



Waiting For Santa Claus: Christmas Is The Look On A Child's Face

Santa Arrives In Louisburg

The annual Louisburg Christmas Parade, witnessed by what was estimated to be the largest crowd ever, has been termed a huge success by local citizens. The 34-unit march began at Allen Lane last Friday afternoon around 4:30 p. m. and terminated at the intersection of Kenmore Ave. and Perry Street.

The Louisburg Woman's Club won first prize for non-commercial floats. Second place went to a pony cart carrying three children, Cindy Carter, Vincent Wood, and Bonnie Lynn Wood. George Leonard's antique car placed third and the Civil Air Patrol gained honorable mention.

The theme of the parade was Mother Goose and commercial floats sponsored by local merchants all were designed along these lines. One of the more outstanding floats was entered by Long Meadow Farms of Durham which depicted the space program with a brightly colored rocket ready for launching, accompanied by three lovely young girls.

Louisburg High School led the parade with Webb High School Band of Oxford and the South Granville High School Band of Creedmore also participating. There were Cub Scout marches, a marching group from Youngsville Elementary School and others. The traditional horse riders brought the end of the parade with Santa Claus riding atop the largest float, waving and voicing greetings to the hundreds of youngsters along the mile and a quarter route.



Here Comes Santa Claus

Franklinton Parade Thursday

The Franklinton Christmas Parade will be held Thursday night at 7 P.M. according to an announcement this week. A large number of commercial and locally-made floats are expected to participate.

Announcement of prizes for entries by children last week is expected to draw an unusually large number of entries in the bike and pet divisions.

Franklinton usually stages the largest parade in the county each year with a number of out-of-town entries.

Several bands from the area are expected to participate along with marching units from various schools and civic groups.

Buildings At Plant Site Sold

Buildings at the Boarding Home on NC 56, where Carolina Fine Woods, Inc. is expected to start construction next week, were sold at public auction by the Board of Commissioners last Friday.

T. T. Kemp, land owner who sold some of his land to the corporation handling the new plant, was high bidder on the dwelling house which sits next to the Boarding Home. Kemp bid \$1275 for the dwelling without fixtures.

Gray Moon was high bidder on the smoke house at \$10 and Rufus Place bought a small storage shed for \$3. B. F. Lewis was top bidder on the

large storage house at \$70 and Rufus Place bought the garage and storage house

Voters Approve Bonds

Franklinton citizens, plagued with a year-long water shortage, expressed their desires for a change Saturday by overwhelmingly approving a bond vote for \$350,000 water improvements. The vote was 295 for the bonds and only 14 against.

The money coupled with a grant from the federal government of around \$285,000 is to be used to build a new water plant near the present site and

combination for \$650. C. H. Newton purchased the huge

Ward Gets State Post

A Franklin County man, Lemuel S. Ward, has been appointed by Governor Dan K. Moore to serve on a committee of the State Emergency Food Resources Planning Task Group.

The group will assist in developing preparedness plans in the event of a national disaster.

Two Suspects Captured In Franklinton Case

Two men, accused of the holdup-robbery of a Franklinton hardware and feed store on Monday night, Nov-

ember 21 have been captured in Charlotte. A third suspect is still at large.

Franklinton Police Chief Leo

Edwards reports that Charlotte police are holding Larry Keith Summersett and George Rudolph Glass in connection

with the robbery of Thompson's Feed and Hardware Store in Franklinton around 11 p. m. Mr. Lewis Thompson, Sr. entered his store to discover three men in the process of ripping open his safe.

He was joined a short time later by his son-in-law, Clement Weston. The two Franklinton men struggled with the robbers, Thompson receiving a minor handwound when a pistol discharged in the scuffle.

A third man, identified as James Thomas Knight is still at large and is wanted for questioning in the crime. Charlotte officers reportedly caught the trio redhanded as they attempted to cut a hole in the back of a safe in an undisclosed business in Charlotte last week.

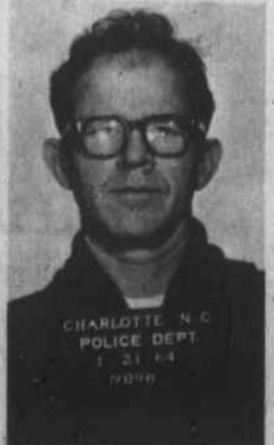
Edwards said, "I cannot praise the Charlotte Police too highly. They were most cooperative in their dealings."



George Rudolph Glass



Larry Keith Summersett



James Thomas Knight

Captured

At Large



Lemuel S. Ward

Sykes Named Chairman As Board Reorganizes

E. M. (Buck) Sykes, Commissioner from Cedar Rock-Gold Mine Townships was named Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners here Monday replacing Norwood E. Faulkner. Commissioner Richard Cash was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Board operates under a rotating system of chairmanships. Sykes is beginning the second half of his first four-year term. Commissioners Faulkner, Brooks W. Young and George Harris were sworn in Monday to new four-year terms on the Board.

Young was named to be in charge of the Welfare Department and the County Library in Monday's reorganization. Cash heads the Courthouse, Grounds and Finance Committee, Harris drew the Agriculture Building and Faulkner is in charge of the County



E. M. Sykes

Jail and is Fire Commissioner.

In other actions, the Board approved a number of routine agency reports and approved the audit of the County Accountant's office. Also approved was the sale of cer-

tain property at the Ben Franklin Boarding Home at public auction last Friday.

December 17 was announced as the date for sale of the Boarding Home, its contents and equipment. Time of the sale was set as 10 a.m.

The Board set January 3 through February 3 as tax listing time and named lists for the various sections of the county. It was also announced that the county offices will close Thursday, December 22 at 5 P.M. for the Christmas holidays, reopening on Wednesday, December 28.

A discussion on what actions, if any, the Board might take on Franklin County's highway needs, was held Monday afternoon. Board attorney Charles Davis introduced Times Editor See SYKES Page 5

New County Officers Sworn

A long line of county officers took part in swearing-in ceremonies here Monday before Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott, most of whom took the oath of office for four-year terms.

Leading the group were County Commissioners Norwood Faulkner, Brooks W. Young and George H. Harris. Faulkner and Young won seats in the May primary and general elections and Harris ran unopposed. All three are incumbent members of the Board, Young having been recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold, who resigned. He is a former Commissioner.

Faulkner and Harris are both veteran members of the Board. Former Louisburg Police Chief William T. Dement defeated outgoing Sheriff Joseph

W. Champion in the voting last May and begins his first term as Sheriff. Sworn in also were Dement's deputies, which included Dave Batten of Bunn, former chief deputy to Sheriff Champion. Batten will continue as Chief assistant to Sheriff Dement. Other deputies included Lloyd Gupton of Centerville and Lonnie House of Franklinton. Veteran jailer W. L. Faulkner and new jailer, former Louisburg Police officer Thurston Bottoms were also sworn.

Louisburg attorney E. C. Bulluck was sworn in for a two-year term as Judge of Recorder's Court. Elected unopposed in the primaries, Judge Bulluck is beginning his first term on the bench. County attorney Charles Davis was sworn in for a two-year term as Solicitor of Recorder's Court. Davis defeated W. H.

Taylor for the post in the primaries last May.

Knott, himself reelected to a second four-year term as Clerk, being unopposed in the primary and general election, was sworn early Monday morning by Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood. Judge Hobgood, holding court in Alamance County, expressed his regrets at being absent at today's ceremonies.

All officers took over immediately following the ceremonies, which were witnessed by a small group of local citizens, mostly families and friends at noon Monday in the courtroom.

Sheriff Dement and his assistants were busy Monday afternoon getting things in order in the Sheriff's office. The County Commissioners were See COUNTY Page 6



New Officers Sworn (OTHER PICTURES PAGE 8)

Three County Commissioners are shown above being sworn for new four-year terms before Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott, Monday. Pictured, left to right, Brooks W. Young, former Commissioner who was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold who resigned, gets a full term; Norwood E. Faulkner and George H. Harris, both veteran members of the Board. Other county officers were also sworn in at the noon ceremonies. -Staff photo by Clint Fuller.