

GOTS UP IN FLAMES

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THE FRANKLIN TIMES

The Franklin Times begins its 98th year today. It began in 1870 when Andrew, M. Hall and James Adolphus (Dolly) Thomas bought The Franklin Courier from George S. Baker.

A few years later, Mr. Thomas purchased Hall's interest and under his management and editorship, the name was changed to The Franklin Times. Mr. Thomas, who gained statewide popularity, continued the operation of the newspaper until his death in 1909.

Prior to Mr. Thomas' death, Asher Frank Johnson, a nativeof Pitt County, had moved to Louisburg and gone to work for The Times. Mr. Johnson married Miss Sadie Thomas, daughter of the Times editor, and he and his wife assumed the operation of the newspaper in 1909.

Mr. Johnson continued as editor for the next 40 years. In 1952, four of his children bought interest in the newspaper and formed The Franklin Times Corporation. The children were Dr. Sadie C. Johnson of Henderson, Miss Adelaide Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Johnson and James Johnson of Louisburg. The Corporation operates the newspaper today. The Times has had four locations since 1890. The first

was in the Perry Neal building which now houses a barber shop and a dress shop on main street. Next, The Times was located in what is now the local theater building. Sometimes prior to 1909, The Times moved into the building on Court Street where it remained until June 1, 1956 when it was moved to its present location on Bickett Blvd.

On August 31, 1956 The Times became a semi-weekly newspaper and September 18, 1962 the first issue using the modern offset method of printing was published.

The first press used by The Times is still in the possession of the present owners. It was a George Washington hand fed press made in England and originally purchased in 1845 to print The Louisburg Eagle, a newspaper which was dis-continued during the Civil War. Sometime before 1909 a Cottrell flatbed press was pur-

chased, this too, was hand fed. In 1956 a new automatic Goss printing press was purchased and in 1962 the present Fairchild Color King offset two-unit press was acquired.

In 1912 The Times purchased a model K linotype machine. The son of J. A. (Dolly) Thomas, Ernest F., operated the machine in 1912 and operates it today. The same machine and the same operator prepared the subscribers name attached to today's issue.

With the advent of offset printing and the early change-over to this new process by The Times, local readers have been able to enjoy clearer pictures, cleaner pages and more interesting arrangements of material. Color has also begun to take a major part in today's newspapers and The Times will be making more and more use of this in the months ahead.

Marking its 98th year, The Times looks forward with great anticipation to its coming 100th anniversary.

Tobacco Growers To Meet

Franklin County tobaccol terested persons an opportungrowers and other interested ity to express views and recpersons are invited to attend ommendations as to offering of ting in Raleigh. at the Memorial auditorium, bacco during the 1967 marketing season. All interested persons are strongly urged to attend this meeting.



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Louisburg, N. C., Tuesday, February 21, 1967

(Eight Pages Today)

The FRAMENTIMES

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Dedication Exercises For Franklin Memorial Hospital To Math. Constancements Configuration To Dolivor

Sunday, February Ith, Congressman Cooley To Deliver

Ten Cents

Area Is Struck By Annual Malady- Basketball Fever

The symptoms: Nervousness. Far-away-looks. Easy to excite. Hard to get to work. Loose tongues. Loud chatter. Some low mumbles (these were losers). The cure: Saturday night for high school patients; tonight for College patients. Outlook: Some chance of mild reoccurances when the disease spreads to district playoffs, but not quite so widespread.

If all this sounds serious. , It is. But thus far few persons have had any real pain and very seldom is one lost. It's called basketball fever and it hits this area every year near the end of February, although some cases are reported as early as November. Certain shots have known to be good for it and a therapy, called "hitting the basket" has been known to be of help. In some cases, however, only the shock treatment succeeds. This comes freely when one's favorite team is suddenly walloped. The treatment is often worse than the disease in these cases.

Some will say there is some benefits from the malady and

Hearing Date Set In Franklinton Case

to "preside over all proceed-Mr. Phillip J. La Macchia has been named Hearing Exings....and directed to make initial decisions". aminer for school cases in-

The initial hearing for volving the Franklinton City Franklinton was set in a No-School Board before the U.S. tice of Hearing paper served Commissioner of Education, last week, for 9:30 a. m. according to an announcement Thursday, February 23 in the The Commissioner, Harold Hearing Room 4310, Health, Education and Welfare South Building in Washington. Howperhaps there are. There is seldom any immunity to it, unless it comes as one's child finishes school and drops off the team. This is usually called a short-term attack and general-" ly reoccurs once every year for four years between the months of November and March. It generally subsides at the end of the fourth year.

There are allied effects to the disease. Coach and official baiting is perhaps the most serious, followed by a game called second-guessing. The more severe cases can be spotted when accompanied by loud voices denouncing everything in sight. It is best to stay away from these. They are most contagious. The disease will be at its most critical stages tonight and the remainder of the week. Weak souls can prevent the infection by staying away from the Louisburg College and the Louisburg High School gyms. But, oh what fun the hearty ones will be having. Basketball fever. It isn't hard to catch and it feels so good when you scratch it.

As You Like A Letter To The Editor June 18, 1920 Deer editur

I am sendin you \$1.50 for the good old franklin times a nuther year. Your paper is all good but the rock spring items air the best of it all. if paper goes up so as you can't send the hole paper be sure to send rock spring items. i never no whar i haf ben or what i haf dun till i sees your paper my boys are always gone and won't tell me whar, thank heaven I got em skint soon as i sees de times. a few years ago me and two of my old chums went off arter some tater plantins and while we were gone i had a stroke of mental pralysis and did not no in 3 days what i'd ben so when i gits rite i ups goes to my older chum and axed him all about it if i had looked at rock springs items in the old and liable franklin times I



Thursday morning, February 23, 1967, beginning at 9:00 a. m. The purpose of the meeting will be to give in-

High School Tourney

Bunn's Darrell Hagwood (with the ball) seems to be saying "You can't have it" in the Bunn-

Edward Best boys game Saturday night. Left to right in the action, David Batten (B-33); Bruce Pearce (EB-15); Stephen Medlin (EB-25); John May (EB-14). Buildogs won, 51-41 and will meet

the winner of the Louisburg-Epsom game Friday night.

College And High School **Tournament Stories** and Pictures Un Page 8

Howe, II has named Mag

last week.

ever, later correspondence from Mr. J. D. Williams of the Washington law firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan, informs the Franklinton Board that the hearing Thursday will be resessed until Monday, April 3.

The hearing involve several North Carolina school units and will deal with the degree of desegregation by the units. See FRANKLINTON Page 6

de Hart To **Head** 'Drive

Allen deHart, Director of Cultural Activities at Louisburg College, has been ap-pointed by Chancellor John T. Caldwell, of North Carolina State University, and Travis Tomlinson, campaign chair-man for the Friends of the Group Gets head the 1967-68 season drive in the Louisburg area. Named to assist deHart are Mrs. Richard Whitfield of Franklinton, and Mrs. James Clayton of Louisburg. Concert Patrons interested in obtaining memberships should contact these representatives before March 20.

The ninth season of the world's largest concert series brings seven programs to the Coliseum: The Vienna Philharmonic, September 28, 29; Les Grands Ballets Chna-diens, November 1, 2, 3; The Regimental Band of the Welsh Guards and the Pipes, Drums, and Dancers of the Scoys Guards, November 15, 16, 17; Claudio Arrau, December 8,9; The French National Dance Company, January 29, 30; Birgit Nilsson/Sandor Konya, March 1, 2; and The Stockholm Philharmonic, March 21,

looking for de paper and

Respectfully, B. P. STRICKLAND.

P. S.-gus strickland says dat my testifycation bout de times gwine to run to \$5.00 a year.

mann Fountain Says:

Integration Quotas Are Not Legal

things being done under that No authority is given in the law, Rep. L. H. Fountain told Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the U. S. Office of Education to the Rollins Junior High Parent-Teacher Association in establish quotas for integraan address Thursday night tion of schools and the in Henderson. American people have every

He gave it as his opinion that Federal school authorities are placing more emphasis upon integration than on education, and declared that the freedom of choice for children attending public schools has been upheld by the courts. He added that new guidelines for the coming school year are substantially the same as last year.

Service

(FRK. B. W.) A group of

Franklinton men met in the

Town Hall on Friday even-

ing to organize a local Res-

cue Squad. David Minnich,

Chief of Louisburg Rescue

Squad, and Asher Johnson

were present to assist with

The following officers were

elected: A. J. Perkinson (act-ing chief), James Payne (as-sistant chief), Wilson Gupton (secretary-treasurer), Leon-

ard Steed (captain), John Deal

Plans were made to meet

again on Friday, February

24. A quota of 15 members

has been set. Any Franklin-

ton resident, who is interested

in joining, is requested to con-

The squad has ten members.

They are the five elected offi-

cers, Kenneth Peterson, Har-

Eubanks, Melvin Lyles,

S. Trogdon and Douglas

tact Chief Perkinson.

(lieutenant).

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Hoyle.

the organizational meeting.

The congressman, a Pres-byterian elder in his home town of Tarboro and a Sunday school teacher, said "things are happening in our land" that need to be corrected, and that vastly more people are needed who are interested in the fundamentals on which this nation was founded. Materialistic values are being substituted for spiritual values to the detriment of the people. Fountain said the need for quality education was never greater than today. The Federal government, he' stated, is spending twenty times as much on education as it did See FOUNTAIN Page 6

College Tourney

Wayne McLemore (L-50), Louisburg freshman, attempts to block shot by Mt. Olive's Jim Lee (45) as Wayne Patrick (25) gets into the act in last night's opening round of the Cavalier-Tarheel Junior College Tournament played here. The Hurricanes walloped Mt. Olive, 108-91, to move into tonight's championship game against mighty Ferrum who downed Chowan, 43-30.

Hepatitis Franklinton Threat Gets Rescue Subsides

There have been no n cases of infectious hepatitis reported in the county this week and officials report the epidemic scare of last week is "on the decline". At the peak last Saturday, thirty cases had been reported as compared with seven for the entire year, of 1966.

Several persons were hospitalized with the disease and most have returned home. One 10-year-old contracted the ailment and one 44-yearold, but most of those stricken were in the teens or early

twenties, according to Health Department officials. Dr. J. B. Wheless, County Health Director, said this morning the cases are "Very definitely on the decline". A large number of persons have taken shots for protection a-gainst the disease in the past few days through out the area.

Gradual clearing and cool today. Colder tonight. Wed-nesday rather cold. Low today, 38; high, 48.

Mrs. Harris stated that the year.

right to resent some of the Medicare Data

Approximately fifty adults attended a meeting on medicare benefits at the agriculture building in Louisburg Thursday night, February 16, according to Mrs. Bernice Harris, Asst. Home Economics Agent.

Clay Stone of the Raleigh Social Security Office led the discussion on medicare and the requirements of the individual to obtain these benefits. Mrs. Harris said much interest was shown in the meeting as evidenced by the questions asked during the discussion period.

meeting was sponsored by the Franklin County Community Development group and that other meetings would be planned by the group during, the