

Cloudy and mild with scattered showers today and Wednesday. Low, 65; high 81.

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Freshmen Arrive, College Starts 180th Year

By Clint Fuller

Some four hundred young men and young women, armed with paraphernalia varying from books to baskets, pillows to pallies, curlers, combs and couple dolls and accompanied by mothers, fathers, little sisters and big brothers, arrived on the campus of Louisburg College Sunday afternoon.

The arrival of the freshmen marked the beginning of a new chapter in their lives and in the life of Louisburg College. No official count was taken, but a well qualified guess estimated that by dark, some three hundred ninety odd of these youngsters, having waved fond farewells to families, pets, and particularly to the car, were suddenly taken with a malady, known the world around as homesickness.

There is seemingly no cure, although time they say, will lessen the severity of the ailment.

Thus it has been since Matthew Dickinson, first Headmaster, a Yale graduate from New Haven, Connecticut, rang the first bell in January, 1805. This is perhaps one of the few things that has not changed at Louisburg College since it was chartered as Franklin Academy in 1787.

There were on hand some old masters at the first-day business. One could spot these debonair second-year men from a block away. Self-assured and eager to help, they made the day

a little less dreary for the newcomers. No poll was taken of these to determine how they fared after the noise ended, in tackling the home-sickness malady. Perhaps some better than most.

Watching the activities from the decided vantage point of being neither a student, a parent or college participant, one could find much human nature to observe. One car arrived from Warrenton with a steaming cloud of smoke to unload one boy and perhaps a home full of pleasant memories. The mother was concerned. She wanted him to study and not play she said. Don't all mothers?

Little sister viewed from a distance as though she just might let the big lug know she was going to miss him, if she came to close. Father hastened off to get some water for the car. Sitting in the shade of a giant oak, which has seen more of these opening days than any living thing, was a late model station wagon. Bulging at the seams with baggage, somewhat like a balloon which is about to receive that final puff, it would seem that surely all that luggage must account for half a dozen girls. Not being too familiar with girls per se, we were somewhat surprised to find that all this baggage went with just

one single cutie.

Somehow it struck us, here is some sort of injustice, having just seen a boy carrying all his belongings in one footlocker. But, perhaps, it takes more for girls, they being prettier, usually, than boys.

One proud father from Jacksonville, N. C., giving off some sense of pride that he finally made it, spoke of an unusual occurrence in that his daughter would be occupying the very same room he used when he was a student here back in the forties. And, somehow, this makes some of us feel ancient.

All around the campus there were youngsters just sitting it out. They had either come early and gotten it over with or they had tired of the whole thing and decided to do nothing in the hopes that this procedure would result in the fewest mistakes.

Whole families were spotted just sitting in the rooms in the dormitories staring at each other. Baggage was left unpacked. Beds were unmade. Everybody was trying to say something funny or make idle conversation. All were waiting like an expectant father for the time to come. The time being in this case, the time to part.

"Behave yourself. Stay out of trouble. Call me. Don't forget to write. Study." A nickel for every time these words were uttered Sunday afternoon on the campus and who'd need a college education?

A family across the hall was helping junior get settled. Pop fumbled for a time with a closet door. Just as mother arrived to aid, the handle came off. Pop just stared, looked around, and replaced the handle. He didn't really break it. It might have been there since the price "for instruction in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic et al" was ten dollars per annum as advertised in the Raleigh Register on December 17, 1804.

They teach more than the "Three R's" at Louisburg College now. It's been a long time since 1787 and many like institutions have fallen by the wayside. But not Louisburg College. Not its spirit, not its dedication; not its devotion and not its effectiveness.

The homesickness, the sad farewells, the confusion of the first day will vanish. In its stead will come development. Development of young minds and young hearts.

It has been this way now for 179 years. It will continue to be this way as long as there are young minds willing to be developed and there is a need for Christian education. This will be forever.

Tharrington Named Assistant Police Chief

Veteran Louisburg Police Officer Earl H. Tharrington was named Assistant Chief



THARRINGTON

of Police for Louisburg in action taken by the Town Council in a meeting last Friday night. A motion was made by Councilman E. F. Thomas and seconded that a secret ballot be taken to name the new Assistant. Tharrington won over former part-time Police Officer Ralph Lester, only other applicant for the position, by a vote of six to one.

Mayor V. A. Peoples said Monday that Tharrington was appointed "to work under William Chief William T. Dement, nominee-elect for Franklin County Sheriff for the purpose of training." Asked if this appointment was a forerunner of naming Tharrington Chief when Dement becomes Sheriff in December the Mayor said, "We have a Chief right now and no one can be Chief until the Council makes such an appointment. This action does not name a Chief, nor does it mean that the new Assistant will not be made Chief."

Speculation around town had read into the Council's actions that Tharrington was, in effect, named to take over when Dement vacates the office. The minutes of the meeting, however, show only that he has been appointed Assistant Chief of Police. The fact that this is a newly established post and carries with it no additional duties or salary, indicates that the Council is at the present time moving Tharrington into position to be named to the head post later.

The 32-year-old Tharrington has been on the force for the past six and a half years, and has been employed by the Town of Louisburg for the past eleven years. A graduate of Gold Sand High School, he is married to the former Sue Callicutt of Montgomery County. He is the father of two sons, Tony, 11, and Greg, 2. The Tharringtons live at 109 Middle Street here.

The new Assistant Chief said, "I would like to express my appreciation to the Council for the confidence they have placed in me." He has received special training in police work through various courses given to the local department.

Robbery Of 81-Year-Old Investigated

Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten reported this morning that the Sheriff's department and the State Bureau of Investigation are continuing their investigation into the early Sunday morning robbery of an elderly New Hope-Harris Community man.

Batten reported that two young white men entered the home of Jesse C. Fuller, 81-year-old man living alone in the Harris Community near New Hope around 7 a.m. Sunday. Fuller was told to lie still and not to cause any trouble and the two men tied him up using torn pillow slips, according to reports.

The elderly man was not harmed as the two men described as being between 25 and 30 years old made off with \$354 in cash. The bandits were carrying pistols and entry was made by releasing an old-type pull latch on the back door of the home. Fuller was asleep at the time in an upstairs bedroom.

Market Averages \$66.67 Monday

After a slow start which had tobaccomen worried last Thursday morning, the local tobacco market picked up steam as the sales day moved along and ended within reach of the Middle Belt opening average of \$66.61. The Louisburg market closed on opening day with an average of \$66.28, well above the average estimated following early

sales Thursday. Their market Monday averaged \$66.67 selling 287,526 pounds for \$191,692.54. The prices Monday were somewhat higher than last Friday or opening day. On opening day last year, the Louisburg market sold 350,800 pounds for \$219,134.26 and an average of \$62.60. Opening day sales this

year were lower with 293,366 pounds going for \$194,446.10. Sales Friday reached 283,142 pounds and sold for \$187,388.96 and an average of \$66.18. Total sales for the three-day period, Thursday, Friday and Monday, totaled 864,034 pounds for \$573,527.60. William Boone, Sales Supervisor, reported that he was concerned about the low start last Thursday but was pleased with the final average. Full sets of buyers were reported active on all operating flue-cured tobacco markets Monday. Demand was strong and prices were good.

Demand was stronger Monday for flue-cured tobacco on the Eastern North Carolina Belt as tied tobacco was offered in heavy volume for the first time this season, the Federal - State Market News Service reported.

Prices by grades were generally steady on the South Carolina - Border North Carolina Belt and the North Carolina Middle Belt. On the Middle Belt, fluctuations of \$1 and \$2 per hundred pounds occurred for about half of the grades. Gains

and losses were about evenly divided. Volume was heavy with all markets blocked. The quality of the offerings improved. A larger percentage of smoking leaf was sold and less primings and non-descript.

Intensive Labor Survey Underway

A group of community leaders from throughout Franklin County met here Monday night to map plans for distribution of 50,000 Labor Survey Forms to citizens in the county and surrounding areas. W. J. Benton, Director of Industrial Development for the county explained the procedures to the group.

The survey, which got underway Monday, was called last Friday following the disclosure that a "major industrial plant" was considering locating in the area if labor was available. Six thousand forms were mailed over the weekend to all routes coming into the general Franklin County area. Other forms are being distributed through the six thousand school children. Still others are being passed out by volunteers and placed in stores and other businesses in the area.

Everyone willing to accept a job with a new industry are requested to fill out the forms, whether or not they are presently employed. All information contained in the forms are to be kept confidential, it was reported.

J. H. Talton, Chairman of the Development Commission and head of the Labor Survey Project, stated that both men and women would be needed by the new firm and that skilled and unskilled labor would be used. Officials have refused to disclose the nature of the busi-

ness, where it is now located or any details of the operation for fear that such a leak might result in the loss of the firm. Benton stated last week that work had been going on with the company for the past two months. Local officials are being helped in the survey by the State Employment Security Commission.

Helicopter Makes Emergency Landing Here

An Army CH-21B twin propeller helicopter made an emergency landing at the Franklin Airport near Louisburg late Monday afternoon enroute back to Ft. Bragg. The plane, carrying thirteen men, was forced to land due to fuel shortage.

Two Warrant Officers, Parker and Upchurch, were in command of the craft and reported they had about five minutes of fuel left when they landed here around 4:45 p.m. The plane carried an honor guard to the funeral of a serviceman at Warrenton Monday afternoon.

The local airport, which accommodates only light aircraft did not have the 110 to 130 octane gasoline needed to refuel the big "Banana." A call was made to Raleigh and a truck of fuel arrived early

Monday night. The craft resumed its journey to Ft. Bragg about 8:30 p.m. The unusual landing of such a craft here, brought out a number of spectators, who waited for the after-dark take-off. One of the officers had said earlier he was afraid he'd miss his bowling date back at the army base. The Crew Chief apparently had something else in mind when he said something to the effect that he would miss his date, too, but not with a bowling ball.

Officers laid the fuel shortage to engine trouble which was causing "a much faster rate of consumption than normal. They had first attempted to reach Raleigh-Durham Airport but decided while over Franklin to land at Louisburg instead.

Franklin To Get \$26,106.92 In Powell Bill Road Funds

Four of the five municipalities in Franklin County are to receive a total of \$26,106.92 in Powell Bill funds for non-state-system highways within the towns participating in the allocations. Centerville has not yet qualified for receipt of these funds.

Louisburg leads the four with an allocation of \$13,121.78 followed by Franklin with \$7,792.83, Youngsville with \$3,490.48 and Bunn with \$1,701.83.

Funds are allocated among cities and towns on the basis of relative non-State System local street mileage and relative population. The latest certified Federal decennial census is used as the source of the population data. Each municipality furnishes its own local street mileage data, along with qualifying data, properly certified, according

to the announcement accompanying the release. Municipalities establish their eligibility annually by submitting data concerning their municipal elections, ad valorem tax, other sources of income, and budget ordinances. Some legally incorporated towns do not qualify for these funds.

The latest allocations for Franklin County show an increase of \$1,439.56 over the \$24,667.36 allotted last year and a \$2,398.58 increase over 1964 figures.

The funds are allocated from

one-half cent of the regular six-cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the state and returned to participating towns and cities annually. Under the 1965 allocation, Bunn shows a population of 332 persons and gets a population increment of \$808.36. Bunn has 1.77 non-system miles and gets \$853.47 mileage increment for a total of \$1,701.83. Franklinton receives from this year's allocation \$7,792.83 based on a population of 1,513 giving an increment of \$1,701.83. See FUNDS page 6

EDA Funds Approved

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Congressman L. H. Fountain was today advised by the Economic Development Administration that they have approved \$50,562 to provide assistance in financing engineering management services to small industrial firms and increase job opportunities in 17 counties of Eastern North Carolina, including Franklin, Greene, Vance, Warren and Wilson. EDA funds will be supplemented by \$25,536 provided by the applicant who is the North Carolina State University at Raleigh. Total project cost is \$76,098.

Rotary Hears District Governor

The Louisburg Rotary Club heard an address by S. Carlisle Isley of Burlington, District Governor, here last



ISLEY

Thursday night. The visit by the top Rotarian in the district is an annual highlight of the Rotary year.

Isley spoke on increasing membership and establishing new clubs in neighboring communities. Prior to the dinner meeting, the District Governor conferred with Dennie R. Saunders, President of the local club.

Isley is one of 278 Rotary governors in all parts of the world who are serving as the sole representative of Rotary International in districts comprised of member clubs. Each district leader is responsible for supervising the clubs in his area. More than 12,400 Rotary clubs in 133 countries are supervised by Rotary governors.

A member and past president. See ROTARY page 6