

Youngsville Wins District III Basketball Championship



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"Future Governor" Urges Democrats To Stay With Party

N. C. House Speaker David Britt of Robeson County, introduced by Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed as a man "who will be one of the great governors of North Carolina", urged a gathering of Democratic Party faithful to "stay with the party" in an address here Friday night.

Speaking to around 130 Democrats attending the annual county \$5-a-plate fund raising dinner, said, "It is better to light one little candle, than to curse the darkness". He added, "This phrase has been the watchword of the Democratic party for the past 67 years".

Britt told the group the national party has made mistakes but "we have tried". "The party has moved out boldly to meet today's challenges", the Fairmont lawyer said. He related some Franklin County history and recalled Governors Charles B. Aycock, who moved the state toward public education for every child; Cameron Morrison, who gave emphasis to better roads in 1920 and Luther Hodges, who brought industry to the forefront in North Carolina.

"We are the progressive state—the onward moving state", he remarked and pointed out that North Carolina ranks third among the states in per capita contributions toward education. On Vietnam, he stated, "We cannot allow the aggressor to go any further. Our President and our great Secretary of State need our prayers, our concern and our support in withstanding the criticism heaped on them today".

He said that race is one of the most perplexing problems we face today and remarked that he did not know where "it will end".

"Don't seek other Gods—Don't run off after other Gods", he said in urging the Demos to stick with the party.

Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, who it was announced had been named Woman of the Year among Democratic Women, presided over the meeting. In addition

to Rep. Speed, who introduced the speaker, others appearing on the program included Rep. John T. Church of Henderson and State Senator Wills Hancock from Oxford.

Rev. Walter McDonald of Louisburg College gave the

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Louisburg Merchants Hold Townwide Spring Sale

Franklin County producers are reminded that Friday, March 17, is the final date to sign-up in the annual Cotton, Feed Grain, and/or Wheat Programs.

There are approximately 75 cotton producers that have not signed up to participate in this program. Every producer with a cotton allotment should not overlook the importance of taking part in this program. All producers who do not sign up in the cotton program can expect to receive only market prices for their cotton.

Also, wheat producers with allotments who have planted within their allotment should definitely sign-up in this program. Price support payments will be made on a portion of a producer's wheat acreage provided he fully complies with program requirements.

The Feed Grain Program has some very attractive features which non-participating growers should review.

Remember, Friday, March 17, is the final sign-up date.



Principals At Democratic Dinner

Pictured above looking over the program at last Friday's Democratic Dinner held here are left to right: Rep. James D. Speed, Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Demo Executive Committee Chairman, and featured speaker, Rep. David Britt of Robeson County. Rep. Speed introduced House Speaker Britt to the near 150 Democrats meeting for the annual fund-raising affair.

Look Editor To Speak At College



ARTHUR

William B. Arthur, Editor of LOOK Magazine, comes to Louisburg College on Thursday, February 16, as guest speaker in the College's 180th Anniversary Celebration Series. Speaking at 8:00 p. m. in the College auditorium his lecture topic will be "The Changing Pattern of Higher Education."

Mr. Arthur, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, served as Chief of the Press Branch of the War Department of Public Relations. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his wartime services and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After his separation from the Army, Mr. Arthur joined the Washington staff of LOOK. After twenty years with the

magazine he became Editor in 1966.

Following Mr. Arthur's address a reception will be held in the Art Gallery of the Fine Arts Center. The public is cordially invited to attend both the address and the reception.

Town Council Sets Elections

The Louisburg Town Council set May 2 as the date for election of a Mayor and six town councilmen, in a meeting here Friday night. April 18 was set as the filing deadline for those seeking to enter the races.

Speculation on the upcoming elections has been almost nonexistent and while it is believed that most of the present town officials will seek reelection, none have made any formal announcement.

Present officials include Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples and Councilwoman Mrs. Breattie O'Neal and Councilmen Jonah Taylor, E. F. Thomas, H. D. Jeffreys, Louis A. Wheelless, Jr. and S. C. (Buster) Foster.

In other actions, the council endorsed a proposal in the General Assembly dealing with industrial bonds and agreed to extend town water lines on Westover and Wright Streets.

Commissioners Tackle Space Problem

The Board of County Commissioners held a special session here Monday afternoon with the stated purpose of visiting undisclosed buildings in search for an answer to the county's office space problems. One informed source said that the Wheelless building at the Tar River bridge on Main Street was visited, but no report was made in the open meeting of the Board.

Commissioner George Harris and Clerk of Court Ralph Knott informed the Board of a

visit here last week by a Rocky Mount architectural firm in connection with making a survey of courthouse needs and plans. Both men recommended that the Board employ the firm to make the study.

A session was held at the opening of the meeting with Tax Supervisor C. W. Strother and a tax consultant to discuss certain aspects of the county's tax structure.

What decisions, if any were made concerning the buildings visited, was not made public.

Bunn Lions Hear Wood

Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood was the featured speaker at last Thursday night's meeting of the Bunn Lions Club. Wood told the group of the duties and procedures of his office including information on jury selections, recording of documents, licenses, adoption of children and the new duplicating machine installed last year.

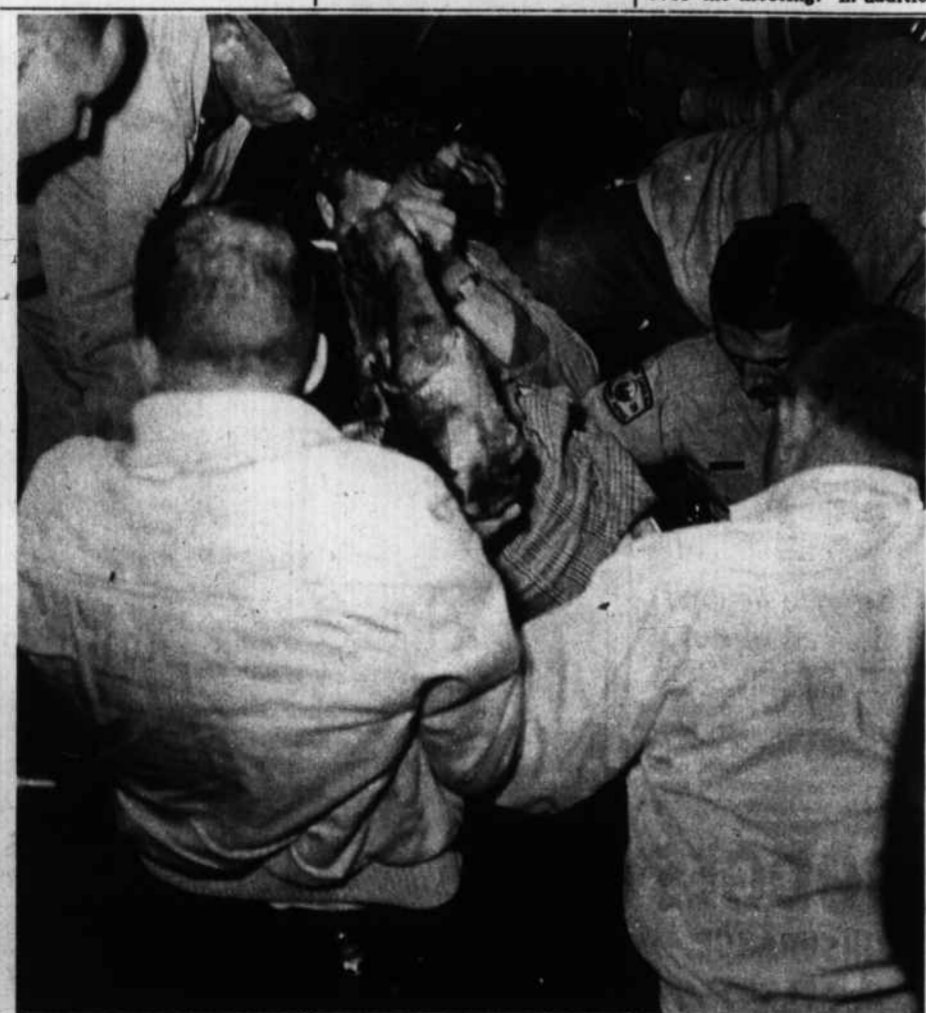
Wood also gave the Bunn Lions a brief history of Franklin County. The meeting was held in the Bunn School cafeteria. Gene Mullen is president of the organization.

Project OK'd

Governor Dan Moore has given his approval of a federal grant totaling \$75,080.00 to Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. to finance a Neighborhood Youth Corps. The project involves an in-school program and a summer program with 75 enrollees in each.

The 150 enrollees will come from low-income families in Franklin-Vance and Warren counties, the announcement states.

The organization responsible for the project, Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. is headed by Rev. J. P. Mangrum of Franklinton, Chairman of the Board of Directors.



Vietnam Vet Injured

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service are shown above as they freed Roland Wallace Jolly, 613 North Fourth Street, Smithfield, N. C., from his overturned convertible near Peaces last night. Jolly, 22, a serviceman who recently returned from Vietnam where he was wounded three times, was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital with head, leg and possible internal injuries. The accident occurred about 9:30 P.M. on State Paved Rural 1003.

Final Sign-Up Date Set

Merchants Stage Spring Sale

Twenty-six Louisburg businesses are staging a town-wide Spring Sale this week, with bargains awaiting the buying public. All of this number are not retail outlets, but all are pushing Louisburg as a trading area and are participating in the springtime promotion.

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the sponsoring Louisburg Business Association said plans are completed and that the organization is looking for this to be one of the biggest sales events in years.

Clothing stores are featuring spring and Easter specials, while others are calling attention to buys on outdoor furniture and other springtime merchandise.

Advertisements of a number of participating merchants are contained in today's issue of The Franklin Times and specials are being announced on the local radio station.

Businesses participating in the event include Roses Stores, Inc.; Allen Oil Co.; D & J Pontiac-Olds, Economy Auto Supply, Farmer's Tractor and Truck Co.; First Federal Savings and Loan of Rocky Mount; First Citizens Bank and Trust Co.; Franklin Milling Co.; Franklin Tire and Appliances; Fox's Department Store and The Fashion Shoppe; Joyner's Wholesale Building

Supply Co.; Little River Ice and Fuel Co.; Louisburg Dry Cleaners; Louisburg Tractor and Truck Co.; Pleasant's Drug Store; O'Neal's Pharmacy; Pope's, Inc.; Johnson Cotton Co.; Town 'N Campus; Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.; Wilson Building Supply Co.; Triangle Realty Corp.; Quality Furniture and Appliance Co.; Harris Pharmacy and Warren Oil Co.

Pittman Elected Rotary Prexy

Ed Pittman, manager of Gay Products plant here, was elected President of the Louisburg Rotary Club last Thursday night. Pittman will take office July 1.

Alfred Goodwin was named vice president and John R. Davis was elected secretary-treasurer. Named to the Board of Directors were: outgoing prexy, Dennis (Rocky)

Saunders, Charles Yarborough, Marvin Pleasants and Wayne Benton.

Pittman came to Louisburg in 1964 and has been active in the Rotary Club since joining shortly after moving to Louisburg. He, his wife and daughter, Kay live on Bickett Blvd. here. The Pittmans have one son and are formerly from Texas.

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Championship - - -

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

It was exactly 8:45 P.M. on Saturday, March 11, when several hundred Youngsville (and other county) fans began to chant, "We Number One." With 15 seconds left in the championship basketball game, they were safe to say so.

Actually, while the Youngsville cagers are, indeed, number one to their fans in this county, they are not exactly number one in the state. This condition might be remedied later this week, however.

The Phantoms have been number two in the East all year. Number one in the East has been defending champion, Ayden, perennial winner of championships, football, baseball and basketball. Who is number one in the West is unknown. This, too, may be determined later this week at Durham.

Regardless of what comes next, the past couple of weeks have been Christmas in March for the folks from Youngsville. "Who," we asked one night, "did you leave in Youngsville to keep anybody from walking off with the Town Hall?" We were told,

"Jim Allen (Fire Chief) and Miss Mary Mitchell." We remember thinking to ourselves, "Everybody else is here in Rocky Mount."

"I want you to take a picture of the oldest and youngest fan," Jones Winston told us. He said one was in his eighties and the other was the small baby of a minister. Names escaped us since friend Jones was to arrange the picture-taking session which was forgotten in the wake of the week's excitement.

"Sandra," we said to the Youngsville scorekeeper, "You can't officiate the game from the scorer's table." She paid no attention to us at all. We remember thinking one could tell how the game was going by watching her if you couldn't see the play on the court.

Jolly Ebbie Pearce (they may make him an assistant coach next year) was always on hand. "Are you ready, Ebbie," we cried. Ebbie was ready. He was born that way if it concerns mayonnaise, cooking oils, or Youngsville.

Bob Chestham, who calls Youngsville home, but loafs

in Louisburg all day, was on hand. He was the part of the National Guard which is awake tonight so that we might sleep well. Bob's signing autographs through most of the games after his picture appeared in our favorite newspaper.

Willard Gilliam didn't miss a bounce, but his wife, Nellie Bell, appeared as interested in daughter Pam's performance as a cheerleader as in the game. Takes both, Nellie Bell.

One little feller—looked about eight or nine—sat on the floor near the Youngsville bench one night yelling instructions. They were good, too. This spells danger for other teams in the county in the years ahead. Reminded us of what Jesse Preddy's little brother told us one night at Youngsville, "No," he said, "I don't want to go to college. I want to play basketball!" He looked to have a few years before he even reaches nine, much less basketball with or without college.

There were the usual, "Wish we had some competition" and "The boys don't look so good tonight" . . . both, incidentally,

on the same night. "What time is it on that crazy clock," many asked. The clock at the Rocky Mount gym was brought over on the Mayflower and one would think for a time, so was the timekeeper.

All in all, the tournament was very well handled at Rocky Mount's Senior High School gym and the Tournament Committee deserves congratulations. We never fight NC 56 on the way to the gym, but that we despair that the District III event was ever moved from the Louisburg College gym, where it was played for several years.

Instead of NC 56 east it will now be NC 56 west for those in the Louisburg area as Youngsville moves into the state tournament at Durham. We know it will be as much fun . . . we just hope it will be as successful for the Phantoms.

Saturday night was a hallmark as they were presented the District championship trophy. As we left the gym we heard one Youngsville fan mutter, "We had to beat seven tonight." We smiled. This made our week complete.