and I am home sick."

The following is a list of the Company personnel in training at Fort Bragg for one week:

Captain: Paul W. Elam.
2nd Lt.: James Lee Johnson.
1st Sgt.: Hugh R. Moseley.
Sgts. Grade IV: Thomas K. Arnold, Jr., Lee H. Bell, Thomas Van N. Bass, John U. Perry, John A. Parrish, Willie B. Roberson, Alex T. Wood.
Spls. Grade V: Zollie T. Joyner, James (Joseph) W. Shearon, Howard E. Stallings, Frank A. Reavis.

Privates First Class: Leherald M. Bunn, Charles G. Bass, David L. Faulkner, Harvill Harris, Chester A. Ragland, Jr.
Privates Grade VII: Willard V. Andrews, Walter J. Debnam, John R. Debnam, Bunnie C. Finch, Robert I. Frazier, Claude A. Forsyth, Early C. Gupton, Fletcher T. Griffin, Ellis R. Horton, James (Jimmie) B. Ragland, Jones Lemar Wheeler, Cleveland V. White.

PROMOTED

Information was received this week announcing the promotion of Lt. (jg) Willard A. Huggins to Lieutenant, United States Naval Reserve. Lt. Huggins is now stationed on the Pacific Coast.

COMPLETES COURSE

William W. Ragland has completed the 4 weeks course of Road Grader at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is a Private in the Corps of Engineers. He is the son of Mrs. C. A. Ragland and the late Mr. Ragland, of Louisville.

He was born on March 5, 1920. He attended Mills High School and Louisville College. He is married to the former Alice Ford. Their home is at Franklinton, N. C.

He entered the Army on April 15, 1944 at Fort Bragg, N. C. Before entering the service, he was employed by Mecklenburg Construction Co. as Grade Foreman.

The rat has been known as a waster and destroyer of food and materials, and as a dangerous carrier of disease. Recently, swine erysipelas was found in a rat.

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GREG CHERRY SPEAKS HERE

TO FARM BUREAU MEMBERS AND VISITORS

In Armory At 12 O'clock Yesterday—Large Number Were Present to Start The Membership Drive in Formal Force

Quite a large number of farmers and others were present at the Armory in Louisville yesterday morning to hear a splendid address by Hon. R. Greg Cherry, North Carolina's next Governor, and to formally set in high gear the membership campaign of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

Greg is a fine speaker and his effort at this time was one of his best, and brought pleasing satisfaction to his many hearers. The activity of the Franklin County farmers in lining up behind the Farm Bureau was given a great momentum and as a result the membership list was greatly boosted. The aim of this drive to make every farmer a member and they are hoping and expecting to reach the one hundred mark.

Following the address a big barbecue dinner was spread and many enjoyed the great old Southern picnic makings.

College to Celebrate Home-Coming

Louisburg College will celebrate Home-Coming week-end on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, when alumnae and alum from many parts of North Carolina are invited to be present for several events.

The Annual Home-Coming Banquet will be held in the college dining hall at 6:30. Participating in the banquet program will be: Mrs. M. S. Davis, Louisville, Vice President of the Alumni Association; Miss Lula May Stipe, Secretary; Professor J. W. Carmichael, Head of the Department of Dramatic Arts; and Dr. Walter Patton, President of the College.

Officers for the coming year will be elected. At 9:00 o'clock Saturday night in the college social hall the annual Home-Coming dance will be held.

On Sunday morning the Reverend Forrest Hedden of the Louisville Methodist Church will conduct a special service for the returning alumni and dinner will be served in the college dining hall at 12:30 noon.

ATTENDS MEETING

Franklin County Welfare Superintendent, Mrs. J. F. Mitchner, was in Raleigh this week to attend the sessions of the 25th annual Public Welfare Institute at the Sir Walter Hotel.

The Institute is held under the sponsorship of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the division of public welfare and social work of the University of North Carolina. The meetings have been held without interruption since 1919.

The 1944 meeting opened Wednesday morning at 9:30 and will close shortly after noon Friday after three days of discussion of the theme "Looking Toward the Future in Public Welfare."

CIVILIAN GOODS

Washington, Oct. 23.—The War Production Board announced tonight that it had authorized \$192,441,000 worth of civilian production in 772 manufacturing plants having labor and machinery not needed for war work.

Included are \$10,735,000 worth of vacuum cleaner, \$35,971,000 worth of bed springs and inner-spring mattresses, and \$15,537,000 worth of household aluminum ware to be made over the next 12 months.

With WPB granting applications for such "spot" authorizations at a rate of \$50 a week, the 12-month civilian production total is expected to climb rapidly in the next few weeks.

Spot authorizations for civilian production are those made "on the spot" by WPB field offices to take care of firms and workers left idle by war production cutbacks.

WPB said that plants employed fewer than 50 workers have received 71 per cent of all the "spot" approvals.

The "spot" approvals included these from the following offices for these amounts: Charlotte, N. C., \$223,000; Raleigh, S. C., \$467,000, and Columbia, S. C., \$697,000.

TOWN BUYS CHLORINATOR

TO EMPLOY ANOTHER POLICEMAN

Mostly Routine Business Attended to in Special Meeting of The Board

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session at 7:30 p. m. Oct. 23, 1944. All members of the Board were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to open and consider sealed bids on a chlorinator, and to attend to any other business.

Only one bid was received on chlorinators, it being a bid from Wallace & Tiernan Co., Inc. The Board passed a motion to purchase one Wallace & Tiernan Manual Controlled Visible Vacuum Solution Feed Chlorinator, Type MSVM for the sum of \$1,460.00. This chlorinator is to be installed on the raw water line to protect our water against B. Coli contamination, in accordance with recommendations from the N. C. State Board of Health.

After considering a request from the Little River Ice Co. to extend a water line to its new plant with capacity to furnish residents along this line with water, the Board decided against this proposal.

The Board appointed Mr. N. F. Freeman as Trustee of the Fireman's Relief Fund, to fill the existing vacancy.

In order to remedy the condition of the members of the Police force, having to work twelve hours per day, the Board voted to employ a fourth policeman.

The following motion was adopted: "That the Board of Commissioners employ an additional policeman at a salary of \$35.00 per week, and that officers Denton and Moore be paid \$35.00 per week effective from the date that the additional officer is employed." The Board decided to consider applications for the new opening on the police force at its next regular meeting on Nov. 10th, 1944.

The Board approved the sale of a cemetery plot in the old Oakwood Cemetery to Mr. Zollie Wheeler for the sum of \$50.00, and plot in this section was approved for sale to Jones Beasley for the sum of \$37.50.

The installation of a street light on the Halifax road near the residence of Robert Arendell, Jr., was ordered by the Board.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Inducted

The following is a list of white boys inducted into Army service on October 22nd:

Lonnie Steward Cottrell, Sumner Forrest Smith, James Dorfer Champion, Marvin Daniel Cone, Henry Lee Asycue, Hubert Roberts, William Woodrow Wilson, Grover Thomas Harrison, Johnnie Clinton King, John Henry Hight, William Fleming Harris, Ben Howard Griffin, Mollie Artice Marshall, Jones Edwin Williams, Billie Hilliard Privette, Maynard Beam Brewer, Forest Bryant Purnell, Harold Edwards, Willard Edward Radford, Hilley William Edwards, Johnnie Hugh Pernel, Garland Mitchell Gilliam, Carl Emmitt Moore, Jeffere Lee Wheelers, Walter Johnson Nash, Horan Harrison Johnson, Eugene Edward Perry, Graham Everette Purnell, John Wilder Strange, Shelby Dempsey Davis, Willie Bruce Pearce, Ned Norris Denton, Herman Earle Williams, Thomas Abbott, Jim Charles Finch, James Madison Pearce, Ashley Bell Jones, Junior Clyde Medlin, Fred William Layton, Joseph Beckwith Nowell, Jr., Julian David Wynne, James Thomas Bartholomew, William Brantley, Horace Wiley Marshall, Willie Wilson Denton, Archie Leroy Long, James Edward Arnold, Norward Cratemman Pearce, James Kade Spencer, Jr., William Green Alley, Wilson Perry Clay, Wade Edison Medlin, Wilma Lee Batten, Garland Steward Goswick, Woodrow Eva Pendleton, Forest Newell Mustian.

Ned Norris Denton, Zebulon N. C. R. 2, is the FIFTH son of Mr. Allison P. Denton to enter service. It is believed that this family holds the record for Franklin County.

FLEMING-WILLIAMS

Announcements as follows have been received by friends of the contracting parties:

"Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Arthur Williams announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Thomas, to Dr. Arthur Hynes Fleming, on Thursday, the third of August, nineteen hundred and forty-four, First Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

"At Home, 307 1/2 North Main Street, Louisville, North Carolina."