

Fair and rather warm today. Low, 46; high, 80. Partly cloudy and continued warm Friday.

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## Kerr Lake Celebration To Be Held

John H. Kerr Dam, Buggs Island, Va. - Governors of Virginia and North Carolina and a General of the Army will join with citizens of Virginia and North Carolina on Monday, May 11, to celebrate the arrival of the 20 Millionth Visitor to the John H. Kerr Dam since the dam was dedicated October 3, 1952.

Governor Albertis S. Harrison, Jr. of Virginia, Governor Terry Sanford of the State of North Carolina and Major General A. C. Welling, USA, Division Engineer of the U. S. Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, will be on the program for brief remarks and will join in the welcome of the 20 Millionth Visitor. The program is scheduled to start at 2:00 o'clock at the North Bend Recreation Area just northwest of the John H. Kerr Dam itself and an invitation is extended to citizens of North Carolina and Virginia to attend the ceremonies.

It is anticipated that the 20 Millionth Visitor, according to visiting statistics kept since the dam was dedicated, will enter the reservation either Sunday or early Monday and forest rangers will be on hand to escort this lucky person to the receiving stand and he will be the honor guest of the occasion. He will receive prizes valued at more than \$1,500 which have been contributed also by the merchants of the towns and cities.

The speakers on the program and the honor guests, which include official representatives of the States of Virginia and North Carolina, will be the guests of the Roanoke River Basin Association at a 12:30 luncheon before the main events. They will also be given a demonstration in miniature of the operations of the dam.

After the official program is concluded on Monday the Elizabeth River Ski Club is scheduled to put on a ski carnival beginning at 3:00 o'clock and lasting one hour directly in front of the North Bend Park Area of the lake. The Henderson, N. C. High School band of 110 pieces will provide the musical program for all of the events.

## Elephant To Appear In Louisburg

The largest elephant in the United States will be among the many trained and performing animals to be exhibited in Louisburg when the Louisburg High School Boosters present their Children's Funday on Friday, June 5th. This giant pachyderm -- affectionately known to youngsters across the nation as 'Blanche', has been listed in the official 'Elephant Census' as the largest in America and perhaps the largest in the world.

The mighty 'Blanche' weighs (See ELEPHANT Page 8)



Beauty Contestant

Vivian Gayle Fleasants, 17-year-old Gold Sand High School Senior, is the latest in the list of entries in the "Miss Louisburg Pageant" to be held on May 15 in the Louisburg College Auditorium. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pleasants of Route 2, Louisburg.

At Gold Sand High, Gayle is one of the superlatives of her class as well as class artist. She has been a bus driver and class officer. Gayle is also a member of the annual staff, glee club, Monogram Club, 4-H Club, and home economics club. Gayle is a Baptist.

Gayle lists dancing and art as her hobbies, basketball as her favorite sport, popular and folk as her favorite music, and sea food as her favorite food.

For her talent presentation in the pageant, Gayle has chosen a dance routine.

## Women Voters League To Release Booklet On Candidates

Work is being completed this week on the booklet containing biographical information on local candidates and their answers to the questionnaire sent by the Women Voters League of Women Voters and the Junior Chamber of Commerce in preparation for the Candidates Meeting. These booklets will be available as long as the supply lasts by contacting J. M. Allen, Jr., Mrs. Troy Parker or Mrs. Douglas House.

All candidates for the House of Representatives returned their questionnaires and indicated their plans for taking part in the meeting. The three contending for this position are Norris Collins, James T. Moss, and James Speed. Replies and answers to the questions were also received from all three candidates for Board of Education positions. Horace Baker, candidate for District # 1, indicated that he would be unable to attend the Candidates Meeting, but Mrs. T. H. Weldon and Lloyd A. West, candidates for District # 3, indicated their plans to participate.

In the Commissioners races,

three candidates did not reply to the request for information, but all three indicated on the phone when called by one of the committee that they "might participate" in the Candidates Meeting. These were E. M. Sykes, candidate from District # 4, and Charles Pergeron and Carl Bell, candidates from District # 2. Commissioner candidates who returned their questionnaires and plan to take part in the meeting are Richard Cash, John W. House, and J. P. Mangrum, from District # 2, and W. P. Childers, District # 4. Winfield Garrett, District # 2 replied to the request for information but indicated that he would be unable to participate in the meeting, scheduled for May 21.

Other candidates who responded to the request for information and will attend the Candidates Meeting are W. F. Shelton, seeking re-election to the Recorder's Court judgeship; W. H. Taylor, candidate for re-election as Solicitor; Ralph Beasley, candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, and Alex Wood incumbent Register of Deeds seeking re-election.

## Two Men Named By Preyer

Roger Mitchell, Franklin County manager for Preyer for Governor, has announced the appointment of two other people to aid in the campaign.

Mitchell reported that John A. Rogers of Rt. 1, Kittrell will head the Young Adult Committee for the county and W. F. Mitchell, Rt. 3, Louisburg has been appointed to the Farm Committee for the Preyer campaign in Franklin County.



# County Reevaluation Plans Being Studied

Franklin County is scheduled for a massive reevaluation project to be started soon. The project must be completed before the January 1966 tax listing. The County Commission-

ers have started interviewing prospective appraisal companies concerning the work. The project is expected to take from a year to a year and a half for completion and

it is expected to get underway soon after July 1 of this year. The County Board issued a tax levy for the purpose of paying for the project some time ago. However, the

levy will not be adequate to bring enough tax money to finance the project.

The reevaluation is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000 if it includes mapping the county as well as appraising the real property. This figure could vary considerably, dependent upon bids received and the amount of work necessary to accomplish the reevaluation.

At present the Reevaluation account stands at \$28,013.55 plus interest and the Board is expected to levy between 10 and 15 cents additional tax in the coming budget in order to finance the project. The present value of property in the county is set at \$28,981,671 with a tax rate of \$1.80 per \$100 valuation.

One hundred per cent collection under the present valuation and rate would bring in \$521,670.08 annually. Taxes are collected from September through August and generally runs around 90%. Taxes for last year collected through March of this year show a collection of 82.73 per cent. The county's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

It has been estimated that present property in the county is taxed at an average 20% of its value. Under the reevaluation program, all real property will be given a full 100% evaluation. It will then be up to the Commissioners, based on the budgetary needs of the county, to set the per cent to be taxed and to adjust the current rate if they deem necessary.

The \$28 million, plus present evaluation is made up of real estate, \$17,705,038, personal property, \$9,799,166 and corporate excess, \$1,477,467. Only real estate property is to be reevaluated and the project, of course, includes every part of Franklin County and the towns therein.

Several companies have already shown interest in obtaining the job and some have traveled the county, looking over the conditions, however, there have been no bids presented as yet. A 10¢ additional levy for the project would bring in around \$28,000 to be added to the present amount of \$28,013.55. The Commissioners are to decide if this would be adequate for the project. A levy of 15¢ would bring in \$43,472.50 plus the current amount for a total of \$71,486.05. The project is required and has already been accomplished or started in many counties in the area.

Shown above left, Louisburg High School and right, Riverside busses making the daily trip home. Operation of the busses in Franklin County is big business. The total

## Bus Transportation Expensive

cost of running 91 busses is \$81,582.50. Broken down, costs run: Gas and oil, \$12,000; Repairs, \$10,500; Mechanics, \$29,076; Tires, \$4,800 and Drivers, \$24,706.50.

-Times Staff Photos.

## Two Held In Sunday Fight

Two negro men are being held here on charges growing out of a disturbance at a white man's home on North Main Street Sunday afternoon. Clarence Moles, 22 and Rudolph Green, 23, both of Louisburg are

charged with public drunkenness, disturbing the peace and trespassing. The incidents occurred at the home of Darrell Lancaster, 803 North Main Street around 4:30 Sunday afternoon.

According to Louisburg Police Chief William Dement, the two negroes were drinking and attempted to enter the home of Lancaster. When they refused to leave, Lancaster reportedly fired at them with a shotgun. The first blast missed and the gun jammed when he attempted to fire a second time.

At this point, Lancaster is reported to have hit the negroes with the barrel of the gun, resulting in the hospitalization of one of the men.

Moles had been charged some time ago with making telephone calls to white women in the area and was arrested on these charges. He had recently been charged with trespassing on the Louisburg College campus at night.

## No Change In Youngs - Bunn P. O. Service

The residents of Bunn will not be affected by the recently announced adjustments in the parcel post and post office window services, Postmaster Evelyn B. Gay said today.

Recapping the local situation, the postmaster pointed out the fact that, due to recent information, the previous announcement of the suspension of money orders on Saturday is hereby rescinded and unless further information warrants a change, money orders will continue to be issued on Saturday as usual. All other services will remain the same.

Mrs. Gay said she has received information on the national scope of the service adjustments which indicate very little overall effect is anticipated from the order, starting May 4.

Mr. Hill, Postmaster at the Youngsville Post Office, said today there would not be any changes at the Youngsville office as a result of the recently announced adjustments in services.

The rural carrier will accept money order applications on Saturday and money orders will be written at the Post Office on Saturdays as usual from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

## PROGRAM Franklin County Democratic Convention May 9, 1964 - Franklin County Courthouse 11 a.m.

- Call to order-----Mrs. A. E. Hall Chairman Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee
- Invocation-----Rev. Aubrey Tomlinson Pastor, Louisburg Baptist Church
- Flag Ceremony---Conducted by Youngsville Cub Scout Pack 588
- Election of permanent Convention Chairman-----
- Welcome-----Hill Yarborough Report of Party Activities
- Recognition of Franklin County Democratic Women
- Recognition of Franklin County YDC Business-----
- (1) Receipt of Certification of Delegates from various precincts
- (2) Election of Delegates to State Convention
- (3) Resolutions
- (4) Presentation of Democratic Party candidates for office
- (5) Other business
- Introduction of Speaker-----
- Keynote Address---Judge H. H. Hobgood
- National Committeeman Democratic Party of North Carolina.

## Bi-Annual Demo Convention Meets

Franklin County Democrats will hold their Convention here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the Courthouse. The Convention, which is held every two years, will hear National Committeeman W. W. Staton of Sanford make the keynote address.

Top business of the day will be the selection of a Chairman to replace James D. Speed who recently resigned in order to seek reelection to the General Assembly. Mrs. A. E. Hall of Youngsville, Vice Chairman,

has been party leader since Speed's resignation.

Delegates from the eleven county precincts will be on hand to hear a report of the party's activities and meet the candidates for office in the May 30th Primary. Hill Yarborough, Louisburg Precinct Chairman, will deliver the welcoming speech.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 A. M. Monday May 4:

KILLED TO DATE	483
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	373

An individual's intelligence can be measured by his attitude toward reading.

## Masonic Notice

Louisburg Lodge No. 413 AF & AM will hold a stated communication on Tuesday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock. Work will be in the Master Mason degree and all Master Masons are urged to attend. There will be a practice session on Monday night beginning at 8 o'clock.



Boarding Home Picnic

Pictured above are residents of the Ben Franklin Boarding Home enjoying an outdoor picnic Wednesday in observance of the state-

wide Week for the Aging. Mrs. Ralph Beasley of the County Welfare Dept. was in charge. -Times Staff Photo.