

Weather

Sunny and warmer today. Wednesday, partly cloudy and mild. Low today, 28; high, 57.

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Area Gets 9 Inches

Quick Come, Quick Go, In 19 Years The Biggest Snow

The Franklin County area was blanketed last Thursday with the largest snowfall in 19 years. Beginning in mid-afternoon and continuing into the night, the area measured nine inches. This topped the eight inch downpour on January 25-26-27, 1966, which was the largest in recent years.

more snow did not materialize over the weekend and, for the present, at least, the area seems safe from more of the stuff. Kennedy reports that the

lowest local temperature of the winter is 13 degrees recorded on December 27. He also reports that the temperature last Wednesday was 14

degrees. The low this morning was 22 and the expected high today is 60 with an unseasonably warm 70 degree high predicted for Wednesday.



- And Troubles

Town Council Seeks Outside Zoning

The Louisburg Town Council passed a resolution last Friday night "to request Rep. (James D.) Speed and Rep. (John T.) Church be notified to make G.S. 160-181.2 applicable to Franklin County".

The particular statute provides for authority to zone areas within one mile of the corporate limits of any municipality. All Councilmen voted aye except S. C. Fostef who opposed the resolution.

The statute, which now excludes several counties, including Franklin allows any "legislative body of any municipality whose population at the time of the latest decennial census of the United States is 1,250 or more" to "exercise the power granted in this article (Article 14, Zoning Regulations) not only within the corporate limits but also within the territory extending for a distance of one mile beyond such limits in all directions".

The regulation exempts all bona fide farms and calls for membership on any planning board or zoning commission be increased to include representatives from the affected areas in numbers equal to those members appointed by the governing body of the municipality.

The statute, a part of Article 14, refers to the "purpose of promoting health, safety, moral and general welfare of the community" and allows regulations and restrictions on such things as height of buildings, number of stories, size of buildings and other structures. Regular safeguards are written into the law such as recourse to an appeals board and public hearings.

The change in Franklin County's present status of exclusion from the statute, would affect not only the one-mile radius surrounding Louisburg but like areas at Youngsville, Bunn, Franklinton and Centerville.

In other actions the Town Council accepted the street leading from Bickett Blvd. to Nash via the Pruitt and Nally Development "upon recording the map and with the streets as indicated by dedicators".

The Council also ordered that the wrecked 1967 Plymouth police car be advertised for sale. Bids on this are to be opened on March 10, 1967 at 7:30 p. m. Invoices for January in the amount of \$9,126.76 were approved and ordered paid.

Schools were suspended last Friday throughout the county and a number of meetings scheduled for Thursday and Friday nights were postponed. The usual number of artistic efforts were expressed via the snowman creations sighted around the area. Several minor accidents occurred netting some injuries. The predicted encore of

Hepatitis Epidemic Threatens

A mild epidemic of hepatitis, a virus disease causing inflammation of the liver, is now being experienced in this area, but Dr. James B. Wheelless, Health Director, said this morning, "I don't believe it is as contagious as most people seem to think." He did not discount the seriousness of the situation, but neither did he express any alarm.

Twenty cases of the infectious ailment have been reported to the Health Department. Most of the cases are among the teenage group with only one case reported as a 40-year-old. Eight cases have been reported among students at Louisburg College and five among students at Louisburg High School. Franklin Memorial Hospital reports only three patients this morning with hepatitis. One of the Louisburg High students has recovered. There has also been one case reported at Edward Best High School. The age group affected, according to Dr. Wheelless is 14 to 20.

There were only seven cases during the entire year of 1966 and the twenty thus far have been recorded within the past three weeks.

One report says the disease is contacted by use of eating utensils after a person infected. "It's a contact disease," says Dr. Wheelless. Some say it is carried by the "flu bug," this coming perhaps from the fact that it is a virus type disease.

Dr. Wheelless says that cases of acute hepatitis are isolated in the hospital, the patient not being allowed to leave the room and visitors are discouraged. Dishes, etc., are also isolated. "This is not the case right now," says Dr. Wheelless. "We are only isolating the patient in his room."

Some people are taking shots. The shots are gamma globulin and they are expensive. Dr. Wheelless reported that the Health Department in the past was supplied the serum by the Red Cross without charge, but that this is no longer done. He announced that some serum has been ordered by the department but "I don't know when it will get here." He says the department will have to charge for these shots because of the cost involved.

Persons can obtain the serum from their private physicians, however. Dr. Wheelless said that occasionally a serum sickness follows the shots and a little soreness. He added, "I don't know whether it is worth it or not."

A State Health Department epidemiologist was in the area Monday interviewing patients at the hospital and students at the College and high school. He failed to determine the cause of the epidemic, according to reports, and is expected back in the area today.

Governor Asks General Assembly For Tax Cut

Governor Moore Monday night asked the General Assembly to ease the tax burden on North Carolinians while appropriating record amounts for expansions of State services. His proposed biennial budget totaled more than \$2.7 billion, an all-time high and an increase of more than 18 per cent above expenditures for the current biennium.

The Governor's proposals for tax relief would benefit low-income families, families with children in school and college, service personnel in Viet Nam, and older citizens. The revenue loss from these measures would be \$23.3 million for the biennium.

Public education received considerable attention as the Governor addressed the General Assembly for the second time since it convened last week. His proposals called for large budget increases to meet major needs in the public school system, community colleges and the State system of higher education.

The Governor called for capital improvements totaling nearly \$180 million. This would be the largest capital improvements budget in the history of the State and it would not require a bond issue. Of the total, over \$66 million was recommended for capital improvements in higher education.

He proposed that a sizable portion of the capital improvements should be financed from the \$163 million General Fund credit balance expected at the end of the current biennium. He said that nearly 68 per cent of the credit balance should be utilized for capital improvements or, as he termed them, "permanent assets."

The Governor told the legislators, "We can give tax relief while appropriating major increases for the public schools, community colleges, higher education, health and welfare and other basic services." He presented details for the record budget and complimented the members of the Advisory Budget Commission "for a public service of the first magnitude."

He said that tax relief and stepped-up State services are possible because of the "excellent fiscal condition" of the State. "Revenues continue to exceed legislative estimates, and there will be substantial reversions resulting from efficient administration," he said.

Grady Heads Business Association

James Grady, manager of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. here has been elected President of the Louisburg Business Association in the annual elections held recently and announced this week by Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Association.

The Governor, in view of what he termed "our bright revenue outlook," recommended these four tax relief measures:

Medicare To Be Discussed

There will be a meeting in the Agriculture Building in Louisburg February 16, 1967 at 7:00 p. m. to learn more about Medicare. Mr. Clay Stone from the Social Security Office will be the speaker. The public is invited.

1. Raise the dependency exemption from \$300 to \$600 per year. (Biennial revenue loss: \$16.5 million.)

2. Allow an additional \$600 exemption for each dependent enrolled for full-time study in any institution of higher learning. (Biennial revenue loss: \$3,310,000.)

3. Give an additional exemption for a public service of the first magnitude. See GOVERNOR Page 6

Letter Asks Carroll To Fill Franklinton Board Vacancy

A letter from a Franklinton businessman addressed to Dr. Charles F. Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction, asks the State school head to fill what the letter describes as a vacancy on the Franklinton City School Board.

Terms of three members of the Franklinton Board expire this year. These include Moore, Whitfield and board member Rupert Pearce. Municipal elections are slated for May in Franklinton.

The Garrett letter points to the school charter which decrees that the board can appoint a new member in cases of vacancies, and states further to Supt. Carroll, "We further feel that your office should take steps to fill this vacancy with some competent person in the school district".

State law refers only to filling vacancies on boards by selection by the political party of the member creating the vacancy. The Franklinton charter differs in this procedure, according to reports.

The State Superintendent can by law, however, remove a board member who is not "discharging the duties of his office as required by law". The Garrett letter does not mention whether or not Moore is attending board meetings and carrying out the normal duties of the office.

Mr. Moore was not available for comment. Copies of the Garrett letter were sent to Franklinton Superintendent Fred Rogers, Whitfield, Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce, Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed of Franklin, T. H. Pearce of Franklinton and Clint Fuller, Times editor. The letter was dated February 10.

Centerville Councilman Injured In Accident

John Pleasants, a member of the Centerville Town Council and local garage operator suffered severe injuries to his right leg in an accident near Wood last Friday night around 9 p. m. Latest word from Duke Hospital, where Pleasants was taken, indicates the right leg was broken in several places and the lower portion was badly mangled.

33 of Rt. 1 Louisburg, pinning him between the Lewis car and the Stallings car. According to Trooper Byrd, the Stallings car ran off the road and struck Pleasants on the right side of the wrecker, which was nearest to the ditch. Stallings, reportedly said the lights on the wrecker blinded him. The headlights were reportedly burning on the wrecker and were visible for a considerable distance. The wrecker, reportedly, was not equipped with blinkers.

The accident occurred, according to State Trooper James Byrd, who investigated, as Pleasants was attempting to pull a car owned by Ray Lewis, w/m/38 of Rt. 2 Louisburg out of a ditch about one mile west of Wood on NC 561. Pleasants was attempting to hook the Lewis car to the wrecker, partially parked on the highway.

Stallings is charged with "failing to reduce speed to prevent an accident". Pleasants was rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment and transferred to Duke in Durham.

He was struck by a 1959 Chevrolet, reportedly driven by David Lee Stallings, c/m/-

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.

Target 2 Improved Family Living Goal Of New Program

By C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension, Chairman and Staff

Helping Franklin County families gain greater satisfaction from family living is a goal included in the Target 2 program of opportunities launched January 30 by the Franklin County Agricultural Extension staff in cooperation with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Family living is being affected in the county as more

homemakers play dual roles of homemaker and employee. The family gives its members their earliest experience of social security. It is bound up with all the great crisis of life, both emotional and economical. It is the only basis upon which society may prosper in the present and build for the future. A big part of family living

grows out of the wise management of time, skills, energy and income. Extension home economists will encourage homemakers to set realistic goals and values to use these resources wisely. Special training and consumer education in foods and nutrition, housing and house

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Bloodshed Boxscore

RALEIGH -- The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, February 13:

KILLED TO DATE 185 KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 169

Franklinton Motorists Reminded

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards issued a final warning to local motorists today, to buy and display their city tags. Chief Edwards said there are still around 150 Franklinton motorists without the required tags with the deadline Wednesday, February 15. Chief Edwards also stated there are to be no warnings. Citations will be given for violations, he added.