



**Observe Founders Day**

Founders' Day ceremonies at Louisburg College were held in the new Library here Wednesday. Participating in the event and shown above, left to right, were: David Daniel, College Relations Director; J. Gregory Poole, Jr.; Bishop Paul N. Garber, who presided; Dr. James E. Hillman; Mrs. Charles Lucas, Jr.; Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, College President; Miss Cathy Edwards; Dr. F. Melvin Edwards; Mrs. Edwards; and Dean John B. York. -College Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.

Garber, who presided; Dr. James E. Hillman; Mrs. Charles Lucas, Jr.; Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, College President; Miss Cathy Edwards; Dr. F. Melvin Edwards; Mrs. Edwards; and Dean John B. York. -College Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.

# College Observes Annual Founder's Day

Founders' Day ceremonies were observed at Louisburg College Wednesday, marking the 179th anniversary of the school's charter.

Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian of Duke University, delivered the major address at the 10:00 a.m. chapel service. President Cecil W. Robbins presided and former Duke Vice President, Dr. Herbert J. Herring, introduced Dr. Powell, who stressed the importance of books to our lives. He stated: "In spite of the predictions of computerized education, there will be many generations before books will cease to be the essential tool in learning."

Officials of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, Alumni, Trustees, Faculty and administration of the college, and many friends were in attendance as the new Louis-

burg College library building was formally opened and memorials named. Bishop Paul N. Garber presided at this service.

The library reference section was named in memory of Mrs. Mary Duke Biddle, a devoted friend of the college for many years. Mrs. Biddle's father, Benjamin N. Duke, gave the college to the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church in 1907. The family was represented by Mrs. Charles Lucas, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Somers, and granddaughter of Mrs. Biddle. Mrs. Lucas is a trustee of the college.

The late Frederick B. Edwards, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. Melvin Edwards of Red Bank, New Jersey, and a student at the college in 1962 and 1963, was memorialized as the Fa-

culty Study in the library was named for him. Dr. and Mrs. Edwards, and their daughter, Cathy, were present as the memorial was named. A brother of Dr. Edwards, Dr. Douglas Edwards, of Red Bank, was also present. Dean John B. York presented the Edwards family to the assembly. A portrait of "Rick" Edwards was placed in the Faculty Study.

The librarian's office was named in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Poole, of Raleigh, parents of Mr. J. G. Poole, Sr. and grandparents of Mr. J. G. Poole, Jr., both of Raleigh. The memorial was presented by J. Gregory Poole, Jr., a trustee of the college.

Other items of furniture and equipment were named in memory of Mrs. Dovie C. Lynch, Mrs. Frances Wilder Griffin, Mr. Lemuel Thomas Jones, Mrs. Finetta Gardner Rawlings and Mr. Byrd Lunday Rawlings, and Miss Rosa Long Thomas. The Class of 1965 presented an Atlas Display Case for use in the library.

The new women's dormitory, erected in 1963, was named Ruth Willard Merritt Hall, in honor of Miss Merritt's devoted service to the college since 1941. Tributes to Miss Merritt were given by Mrs. Louis D. Hayman, of Jacksonville, N. C., trustee and alumna of the college; Miss Diane Jones, of Durham, President of the Women's Student Council; and Dr. Umphrey Lee, Chairman of the English Department at the college. After President Robbins officially named the building, Miss Merritt responded to the honor by saying that she was thrilled and

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## Weather

Rainy and not quite as cool Thursday. Friday, cloudy and turning colder in the afternoon. Low, 44; high, lower 50's.

## Comment

Promises are easier to make than to fulfill, but people continue to make them carelessly.

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## Population Decline Continues In County

Population in Franklin County continues to decline, according to a report on the latest estimated census by a North Carolina State University Professor.

In a report released this week by Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, Reynolds Professor of Sociology at the Raleigh school, Franklin County's population has dropped from 28,755 in 1960 to 27,146 as of July 1, 1965. This represents a decrease of 5.59 percent.

North Carolina as a whole has a 7.81 percent increase during the period from 4,556,155 in April, 1960 to 4,912,195 in July of this year.

The statistics are estimates obtained through the use of statistical method for computing population used by the U. S. Bureau of the Census and re-

search sociologists, according to the report. The final tabulations were run through the N. C. State Computing Center by Dr. Hamilton on December 30.

Neighboring Warren County had a decrease of 5.50 percent while Vance County had an increase of 6.17. Wake County enjoyed an 18.72 percent increase and Nash County had a 7.53 percent increase.

Franklin County had a population of 30,382 in 1940 and enjoyed a 3.1 percent gain by

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## To Give Car Business Association Annual Meeting Set

Members and guests of the Louisburg Business Association will gather next Wednesday at the Louisburg College Cafeteria for the organization's annual banquet meeting, according to an announcement by Vice President Al Goodwin today.

R. E. Strother, Superintendent of Green County Schools and a noted after-dinner speaker, will be featured on the program. The educator is a former resident of Oxford.

A resume of the year's ac-

tivities of the association is to be given, and plans are to be presented for the coming year. New officers will also be installed.

One project, which has been prematurely announced, is the give-away of a new 1966 Corvair automobile by the Association as a trade promotion in the Louisburg area. The actual drawing is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at the courthouse.

The give-away involves a donation to the Association's programs for the coming year.

The dinner meeting, which is to be attended by members and their wives, will start at 7 p.m., according to the announcement.



**Favor New Airport**

Pictured above are civic and governmental leaders who met here Tuesday night to discuss the possibility of a new airport for the area. Shown, standing, left to right: Airport operator Joe Shearin, Louisburg Attorney W. M. Jolly, a member of the Airport Commission; Claude Arngold, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce; Jackie Dean, Commission member, and W. J. Benton,

Industrial Development Director. Seated left to right: J. Harold Talton, Commission Chairman; M. T. Ball, Commission member; Franklinton Town Councilman Jimmy Joyner, and Lt. Col. Robert N. Flournoy, Aviation Specialist, North Carolina Dept. of Conservation and Development. Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples attended the meeting but was absent when the picture was made. -Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Adult Education Program Starts

The Fall term of the Adult Education Program at Louisburg College is scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. Application forms are being printed in area newspapers, but persons interested may report to the College, according to reports.

## Farm Bureau Endorses Alignment

The Franklin County Farm Bureau, in its monthly meeting on Monday night, requested a return of State tax money to the county governments, made suggestions as to the make-up of the counties within our House of Representatives District in the state, and appointed several committees to work throughout 1966 in the local Farm Bureau.

In answer to a request by the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation that the Board make suggestions for additional sources of revenue to operate the county government, the directors decided that the county governments could best be supported from the surplus funds that are now being collected

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## Masonic Notice

Louisburg Lodge 413 will have a stated communication Tuesday evening at 7:30.

The officers for 1966 will be installed at 8 o'clock. District Deputy Grand Master James A. Johnson will be installing officer.

All Master Masons and friends are cordially invited.

## Franklinton Lions Plan Calendar Drive

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton Lions Club met at the Community House Monday evening with Lion John Wright presiding.

Lion John Gonella, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes and called attention to various financial matters.

Lion Charles Julian was appointed chairman of the Annual Community Calendar Drive. All the local Lions will solicit for listings of birthdays, anniversaries and meeting dates for various organizations in the community. The drive will be conducted during the month of January.

# Officials Move To Gain New Airport In Area

A group of county and municipal officials met Tuesday night, with the Franklin County Airport Commission, to hear Lt. Col. Robert N. Flournoy, Aviation Specialist, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, explain the possibilities of a new airport for the Louisburg-Franklinton area.

Louisburg became eligible for a new airport, on a matching fund basis, last month when the Federal Aviation Authority approved 27 cities in North Carolina and allotted \$17,167,000 for the projects.

Col. Flournoy told the group, meeting in the Board room of Triangle Realty Corp. here, that his concern and that of the state was to attract new industry and that it had been proven that industry preferred to locate near adequate airport facilities.

He informed the group on the progress being made by a number of other North Carolina cities, including some the size of Louisburg. His recommendation, and seemingly the consensus of the group, was to locate in the general Louisburg-Franklinton area, when and if such a facility becomes a reality.

The C & D official was reluctant to estimate a cost of the project here, but cited the case of the nearby Henderson project as costing around \$115,000, with the value of the land not announced. Rough estimates expressed by various members present ranged from \$150,000 to \$100,000 for such a project in Franklin County.

Requirements for an approved airstrip were listed as a minimum of 3500 foot runway, 60 feet wide with ample land for an apron and future expansion. It was also pointed out that paving was desirable and lighting for night use was also important. It was estimated that 50 acres of land would be needed for the local project.

It was also brought out during the meeting that South Carolina and Georgia, two of the southern states now ahead of North Carolina in airport projects, all passed legislation enabling the

states to pay a fourth of the total or one half of the local matching funds. North Carolina law provides the use of tax money to pay for airports. However, it was pointed out that such funds as ABC-store receipts, parking meter collections and power sale money may be used for the projects. Delinquent county tax money may also be used it was disclosed.

Interest was expressed by the group in making an early start to determine the possibility of such a project for the area. Several expressed optimism that such a project could be done.

J. Harold Talton, Louisburg banker and Chairman of the County Airport Commission,

## Cole Talks To Lions

The Louisburg Lions Club met at the Murphy House Tuesday evening. Samuel Cole, assistant superintendent of Morehead School in Raleigh, addressed the group in reference to his work with the blind students at Morehead School.

Cole, a High Point graduate as well as a former student at Louisburg College from 1948-50, gave some interesting facts about the school and then showed some colorful slides on study and recreational activities at Morehead School. Cole pointed out that 35% of the students are totally blind. Their ages range from 6 to 21. Each school year lasts for 10 months and the school consists of 207 staff members. Approximately \$2100 is spent yearly on each pupil.

The CHARTER members will be in charge of the next meeting.

## Charles Davis Named To Demo Party Post

J. Melville Broughton, Jr., State Democratic Party Chairman, announced today the appointment of Charles M. Davis as a Youth Co-ordinator for Franklin County. Mr. Davis will be responsible for correlating Democratic youth activities between the County and State Democratic Headquarters. He will assist party officials with registration drives, fund raising events, precinct work and recruiting and enlisting young voters into the Democratic Party.

Commenting on the appointment Broughton said, "I am extremely pleased that Mr. Davis has agreed to serve on this important position. I believe very strongly in young people participating and becoming interested in good gov-

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**Finally, The Rains Came**

Louisburg's Main Street is shown Wednesday night as the area had the first measurable rainfall in quite some time. Weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports 1.08 inches fell in Louis-

burg Wednesday. The area has had only 3.42 inches since September. -Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.