

Showers this morning. Clearing, cooler in afternoon. Friday, partly cloudy, cool. Low today, 58; high, 69.

Food, rest, mental peace and exercise are the four golden keys to old age. Better try to take advantage of this advice.

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## Polio Oral Vaccine Drive To Start In County March 22nd

A community-wide effort to wipe out polio in Franklin County will be launched by the Franklin County Medical Society, assisted by the Louisburg Junior Woman's Club, it was announced today by Dr. Doyle Medders.

Dr. Medders urged citizens of all ages to turn out at immunization stations on March 22 to receive their first dose of the new Sabin oral polio vaccine.

"While there has been a dramatic decline in the number of cases of paralytic polio," Dr. Medders said, "the disease is not yet defeated. In the United States, there were more than 1500 cases of polio in 1961. More than 800 of these suffered either death or some sort of paralysis from the disease.

"The Sabin vaccine may be the final answer to the fight against this dreaded disease. The vaccine is easy to administer--no injection; it provides rapid action--in about one week, and it helps break the chain of transmission by stimulating intestinal resistance to future infection.

"Recent licensing of the Type III vaccine," he added, "means that the possibility of wiping out polio as a threat to our children or to their parents is closer than ever before. We have the tools. Now it's up to the community to use them."

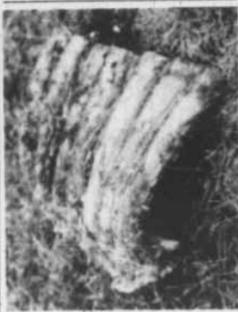
Polio is caused by any one of the three types of virus. The government last year licensed an oral vaccine against Types I and II and recently granted a license for distribution of oral vaccine against Type III. All three of the oral vaccines were developed by Dr. Albert B. Sabin of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

The vaccine will be administered at ten immunization centers in strategic locations throughout the county. The vaccine can be administered to infants by dropper, spoon or paper cup. Older children and adults can drink a mixture of vaccine and distilled water or eat a cube of sugar on which the vaccine has been dropped.

The local registration will be through pre-registration slips given to all school children and also at each clinic site.

The vaccines will be dispensed at Louisburg High School, Gold Sand High School, Bunn High School, Edward Best High School, Franklinton High School, Youngsville High School, Youngsville Elementary School, B. W. Person-Franklinton, Riverside High School, Perrys High School, Gethsemane School.

Clinic dates are March 22, April 19 and May 17, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m.



Whatsit?

Is this the remains of a "Killer Dingo"? Back, maybe to haunt? Whatever it is, it was found on the lawn of The Times early Sunday morning. Cans, bottles and papers we have, but Ribs of Beef, raw, that is, we don't need. If it was thrown from a moving car, hitchhikers should beware. The driver might be a cannibal. -Times Staff Photo.

## Does It Hurt Local Economy?

# Federal Food Plan

Franklin County's Free Food Program... Is It Good or Bad? As it is with all questions, there are two sides. The recipients and the Welfare Department say it's good. Some merchants and citizens say it's bad. Good or bad, it has been in progress in Franklin County since January 15th. If it is to continue, the Commissioners must act at their April meeting.

The Program is a Federal Project. For Franklin or any other county to participate in it, the Program must first get approval of the County Commissioners. It is administered locally by the Welfare Department and state-wide by the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

The procedure for becoming eligible to receive the surplus food is somewhat complicated to those making application. While rather simple, once it is understood, it nevertheless takes time to fill out the blanks and to get verification from an applicant's employer or landlord. To process the large number of applicants, an office was opened for this purpose. For the past two months, office this office has been open five days each week. This has been reduced to Tuesdays and Wednesdays effective March 1st.

"The rush is over," one worker put it. Once names and numbers have been recorded, an applicant must then get a verification in writing from his employer stating that he is receiving less than \$200 per month, if a family head, or \$75 per month if applicant is an individual. The applicant, once approved, is given a card with the date he or she is to pick up his surplus food. He may receive the free food once a month. All this is recorded. Mr. J. E. Perry, Jr., is in charge of the distribution office located in the Seaboard building on South Main St. David Terrell is his assistant and handles the distribution to the recipient.

Mrs. M. M. Person, Jr. is in charge of the Application Office and recently Mrs. Blanche Rouse has been employed to assist. Welfare recipients are processed through the Welfare Department's regular office and their approval or rejection comes through the main office. The application office processes those not covered in the

local Welfare Program. Mr. Perry reported that Tuesday of this week, 639 people received food from the distribution point. He added, "I processed 142 people, with an average of 3 to 4 in their families, on Tuesday". He said, "Around 10,000 pounds of food is handed out each day we operate here." The dates for March are 3, 4, 5 of this week and each Tuesday and Thursday thereafter. This figures 90,000 pounds of food for the month of March. Mrs. Person indicated that the figure had run about the same since the program started or around 25,000 pounds of food given by the end of March.

What is this doing to the economy of Franklin County? "It's going to destroy the merchant if it last long enough", is one answer received to the inquiry, "what is the free food plan doing to your business." One groceryman said, "It has cut my flour sales in half, but has not bothered anything else." A Louisburg merchant said it



had hurt his flour, beans and lard sales considerably. Another, a few blocks away, said, it hadn't hurt his business at all and that he had had an increase since January. A county groceryman stated that his business was off considerably in January, but picked up in February. The free food plan had nothing to do with it, he added. Another Louisburg food dealer said, "My entire grocery business is off at least one half." He blamed the program for it.

A local department store, said, "It has increased my business. They can use the money they have been spending for food, on clothing". Another clothier said, "I can't see any difference. My business is showing an increase". One merchant said, "It's the silliest setup ever on the face of the earth". But added, "It's helped some people, but in one county where it lasted for a year, it has ruined business".

There have been almost as many rumors about misuse of the food as there have been applicants: Items showing up in homes of those not so needy, working people who seemingly "are doing alright" receiving the food, and one member getting approval when others living in the same household is gainfully employed. And almost everyone that has observed the handout, has commented on the number of late model cars parked at the distribution point each operating day. The Welfare Department explains much of this. First, most of the needy do not have transportation of their own. They tell of some incidents where Welfare recipients, receiving a monthly allowance of \$32 is charged by "friends" a fee of \$5, to transport them to town. Many authorize persons other than themselves and their immediate families to pick up the food for them. This is allowed and accounts in part for the model cars. When asked about their presence, several replied, "Oh it's not me. I brought somebody." (See FOOD Page 8)

## County Commissioners Hold Routine Business Meeting

The County Commissioners handled mostly routine business in the regular monthly meeting here Monday. The Board rented the Library building on Main Street for 90 days to allow time for the moving of the library to its new quarters on Justice Ave.

The Commissioners heard a report of the Grand Jury that minor repairs are needed at

the County Jail. The Grand Jury reported that new laboratories are needed among other things. The Clerk of Court's Audit Report was approved through December 1963 and the Free Food Program was discussed. The Plan is in effect through April, but no action was taken on its extension beyond that time. W. J. Benton, Industrial De-

velopment Director for the county appeared before the Board requesting their help in providing water and sewer facilities outside the town limits. In the event an industry should desire to come here. No action was taken on this request.

The Louisburg Garden Club was given \$50 to help in their beautification of county property, and a request from Social Security to be allowed to use space in the new Welfare Building for their local office was heard. In the request, Social Security stated that 2300 county citizens are receiving \$1,400,000 annually under the program. The Social Security office is now located in the Agriculture building.

An item in the building of the new Welfare office came up, involving the insulation. The contract called for double foil insulation, but through error, single foil has been installed. Mrs. Jane York, Welfare Superintendent, asked the Board to provide an additional door inside the new structure and some discussion was held as to the possibility of an exchange of this for the less costly insulation. However, it was decided against such a change when the Board investigated the difference in price of the insulations.

It was announced at the meeting that Commissioner Norris W. Collins had been appointed to the Legislative Committee and Commissioner George H. Harris had been appointed to the Secondary Roads Committee of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners.



Louisburg Firemen

The Louisburg Volunteer Firemen are shown above in their Monday night meeting here. The Firemen began an intensive 30-hour training course this week that will last until June. Roy Gupton, fourth from left standing, Chief of the Henderson Fire Department is the Instructor. Staff Photo.

## Local Firemen Start Course

The Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department began an intensive 30-hour training course here Monday night. The course is being given by Chief Roy Gupton, of the Henderson Fire Department. Gupton is a former Franklin County resident.

Gupton is a Certified Fire Instructor and will conduct the entire training program. The course consists of three phases: a nine-hour session on First Aid Fire Extinguishing; nine hours on Breathing Apparatus;

and twelve hours on Hose Evolution. The sessions will last three hours each night and will be held each first and third Monday. It is expected to last until June.

The instruction is being sponsored by the Industrial Education Commission and local firemen voted to take advantage of the program.

### Masonic Notice

Master Sidney Johnson announced today that there will be an emergent communication of Louisburg Lodge 413, AF & AM on Monday, March 9, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. Work will be in the 3rd Degree and all members are urged to attend.

A Stated Communication of Louisburg Lodge will be held Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple with work in the Fellowcraft Degree. All members are urged to attend. All visitors are welcome.

## Citizens For Const. Govt. To Meet

There will be a meeting of The Citizens Committee for the Preservation of Constitutional Government Thursday night, March 12, in the Courthouse. The meeting will be to take up general business and there is to be no guest speaker, according to local attorney Charles Davis.

## Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue service answered a call early this afternoon near Laurel's Mill to aid an apparent heart attack victim. Joe Harris, 63 year old Rt. 2 Negro man was dead when Rescuers arrived.

### ALA To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its March meeting on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Violet Joyner on Bickett Boulevard. All members are urged to attend.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### The Military Budget

Washington, D. C.--The Johnson Administration may hold its military aid request next year to the lowest level since the global program began fourteen years ago, it has been reported.

Key United States officials indicate they expect a new budget request for military aid to be limited to a little more than \$1,000,000,000.

## Democrats To Push Dinner Meet Tickets

James D. Speed, Chairman of the Franklin County Executive Committee, announced this week that tickets are now on sale for the Annual Democratic Dinner. The meeting, to be held March 28 in the College Cafeteria, is to have Edmund Harding as a guest speaker.

Speed announced that tickets could be purchased from any of the following members of his Committee:

Mrs. Theima Hall, 1st Vice Chm., J. Fred Perry, 2nd Vice Chm., Jackson Dean, Jr., 3rd Vice Chm., N. E. Faulkner, Secretary, Walter Fuller, Treasurer; Cameron Stallings, Mrs. W. H. Kelly, A. E. Pearce, Mrs. James Perdue, Charles Richardson;

Mrs. Howard Phillips, Jack Green, Mrs. Robert Cheatham, Calvin W. Brown, Mrs. Brooks W. Parham, John P. Ayscue, Mrs. R. G. Winn, Jr., George D. Fuller, Mrs. Agnes Merritt, W. D. Fuller, Mrs. G. M. Raynor, Jr., Thurston O. Murphy, Mrs. W. B. Pearce, J. Simon Collier, Miss Carolyn Fisher, C. Hill Yarborough, Mrs. Gladys Perry.

A drawing is held each year at the Annual Democratic Dinner with the winners attending the State meeting in Raleigh. Speed said he expects this to be the largest meeting the Democrats have had in the county.



Signing Up



Loading Up



Waiting



Hauling

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, February 24:

KILLED TO DATE 194  
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 167