

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 recent cold 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

this plague last year. But, farmers go optimistically on their way, preparing for another 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 elements, the allotment and the health scare, to raise another crop.

Sympathy is extended to the peach growers, but little satisfaction is derived here, that no damage has been done to the plants, because Franklin County's farmers still have their crop year in front of them, and with it, the weather.

The Passing Scene

Everybody threatening to run against an announced candidate, but nobody coming forth. The "Let George do it" boys having a field day, however, putting the scare into many.

The sight of a former county courthouse politician in town added fuel to the flame. It won't be long until the April 15th filing deadline. Then we'll all know.

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

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

such caution. They will not have the last laugh.



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

Hall reappointed to Welfare

Board. County Commissioner school held here.

25 Years Ago

Representative A. F. Johnson, Sr. and Senator W. L. Lumpkin returned to Raleigh in elections. B. N. Williamson made County Accountant, as W. N. Fuller retires.

When you lend money, without security, count it as gone for good and you will sometimes be surprised when you get it back.

Income & Tax Cut

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

Persons with income of over \$50,000 will pay 9.5 per cent compared with 8.8 per cent, those with incomes of over \$20,000 will pay 24.4 per cent 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 26.8.

Those in the \$5,000 will pay 38 per cent, compared with the present 38.6.

about you

and your neighbors . . .

Franklinton

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Henderson spent the week end at Nags Head.

Mrs. Charlotte Pearce visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green in Raleigh during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson and daughter Barbara and Mollie Burgen of Arlington, Virginia, spent the Easter holidays with Mrs. H. F. Fuller.

Mrs. Kenneth Pate and Kevin of Washington, D. C.; Mr. John Hicks and son of Hyattsville, Maryland; Mrs. Richard Hicks and son of Baltimore visited Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Haskins and Mr. D. C. Hicks during the week end.

Mrs. Clyde T. Wright and Jill of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntyre during the week end.

Mrs. Fleming Fuller of Kingston and "Tex" Fuller of The Citadel were Tuesday guests of Mrs. H. F. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burleson of Winston-Salem and Mrs. D. C. Hicks, Sr., of Wake Forest visited the Woodrow Haskins and Mr. D. C. Hicks on Sunday.

Miss Nancy Best has returned to Methodist College in Fayetteville after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Best.

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

Miss Betsy Blount has returned to Woman's College in Greensboro after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blount.

Ben Williamson, Bill Parham and Michael Strother have returned to the University of

North Carolina after spending the holidays with their parents.

Red Bud

Visiting over the week end from Raleigh were Misses Dale and Gale Hall, Mr. Lemuel Murphy and Mr. Judson Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Gupton from Raleigh were supper guests of the Lee Gupton's Sunday.

Mr. Jim Pearce and son from Buffalo, N. Y., visited the Fernie Tharrington's and the James Tharrington's Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Collins and family visited Mrs. Beatrice Marshall at Park View Hospital Sunday.

Miss Sandra Marshall visited 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.

Mrs. Kelly Murray and Doug from Raleigh and Miss Diane Murray from Boone were dinner guests Saturday of the W. B. Leonard's.

Visiting the Arrington's here Sunday from Raleigh were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Evans and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. George Ladd, Barbara and Baby, Mr. and Mrs. Truston Coggins and children from Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Smith and family from Nashville visited the L. K. Smith's Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Smith visited the J. C. Keeters at Wake Forest Tuesday.

Mr. Herbert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore at Red Oak Tuesday.

Death On Mountains

Death came, in a flurry of bad-weather air accidents recently, to hundreds of people.

One was trying to land at an airport in Austria-Innsbruck where there were no automatic navigational aids. It is hard to comprehend the 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 too 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 necessary from official weather stations—and cancel a flight, if not satisfied. There will be those who laugh at

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