

Generally fair and warmer today. Only 10 per cent chance of showers. Low, 63; high, near 90. Wednesday, partly cloudy, chance of showers.

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## Bunn Lions Endorse Times' Road Articles

The thirty-five-member Bunn Lions Club has added its endorsement to the Franklin Times road efforts in a letter from secretary Decimo Gay.

The letter states, "The thirty five member Bunn Lions Club would like to be placed along side the Franklinton Club in endorsing the efforts of your paper for improved roads in Franklin County. Our interest in the matter with you, and the Better Roads Committee, is one hundred percent."

The Bunn Lions point out that "... We cannot put the blame, on the present State Highway Commission for a condition that has existed for longer than most of us can remember. Perhaps the fault has been within the county itself."

The Bunn Lions endorsement of The Franklin Times front-page editorials pertaining to road conditions in the county, brings to three the number of organizations in the county stamping approval of the efforts. Previously the Franklinton Township Chamber of

Commerce and the Franklinton Lions Club had issued statements of approval. A number of private individuals have expressed their endorsement of the efforts to get improvements to county highways.

## Accidents Take Toll In Injured

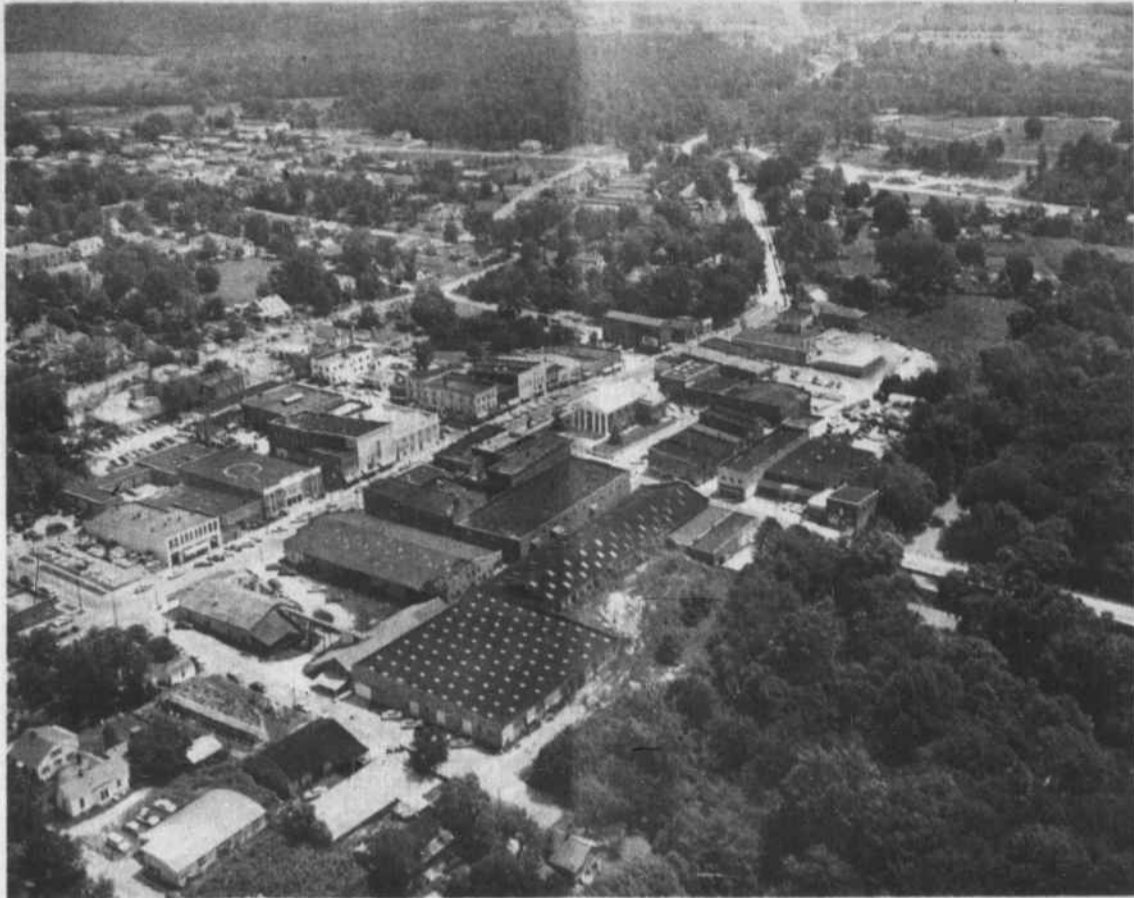
A two-car collision at the intersection of U. S. 401 and N. C. 39 in Louisburg Saturday around 9:45 a.m. sent nine persons to Franklin Memorial Hospital for treatment. Another single car accident between Youngsville and Wake Forest placed a county man in Rex Hospital under intensive care.

The Saturday collision occurred, according to Louisburg Police Officer Gerald Eury, when a 1965 Chevrolet driven by Pattie Gall Spevey Morgan, R. 1, Louisburg Negro woman attempted to make a left turn off Bickett Blvd., west on the street from Bickett to Main. A 1965 Pontiac, reportedly driven by Barbara B. Rackley, white woman of Rocky Mount, struck the Chevrolet. The Rackley car was headed south.

Injured in the Rackley car were 10-year-old Debra Kay Wilder, who suffered severe head injuries and 8-year-old Vivian Wilder, both nieces of Mrs. Rackley. The 8-year-old was not seriously injured. The driver of the Morgan car suffered the most injuries of those in the vehicle, and was taken by the Louisburg Rescue Service to the local hospital. All, reportedly, were released a short time later. Five passengers in the Morgan car were released after first aid treatment.

Damage to both vehicles was placed at around \$1300 by Officer Eury. Willard Gilliam, w/m/45, Rt. 1, Louisburg, suffered severe injuries, including a broken leg when the car he was driving reportedly overturned between Youngsville and Wake Forest. Gilliam also suffered severe head and facial injuries and was taken to Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Further details of the accident were not available.

The Louisburg Rescue Service answered a second call Saturday to aid a Negro woman, Cleoisa Allen on Halifax St. here. The call took place around 11:15 a.m. Saturday while Rescuers were busy with the victims of the Bickett Blvd. accident.



## How Many Buildings Do You Recognize?

See how many buildings you can recognize in this aerial photograph of the Town of Louisburg. Looking east, the picture includes the county Courthouse, center; Church Street, lower portion of picture and The Franklin Times building on Bickett Blvd. in the upper right corner. Observe, too, the

changes since this photo was made several years ago, particularly the absence of Shannon Village shopping center, the new bank building on the corner of Nashand Bickett and many others.

Dean Says

## Rain Helps, More Needed

The first general rains in several weeks fell on the county Friday night and Saturday. County Extension Chairman, C. T. Dean, Jr., says that from the reports he has the amount ranged from eight tenths of an inch to more than two inches. Dean said that while he hated to sound greedy, we do need some more rain because crops use about two tenths of an inch per day during this season of the year.

In commenting on the crop situation the Extension Chairman says the rain will just about make or mature tobacco that has been irrigated. Approximately 65% of the county's tobacco acreage is estimated to have been irrigated at least once. The some 35% of the crop that has not been irrigated will need about two more rains a week apart to make a fair crop.

Farmers are urged to top their tobacco as soon as it blooms. Research information shows that after tobacco blooms it costs the farmers \$10 to \$12 per day per acre until it is topped. One other important suggestion is to let tobacco ripen before you harvest. Ripe tobacco will always sell, Dean said.

In reference to the cotton crop, Dean said that cotton had had it rough all year. The cold wet weather along with the frost in early May ruined the stand in many cases. Dry weather was beginning to injure cotton but the cotton crop can usually stand more dry weather than other crops. Farmers are urged to follow a complete insect control program.

The corn crop has been hurt the most from the drought. The rain came too late for the bulk of the county's corn crop. Some fields of late corn will be helped.

The rain will help the soybean crop. The bean crop does not seem to be hurt too much because most of the crop is planted to the Lee and Bragg varieties and these varieties are just beginning to bloom. Dry weather has caused poor stands in fields following small grain. With additional rain soybeans should come out pretty good.

Pastures were about to dry up before the rain. Many farmers were feeding as if it

was winter. Pasture and hay crops suffered quite a bit from the drought.

Home gardens were hurt about as bad as anything from the dry weather. Dean said the following vegetables can be planted now for harvest

before frost: Kale, collards, cabbage, carrots, mustard, turnips, bunch butter beans, bunch snaps and squash.

In closing, Dean said we still need an inch of rain a week.

## Area Gets .97 Inches

The Franklin County area received welcomed relief from the long drought as a soaking rain fell here most of the day Saturday. G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman reported the official rainfall in town was .97 inches. Some areas of the county received more, some less, according to reports.

Kennedy reported that only .07 inches had fallen through the entire month of July prior to Saturday. He explained that the measurement was .07 early Saturday morning and that .90 fell from 9 a.m. Saturday until 5 p.m.

Combined with around two inches of rainfall in the month of June, the two-month period

has been one of the driest in years.

Kennedy had reported earlier that .57 inches had fallen on the night of June 30 and morning of July 1. Prior to that, .55 inches fell on June 29. Kennedy measured .55 inches on June 18, but before that he stated he couldn't recall when the last measurable rainfall occurred.

The rain brought with it cooling temperatures, dropping down to the mid-eighties after several days during July when the thermometer reached the 100 degree mark. Most of July, temperatures ranged in the low nineties, with several days reaching up to 97 degrees.

## By Commissioners Champion Named C.D. Director, Other Posts Filled

The Board of County Commissioners, sitting in regular session here Monday, named Veteran's Service Officer George Champion as Civil Defense Director for the county, succeeding the late Thurman Johnson.

C. Ray Pruette of Franklinton was tapped to fill the vacancy on the Library Board created by the death of Mrs. M. S. Clifton and the Industrial Development Commission members had their terms of office extended.

The Board awarded the 1966-67 county fuel oil contract to Tidewater Oil Co. as low of the three bidders. The price quoted by Tidewater was .1205 per gallon.

Kenneth Braswell, veteran Tax Supervisor was reappointed for another one-year term and the jury list for September Civil Court was drawn.

The Board agreed to pay Carroll and Phelps Company \$5800 for revaluation services, provided the payment was ok'd by county attorney Charles Davis.

A letter was read to the Board from Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples on behalf of the Louisburg Rescue Service of which Peoples is Chief. Peoples expressed the Service's appreciation for appropriations made to the organization last year by the Commissioners.

Reappointed to the Industrial Development Commission and the expiration date of their terms were: J. H. Talton (1968); Simon Collier (1968); W. F. Collins (1968); James T. Moss (1968); Allen deHart (1968); Macon Morris (1967); Lloyd West (1969); K. G. Weldon (1967); Jackson Dean (1967); and Joe Denton (1969).

Members of the county Library Board are: Mrs. L. W. Henderson, Pete Shearin; Mrs. Frank Read; Mrs. Elsa Yarborough; Richard H. Cash and C. Ray Pruette.

## Franklinton Teachers Announced

(Frk. B.W.) The following new teachers have been elected to teach at Franklinton High School: Mrs. Mary Alston Dillard (fifth grade); Mrs. Kay Morris (primary grade); Mrs. Mary Little of Raleigh (sixth grade); Mrs. Lucy Green (fourth grade); Mrs. Rosemary Champion (primary grade); H. H. Bolling of Thomasville (agriculture).

There are still two vacancies in the Franklinton High School as a result of the recent resignations of Mr. and Mrs. Becton Corbin. Corbin was elected to a coaching position and football coaching position at Richlands. Mrs. Corbin will also teach in Richlands.

Marjorie M. Niles (elementary grade); Charles Keck, Jr. (high school); G. J. Bussey (introduction to vocations); Lillie M. Clemmons (elementary grade) are newly elected teachers at B. F. Person-Albion School.

A vacancy still exists at B. F. Person-Albion. It is a building trades teacher position.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I Project personnel will include: Miss Lila Lee Williams, primary teacher; Edward L. Chester, attendance counselor; Bar-

## Newsmen To Fly To Ft. Sill

Two local newsmen will fly to Ft. Sill, Okla. next Tuesday to cover the firing of the "Honest John" Rocket by local National Guardsmen, it was announced today.

Times editor Clint Fuller and WYRN radio news director Asher Johnson will depart Raleigh-Durham Airport Tuesday around 7:30 a.m. for the mid-western base.

The two will join twenty other news people and State officials in the four-hour flight on an Air National Guard transport plane. The party will return late Wednesday afternoon.

Sixty-five local Guardsmen left Louisburg by bus for the Raleigh-Durham Airport early Sunday morning on the first leg of their trip. They were to be by commercial chartered planes to Ft. Sill for a two-week training tour. Also included in the local Guard unit are Battery A from Zebulon and Battery B from Youngsville.

An advance detail left last week by convoy for the massive army installation.

On Roads

## Editor Speaks To Franklinton Lions

Times editor Clint Fuller told the Franklinton Lions Club last night, "We need to put forth a greater effort than has been put forth in the past twenty-nine years, if Franklin County is to get roads improvements."

"Time is running out on us," Fuller stated, "Unless we get some action soon, it figures to be a long time before we get these needed improvements."

Meeting in the Franklinton Community House, the editor expressed his appreciation to the Lions for their endorsement of the newspaper's efforts to "draw attention to road conditions" in the county.

Fuller pointed out that Franklin County "has been shorted" on highway fund allotment, regardless of how such allotments are given. He stated that "Franklin County is losing a \$1 million annually in the difference in what we send to Raleigh in gasoline tax money and what we get in re-

turn." Fuller pointed out that information is becoming "hard to get" from state officials and told the group, "We've had no comment from Highway officials" on the front page editorials.

He referred to N. C. 96 as "the most deplorable primary road in the county" followed closely by N. C. 56. He mentioned U. S. 1 at Franklinton as another road in need of repairs.

"The wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease," Fuller said, "And Franklin County has not squeaked loud enough over the years. We must put forth a total effort and make a noise loud enough to get some grease for our county."

Fuller was introduced by Deputy District Governor C. Ray Pruette, who praised the editor and The Franklin Times for their "service to Franklin County."

## Air National Guard Travels The Globe

Raleigh - "Dear Sir, I took ten days from my civilian job to fly 10.1 tons of cargo 7,587 miles (one way) in a North Carolina Air National Guard "Super Connie" C-121 aircraft to Da Nang Airbase, Vietnam. I am the aircraft commander with a crew of seven Tar Heel Guardsmen on a mission carrying critical supplies to the Combat Zone. This is history in the making. What better way to use my 23 years training?"

The above message on a card post-marked Vietnam from a North Carolina Air National Guard aircraft commander is just one of the many post cards received each week by Governor Moore from Tar Heel Air Guardsmen on missions all over the world.

The post mark may be Wake Island, Okinawa, the Canal Zone, the Azores, England, Germany, Spain—or Saigon. The message is usually about the same as the last. "The North Carolina Air National Guard has arrived here on a mission airlifting supplies... or to evacuate combat casualties."

But according to Governor Moore the message means a great deal more as he said, "These post cards are a clear demonstration of the role of the Air National Guard, and I am very proud of the Guardsmen in North Carolina who are playing such an important part in supporting our troops in Vietnam as well as those men stationed in all parts of the

world. We are not only proud of the boys in the Air National Guard in North Carolina, but also proud of the boys from North Carolina and from all over the United States who are defending our freedom in Vietnam and other parts throughout the world."

Guardsmen have been sending the Governor a post card on each overseas flight for nearly a year, and the Governor's card collection has grown into "a colorful around-the-world package."

The idea is to keep the commander-in-chief informed of the unique role that the State's Air Guard is playing as an airborne provider in the nation's military commitment around the globe.

The men who perform this mission are civilian airmen who live all over North Carolina. They are members of the 145th Military Airlift Group based at Charlotte's Douglas Municipal on Friday afternoon--after the pilot and his crew have finished their civilian jobs for the week.

Quickly donning flight suits, they board one of the Guard's C-121 Super Constellations and head for one of the country's far-flung military bases, pick up supplies and air lift them to some critical overseas point.

In recent months, Tar Heel Air Guardsmen have been headed more and more in the direction of Southeast Asia. The stepped up demand for supplies and patient airlifts from

Vietnam have brought an average of three flights a month to Saigon itself. Thus, many civilian Guardsmen in the State are in the unique position of living and working in North Carolina but drawing combat pay for duty in the Vietnamese war.

Brigadier General William J. Payne, the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, commands the North Carolina Air National Guard. Colonel Robert W. Brooks is commander of the 145th Military Airlift Group whose mission of global support takes it to as many as thirty different countries in a year's time.

"The idea of writing the Governor each time we touch down at an overseas base is more than just a hobby for the crew," General Payne remarked. "The men who are carrying out this mission have a real job to do in supporting the military effort, and they feel that the Governor and other state officials should be informed of the contribution that citizen-soldiers in the State make to the country's military commitment."

The men who board the "Super Connie" in Charlotte come from all walks of life—a television executive, a doctor, a civilian pilot or a salesman. They may spend as much as eleven tiring days ferrying a 19,000 pound cargo of everything from airplane tires to intricate guidance systems thousands of miles before they return to their home stations and

civilian jobs.

Starting with July 1, the Air Guardsmen have scheduled an average of two aeromedical evacuation flights a month. Most of these flights will be airlifting wounded soldiers from Vietnam. The Guard crews pick up the wounded in Southeast Asia and transport them to an Army Hospital. The crews, which include flight nurses, are trained to care for the wounded while in flight to medical facilities.

In four months last year, the unit evacuated 442 patients and airlifted them an average of 1,000 miles. There are 161 men and women on flight status with the North Carolina Air Guard. The Airlift Group includes 47 pilots, 18 navigators, 16 flight nurses, 30 flight engineers, 17 loadmasters and 33 aeromedical evacuation technicians. Some are full-time Guardsmen, but the majority who perform this mission are "volunteers."

That means, they are civilians who are Guardsmen.

Training is the primary mission of all the Guard's flights, General Payne points out, but training and serving simultaneously are big morale factors for the Guard, he says.

"The Air Guard has had many roles in recent years," he adds, "but few have offered the men the opportunity to perform a mission in support of the regular military while training themselves."