

Business Association Spring Sale Starts Today

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature today and a little warmer Friday. Low today, 30; High, 58.

Comment

Maybe hard work never killed a person, but you never heard of anyone resting to death, either.

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County Dog Warden Program Extended Again

By the same narrow vote margin, the Franklin County Dog Warden Program received its second new lease on life this week as the Commissioners met in special session here Tuesday.

The vote to extend the program through June 30 this year came when Commissioner Richard Cash moved that recommendations by Health Director Dr. J. B. Wheelless be accepted. As on the vote last month, when the program was reinstated for thirty days, Commissioner George Harris seconded Cash's motion.

Then came the identical vote alignment as before as Commissioner E. M. Sykes and Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold voted against the proposal. Chairman Norwood Falkner broke the tie with an approval vote as he had done in the previous balloting.

The Board voted to kill the program, effective March 1 of this year. A plea by Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster last month brought a motion by Cash to have a committee look into some satisfactory plan for keeping

the program and revitalized it until such a committee could report back.

Dr. Wheelless recommended the continuation of the present program and since no veterinarian is available to handle the rabies program, he recommended that a man be hired to go house to house to give the shots.

Two pest control contracts were awarded to Frye Extermi-

nating Co. of Raleigh for treatment of the Health Center and the Welfare Building. The Health Center work was bid at \$185.00 and the Welfare Building at \$195.00.

Tom Marshall, local FHA Administrator, met with the Board to discuss federal programs available to the county in the area of water, sewage and disposal improvements.

Talton Enters District 5 Commissioner Race



J. Harold Talton

Talton, presently serving as vice chairman of the Franklin County Industrial Commission, said, "I believe it is the duty of every responsible citizen to take an active part in some form of their government. Having been raised on a farm and presently owner of a farm in Franklin County, I feel I can adequately represent the agricultural interest as well as the business interest in the county."

The Rotary Man of the Year in 1965 was active in industrial development in Nash County and is president of the Franklin Building Corporation, a non-profit Franklin County development organization. He was instrumental in the locating here of one of the largest plants in the county two years ago.

In making his announcement today, Talton stated, "My previous experience in government outside the county will bring new ideas which will greatly help to insure future efficiency and modernization of Franklin County government. As an official of the county, I would be in a better position to serve the needs of industrial expansion."

"I am primarily interested right now with this development, since I am working with several prospects with expectations of some developments in agricultural related industry," he continued.

Talton is a graduate of Wake Forest College, a member of the Louisville Baptist Church, a Mason, a veteran of overseas service and chairman of the Franklin County Airport Commission.

He is the first announced candidate for the District 5 seat on the Board. Three candidates have announced for District 1 (Harris-Dunn), and incumbent George Harris has filed for District 3 (Hayesville-Sandy Creek).

Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court Tuesday, March 15:

- J. C. King, w/m, bad check. Defendant to pay costs of court.
- Larry Wayne Clark, w/m/18, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs. Notice of appeal to Superior Court. Bond fixed at \$150.00.
- John Robert Williams, c/m/32, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Kathleen Marjorie Perry, c/f/21, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.
- Wayne Dixon Benton, w/m/40, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Harold Thurston Allen, w/m/19, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Minerva Overton Ayscue, w/f, murder. Probable cause hearing. Bound over to Superior Court.

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In The Spring

In the Spring a young lady's face lightly turns to thoughts of play outdoors. Little Miss Meg Davis, 2-year-old daughter of County Attorney and Mrs. Charles Davis of Louisburg, is shown above enjoying her afternoon outing Wednesday. -Photo by Clint Fuller.

New HEW School Guidelines To Be Tougher This Fall

The United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare has released new guidelines to school desegregation this month, and although the HEW officials did not eliminate the Freedom of Choice method, they have toughened the regulations.

Franklin County, with two administrative units operating on the Freedom of Choice plan, will be directly involved in the new regulations. The Franklin County City School system elected complete Freedom of Choice for this school year and allowed all children to attend where they chose.

The Franklin County School system, the larger of the two units, also submitted a Freedom of Choice plan but limited it to four grades for this year. The county system was charged with violation of constitutional rights of certain Negro students when the Board denied 31 applicants to grades not included in their four-grade plan. The Federal Eastern District Court denied an injunction suit brought against the Board by eleven Negro parents.

The county system included in its plan for the coming fall term, complete freedom of choice in all grades, as required by HEW earlier this year.

Under the new guidelines, and assuming that both Franklin units will continue their present plans, certain public notices are required. These spell out in detail what is required by Washington. A thirty-day period must be given in which parents or persons acting as parents may make a choice of schools. Last year the county system allowed ten days. The choice must be made earlier this year, as well.

No reason may be given for choosing a particular school, under the new guidelines. Last year a reason was required. The guidelines also state that "Names of students and the schools they choose are assigned to under the plan will

not be made public by school officials." This regulation has been widely credited to the Franklin County suit. One of the arguments presented to the Federal Court by the Negro plaintiffs was that intimidation and harassment had followed the publication of such information in The Franklin Times last Spring.

Schools must be listed this year. The school chosen was written in last year. Programs of study in each school must also be made public this year. Any child 15 years old or older may take his or her own

choice this year. Previously, only parents or legal guardians could do so.

"No choices will be denied for any reason other than overcrowding," the guidelines state. "In cases where grading all choices for any school would cause overcrowding, the students choosing the school who live closest to it will be assigned to that school," according to the new regulations.

Students denied their first choice will be notified and given the choice of any other school in the system.

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Association Signs Go Up, Come Down

Twice in as many days this week, the Louisburg Business Association found itself in the midst of local controversy. The latest development, coming Tuesday on the heels of Monday's special meeting of the Board of Directors on the proposed Saturday bank closing, concerned newly installed signs in the downtown area proclaiming the "Trade In Louisburg" theme plus "Open Friday Nights until Nine."

The signs were removed from across Main Street Wednesday morning following a request that it be done by the Executive Secretary of the Association, Mrs. Juanita Pleasants. Mrs. Pleasants said she felt it was the thing to do in light of all the discussion it had caused in the downtown area.

Al Goodwin, local furniture store manager and President of the organization, said, "It is the duty of the Secretary to promote trade in Louisburg. I, as President, and the members of the Board of Directors set the policies under which the Secretary works. Last fall, a number of local merchants had indicated in one way or another an interest in trying the Friday night openings as a means of combating out-of-town competition. The entire proposal was intended only as a trial to see if such openings would be justified."

"The Secretary was instructed to poll members of the Association and non-members among the larger businesses downtown to determine their thinking on the idea. The result of that poll was presented to me and the Board by the Secretary on January 24 this year," Goodwin continued.

Mrs. Pleasants said, "As a result of the poll, consisting of sixteen of the larger merchants, six declared they were definitely in favor of the openings, five said they would go along with it, two were definitely opposed, and three were uncommitted."

The President explained that the Secretary was authorized to order the signs which were hung across the streets this week and later removed.

One major merchant who had earlier stated, according to Mrs. Pleasants, "I certainly would consider staying open until nine. I've been thinking about it and am very interested in it," led the revolt Tuesday when the signs were noted.

He reportedly told the Secretary that he now bitterly opposes the Friday openings.

A number of store employees were upset over the signs. Many thought additional hours would be required of them, and most said they had not been told by their employer anything about the proposal.

The Business Association stated in their Bulletin to all members last week: "Many of the merchants (members and non-members) have expressed the desire to remain open on Friday evenings. This decision will be made by the individual and will not be a decision of the Association."

Goodwin concluded, "The sign had no bearing on those merchants who did not plan to stay open. Certainly if they were closed, everyone would know this. But, the signs were designed to boost trade in Louisburg and to aid those businesses which had indicated they would try the Friday night opening plan."

No indications were made either by Goodwin or Mrs. Pleasants what, if any, further steps will be taken. The Board normally meets once a month, and the next meeting is due early in April. Meantime, the Trade In Louisburg and Open 'til Nine signs are back in storage.

Mitchell Heads Road Group

Bum businesswoman Berrell Mitchell was named Chairman of the Better Roads Committee here last week. The elections were held as the ten-man committee held its organizational meeting.

James H. Wheelless was named Secretary of the group, appointed recently by the Board of County Commissioners to push for road improvements in the county.

The business meeting was held in the Agriculture Building following a dinner session in a local restaurant. Other members of the Committee are W. P. Long, Norwood Faulkner, Wallace Tippet, C. C. Perry, Frank Read, T. W. Perdue, R. W. Moore and Charles T. Eaves. Most sections of the county are represented on the Committee. Indications are that others will be named from some districts not now included.

Support To Be Higher

Several factors are involved in the outlook for prices for the 1966 flue-cured tobacco crop, in the view of tobacco men, who think it is too early at this time to evaluate the prospects with any great deal of accuracy.

Government price supports in 1966 will average \$58.8 per hundred pounds—some more, some less, depending upon grade and quality. This year's support floor is \$1.1 per hundred above the \$57.7 figure in effect last season. The figure is based upon what is known as parity, which is the average price farmers must pay for crop needs, by comparison with the price of tobacco.

Another factor in the situation is the middle in Rhodesia, where is grown the principal flue-cured crop that is competitive with United States leaf. The American government has joined with Great Britain in banning trade with Rhodesia, which means that the Rhodesian tobacco crop will not be sold to British manufacturers and will not be taken by buyers in this country. Should the world market shun the South African leaf, there would be greater demand for American flue-cured.

Whether Washington's policy

in this situation is endorsed or not, tobacco men will respect government regulations, spokesmen have said.

Another factor is the government subsidy of five cents a pound on Stabilization Corporation surpluses that move into the export trade. This program is in disfavor with exporters. If it should deprive them of some of their outlets, they would be less eager to make purchases on warehouse floors. That could affect prices to some degree.

Generally, however, the market for flue-cured is expected to be probably at least as strong as in 1966. Any improvement, would hinge upon trends in the world market, it is believed.

Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, March 14:

KILLED TO DATE	260
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	258



Eastern Star Officers

Pictured above are the principals in the Installation of Officers for 1966-67 for William B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, OES, held on Tuesday night. First row, l. to r.; Mrs. Mamie Fuller of Franklin, Installing Chaplain; Mrs. W. D. Fuller, Organist; Mrs. N. H. Griffin, Worthy Matron; George West, Worthy Patron; John Godfrey, Assoc. Patron; Mrs. C. O. Renn, Assoc. Matron; Mrs. Bonnie Gupton, Marshal; Mrs. Dot Cooke, Installing Or-

ganist. Second row: Mrs. James Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. W. B. Joyner, Installing Officer; Mrs. George West, Adah; Mrs. Cecil Sykes, Treasurer; Mrs. John Godfrey, Ruth; Mrs. Lillie G. West, Warden; Mrs. George Finch, Conductress; and back row: James Johnson, Sentinel; Mrs. Jerry Rowe, Assoc. Conductress; Mrs. Albert Leonard, Martha; Miss Annie Belle Murphy, Electa; and Mrs. Florence J. Wells, Chaplain.