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Local Editorial Comment Thursday, April 2, 1964 Farming Is A Gamble

Franklin County farmers know well how to sympathize with the peach growers who have suffered great losses due to the recentcold weather. Local farmers have experienced bad crops and bad weather in the past.

The weather is always an unknown factor in farming. Every farmer, regardless of his crop, takes_a chance on the weather each season. Last year, in our area, it was too dry. This year, it could be too wet, or as in the case of the peach growers, it could be too cold.

Hail and wind always play havoc when they team together, usually on a summer day, late in the crop year, when the fields are full. Franklin County had

The Passing Scene

Everybody threatening to run against an an- The sight of a former county courthouse polinounced candidate, but nobody coming forth. tician in town added fuel to the flame. It The "Let George do it" boys having a field won't be long until the April 15th filing deadday, however, putting the scare into many. line. Then we'll all know

this plague last year. [

crop.

But, farmers go optimistically on their way, preparing for an-

other year. Plant beds have

been sowed and fields are being

made ready. The weather, not

withstanding, Franklin County

farmers are a hearty lot and

will soon be battling the ele-

ments, the allotment and the

health scare, to raise another

Sympathy is extended to the

peach growers, but little satis-

faction is derived here, that no

damage has been done to the

plants, because Franklin Coun-

ty's farmers still have their

crop year in front of them, and

with it, the weather.

National Editorial Comment On Local Government

This century's technological advances in communications and transportation are a tribute to man's ingenuity, but a sad fact of his human frailty is the corresponding lack of progress in his basic political machinery.

In discussing progress in politics. much has been said about growing federal power cutting in on the rights of states to handle their own affairs.

While the point is well taken, states righters and other antagonists of federal authority would do well to make a re-appraisal of their own functions.

It's certain centralization in Washington is an issue but it's

Death On Mountains

Death came, in a flurry of badweather air accidents recently, to hundreds of people.

One was trying to land at an air-port in Austria-Innsbruck-where there were no automatic navigational It is hard to comprehend the aids. considerations which had this aircraft attempting a landing at Innsbruck in such weather.

In another similar accident, which claimed 85 lives (the Austrian tragedy claimed 83) a four-engine plane crashed into the mountains near Lake Tahoe. California. The plane disappeared in a blinding snowstorm which grounded rescue planes and halted all rescue operations

All of which proves once again that the elements of nature are devastating when on the loose, for even the strongest and best planes and pilots. It shows quite clearly, again, that flying in bad weather is far more dangerous than flying in good weather.

The safe rule, for all, is to inquire about the weather--if neces-sary from official weather stations-and cancel a flight, if not satisfied. There will be those who laugh at

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equally true that many one-time state functions have been abdicated for lack of know-how and effi-

ciency on the local level. In that connection, our system of political subdivisions should be reevaluated with an eye toward merging certain functions now separated by county and city gov-emment and even state and county authority.

Doing away with multiple, duplicating functions would result in monetary savings to hard-pressed small unit governments and at the same time would release more funds to help finance projects now threatened by a take-over from Washington.

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Looking Back With The Times

1 Year Ago

Warren Smith gets county schools job. Bill would permit ABC vote at Bunn.

5 Years Ago

General Griffin to command 30th Division. Bunn Jrs. to present play.

10 Years Ago



Board.

school held here.

returned to Raleigh in elections. \$20,000 will pay 24.4 per cent B. N. Williamson made County Accountant, as W. N. Fuller retires. When you lend money, without 26.8.

AN' I SAY SHE'S MINE!

security, count it as gone for good and you will sometimes be surprised when you get it

Income & Tax Cut The new tax law shifts some County Commissione of the income tax burden onto persons with high incomes but leaves the bulk of the load on the middle-income group.

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Persons with income of over \$50,000 will pay 9.5 per cent compared with 8.8 per cent, those with incomes of over

compared with the present 32.1 while those in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 class will pay 27.6 per cent, compared with the present

Those in the \$5,000 will pay 38 per cent, compared with the

about you

and your neighbors . . .

Franklinton

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hen-

derson and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. **Red Bud** Henderson spent the week end Visiting over the week end at Nags Head. from Raleigh were Misses Dale

and Gale Hall, Mr. Lemeul Mrs. Charlotte Pearce visit-Murphy and Mr. Judson Laned Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green caster. in Raleigh during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Gup-Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson ton from Raleigh were supper and daughter Barbara and Molle guests of the Lee Gupton's Sun-Burgen of Arlington, Virginia, spent the Easter holidays with day. Mrs. H. F. Fuller.

Buffalo, N. Y., visited the Fer-nie Tharrington's and the James Mrs. Kenneth Pate and Kevin of Washington, D. C.; Mr. John Tharrington's Saturday. Hicks and son of Hyattsville, Maryland; Mrs. Richard Hicks and son of Baltimore visited

lins and family visited Mrs. Beatrice Marshall at Park View Hospital Sunday.

North Carolina after spending

the holidays with their parents.

Miss Sandra Marshall visit-Mrs. Clyde T. Wright and Jill ed her mother at Park View Hospital Friday and Saturday. She is improving nicely and expects to return to her sister's at Nashville Thursday.

> Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gupton and Amanda from Raleigh visited the Jim Gupton's over the week end.

son of Winston-Salem and Mrs.

Visiting the Arringtop's here Miss Nancy Best has returned Sunday from Raleigh were Mr. to Methodist College in Favetteand Mrs. Horace Evans and ville after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd, Barbara and Baby, Mr. and Mrs. Truston Coggins and children from Nashville.

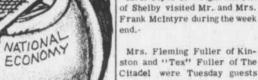
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turned to Woman's College in Greensboro after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. Tuesday and Mrs. Fred Blount.

Ben Williamson, Bill Parham

Mr. Herbert Smith, Mr. and





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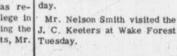
Citadel were Tuesday guests of Mrs. H. F. Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burle-

Mrs. Kelly Murray and Doug D. C. Hicks, Sr., of Wake Forfrom Raleigh and Miss Diane est visited the Woodrow Has-Murray from Boone were dinner kins and Mr. D. C. Hicks or guests Saturday of the W. B. Sunday. Leonard's.

Mrs. George Best.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hicks and sons of Chapel Hill visited relatives in Franklinton on

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Smith and family from Nashville visited the L. K. Smith's Sun-Miss Betsy Blount has re-



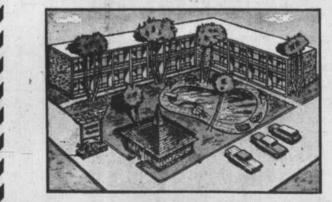
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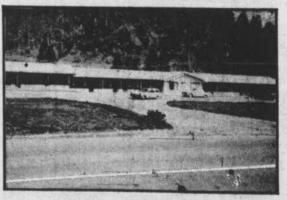
Mr. Jim Pearce and son from Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Has-kins and Mr. D. C. Hicks dur-

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Col-

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