

Partly cloudy, windy and colder today. Much colder tonight. Friday, fair and cold. Low today, 56; high, 63.

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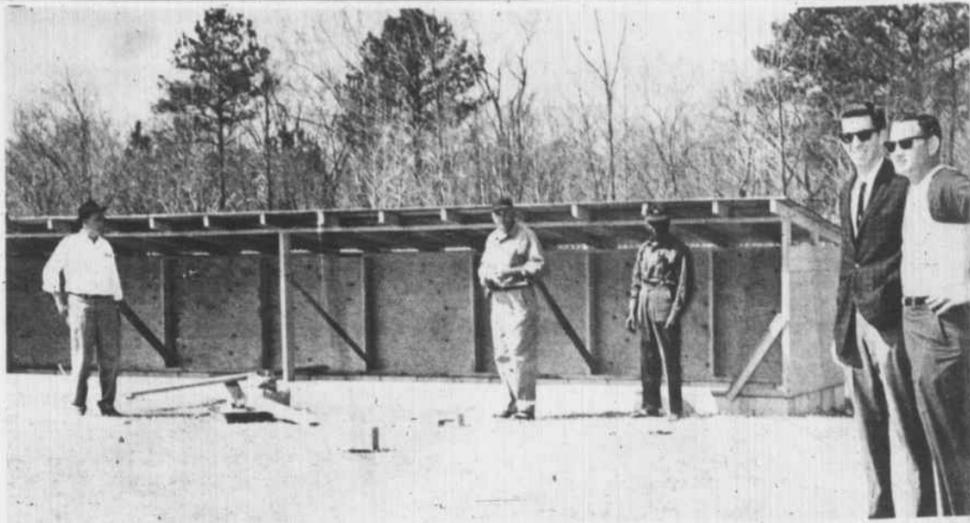
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Season Opens Friday

College Relations Director David Daniel and Coach Russ Frazier, right, look over the new baseball field as workmen in background finish work on one of the two dugouts. Preparations are being hurried for the season opener here Friday against Williams College of Massachusetts. Second game of the doubleheader will be played Saturday afternoon.

Civil Defense Course Is Offered

A four-part course in Civil Defense Adult Education is scheduled to be held at Louisburg High School beginning Monday, March 28, according to an announcement made today. The course, entitled "Education for the Living in the Nuclear Age," will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 28 and 31 and April 12 and 14. There is no cost involved in taking the nationwide course, and all adults plus high school seniors are eligible. The program is being sponsored by the U. S. Dept. of Civil Defense, sanctioned by the N. C. Dept. of Public Instruction, and is being sponsored locally by the Louisburg P.T.A. The Louisburg Band will have the program Thursday night, according to the announcement, and anyone interested in taking the course is urged to contact Mrs. Q. S. Leonard at Louisburg School.

Larger Flue Cured Acreage In Prospect For State

Based on information from producers and other sources, North Carolina farmers intend to plant 404,500 acres of flue-cured tobacco during 1966 for an increase of 7.9 percent over the 375,000 acres harvested in 1965, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. State flue-cured allotments were unchanged from a year earlier; however, producers will be permitted to increase current allotment to the extent they failed to reach their quotas last year. If the current outlook materializes this year's flue-cured plantings would be less than half the record acreage of 1939, and they would fall short of the 1960-64 five-year average by 11.3 percent. Flue-cured acreage intentions by types are distributed as follows: Type II (Old and Middle Belts) 154,000 acres as compared with the 147,000 harvested last year; Type 12 (East-

ern Belt) 202,000 acres against last year's 182,000; and Type 13 (Border Belt) 48,500 acres against 46,000 for last year. Burley producers indicate intentions of planting about 8,300 acres, or 700 less than harvested last year and 2,000 acres less than the 1960-64 five-year average. This year's burley allotment was cut around 15 percent, excluding "minimum allotment" provisions. UNITED STATES: The intended acreage of flue-cured tobacco for the Nation is 606,600 acres, or 8 percent above the 1965-acreage of 562,700 acres. Burley acreage is indicated at 241,200 acres down 36,000 acres, or 13 percent from the 1965 crop of 277,200 acres. Reports from North Carolina farmers indicate that 1,579,000 acres of corn will be planted for all purposes in 1966, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Farm-

ers' intentions are to plant 75,000 acres or 5 percent more than they planted last year. Due to continued heavy participation in the Feed Grain Program, this year's acreage is the fifth lowest planted acreage recorded since planted acreage records began in 1926. The lowest acreage of record was realized in 1962, the second year of the Feed Grain Program, when only 1,427,000 acres were planted. North Carolina farmers have reported intentions to plant a record 1,019,000 acres of soybeans along for all purposes in 1966, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. On the basis of the March intentions, the current crop is expected to be 10 percent above the previous record planting in 1965. Intentions reports from grow-

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Attorneys' Conference Set In Local School Suit

Judge Algernon Butler of U. S. Eastern District Court has ordered the attorneys of record in the suit against the Franklin County Board of Education to a pre-trial conference in Raleigh on Friday, April 1. The conference, a routine procedure in this type case, indicates that the case-in-chief-against the Board, brought by eleven local Negro parents, is about to be heard. Judge Butler ruled in favor of the Board in a suit seeking a preliminary injunction prohibiting the Board from further denial of admission of twenty Negro pupils to schools of their choice. Judge Butler made this ruling last month. The suit, which attorneys refer to as the case-in-chief, charges the County Board with violation of constitutional rights of the Negro pupils and others in their class. The federal charges, similar to those brought by the Negro plaintiffs,

does not attack the Freedom of Choice plan. The Negro suit and J. LeVonne Chambers of Charlotte met with Board Attorneys E. F. Yarbrough of Louisburg and Irving Tucker of Raleigh Tuesday in the office of the U. S. District Attorney in Raleigh. This meeting was also ordered by Judge Butler. At the pre-trial conference scheduled for April 1, the Court will, according to the order: Urge agreement with respect to any additional facts and exhibits not in genuine dispute; discuss with counsel the issues in the case with a view to further simplification and consider proposed amendments to pleadings. The Court will also rule on all motions at that time and explore with counsel any possibility of a settlement, says the order. And, finally, a suitable date for trial will be considered. As one federal official put

it, "The entire case hinges on whether or not Freedom of Choice will work in Franklin County. I don't believe it will. The case will decide on Freedom of Choice or geographic zoning." "Geographic zoning" as defined in the new federal guidelines means assignment by the Board of all children, regardless of race, to the school in their attendance (residential) zone. A map of such zones, marked by streets, must be available to the public. In short, geographic zoning means assigning the child to the school nearest his or her home, without regards to race or prior attendance in such school. The Board of Education contends that its Freedom of Choice plan is working and has worked this school year. It denies that such a plan cannot work in the coming school year. It is expected that plaintiff attorneys will charge that the

local environment is not conducive to the present plan's success. In the February ruling by Judge Butler, the Court said in effect that the Board had acted in good faith and had complied with federal guidelines in the instrumentation of the Freedom of Choice Plan this year. Franklin County is the first school system to be tried on the question of its Freedom of Choice plan, and a number of systems throughout the country are watching the local case with more than a passing interest. seeks to have geographic zoning ordered for the county. U. S. Attorney Howard Fink, who represented the government in the preliminary injunction suit last month, has been in Louisburg the past few days obtaining information for his case. Fink and Negro Attorneys Conrad O. Pearson of Durham

Four More Candidates File Bringing Latest Count To Nineteen In Races

Four more candidates have filed for the May 28th Democratic Primary, according to Elections Board Secretary John King. Clerk of Superior Court Ralph S. Knott is seeking reelection to the post he has held for the past four years. Louisburg Attorney E. C. Bulluck filed this week for the position of Judge of Recorder's Court. The post is now held by Gaither M. Beam, Sr., who has made no statement on his intentions to seek another term. The third filer this week was Sheriff Joseph W. Champion, who had announced his candidacy earlier this month. He is being opposed by Louisburg Police Chief William T. Dement for the county Sheriff's office. Incumbent John Horton filed for Constable of Dunn Township this morning.

This brings to 19 the number of candidates already announced or filed for the upcoming elections. At least one candidate has filed for each of the ten local races including the Township Constables. In addition to these county races, two men have filed for the Sixteenth District House seats. Franklin's Representative James D. Speed and Warren Representative Wilton R. Drake have announced for the two seats in the N. C. House. Henderson Mayor Carroll V. Singleton announced but later withdrew. Willis Hancock of Oxford has filed for State Senator from the three-county district of

Franklin, Vance and Granville. Hancock, Speed and Drake are unopposed. Candidates unopposed so far in the county races are Ralph Knott for Clerk of Court, James H. Edwards for Coroner, George H. Harris for District 3 Commissioner, W. H.

Taylor for Solicitor, and Walter E. Ball for Board of Education from Louisburg - Cypress Creek.



G. Frank Hinson



E. C. Bulluck



Ralph S. Knott

Hinson Makes Campaign Statement

G. Frank Hinson, retired Bunn businessman, who filed several days ago for the District 1 (Harris-Dunn Township) seat on the Board of County Commissioners, released a formal announcement today. Hinson, who is opposed by Bunn businessman-farmer H. Derrell Mitchell, and former Commissioner Brooks W. Young, made the following statement in regards to his candidacy: "I am a life-long Democrat; I have lived in Franklin County for over twenty years. My wife, the former Mary Cheves, is a native of Franklin County and is a Speech Therapist in the Franklin County Public Schools. "I grew up as the son of a merchant. I have worked throughout North Carolina in automotive dealerships and as a manufacturer's representative for over forty years. "Since my retirement, I have been operating a small farm. This leaves me with time I would like to devote to the public service of the people of Franklin County. "I am very much interested in the welfare of our citizens. I feel that Franklin County must continue to attract industry and maintain a higher level

Bulluck Files For Judge Post

Louisburg Attorney E. C. Bulluck is the first to file for the post of Recorder's Court Judge, now held by Gaither M. Beam, Sr., dean of local attorneys. Bulluck paid his filing fee Wednesday to Elections Board Secretary John King. Bulluck, who has practiced law here since 1933, was one of several men considered last January when County Commissioners made the appointment to the Judge's post to fill the unexpired term of W. F. Shelton, who resigned. He is a veteran of World War II and a retired major in the U. S. Army. He has been closely connected with Franklin Memorial Hospital since 1948 and has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past six years.

Knott Seeks Another Clerk Term

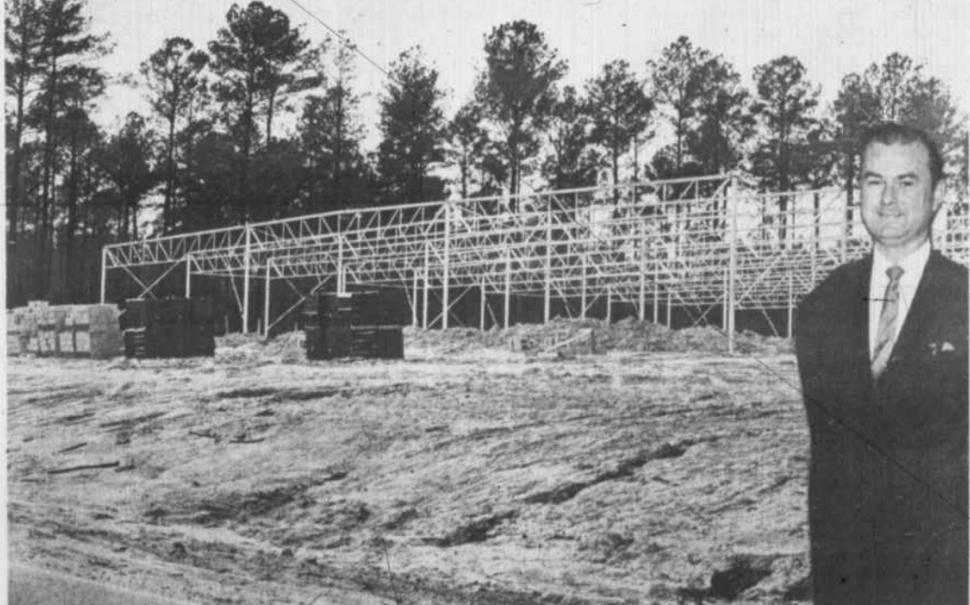
Ralph S. Knott, 32-year-old Clerk of Superior Court for the past four years, filed here Wednesday for reelection to the post, subject to the May 28th Democratic Primary. Knott, the youngest man holding such office in North Carolina, has no opposition thus far. In making his announcement, the former Jaycee President and State Director stated, "I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve the people of Franklin County as Clerk of Superior Court for the past four years and have made a sincere effort to serve all the people of our county to the very best of my ability." Knott is the son of the late Alton G. Knott and Mrs. Mildred Lasater of Louisburg. In addition to his positions in the Junior Chamber of Commerce here and statewide, he is past president of the Baptist Brotherhood, a graduate of W. R. Mills School, an Army Signal Corps veteran and was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America last year in that National publication. He has attended courses in local government at the Chapel Hill Institute of Government. He is married to the former Dorothy Mae Steed of Franklin. "I believe that the experience I have gained during this term will enable me to serve the people even better in the future if I am given the privilege to remain in this office," Knott's statement concluded.

Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court Tuesday, March 22:

- Willie Frank Marshall, c/m/21, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant having paid costs and having been sentenced in Case No. 2789, this case is dismissed.
- Eddie Forest Edgerton, c/m/19, motor vehicle violation. Probable cause found. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury under \$500.00 bond.
- Emelious Dunston, c/m/27, larceny. Bound over to Superior Court under \$500.00 bond.
- Larry Wayne Carter, w/m/21, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.
- Robert Vincent Cawthorne, w/m/61, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- William Dwight Shearing, w/m/19, speeding. Pleads guilty.

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Less Than Year:

Local Industry Must Expand

By Clint Fuller

Less than a year ago a young Louisburg businessman decided on a "Do-it-yourself" industrial project. With great emphasis being placed on attracting new industry to Louisburg and Franklin County, Mac Joyner, a native of Louisburg, decided to start an industry of his own. While Joyner had the blessing of industrial officials here and some assistance, basically he did it alone. No subscription drives were launched, no hunt for buildings. None were needed. Joyner made do with what he had and could get. The result was a growing industrial plant manufacturing prefinished wall paneling. Any way you look at it, it was a most unusual choice for a local industry. Materials must be imported from foreign sources, Canada and as far away as California in the states. The market for the finished product stretches from Maine to Florida and westward to the Mississippi River. But, Joyner, long connected with his family's business

of wholesale building supplies, saw a need for such a plant. Using his knowledge of the building industry and his daring as a speculator, with full confidence in its future success, Joyner opened his plant in the old Ford building on South Main Street, formerly occupied by Youngstown Manufacturing Co., on April 15, 1965. The plant started small and has grown to the point where expansion is necessary. A new 26,000 square foot building is under construction on the southern end of Bickett Blvd. here. When completed, about the middle of May, M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company will go from 16 employees to thirty and operate on two shifts in order to supply their customers in 27 states. Industry may well be found right here at home. Mac Joyner has set a very fine example. The growth of his plant will mean much to the economy of Louisburg and Franklin County.