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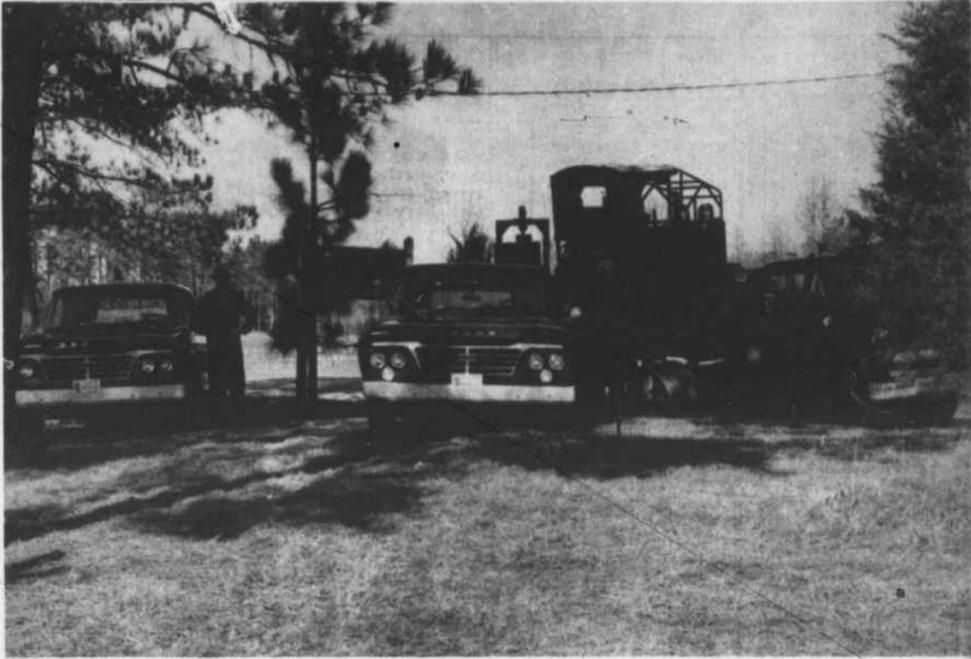
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Forestry Service's Franklin County Unit

County Forest Ranger Joseph E. Smith, center, Smokechaser Willie Frank Bartholomew, left, and Heavy Equipment Operator W. C. Hunt pose with their forest fire fighting units at the Franklin County Fire Tower. - Times Photo.

County Forest Ranger

187,500 Acres Of Responsibility

Joseph E. Smith, Franklin County Forest Ranger, has the responsibility of protecting the county's 187,500 woodland acres.

His primary duties are fire prevention, detection and suppression. This includes everything from actually fighting fires to filling out reports and records.

He is responsible for the care and maintenance of all the Forest Service equipment in the County, enforcing the forest protection laws of North Carolina and aiding the District Service Forester in forest management work with local landowners.

While Smith's position as County Forest Ranger is relatively new, he has been working with the N. C. Division of Forestry for the last ten years.

County Ranger Smith has four assistants to help him in carrying out his responsibility of controlling wood fires in the County.

W. C. Hunt, Rt. #3, Louisburg is the full-time equipment operator. His main job is to operate the TD-9 tractor and fire plow on larger or more serious fires.

Maintenance on this tractor and plow is a daily requirement as he must be ready at all times while the tractor and plow is stationed in Franklin County, it is also available for plowing fires in adjoining counties if needed.

Willie Frank Bartholomew, Rt. #2, Louisburg works on Smokechaser for seven months during the year. He works during the period of the year that Franklin County usually has the most fires, that is from October to May.

His main job is to check smokes sighted by the tower operator or to check on fires reported by telephone and to

take immediate action to suppress these fires. Mrs. Edith Gilliam, Rt. #2, Louisburg acts as the "eyes" for the Forest Service in Franklin County. As Tower operator she keeps a watchful eye for suspicious smokes which might mean a wild fire.

Upon seeing such smoke she can "cross it out" with a tower in an adjoining county to get the exact location of the smoke before sending someone to check on it. Mrs. Gilliam works from September to June.

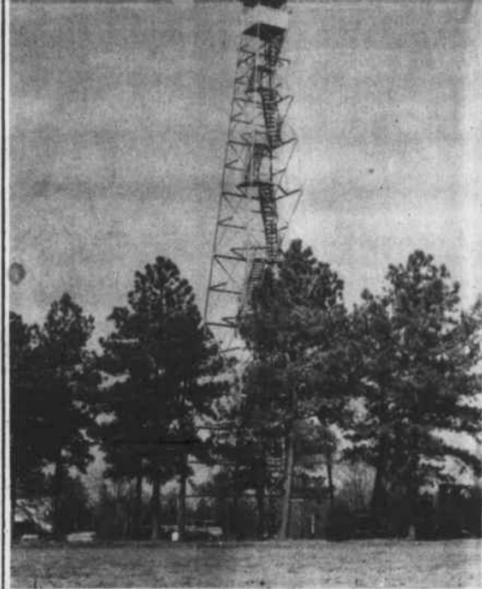
Mrs. Eilwen Perdue, Rt. #2 Louisburg, operates the tower on the week ends and whenever the regular tower operator is not available. All Forest Service vehicles and the fire tower are equipped with two-way radios. The pickup trucks are also equipped with portable pumps and water tanks, fire rakes, fire flops, axes, shovels, back-pack water pumps and other fire fighting equipment.

The two-way radio is an extremely valuable tool and assures the Rangers of a fast initial attack on woods fires. The forest protection laws of North Carolina require that a permit be obtained before burning brush or other material within 500 feet of any woodland between the hours of midnight and 4:00 p.m. Obtaining a permit does not relieve a person of the responsibility of controlling the fire. Safety measures, such as raking or disking around the fire, must be taken to prevent the fire from spreading.

Ranger Smith solicits the help of every person in Franklin County in helping the Forest Service prevent, detect and control woods fires. One careless moment may start a fire and

destroy timber that it took years to grow. The Forest Service is ready day or night to fight forest fires in Franklin County. Be careful not to let your fire

escape, but if it does, or you see a woods fire, immediately call the Forest Service. You may call County Ranger Smith at GY6-4095 or the fire tower at GY6-3665.



Fire Tower

Mrs. Eilwen Perdue, Relief Tower Operator, scans the horizon for smoke from atop the 100 ft. Fire Tower several miles east of Louisburg. - Times Photo.

Arrest Clears Up Break-in Wave Here

A 40 year-old negro prison parolee has been charged with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with break-ins at the Tastee-Freeze, Village Texaco Service, Shearon's Grocery, Burnette's Service Station and Moore's Service Station here, according to Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement today.

Dement said that Garland McGeiger, a parolee at Leonard Bros. Farm who has been in and out of prison for the past twenty years on various charges including safe cracking, is also being investigated in connection with break-ins at the Louisburg Milling Co., where a safe was ripped open, the Murphy House, Tonkel's Dept. Store and the Village Drive-In.

Dement said that McGeiger's arrest came about as the result of a trip from a local merchant following a police request that merchants be on the

look-out for anyone spending any large quantities of coins. Assisting Dement in the investigation were SBI Agent L. M. Harton of Henderson and Gene Hartsville, State Probation Officer. Indications are that Hartsville will attempt to revoke McGeiger's parole and that he will have to complete his current 10 year term in addition to facing the additional charges.

Award

Carolina Telephone this month will honor Isaac L. Cooper of Louisburg for having completed 5 years of telephone service. He will receive a miniature gold emblem award signifying the number of years of service attained. Cooper is employed by the company as a janitor in the Plant Department here.

On City Council

Thomas Named To Replace Johnson

Ernest F. Thomas, 69 year-old semi-retired local newspaperman, was named to fill the un-expired term of Councilman A. F. Johnson, Jr., on the Louisburg City Council at a special meeting of the Council Tuesday night.

Johnson, who is moving to Sanford, N. C., resigned from

the Council earlier this month. A native of Louisburg, Thomas attended Louisburg High School and Louisburg College, and has been employed at The Franklin Times continuously since 1911. He is a veteran of World War I, a charter member of the local American Legion Post, member of the 40

& 8 and the Louisburg Methodist Church, where he has served on the official board for many years.

He and his wife, the former Ruth Webb, reside on North Main Street.

Thomas' appointment follows the long standing custom to appoint the next highest candidate in cases of vacancies occurring on the Council. He is expected to take the oath of office on or before the next Council meeting.

In other action the Council heard a representative of the R. D. Cole Manufacturing Co., erectors of the town's new overhead water storage tank, in relation to a contract construction penalty. The matter was taken under advisement by the Council.



E. F. Thomas

Food Application Dates Announced

The Franklin County Welfare Department Wednesday announced the schedule by townships for applications for certification to receive surplus foods under the Commodity Distribution Program.

Mrs. Jane M. York said that nearly 450 households had been interviewed and certified eligible to receive the free food to date and that less than 10 per cent of the applicants applying had been found ineligible. The first actual distribution of the free surplus foods was made last week.

Applications from needy families in Louisburg Township are being taken this week at the Surplus Food office upstairs over the Welfare Office on Court Street and the schedule of persons in other townships is as follows:

Cedar Rock, January 24 and 27; Sandy Creek - Gold Mine, January 28 and 29; Cypress Creek - Hayesville, January 30 and 31; Youngsville - Harris, February 3 and 4; Franklinton, February 5 and 6; and Dunn (No. 1 and 2) February 7 and 10.

Mrs. York stated that under the program the County is reimbursed at the rate of \$2 per head for the first 1,000; \$1 per head for the next 1,000; and 50¢ per head thereafter to help defray the cost of administering the program.

The next food distribution date is set for January 27.

\$100 Reward Posted For Wanted Man

Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion today announced the posting of a \$100 cash reward for information and conviction of Willie Frank Roberts, 50 year-old Rocky Ford Community negro.

Roberts is wanted in connection with the rape and kidnapping of a young Rocky Ford negro girl and with severely wounding the girl's younger sister some several months ago.

Anyone having any information as to the whereabouts of Roberts is requested to contact Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion immediately.

Fuller Takes Oath As Water Boss

Walter E. Fuller was sworn in Tuesday as director of the State Department of Water Resources at a ceremony in the old Senate chamber of the Capitol.

The oath was administered by Associate Justice William H. Bobbitt of the State Supreme Court. Fuller succeeded Col. Harry Brown in the post Jan. 2.

Gov. Sanford told the gathering, "I regard this as one of the most important endeavors of the State of North Carolina. Water is one of the great wealths of our State."

He said that industries need water and that some states have had water shortages while "North Carolina has an excellent supply."

Dog Returned To Franklinton Man

A Great Dane dog was returned to a Franklinton attorney, after the animal was spotted in a northbound vehicle on U. S. 1 bypass at Henderson Monday afternoon.

Henderson police Sgt. P. L. Ellis, Jr., said local officers were alerted by Franklinton police radio to watch for a 1960 model station wagon believed to have been carrying the dog Monday afternoon. Capt. A. P. Byrd spotted the vehicle, which he said was driven by Anson Reginald Burlingame, of

Hudson Falls, N. Y. Burlingame was quoted as saying he had found the Great Dane lying in the road, apparently injured, and when he was unable to locate the owner he placed the dog in his station wagon and headed northward toward his New York home.

The dog's owner, Franklinton attorney Hubert H. Senter, was contacted and arrived here to claim the animal. No charges were filed in the case.

Local Rescuer Is Honored At Party

A veteran local Rescuer was honored at a surprise party at the local Rescue Headquarters Building Friday night.

A. F. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Louisburg Fire Department Committee which organized the Louisburg Rescue Service back in 1948, and his wife, were guests of honor at the party, hosted by Dr. John T. Lloyd and attended by members of the Rescue Service and local Medical Society and their wives.

Veteran Rescuer and Mayor Pro-Tem Robert M. Hicks, himself a charter member of the organization, outlined the progress of the unit since its organization and presented a large framed photograph of Johnson which was hung in the Rescue Building. At the bottom of the photo was a bronze plaque bearing the following inscription, "A. F. Johnson, Jr., Founder Louisburg Rescue Service, 1948."

In acknowledging the tribute, Johnson, who is leaving Louisburg to join the Robert's Company in Sanford the first of the month, gave credit for the unit to local volunteer firemen, who sponsored the organization of the unit and bought the original rescue truck, the dedication and hard work of the members of the Service, the cooperation and backing of the local medical society and staff at Franklin Memorial Hospital, and the acceptance and wholehearted support by the people of Louisburg and Franklin County.

"All of the people of Franklin County have contributed to and can take just pride in this service organization," he said, "and what little I may have been privileged to contribute has been repaid in full measure in the knowledge of what this organization means to this area."

The occasion was brought to an abrupt end by an emergency alarm that sent the Rescuers, dressed in their Sunday best, out to a muddy, bloody accident, to continue their lifesaving work, begun 16 years ago.

No Choice
Little Nellie was asked the difference between the quick and the dead.
"The quick are those who get out of the way in time, the dead are those who don't."

Notices Of Feed Grain Bases Out

Franklin County producers should have received their 1964 feed grain bases, yields per acre and diversion payment rates from the ASCS office in Louisburg.

The total feed grain base will consist of corn, barley and grain sorghum. Any producer may divert the larger of 25 acres or 50% of the farm base, whichever is larger. Those who wish to divert the entire acreage will be paid at the high or additional rate.

Anyone interested in diverting at least 20% of the farm base will be paid at the low and high rate if more than 20% is diverted. If a producer wishes to divert a part of the farm base and plant the

remainder two payments will be paid the producer. The first payment will be for diverting some acreage and the other will be a price support payment on the acres planted.

For example, if a farm has a feed grain base of 20 acres of corn and diverts the minimum acreage (4.0 acres), payment will be made at the low rate. If the producer plants the permitted acreage of corn (16 acres) an additional payment will be made on the planted acreage based on acres planted times the normal yield per acre times \$.15 per bushel.

The program will be basically the same as the one in effect for 1963.



Top Performance Bull

MSF Mesa Domino 25, outstanding yearling bull from North Carolina's top performance tested herd of Polled Herefords, is shown above with breeders Roger Moss (left) and Clifton Moss (right), Kittrell, N. C. The yearling was pur-

chased by Armour and Company and will be put through about three years of rigid progeny testing as a candidate for the company's Beef Cattle improvement (BCI) stud at Denver, Colo.