

Louisburg Suffering Coin Shortage

The bank is running out of money, the silver and copper kind, that is. Money shortage is a little item that most folks are familiar with, and everybody at one time or another has said to them, "I'd be glad to do that, but I don't have the money."

The local bank is experiencing this frustration right now. They are having to say to their customers, "We'd be glad to let you have the change, but we don't have it." The coin shortage is extremely acute in Louisburg and presumably throughout Franklin County.

Local banking officials and a number of merchants have made urgent pleas to the public to

bring in their change. If you have some stashed in a jar or can or box, bring it in to the bank and exchange it for bills or better still, let it stay there and draw interest.

The vending machines, parking meters and coin collectors are adding to the shortage. Merchants are requesting that customers, where possible, give correct change. It is already a very serious problem in Louisburg and everyone should break open the piggy bank, split the mattress and dig up the loot. Now is the time to come to the aid of your banking and merchant friends and at the same time, help yourself.

Merchants Seek Correct Change From Customers In Coin Shortage

Harold Talton, official of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. here, said yesterday, "We are running 90% below our normal requirements of silver." This explained to a degree, the tremendous problem being faced locally and elsewhere by retail merchants, due to the acute shortage of coins.

Talton reported that his bank received one hundred dollars in pennies Wednesday as the entire shipment of an order for \$5,000 in halves, quarters and dimes and nickels.

A poll of several merchants in Louisburg revealed a number of different makeshift solutions being tried by them in an almost desperate effort to stay in business. Mrs. A. C. Daniels, manager of Pope's Dept. Store reported that store personnel were exchanging bills for silver in their churches each week. She also said they had had to discontinue giving change unless necessary to their trade.

Robert Smithwick, manager of Rose's Dime Store, said his clerks had been instructed to ask the customer for the correct change. He indicated that he had received wonderful cooperation from the public and that this method had been a tremendous help to his operation. He suggested that everyone, whenever possible, present cashiers in all businesses with the correct change.

Lee Bunn, grocery operator, said, "We're having a hard time. The change is in folk's pockets. There are more people and they're holding more coins." He said the Kennedy half dollars were being hoarded, causing much of the shortage. He added, "I've only seen two of them," and laughingly said, "I've still got them."

Mrs. Martha Martin, bookkeeper for IGA super market said the situation is "terrible." "We are making do the best we can with what we can get at the bank. Our customers have been very nice and we've had no complaints."

Wade Foster, speaking for Murphy's Super Market, reported that they were sending out of town and getting whatever amount they could. "We have a man on his way to Henderson right now. I don't know how much luck he will have. The local bank has been mighty nice to us, but we can't get enough here." Foster said,

"It certainly is a mess." Druggist Frances Pleasants called the Smithfield home office of the local bank a few days ago, he said, in an effort to determine why there was a shortage. Pleasants said, "I talked with somebody's secretary; couldn't get the man I wanted, but she didn't know anymore about it than I did." He added that he was getting some help from a stamp and weight machine in his business, but indicated his growing concern over the shortage.

Talton reported that the local bank usually gets their coins from Brinks, but that lately they had been trying the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond. He stated that normally four or five thousand dollars in silver would take care of the requirements with the normal intake of silver from local sources, but that since the shortage elsewhere, he could not get the outside change needed to supply his customers.

Talton said that the shortage was being caused somewhat by additional vending machines, parking meters, coin laundries and the like, but that the recent upsurge in coin collecting as a hobby had added to the shortage a great deal. The federal

mint is running overtime in an effort to help the situation, according to the banking official, but it is expected to be six months before the situation can be eased by the existing mints. Another is to be constructed, but that too will take several months.

Jimmy Weathers, another official of the local bank, said, "The Kennedy half dollars have started more collectors and these coins were in greater shortage, along with quarters."

The shortage is seemingly nationwide. Banks located in home territories of large vending companies formerly received more change than they needed and, therefore, could share with other establishments where such intake of coins did not exist. The extensive shortage has caused the stoppage of this source of supply. None of the business people questioned had a solution to the problem. At the present rate, any day now, local citizens may not be able to make a purchase because they cannot make proper change. Urgent appeals have gone out from all sources for collectors and savers to turn in their silver to the local bank in exchange for bills or to deposit it.

Big Still Raided

Two Franklin County men and five others were released on bonds of \$500 each yesterday in U. S. District Court in Raleigh in a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner Mrs. Reva Rothrock. The men were charged with the manufacture of illicit whiskey, making and fermenting mash, possession of illicit whiskey without tax stamps, possession of an unregistered distillery and possession of materials designed and intended to be used in the manufacture of illicit liquor.

Sidney E. Burrell and Joseph Bullock, both of Franklin, Rt. 1, were arrested at their

homes late Tuesday afternoon following a raid by Federal and State officers on one of the largest stills seen in this area. Officers led by D. C. Dawson, ATTD supervisor for the Raleigh-Durham area, numbered in the dozens as they closed in on the 12,000 gal operation late Tuesday afternoon off U. S. 1, two miles west of Youngsville. Five men from the Durham area were arrested at the still sight, in addition to the county residents and one man escaped capture by running away.

The seven were bound over

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Top Sales Expected As Market Opens Thursday

The three Louisburg tobacco warehouses are being readied this week for what is expected to be one of the best selling seasons in years when the markets open next Thursday,

Sept. 10. Charles E. Ford, operator of the Southside warehouse for the past 22 years, has built a huge modern brick, concrete block structure in Ford Village, replacing the

Southside which was destroyed by fire last January 31. Sterling and Bryant Cottrell, operators of the Big Franklin warehouse on Bickett Blvd. have been busy this week getting their

building in shape for the opening. The Cottrell brothers have purchased the interest in the Big Franklin formerly held by Arch Wilson, however, Wilson will continue to assist in the business this fall.

The Friendly Four warehouse located on South Main street in downtown Louisburg and operated by L. L. Sturdivant, James D. Speed, R. C. Pearce and Gus McGhee, is ready for another season of selling.

The market holidays that were announced Wednesday night will not affect the opening of the Middle Belt market here next week. It is possible that the sale day may be curtailed, but the opening remains the same.

C. T. Dean, Jr., Agricultural Extension Agent, said, "Despite a ten per cent cut in tobacco allotment and drought during the first months of the 1964 growing season, Franklin County farmers appear to be in for one of the best crops in history."

Dean added that the tobacco picture indicates the best crop, quality wise and yield wise, that he has seen in the county. He said, "The 11,000 plus acres allotted to tobacco last year were cut 10 per cent, or 1100 acres less for this season. However, the expected yield per acre this year is expected to swell from 200 to 300 pounds above last year's average of 1800 pounds per acre. The state average last year was in excess of 1900 pounds per acre."

The local warehouses sold a total of 11,259,966 pounds last season and the Middle Belt averaged 57.49 cents per pound. The breakdown among the houses was: Southside, 5,396,250; Big Franklin, 3,652,876 and Friendly Four, 2,210,840.

Key personnel of the local market are expected to be on hand, using their vast experience to serve the tobacco farmers. William Boone, a Cedar Rock farmer who has been associated with several warehouses for a number of years in various capacities has been named Sales Supervisor for the Louisburg Market this year.

Personnel at the Friendly Four Warehouse include the four owners plus Grover Harris, Sr., and L. D. O'Brien, General Assistants; Garner Dement, Frank Rose, Jr., Read Vick, "Red" Pinnell, Harold Conyers, and Thurston Ayscue. Ford's Warehouse in addition to the owner, will have Buck Sykes, Thomas Carter, Harris Turner, Rayford Baker, and Staley Strickland.

Big Franklin will have in addition to the owners and former member of the firm, Arch Wilson, who will be one of the sales managers, Sidney Murphy, Charlie Merritt, Tom Boulden, R. C. Edwards, Lin White, Bobby King, Lindsay Harrison, Donald Cottrell, John Shearon and Rufus Bunn.

Percy W. Joyner will be auctioneer for Big Franklin and Friendly Four and Earl Lightsey will auctioneer for Ford. Jimmy Gupton will be ticket marker for the entire market.



Nancy Berger

Louisburg Girl Leaves For Study In France

Miss Nancy Byrd Berger, of 202 Ford Circle, leaves today on the S. S. France for a 10-month stay in France. She is one among 30 juniors at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, who will participate in the trip, "UNC Year-at-Lyon."

Nancy was accompanied to New York Tuesday night by her mother, Mrs. James L. Berger, who will attend the reception at Hotel Edison given in honor of the students and their parents on the eve of departure.

Enroute to Lyon, the students will spend two nights in Paris and may elect to be in a dormitory or in a French home. The students will spend the 10 months at the University of Lyons where they will concentrate their study on the French language. After their return, they will resume their studies at the University of North Carolina.

Weather

Fair today and Friday. Warm during the day and cool at night. Low today, 56; high, 82.

College Year Starts Today

The 1964-1965 academic year at Louisburg College will begin with the Faculty Workshop- Retreat on September 4 and 5, according to President C. W. Robbins.

First year students will arrive on the campus on Sunday, September 6, to begin orientation for the academic year. The orientation program will begin with an evening vesper service on Sunday, led by Rev. C. W. Goldston, College Chaplain. On Monday morning President Robbins will welcome the new students and the annual Faculty Reception for new students will be held Monday evening.

Freshmen will register Tuesday and Sophomores on Wednesday. Classes begin on Thursday.

New faculty and staff for the year include C. Wade Goldston who is returning to the college as College Chaplain; W. R. Rose, biology; John W. Smith, recreation; Miss Gertrud Wenzel; languages; Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Mrs. Alma Ellis, and Mrs. Agnes Rose, house counselors; Mrs. Ellen E. McFarland, secretary; Mrs. Sally Versteeg, assistant to the Director of Dramatics.

Ministers Meet Here

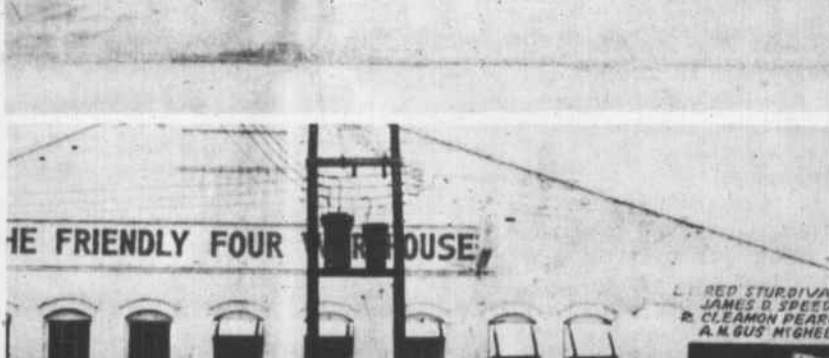
More than fifty Methodist ministers, representing 53 churches of the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, met at Louisburg College on August 31st. At this meeting the new district superintendent, Reverend N. W. Grant, was welcomed to the district.

The Rev. James Auman, director of the association of Methodist Colleges, addressed

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Masonic Notice

Louisburg Lodge No. 413 AF & AM will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. Work will be in the Fellowcraft Degree and all Fellowcrafts and Master Masons are invited to attend.



Woodlief Gets CBE Seat

The Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee has named a Youngsville businessman to the County Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Richard H. Cash, who resigned in August after having been nominated in the primary as County Commissioner.

Leelan Alvin Woodlief, 37, manager of Woodlief Supply Co. in Youngsville was elected by a unanimous vote of the Committee last Saturday. No other names were presented to the meeting and several letters of endorsement for Woodlief were read.

Woodlief has served as chairman of the Youngsville District School Committee for eight years. He is married to the former Ellen Watkins of Wake County and the father of three children, Mark age 12 in the 7th grade at Youngsville, Connie age 8 in the 4th grade and Larry age 6 in the first grade.

A native of Franklin County, Woodlief received his education at Youngsville High School, Louisburg College and graduated from N. C. State College.

Notice

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement reports that parking meters in Louisburg will be checked on Wednesday afternoon beginning next week. Meters are not checked during the summer months when many downtown businesses are closed.



Leelan Woodlief

B. S. in Agronomy. He is past president of the Youngsville Lions Club; a deacon in the Youngsville Baptist Church; Sunday School teacher; a member of the executive council of the Boy Scouts; chairman of the White Cane Drive, a lifelong Democrat and a navy veteran of World War II.

Upon receiving the nomination of the Committee, which is subject to appointment by the Legislature, Woodlief said, "I sincerely consider it an honor to serve the fine people of Franklin County, and shall conscientiously try to help all phases of education continue to move forward in Franklin County."

Woodlief added, "May I thank those fine people in Franklin County who have asked to serve

in this capacity." The new member must qualify before the Clerk of Court and will be sworn in next Monday at the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Other action taken by the Committee included approval of the expenditure of \$40 to pay for tickets to the recent Unity meeting by Mrs. Brooks W. Parham of Franklin, who attended.

Mrs. Parham was also appointed chairman of a committee to study the advisability of holding a Democratic Rally in the county prior to the general elections in November.

Welfare Appeal

Mrs. Jane M. York, Director of the County Welfare Department has issued an appeal for clothing for children of indigent parents. Mrs. York reports there is an urgent need among the people who are not eligible for assistance from other sources.

She reports a number of requests from families with as many as eight or nine children in need of clothing with which to attend school. Anyone having articles that can be used are requested to turn them in to the Welfare Department immediately for distribution to the needy.

Intolerance is certainly one subject that many people talk about and then fail to practice.



William Boone
Sales Supervisor