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Miss Audree Marguerite Elizabeth Cameron

College Freshman Is Sixth Contestant

Miss Audree Marguerite Elizabeth Cameron, 18-year-old Louisburg College freshman from Greensboro, is the sixth contestant in the Louisburg Jaycee Miss Louisburg Pageant slated for April 23 in the College auditorium.

Miss Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cameron, 3223 James Place, Greensboro, will perform a dramatic skit or monologue as her talent.

The brown-eyed, brunette is now or has been treasurer of the Junior Jayceettes, vice chairman of the Page (High School) Youth Recreation Committee and news editor of the "Page by Page" school newspaper. She is a winner of the Nell Wise Vector "Taffy Journalism Award" and the William H. Danforth "I Dare You" Award.

She is a Methodist and her favorite hobbies are reading, drawing and dancing. Tennis is her favorite sport.

Sheriff Says

No Secrecy In Alleged Bombing

A report in Wednesday's Raleigh News and Observer, which said the March 4th alleged bombing of a Negro church in Franklin County "did not become public knowledge until April 8," was in error according to Sheriff Joseph W. Champion.

The alleged bombing took place on Friday night, March 4, and was reported to the county officials late the following day. The Sheriff's department informed the Franklin Times of the incident Saturday night, and Times Editor Clint Fuller was taken to the scene by Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell Sunday morning. The Times carried a front-page picture and story in its Tuesday, March 8, issue.

The Raleigh newspaper picked up the story from FBI agents a month later and carried it on its front page in the issue of Saturday, April 9.

The incident involved the total destruction of the Red Bud Church, a concrete block building near Castalia, during a severe electrical storm early Friday night, March 4. Sheriff's officers investigated the

incident, including interrogation of the pastor, Rev. P. J. Alston, Louisburg, Rt. 3.

The News and Observer story quoted Sheriff Champion as saying, "I don't know who called the FBI. I didn't. I didn't have anything to go on. There was no basis for a report," Champion is quoted in the story as saying.

Times Editor Clint Fuller questioned Rev. Alston at the scene and said he found no racial overtones connected with the incident. Sheriff Champion also was quoted as saying that his department had found none.

"The News and Observer's implied secrecy in the matter," said Fuller, "is entirely in error." Certainly the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has no obligation to report pending investigations to the Raleigh newspaper. The office reported the incident promptly to this newspaper, which has general circulation in the area. This, to me, discounts any attempt at secrecy by anyone connected with the case," Fuller concluded.

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Deadline Noon Friday

31 Candidates File For May Primary

With the filing deadline less than 24 hours away, thirty-one aspirants for local or district offices have filed for the Board of Elections for the May 28th Democratic Primary.

Latest to pay their fees to Board Secretary John King are Elmo Cash of Harris Township, Walter C. Bartholomew of Louisburg Township, and John Scott Ayscue of Hayesville Township. All are candidates for Constable in their respective districts.

Franklin Representative James D. Speed, who announced several weeks ago he would seek one of the two House seats allotted to the Sixteenth House District made up of Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties, filed this week. Rep. Wilton R. Drake of Warren and John T. Church of Vance are also vying for one of the two seats.

The most crowded race thus far is in the Louisburg-Cypress Creek District Commissioner contest. Four men have filed for this position, including the incumbent Chairman Norwood Faulkner and one of the two Negro candidates to file thus far, Booker T. Driver, Rt. 4, Louisburg farmer. J. Harold Talton, Louisburg banker, and A. H. Spencer, Louisburg farmer, are also candidates for the office.

In the District I (Harris-Dunn Township) race for Commissioner, three men are running for the position now held by Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold, who is filling the unexpired term of her late husband, Claude A. Arnold. These include former Commissioner Brooks W. Young, Bunn businessman-farmer H. Derrrell Mitchell, and G. Frank Hinson, retired automobile representative.

George H. Harris, incumbent Commissioner from the Hayesville-Sandy Creek Township District, is thus far unopposed for reelection.

Two veteran law enforcement officers are vying for the Sheriff's post. Incumbent Sheriff Joseph W. Champion is opposed by Louisburg Police Chief William T. Dement, who was once a deputy sheriff under former Sheriff Willis Perry.

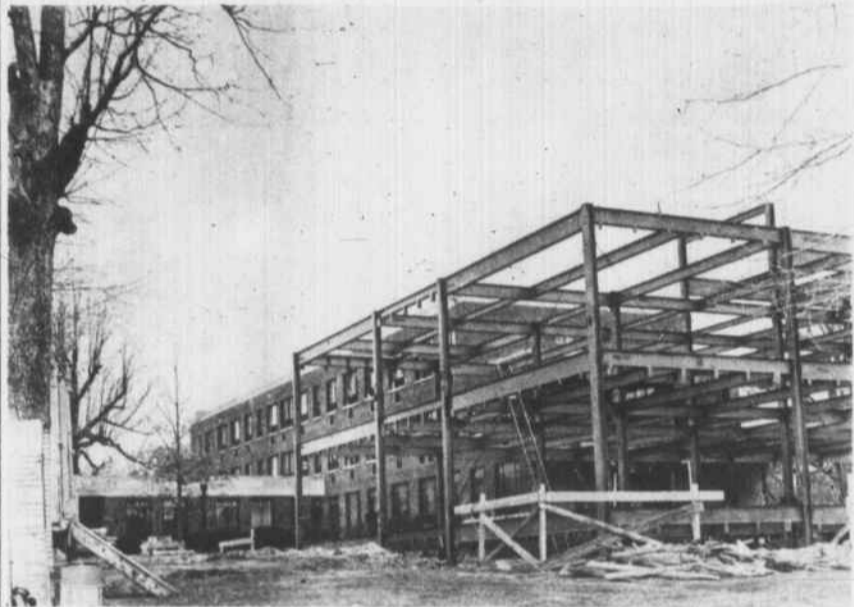
A three-way race for the Cedar Rock-Gold Mine seat on the county Board of Education has developed, with present chairman of the Board, Mrs. T. H. Dickens, being opposed by William Taylor Boone of Justice and the second Negro candidate in the May Primary, Joseph L. Strickland of Louisburg, Rt. 4.

Times Editor Clint Fuller is opposed for his return to the Board from the Louisburg-Cypress Creek District by Walter H. Ball, Rt. 1, Louisburg farmer.

Unopposed for major county offices as the filing deadline nears are: W. H. (Jack) Taylor for Solicitor; E. C. Bullock for Recorder's Court Judge; Ralph S. Knott for Clerk of Court, and James H. Edwards for Coroner.

Constable races are assured in at least two townships. In Franklin, Gus Stroud, Jr., and Claude Satterwhite are seeking election, and in Harris Township incumbent Joseph Joyner is opposed by Elmo Cash. Other townships having

only one candidate thus far are: Louisburg, Walter C. Bartholomew; Dunn, John Horton; Youngsville, Kenneth Hill, and Cedar Rock, Van Chaptin. The filing deadline is noon, Friday, April 15.



Progressing

Construction is proceeding on schedule at Franklin Memorial Hospital here where a new wing and other renovations are being done. The construction, which is scheduled to cost around \$900,000.00 is expected to be completed later this year. When finished the present 50-bed facility will contain eighty beds plus other modern facilities. -Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

ATU Reports Still Taken Off N. C. 56

The Raleigh ATU office reported Wednesday the capture of a liquor still and the arrest of two Franklin Negroes in the county Tuesday. The still was found off Highway 56 between Louisburg and Franklin.

Arrested at the site, with the still in full operation, were Jeff Collins James, N/m/33, Rt. 1, Franklin, and James Andrews, N/m/25, P. O. Box 274, Franklin. Both were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. P. Elmore in Dunn, N. C., late Tuesday. Bond was set at \$500 each on charges of violation of federal liquor laws, pending trial in U. S. District Court in Raleigh.

Destroyed were four 300-gallon submarine type stills and 115 gallons of whiskey at the still location. The Raleigh office reported that Wake and Granville County ABC officers assisted in the arrest.

Attorney General Says Schools Must Adopt Plan

The N. C. Attorney General's Office has ruled that school boards in the state must adopt the new federal guidelines for school desegregation under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, according to a news release today.

The deadline for signing Form 441-B, the assurance of compliance by administrative units, is Friday, April 15. Both Franklin City Schools and Franklin County Schools have already signed and returned the form to the Office of Education in Washington.

In answer to a letter from Jack D. Lawrie, Superintendent of Washington Schools, Attorney General Wade Bruton said that federal integration guidelines

Franklinton Stores Set Closings

Businesses in Franklinton will begin Wednesday closings on April 20.

W. L. Johnson, president of Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, stated businesses would close each Wednesday at 12:30 until further notice.

Final Date For Cotton Insurance Set

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announces that May 2 will be the last date for accepting applications on cotton for the 1966 crop year. This "All-Risk" insurance guarantees you your investment in your cotton regardless of what happens to it that is unavoidable.

1965 was a disastrous cotton year in Franklin County. Federal Crop Insurance Corporation paid approximately 95% of all the cotton policyholders in 1965 amounting to thousands of dollars.

Our tobacco coverages have again been raised for the 1966 crop year with a reduction in premium cost. If you have not had Federal Crop Insurance explained to you please contact us at our office located in the Agricultural Building, Louisburg, and we will be happy to explain this "All-Risk" insurance to you. There is also a very limited time in which we may accept your tobacco application for the 1966 crop year.

Reminder

County Commissioner Chairman Norwood Faulkner issued a reminder today that the Board of Commissioners will sit at the Board of Equalization and Review next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Commissioner Room in the Franklin County Courthouse. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. each day, Faulkner said.

"A Moment To Decide" - Part 4

County Leaders; The Commissioners

By Clint Fuller.

Note: A quotation from John Russell Lowell's "The Present Crisis," which suggested the title for this ten-part series, has never been more applicable. "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide" can be particularly true for Franklin County in the coming elections. The series is aimed at encouraging each person to take an interest in and become better acquainted with the public offices subject to the people's vote on May 28th.

Since every segment of our society requires leadership, Franklin County looks to its Board of Commissioners. Officially, this group represents, acts and speaks for the people of the county. It is their responsibility to plan and to guide the future of the county.

Three of the five positions are subject to the coming May 28th Democratic Primary. Only incumbents Richard Cash of the Franklinton-Youngsville District and E. M. Sykes of the Cedar Rock-Sandy Creek District are sure members for the next two years. Incumbent Chairman Norwood Faulkner has three opponents in the campaign; George Harris, veteran member is thus far unopposed with the filing deadline slated for tomorrow and Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold, filling the unexpired term of her late husband, Claude A. Arnold, is retiring from the Board. Three candidates are in the race for this seat.

The Board of County Commissioners meets officially the first Monday in each month in the Commissioner's Room at the courthouse. Special meetings are called from time to time to attend to special business which cannot wait for the next regular meeting.

Members are paid \$23.15 per meeting plus seven cents per mile for travel to the meeting place. The chairman receives \$40 extra monthly. The last available figures showed that the average pay of a Commissioner per year is \$648.20.

Generally the meeting begins at 10 a.m. and often lasts until way into the night. In Franklin County, Louisburg attorney Charles Davis acts as County Attorney and legal adviser to the Board. Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood is secretary to the Board.

The Commissioners make no laws, but they do set policy and make rules and regulations consistent with existing statutes. The Board appoints such county officials as the Tax Supervisor, County Accountant, Welfare Department and Health Boards, Veteran's Service Officer, Farm and Home Agents, Library personnel, Dog Warden and others.

The Commissioners levy taxes and approve budgets of county departments. It is their authority to call for bond votes. They set the tax rates, based on the needs of the county.

One of the most important duties these people perform is conferring with the people. Each Board member represents a two-township district and is usually readily available to the people in their district and countywide to hear complaints and suggestions.

Commissioners, while running by law from the district of their residence, must be voted on by all the people of the county. This assures that each represents all the people while at the same time reporting the wishes of his district to the entire Board.

Probably no county office holds as much importance to more people than that of County Commissioner. For here is the place where future progress of the county as a business and in large measure as a society is begun. The Commissioners are the county elected leaders. They voice the will of the people. Their selection by the people should be done with great care.

Next: The Court, Judge and Solicitor. A Moment to Decide

Youngsville Bank Burglars Bound Over

Three men, charged in the break-in of the Youngsville branch of Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company early Monday morning, were ordered held under bonds totaling \$27,500 in Durham Tuesday by U. S. Commissioner Oliver Aphin.

The three men were allegedly sighted coming out of the bank around 1:30 a.m. Monday

by six teen-age youths, three of whom were from Louisburg and three from Youngsville. The youths have been praised for their alertness by officials. Thomas C. Pergerson, Joel H. Pusey and Gregg P. Collins are the boys from Louisburg, and William B. Alford, Jerry K. Kinton and Harold Kearney are from Youngsville.

were Charles Thomas Ashley, 36, of 115 N. Dillard St., and James Callie Hamilton, 36, of Wheaton, Md. Robert Russell O'Neal, a former Durham resident who recently has resided in Wheaton, was placed under \$7,500 bond pending action by a federal grand jury on the burglary indictments.

The defendants' attorney, stating that his clients "cannot

possibly post such high bonds," pleaded for smaller bonds. Aphin refused to set the appearance bonds at any smaller amounts, however.

The three men were arrested here about 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

A Youngsville teen-ager, Harold Kearney, testified at the hearing that he and five other boys were returning to their homes from Raleigh about 12:55 a.m. Monday when they drove past the Central Carolina Bank branch office in Youngsville.

"I saw the front door open, and saw a man leave the bank and get into a car in which at least one other person was sitting," Kearney said. "The car pulled away and we followed it for a short way. . . . It was a white Oldsmobile with a license with the number BC 1807."

The youth said he immediately went to the home of State Highway Patrol Trooper Gary Kearney "and told him what we had seen."

The boy on cross-examination said he could not identify See YOUNGVILLE Page 6



CHARLES T. ASHLEY



ROBERT R. O'NEAL



JAMES C. HAMILTON

Photos from The Durham Sun



New Club Officers

Officers of the newly formed Town and Country Garden Club in Louisburg are pictured above at installation ceremonies held Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. John Collins on Ford Circle. Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. Jimmy Cottrell, Treasurer; Mrs. Freddie Hight, Secretary; Mrs. John Collins, Vice-President; and Mrs. Jimmy Martin, President. For other picture and story see Page 3. -Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.