

Some cloudiness today, considerable cloudiness Friday. Moderate temperatures. Low today, 28; high, 50's.

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### Accidents Scenes

Louisburg Rescue Service members are shown, top photo, removing injured man, Hamp Smith, of Louisburg, from wreckage of his car which ran off road and struck a tree near the Louisburg Fire Tower Wednesday morning around 10:30 a.m. Smith died in Franklin Memorial Hospital around 1 p.m. Wednesday. Second photo shows impact of the accident which sent right front wheel into front seat of car. Center photo shows car driven by Miss Sandy Loftin of Louisburg which

was struck from behind by car driven by Percy Joyner, shown still inside his car, next photo, on Bickett Blvd. late Tuesday afternoon. Joyner, Miss Loftin and Mrs. Owen Edwards, passenger in the Loftin car, were hospitalized. Bottom photo shows automobile driven by Darrell Smith, Rt. 3, Louisburg youth, which turned over at Rocky Ford last night around 10:30 p.m. injuring Jimmy Collier, 16, of Louisburg. Ben Layton, 18, Rt. 1, Louisburg, escaped injury as did Smith.

-Times Staff Photos.

## One Killed, Four Injured In Three Automobile Accidents

Three accidents involving five automobiles, in widely separated areas of the county Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, resulted in one death and four hospitalized with injuries. A single car accident Wednesday morning around 10:30 a.m. near the Louisburg Fire Tower claimed the life of James Hampton Smith, 54, of Louisburg.

A three-car accident on Bickett Blvd. late Tuesday afternoon resulted in injuries to Percy Joyner, tobacco auctioneer, Miss Sandy Loftin and Mrs. Owen Edwards, all of Louisburg.

Jimmy Collier, 16-year-old Louisburg youth, received head injuries when the car in which he was riding overturned at Rocky Ford Wednesday night around 10:30 p.m. Darrell Smith, 17, Rt. 3, Louisburg driver of the car, and Ben Layton, 18, Rt. 1, Louisburg, escaped injury.

The automobile driven by Hamp Smith of Rt. 4, Louisburg is believed to have left the rural paved road just off N. C. 561 near the Louisburg Fire Tower Wednesday morning and that Smith lost control when he attempted to drive back onto the road. The vehicle struck a tree a few yards off the road with such impact that the tree was driven into the front seat of the car. Smith was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg

Rescue Service where he died around 1 p.m. from chest injuries received in the accident.

Funeral services for Smith will be held Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Lancaster Funeral Chapel by the Rev. B. Bufford Raffield, pastor of Maple Spring Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and the Rev. Aubrey Tomlinson. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Onnie Pendergraft; his mother, Mrs. Lettie Smith of Raleigh; four daughters, Miss Mable Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Lois Ellis of Asheville, Mrs. Dan Denton of Louisburg, Rt. 2, and Miss Deborah Smith of the home; one son, James Thomas Smith of home; three sisters, Mrs. Margie Wrenn of Louisburg, Rt. 3, Mrs. Harold Fulcher of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Bob Hurley of Louisville, Ky.; two brothers, Joe John Smith of Lexington, and Eddie Smith of Raleigh.

The accident on Bickett Blvd. Tuesday afternoon around 5 p.m. reportedly occurred when the car driven by Percy Joyner, traveling south on the by-pass, struck the car driven by Miss Loftin in the rear. The Loftin car was reportedly stopped in the south bound lane awaiting an oncoming car, before making a left turn into the

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## Tuesday Critical Day For Farm Future

Franklin County agricultural leaders have been joined by a number of county businessmen, in urging support of the tobacco and cotton programs in Tuesday's referendum. A number of local farmers are somewhat dissatisfied with the present programs, particularly in light of the announcement of a 19.55% cut in tobacco acreage for the coming year.

Tom Wood, Chairman of the N. C. Referenda Information Committee, says, "People are confused all over the flue-cured area about what they'll be voting on. A great many of them think

## County Second In November Road Deaths

Franklin County was second in the district in highway fatalities, with three in the month of November, according to a report released this week by the State Motor Vehicles Department. Granville was tops in highway slaughter with four deaths.

Granville was also the only county in the district to have more accidents during the month than Franklin. Granville had 43 while Franklin recorded 33. Property damage in the county amounted to \$12,795, which was also second to Granville.

Warren County recorded 18 accidents and Vance had 19, neither had any fatalities. Franklin County had 17 injuries during the period.

## Fox Calls Meeting Of Parents

Al Fox, Principal of Louisburg High School, has announced a meeting of parents of athletes, boosters and any others interested in the local school athletic program. The meeting is to be held Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the high school building.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the present athletic program and map plans for further improvements and is aimed at gaining additional local support for the program.

they're voting on whether or not to cut tobacco acreage. That's not it at all."

"The vote is on one thing only," Wood continues, "Do you favor continuing marketing quotas on Flue-Cured Tobacco for the next three marketing years, beginning July 1, 1965?"

Bill Humphries, News and Observer Farm Editor, says, "The flue-cured tobacco growing industry, mainstay of North Carolina's farm economy, is in deep trouble. At no time since 1939, when there was no program to limit production and support prices to growers, has the situation been so critical."

Governor Terry Sanford and Governor-Elect, Dan Moore, have both urged a "Yes" vote for continuation of the present programs. Sanford stated, "If the tobacco quota referendum fails, the loss of price supports on flue-cured leaf will bring on a deep depression for much of North Carolina."

Moore said, "Financial losses on the farm, in the great processing and manufacturing

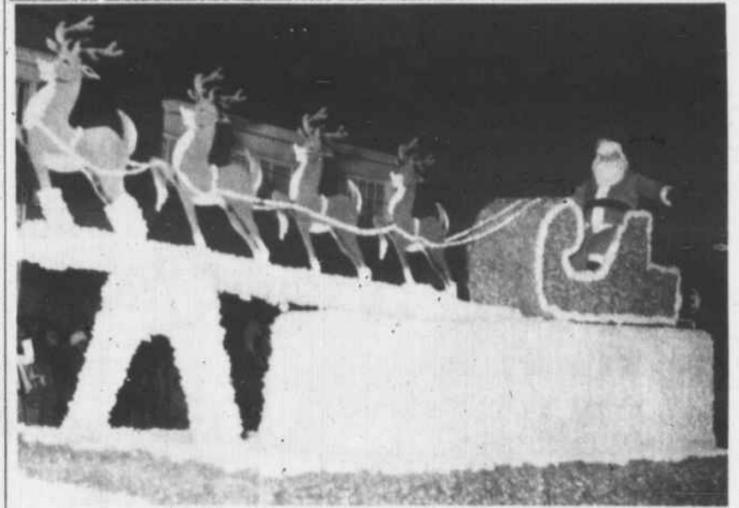
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## Duncan To Head Drive

Rev. V. E. Duncan of Louisburg will serve as Franklin County Director of the 1965 March of Dimes, according to an announcement this week.

Rev. Duncan has headed the local campaign for the past several years. Rev. Duncan, a retired Baptist minister, is a former Chairman of the Franklin County Chapter of the March of Dimes-National Foundation. The organization sponsors a contributions campaign to raise funds to help those suffering birth defects and arthritis each January.

The National Foundation held an area pre-campaign meeting recently in Durham. Rev. Duncan and representatives from seven counties attended the event which featured a speech by Larry J. Davis, of the Raleigh State Office, and a talk by Dr. Loren G. MacKinney of the Birth Defects Center at Chapel Hill. Dr. MacKinney also showed the group some slides illustrating the tragedy of birth defects.



## Santa Claus Arrives In Franklinton Franklinton Stages Christmas Parade Without Incident

Franklinton staged its annual Christmas Parade Wednesday night before a crowd estimated between 2,000 and 3,000 spectators, without incident. The temperature, dipping to a cool 28 degrees, failed to lessen the enthusiasm of the hundreds of youngsters on hand to greet Santa Claus.

John Echols, Parade Chairman, resigned in the face of a telephone call from an unidentified man instructing that the Negro units in the parade should be placed at the rear, earlier this week. Echols' place of business had a plate glass window shot sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning. The phone call followed Sunday.

Wide-spread publicity had

been given this and a similar phone call involving the Louisburg Parade. Governor Terry Sanford had issued a warning to the Klu Klux Klan on Monday in regards to the reported threats and had alerted the State Highway Patrol for duty in Louisburg. No patrolmen were evident at Franklinton last night.

The 50-odd unit parade was one of the best presented in the area in recent years. It contained 15 Negro units interspersed throughout the parade. It featured bands from Louisburg, Oxford and Creedmore. There were a number of commercial built floats, several representing out-of-town firms doing business in the

Franklinton area. There were also a number of the homemade variety floats, many using extremely imaginative ideas of the Christmas theme.

Santa Claus was led down the street by the Franklinton Fire truck and followed by large contingent of horses and riders. A large truck, entered in the parade by a Louisburg truck dealer, thrilled the youngsters by causing the sound of a giant firecracker when it backfired.

Missing this year was the popular dragon entry by Burlington Mills. The smoke-bellows beast was an original entry in the Louisburg Parade but was canceled due to some trouble with the float itself.

The threats of violence to parade officials, thought to be Klan inspired, failed to materialize in either the Franklinton or Louisburg parades. Town officials in both County areas expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of the public in making the parades successful. Police Chief William Dement of Louisburg and Chief Leo Edwards of Franklinton, both had expressed confidence that nothing would happen at the parades.

The host of out-of-town newsmen that covered the Louisburg event failed to show up at the one in Franklinton. Local authorities and some citizens had been critical of out-of-town news media having blown the incidents out of proportion, causing statewide unfavorable publicity for both towns.

## Commissioners Appoint Tax Listers

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners, this week appointed the following as Tax Listers for the year beginning January 1, 1965:

- M. C. Pearce, Dunn Township;
- William Wrenn, Harris Township;
- Robert Allen, Youngsville;
- H. G. Jones, Franklinton;
- Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Assistant, Franklinton Township;
- L. M. Grissom, Hayesville Township;
- C. C. Perry, Sandy Creek;
- Mrs. Rea A. Manning, Gold Mine Township;
- W. S. Boone, Cedar Rock Township;
- Mrs. A. C. Stallings, Cypress Creek Township;
- Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Louisburg Township.

The Board approved a motion

## Garden Club Sponsors Contest

The Louisburg Garden Club is again sponsoring its "Light Up and Decorate for Christmas" contest this year. To make Louisburg more beautiful this Christmas, individual home owners are urged to use originality and ingenuity in decorating and lighting their homes and yards for the Christmas Holidays.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the homes thought by the judges to be the best decorated. Judging will take place Monday night, December 21. Entrants are asked to keep their lights burning from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. on this night. Judges will look for the general appearance best depicting the Christmas spirit. The Louisburg Garden Club will have a display of Christmas arrangements and ideas Thursday through Sunday in the window of H. C. Taylor Furniture Store.

establishing a school for all Tax Listers and Appraisers to be held on December 17 and set the dates for listing taxes as January 4 through February 5, 1965.

In a special three-man Board meeting Tuesday, five Township Constables were sworn in for new terms of office. The constables failed to appear on Monday, as required. Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott officiates at the swearing in ceremonies, but it must be witnessed by the Board of Commissioners. Those being sworn in Tuesday were: Joseph Joyner, Harris Township; K. B. Hill, Youngsville Township; Claude T. Satterwhite, Franklinton Township; Gray Moon, Louisburg; and Johnnie Horton, Dunn Township. Vann Champion, Cedar Rock Township, was sworn in Monday and Perry Tharrington, Sandy Creek, has not been sworn, it was reported.

The newly organized Board of Commissioners also approved expenditure of \$250 toward the purchase price of the land upon which the Gay Products water tank is located. This action is provided the Town of Louisburg approves a like amount for that purpose.

## Post Office Open All Day Saturdays

Edward L. Best, Louisburg Postmaster, has announced that the local post office will remain open all day on Saturdays, December 12 and 19. Best said the office would be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days in order to assist the public in their Christmas mailing.

## College To Hold Adult Classes

Louisburg College will begin an Evening Adult Education Program on January 28, 1965, Dean John B. York has announced. Classes will be held twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Various courses in Business, English, Art, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Religion and Social Studies will be offered. Regular members of the faculty will be in charge of instruction.

Each person may choose whether he would want to take a course for credit or to audit without college credit. Adults beyond high school age who have not graduated from high school will be eligible for course work on a non-credit basis. High school graduates may take courses for college credit.

For further information and the necessary application forms contact Dean John B. York at the college.