

# Pearce Named Chairman At Democratic Convention Here

The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee elected Addison E. Pearce of Harris Township as Chairman for the next two years in a meeting held following the general County Convention Saturday.

Elected, in addition to the new chairman, was Mrs. A. E. Hall of Youngsville, First Vice Chairman; Norwood Faulkner, Louisburg, Second Vice Chairman and Douglas J. Williams, Cedar Rock, Third Vice Chairman. Joseph T. Lane, Louisburg, was elected Secretary and Walter E. Fuller, Raleigh, Treasurer.

In the Convention, held in the Courthouse here, the delegates heard an inspiring keynote address delivered by National Party Committeeman, W. W. Staton of Sanford. Staton told the group of over 200 party faithful, "It is no secret that in North Carolina we now have a true two party system. Let us examine the position of our party. Let us take a look at its aims, and ideals; its principals and aspirations."

He added, "We must know how to attract more young people into the party." Staton was introduced by Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood.

Walter E. Fuller, long time county Democratic leader, was elected Permanent Convention Chairman and presided over the meeting. Hill Yarborough gave the Wel-

## Students Hurt In Accident

Five Louisburg College students and the parents of a student were injured in a two car collision near Creedmore last Thursday afternoon. The students, on their way to the Hurricane-Duke Frosh baseball game in Durham, ran head on into a car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yancey of Clarksville, Va.

It is reported that both cars ran off the highway in an effort to miss each other but still collided. Injured were students, Marvin Brown, Portsmouth, Va.; George W. Harriett, Jr., Trenton, N. C.; Charles Sheets, Portsmouth, Va.; George Mallis, Arlington, Va. and Steve Lamm, Rt. 3, Louisburg, N. C. Also injured were Mr. and Mrs. Yancey who were on their way to visit their son, Allen, a student at Louisburg College. Harriett reportedly was the most seriously injured.

coming address, calling on the group to "Remember the fighting Democratic Party of many years ago." He said, "Don't become complacent, stop sitting on your hands and start to fight. The Democratic Party has been attacked from within and from without." Fuller told the group, "We can see signs of complacency and weakness in Franklin County. We must stop our people from selling their birthright for a pittance. In the last general election, 1,039 people in this county left the Democratic Party and went over to the Republicans. We must not allow this small trickle to continue to eat away at the dike."

Charles Yarborough, President of the Young Democratic Club, paid tribute to a former Franklin County Democrat that served as governor of the state, Walter Bickett. Mrs. Louis Oxnevad, President of the Democratic Women said, "Our women want to help our party and we hope to be called on."

The Convention elected seventeen delegates to the State Convention on May 20th. Chairman Pearce and Mrs. A. E. Hall, First Chairman, were elected

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# Woman Held On Murder Charge

A 26-year-old Rt. 2, Zebulon woman is lodged in Franklin County jail charged with first degree murder in the Sunday slaying of a 42-year-old night spot operator.

Mrs. Florestine Ross Felts, mother of four, reportedly shot George Thomas Locklear of Zebulon, Rt. 3, around 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning as he sat in an automobile

## Franklinton Chief Issues Warning

Franklinton Police Chief, Leo Edwards, has announced that the clamp down has begun on parking violators and lack of display of city tags in Franklinton. Edwards said that purchase of the tags alone would not suffice. He warned motorists to have them displayed or face charges.

He said that parking on the wrong side of the street, over-time parking and parking in restricted zones would bring charges.

This announcement according to Edwards marks the clamp down on these violations as beginning immediately.

## Centerville Rescue Unit Praised

The Centerville Rescue Service, which answered a call for aid to a wreck near Castalia two weeks ago, received a letter of praise and a donation this week from Scout Troop at Rocky Mount.

The wreck occurred on Sunday afternoon and six Rocky Mount Boy Scouts were injured as they were returning home after an overnight encampment in Franklin County.

The letter reads: "Until Sunday, May 3, 1964, I had never heard of Centerville, N. C. To be only a few seconds behind an accident such as the one last Sunday and to be so closely involved with its victims is a horrifying experience. I will never forget the sight of your rescue squad coming down that highway. I have never been more thankful in all my life.

At present, the two most seriously injured boys, Jay Bobbitt and Davis Hewett, the two you carried, are the only ones still in the hospital. Both of them are improving rapidly and I hope that they will be released sometime next week.

Please accept the attached check with my sincere thanks. Maybe it will help in some small way towards the purchase of other equipment.

You're a fine group of men. None of us shall ever forget you or your town." (signed) Jimmy Rabit, Assistant Scoutmaster Norman Chamblis, Scoutmaster

## Industrial Training Planned

A meeting was held last Thursday in the Industrial Development Office to discuss and explore the initiation of an Industrial Training program for Franklin County. The meeting was arranged by William J. Benton, Industrial Development Director for the county. Benton said that no local money would be needed for financing the program and that it would permit Franklin County residents, who were interested, to become skilled in one or more trades.

In addition to Benton, those present for the meeting were John Fleming, Manager of the Raleigh Office at the Employment Security Commission; James Ellerbe, Supervisor of M.T.D.A. Training Dept. of Commerce; Carl Newton, A.R.A. M.T.D.A. Group Central Office; Clint Fuller, member of Franklin County School Board; Warren Smith, Franklin School Superintendent; and Howard Stallings, Louisburg High School Principal.

Benton said that several training fields were being considered and that a training program should get underway in the next few months.



## Murder Scenes

Shown above, top photo, is night spot where George T. Locklear was shot from an upstairs window (see arrow) reportedly by Mrs. Florestine

Felts, early Sunday morning. Bottom photo shows automobile in which the victim was sitting when shot.

-Times Staff Photos.

## Series No. 6: Labor Commissioner Race Quiet

This is the sixth in a series of eleven articles dealing with public offices to be voted upon in the May 30th Primary. The Times, in presenting this series, intends only to inform its readers. There is no endorsement of any candidate for any office intended or implied.

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR  
The Commissioner of Labor is elected every four years by a vote of the people. The Commissioner is a member of the Executive Department of the state and is also a member of the Council of State.

The Commissioner is head of the Department of Labor, whose duty it is to secure the health, Minimum Wage Law, Child Labor Law, Maximum Hour Law and Safety and Health Regulations. 5. Compiling and publishing statistics on employment, wages, hours of work, building construction, and other matters of public interest.

The Department, under the name of Bureau of Labor Statistics, was formed in 1887. The functions of the Department are performed by seven administrative divisions: Division of Standards and Inspections; Conciliation and Arbitration; Apprenticeship Training; Statistics; Bureau of La-

## CD Group Meet

The Justice Community Development Organization will meet Thursday night, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Justice Fire House.

Mr. Robert Sutton and Mr. Earl Martin, teachers at Edward Best High School, will present a program on highway safety.

bor for the Deaf; Information Service and Administration and Budget Accounts.  
In general, the Commissioner is an administrator. It is his duty to supervise the functions of the various departments under his jurisdiction. He is to the Secretary of Labor on

the National level. There are three in the race for the Commissioner's post this election. They are incumbent, Frank Crane, John B. Wardell, Jr., and Frank Castlebury.  
The seventh in this series will appear Thursday.



## Gold Sand Rockettes

Pictured above are the Rockettes of Gold Sand who will perform at the "Miss Louisburg Pageant" on Friday night. The Rockettes under the direction of Judi Hinton of Louisburg will present a tap and jazz dance routine at the pageant which will

be held in the Louisburg College Auditorium. From left to right, the Rockettes are: Betty Bowers, Claudia Speed, Pam Lancaster, Susan Lancaster, Toni Gupton, Paulette Gupton and Phyllis Radford.



## Convention Principles

Pictured above are principles attending County Democratic Convention held here Saturday. Left to right, Walter E. Fuller, Convention Chairman; W. W. Staton, National Committee-

man who delivered the keynote address; Mrs. A. E. Hall, First Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee and Judge H. H. Hobgood who introduced the speaker.-Times Staff Photo.

## Industrial People Entertained Here

A "get acquainted party" here Friday afternoon and evening brought some 34 guests to Franklin County for a firsthand look at this area's expanding economy and readiness for industrial expansion.

The party and supper was arranged by W. J. Benton, Executive Director of the County Industrial Commission. Out-of-town guests included industrial representatives from the Commerce and Industry Division of the State Department of Conservation and Development, Carolina Power and Light Company and Seaboard Railway.

The visitors, many of them accompanied by their wives, were given a guided tour of this area and shown a number of industrial sites and the location of a soon-to-be-constructed shell building which could be adapted for almost

any industry. Over 100 local people took part in the planning and attending the tours, party and supper, which was paid for entirely from donations made by local people attending.

During the supper, Benton presided with remarks of welcome being made by Mayor Louis A. Wheelis, and brief remarks being made by W. L. Lumpkin, Louisburg attorney, who was a member of the State Legislature when the Department of Conservation and Development was formed. Allen de Hart, Acting Chairman of the Franklin County Industrial Commission, had charge of the program and presented several outstanding Louisburg College performers.

Benton said that quite a few local people deserved credit for assisting in the planning of

the event, and expressed his appreciation to all who helped make the affair a success. "By this get-together," Benton added, "we have, I believe, shown these state and privately employed industry hunters that Franklin County has much to offer any prospective industry. And, of course, it was a way of expressing our thanks to these people for what they have already done for this area."

## Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called out around 9 p.m. Saturday to aid Robert O. Mitchell, Rt. 1, Castalia man. Mr. Mitchell, apparently suffering a stroke, was transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital and was later moved to Veteran's Hospital, Durham, N. C.



## Industrial Representatives

Industrial representatives attending the "Get Acquainted" dinner-party here last week are shown above, left to right, James Gregory, Industrial Representative of Seaboard Railway, Richmond, Va.; Dan E. Stewart, Vice President in Charge of Industrial Relations for Carolina Power & Light Co.; Robert

Whitfield, Assistant Administrator of Commerce and Industry Division of State Dept. of Conservation and Development; W. J. Benton, local Industrial Development Director; and Bland Pruitt, President, Louisburg-Franklin County Development Corp.

-Times Staff Photo.