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# DOG DAYS



This year's dog days have a sharper bite than usual. Since July 3, the traditional start of the dog days, much of the United States has sweated in continuous 90-plus and 100-degree temperatures, the National Geographic Society says. Instead of worrying about mad dogs and other odd legendary dangers of the season, present-day Americans are concerned about power failures caused by overloading from air conditioners. Those without air conditioning follow the advice given 2,800 years ago by the Greek poet Hesiod: "When Sirius parches head and knees, and the body is dried up by reason of the heat, then sit in the shade and drink."

### BRIGHT DOG STAR

Sirius is the name of the brightest visible star--28 times brighter than

the sun. Its clear blue-white light marks the constellation Canis Major, "the Greater Dog," so Sirius became known as the Dog Star. The Greeks and Romans noted that Sirius rose with the sun at midsummer, the hottest time of the year. Thus the Romans called this period dies caniculares, or dog days. The traditional season ran from July 3, 20 days before the simultaneous appearance of the sun and Sirius, to August 11, 20 days after. Sirius is on a slightly different schedule now, but dog days still come in July and August. Mistakenly, the Greeks and Romans thought that Sirius was adding its heat to the sun's as they rose and set together. They blamed the brilliant star for field-withering droughts, mid-summer sickness, and the death of farm animals. To appease the inimical star, the Romans sacrificed

red-haired puppies in the spring. One of the oldest and most persistent superstitions holds that dog days cause dogs to go mad. Actually, medical reports show that rabies occurs more often in spring and fall than in summer. Another superstition says that a tree slashed during dog days will die, no matter how slight the injury. Many trees are dying this summer--from drought, not injuries.

### NO SWIMMING

Not too long ago, many parents forbade children to go swimming in dog days, when lake water was thought to be polluted. It was a practical ban, for many lakes and ponds become covered with a decidedly unpleasant scum of green algae in midsummer.

Though Sirius makes no contribution to the heat, the dog days generally are more uncomfortable than the rest of the year because of an infernal combination of heat and humidity. By July and August, the earth is well warmed; oceans have lost their winter chill. Days are still long, and the sun beats down fiercely from high in the sky. As temperatures rise, more moisture evaporates. The air becomes muggy. From every pond, ocean, river, and stream, water is drawn into the air at the rate of some 16 million tons a second. Eventually, the moisture will return as rain, snow, or some other form of precipitation. But while moisture is retained in the air it causes sticky misery and endless repetition of, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity."

## Jaycees, Police Lose

The Franklinton Teens defeated the J. C.'s by a score of 7 to 5, Tuesday night. The J. C.'s led the teens until the bottom of the 6th. The Teens made four runs in the 6th to put them 2 points ahead.

The J. C.'s didn't score any more runs. The leading hitters for the J. C.'s were Daniels 3 for 3, Read 3 for 4, Murray 2 for 3, and the leading hitters for the Teens were J. Williamson 3 for 3, Holmes 3 for 3, with one a home run.

The Franklinton Independents defeated the Louisburg Police 12 to 5. The Independents held Louisburg Police 12 to 0 until the top of the 5th when the

Police scored 3 runs. The Police scored 2 runs in the 6th. The leading hitters for the Independents were Ronnie Beckham 3 for 4, Jackson 3 for 4, Quick 3 for 4, Shields 2 for 3 with one home run.

### Warnings Unheeded

Americans have smoked about 534 billion cigarettes in the past fiscal year despite warnings printed on the packages. The Department of Agriculture reports Americans smoked two billion more this year than last. There was a slight decline in cigar and pipe smoking.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, July 18:

KILLED TO DATE 828  
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 766

The Inspection DEADLINE for vehicles with license plates ending in SEVEN comes on July 31.

Our own idea is that Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln would be surprised at some of things that some people say they said.

## Hobby Races Slated

Another big program of Hobby Class stock car racing is on tap here Saturday night. All the drivers that provided one of the most closely contested races yet seen last week will be back as well as a number of others. The all Hobby program proved popular with both fans and drivers and will be scheduled regularly on Saturday nights from now on. In order to avoid disappointing some seven Late model drivers who showed up last week the promoters, with the O. K. of the Hobby drivers, ran a special event for the Sportsman cars in place of the scheduled Hobby consolation event. For this Saturday nights program, however, the Hobby consolation event will be run. This is a race that provides

the slower cars and newer drivers a chance to make some money. It is open only to those cars who have failed to finish in the money in any of the heat races, this of course also proves to be a help to some of the drivers who have either spun out or suffered minor mechanical difficulties during the running of the heat races. Hobby cars as a name is somewhat misleading. Perhaps they should be called early models. A few years ago this class of racing was called Limited Sportsman in order to distinguish them from the full modified division. What ever the name, some extremely fast cars run in these races with many drivers having \$1200 to \$1500 invested in them.

On hand for this weeks events will be the strong Oxford delegation headed by such speedsters as Dee Oakley, Pete Dease, Terry Redd and Leroy Beam.

If all the after-dinner speaking could be eliminated, the dinners would be just as good.

## Job Corps Counselor Due Here

Franklin County Welfare Director, Mrs. Jane M. York announced today that a State Job Corps representative will visit the county to accept applications for the federally sponsored training agency. Mr. Michael D. Busby, Job Corps Counselor, State Board of Public Welfare, will be in Franklin County on August 9, 1966, from one to five o'clock at the Welfare office for the purpose of interviewing young men who are interested in enlisting in the Job Corps. To be eligible for the program, a boy must be 16 years of age and not yet 21 years and 9 months old.

The emphasis at camp is an education and it is not possible to enroll if one has been found guilty of any serious crimes or guilty of repeated minor offense. Ninety-three per cent of all enrollees have not completed high school. The rural camps specialize

## Directory

(Continued from Page 1) this first city directory for the entire area," added Mullin-Kille officers. The Mullin-Kille Company enjoys the reputation of being one of the outstanding directory publishers in the country and is currently publishing books for approximately 50 cities in North Carolina alone. The ConSurvey type directory of the Mullin-Kille Company has many exclusive and outstanding features. Both the Louisburg Business Association and The Franklinton Chamber of Commerce will serve as co-sponsors in this worthwhile community project according to Mrs. Juanita Pleasants of the Louisburg Business Association and Mr. W. L. Johnson, Jr., of the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce.

In teaching basic education and some trades. The larger urban centers teach trades such as automobile repair, welding, retailing, office occupations, photography, and commercial art. A low achiever will improve his reading, arithmetic, and writing ability prior to taking up a trade. A boy who possesses some skill will begin his job training shortly after arriving in a center. Both will be required to work while at camp. This work will earn these boys a spending allowance of \$30 per month. A readjustment allowance of \$50 for each month of satisfactory service will be placed

## Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, July 19:

Percy (Perry) Foster, Jr., c/m/24, non support. Court finds that defendant has not complied with rules and regulations of probation and orders commitment to issue. Joe Raymond Smith, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. 8 months in jail, assigned to work on work release plan. Notice of appeal to Superior Court. Bond fixed at \$500.00. Mike O'Neal, Jr., c/m/30, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs. Bradley Dee Tart, w/m/36, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs. Clifford Ray Jeans, w/m/19, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs. Junious Neal Edwards, w/m/27, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs. Howard Gene Barnes, w/m/24, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs. Laborn Banks, c/m, assault. \$10.00 fine and costs. Larry Tabron, c/m/21, speeding. \$30.00 fine and costs. George Darness Hazelwood, c/m/22, careless and reckless driving. \$10.00 fine and costs.

In a savings account to be given to each corpsman upon completion of his Job Corps training.



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