

Variable cloudiness with no important change in temperature today and Wednesday. Low today, 53; high, lower 70's.

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"No Comment" "I'm Studying the Question" "Well, I Started To Say..." "It's A Jolly Time" "I Was Just Telling..." "It's O. K., I Guess" "It's Kinda Sad" "Gulp. Well..." "I Like It" "Tastes Good" "What's That...?"

Editor's Note: A poll of some of the area's leading citizens on the timely topic, "How Do You Like Easter?" was taken here Monday at the annual egg hunt at Green Hill Country Club. Results of the poll are disclosed beneath the pictures. The general consensus seemed to be that the majority favored the holiday, especially the bunny rabbit's visit. Most agreed that more candy eggs are needed and some hinted that they might take some action on the matter before next year. As indicated by the results of the survey, each person interviewed expressed a somewhat different view. Interviews and photos by Clint Fuller.

## How Do You Like Easter?

### Minor Incidents Reported

#### Quiet Holiday Observed Here

Things moved back to the normal routine in the area today as the four-day Easter holiday ended. School kids returned to class, except Louisburg College students, who still have a few more days away from the classrooms.

A house was destroyed by fire in the White Level Community Monday just before noon. The home of the Sam Gay family was described as a total loss by Centerville Fire Chief L. S. Ward. Woods

and brush fires brought the Centerville and Epsom Fire Departments out during the holidays, but little damage was reported.

A minor traffic accident occurred at the start of the holiday last Thursday night when a young unidentified Negro entered the cloverleaf traffic pattern south of town traveling in the wrong lane and hit another car. Damage was extensive to both vehicles.

A 45-year old Rt. 2, Louisburg, Negro suffered leg injuries when he was thrown from his moving automobile near Eden's Store Sunday afternoon. He was taken to the Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service. The Louisburg and Centerville Services answered several calls for aid to persons suffering breathing and suspect heart difficulties.

Two young Negroes were arrested and charged with stealing a couple of wheels and tires off a car parked at the rear of Pruitt's Service Station on Main Street. The crime was believed to have taken place on Thursday night and the arrest was made Friday.

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington identified the men as Roy Lee Dail, Rt. 3 and James Arrington, Rt. 2, Louisburg. Thieves entered Green Hill Country Club See HOLIDAY page 6

#### Goodwin Announces For Town Council

Alfred M. Goodwin, 50, sales representative for a Wilmington, N. C. steel products company, has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Louisburg Town Council this week. Goodwin, a former furniture store manager here and past president of the Louisburg Business Association, said his interest in continued progress for the town was a prime reason for running.

Goodwin is presently Vice President-elect of the Louisburg Rotary Club and was cited last year for his service to the Heart Association. He was president of the county chapter in 1965-66.

Goodwin moved to Louisburg in 1963 from Granville County. Mrs. Goodwin teaches the sixth grade at Louisburg High School. They have two children, Leonard, with IBM in the Research Triangle Park, and Carol, a senior at the local school.

Goodwin has been a sportscaster for an Oxford radio station and the local station here. He has served as a field secretary for the N. C. Merchants Association and was formerly employed by the N. C. Department of Revenue. He served for several years as a member of the Stem School Board and later as a member of the South Granville Board. He is past master of the Tally Ho Masonic Lodge and the Stem Grange.



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In making his announcement, Goodwin spoke of the need for long-range planning for Louisburg and the growing menace of outside trading areas draining away local business. He said he felt his variety of experience in the field of local business and state-wide travels qualified him for service to the people of the community, if he is elected.

Goodwin is the first to make a formal announcement for the Council. Mayor V. A. Peoples has announced as a candidate to succeed himself in the Mayor's post. The elections are set for May 2 with the filing deadline on April 18.

#### Franklin Ranks High In Military Rejections

Information recently compiled by the State Department of Public Instruction reveals that the rate of North Carolina's rejections by the military service for mental reasons, during the five-year period of July 1, 1959 through June 30, 1964, ranges from a low of 20.3 percent in one county to a high of 70.1 percent of all those examined in another county.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles F. Carroll said that during the same period, 42.5 percent of all those in the State examined for military service were rejected for mental reasons.

Franklin County, revealed last week as one of the lowest counties in amount of local tax support for its schools, ranks 75th among the 100 counties in the state in rejections. The ranking as released by the State Department of Public Instruction is reversed in that the lowest ranked have more rejections than those ranked higher. Transylvania County holds first place with a 20.3 rejection percentage and Hoke County ranks 100th with a 70.1 rejection ratio.

Franklin County ranks 75th which means there are twenty-four counties who have more men rejected for military service while there are seventy-

four counties with fewer men rejected.

Based on the Armed Forces Physical-Mental Examinations for the period July 1959 through June 1964, Franklin County had 943 men examined, 503 were rejected for a 53.3 percent rejection and the 75th placement among the 100 counties.

"This is the first time I have seen such a breakdown

and we are grateful to the State Selective Service Headquarters for supplying us with the five year figures," Dr. Carroll said. "From these we have compiled an analysis showing the results of Selective Service mental examinations of all registrants in the State, county by county. This analysis has been sent to all school superintendents and their boards of education.

"Since the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States Army says that, in general, there is a positive association between the mental scores on these examinations and education; it is our hope that school officials and citizens at large will check their county ratings, try to pinpoint causes of deficiencies, and strengthen their educational and health programs.

"In addition to educational weaknesses there doubtless are many socio-economic reasons underlying these rejections. The human and physical resources of each county and of the entire State should be marshaled to combat this total condition. For the first time we now know that the rejection incidence is apparently common to every community in North Carolina."

County by county figures for the year July 1, 1965 through See MILITARY page 6

#### Bunn Lions View Film

The Bunn Lions Club, celebrating Ladies Night at its regular meeting last Thursday night, viewed slides of Hawaii and Alaska presented by Dr. and Mrs. John Lloyd of Louisburg. The meeting, held in a Spring Hope restaurant, was also presented a list of proposed new officers by the club nominating committee.

Dr. Lloyd narrated his slides while Mrs. Lloyd operated the projector. No action was taken on the officers. An election is slated for the next meeting.

The club voted to finance a trip to basketball school at Campbell College for Wayne Horton, a member of the Bunn High School team.

#### Termed "Poor" By State Survey

### Franklin County Jail Presents Problems

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

Those who have found themselves confined there have little praise for the Franklin County jail. This, of course, is to be expected. However, in recent months, others have found reasons to look with disfavor on the local lock-up.

Several months ago, after giving ample warning, the N. C. Board of Public Welfare's Jail Inspector, Mr. Leslie D. Smith, condemned the county jail here. Since that time it has been prohibited that female prisoners be confined there, although male prisoners are still housed in the structure.

While the laws of the State of North Carolina call for local governments to erect and operate jails, the State does not contribute to the cost either of construction or of upkeep. An editorial in the Greensboro Daily News last December disclosed that Smith had inspected 100 jails in the state and found only 25 adequate, 25 others needed improvements and enlarging; another 25 were "deteriorating rapidly" and 25 were found in such poor condition as to recommend their immediate replacement.

It has been estimated that a new jail for Franklin County would cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. There is no money available for this purpose. The public does not look with favor on a bond issue to erect a new jail. Many have expressed themselves to the County Commissioners on this point already. A tax increase to finance a new jail would undoubtedly meet with the same opposition.

The Board of County Commissioners is faced with a dilemma. The state says a new jail is necessary; the Commissioners, in part, agree; the public doesn't seem to be of a mind to put up the money. Here the matter lies.

A survey, released last week by the Legislative Research Commission and prepared by the Institute of Government, discloses that the Franklin County jail is 52 years old and contains 30 bunks. It also shows that the jail houses an average of 49 prisoners monthly with the peak months carrying as many as sixty-five.

It shows the monthly salary of the jailer to be \$210, although some changes in jail

personnel has been made since the survey information was compiled. Sheriff William T. Dement appointed two jailers when he took office last December.

The survey shows bedding in the local jail to be "poor"; the inspector's rating as "poor" and the "place where food is prepared" is listed as "condemned." Food is prepared off premises and carted to the jail and it is not known if this procedure was in force when the survey was made.

The quality of the food has been described as "good" by local officials. State law requires "that each county have a jail maintained in good repair at county expense. County commissioners are authorized to levy and collect taxes for this purpose." The Sheriff is generally responsible for the administration of the jail and the Commissioners are responsible for "establishing regulations for the government and management of the county jail which provides for the security and comfort of the prisoners; keep the jail heated; guarantee a supply of blankets and bedding" and medical attention for inmates.

The law gives the Sheriff "care and custody" of the jail.

Over a third of the jails in North Carolina are over 50 years old. This gives Franklin County some company in its present dilemma. The survey shows that 34 jails in the state should be condemned in the opinion of the Jail Inspector. Only 14 were rated excellent and 34 were termed "good."

The lengthy survey is revealing in that many other areas of the state are faced with varying degrees with problems similar to those posed in Franklin. However, the problem here is the one which concerns local citizens the most. Discussions have been underway by and among the Commissioners for several months attempting to reach some solution to the jail problem.

Complicating the problem is the fact that additional court-house facilities are needed. An attempt to arrive at some solution continues to be thwarted

by the fact that in the opinion of the Commissioners, the people will not support a bond issue for jail improvements. The idea seems to prevail that a new jail should be located some place near the present courthouse and Town of Louisburg fire house, which houses county-wide radio equipment and is staffed around the clock. It has also been proposed that the Sheriff's department and perhaps the County Accountant's office be housed in the new structure. This, it is believed, would relieve some of the congestion in the courthouse.

Just what reasoning dictates the location of the Accountant's office in the jail escapes most observers, but it is believed the fact that this department occupies an office on the same side of the courthouse as that of the Sheriff's department and an unoccupied office has caused this to be included in temporary thinking about jail facilities.

The theory behind this line of

thought seems to be to continue the present courthouse as is, giving the Sheriff's and Accountant's side to either the Clerk of Court or the Register of Deeds. The north side of the courthouse would be left to one of the two.

This would result in the Tax Collector's office, which had already been relocated on Court Street, being in one place, the accountant's office in a new location with the Sheriff's department and the Clerk and Register being in the courthouse. There is some feeling against the scattering of county offices more than at present. Many feel that the desirable solution would be to house all county agencies as near as possible under one roof. If this were to be carried out, massive renovations would be necessary to the present courthouse, or perhaps a new structure entirely would be required.

All this enters into the problem of what to do about a jail. The Grand Jury reports are usually complimentary as to the conditions of the local jail and do not indicate the same conditions which are suggested by the state in-

spector.

This reporter's view of the local jail facilities is that they are adequate, if indeed, not up to state standards. The facility has always been found to be clean and in good repair, although certainly some improvements might be desirable.

Meanwhile, prisoners are being confined in the structure. Female prisoners are being transported to jails in other communities. How long this procedure can continue is anybody's guess. Presumably, it can go on until the Commissioners and the people find a solution to the problem. But at present, there seems to be little interest among Franklin citizens to tax themselves in order to bring what they believe to be "comfort" to prisoners.

Until this feeling changes or some aid is discovered among the state or federal money tills, the problem is likely to stay with us. Certainly, it is not an easy one to solve. We can, however, look with keen interest at solutions which will be tried in other counties and perhaps from these find some out for our own problem.

#### Woman's Club Dance Set

The Louisburg Woman's Club will have its annual Spring Dance on April 1, 1967, from 8:00 until 12:00 at the Louisburg Armory. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

The Highlighters Orchestra of Wilson will play, featuring fox trots, popular, waltz, rock and roll, boogie, cha-cha, tango, polka, and vocals.

This six-man orchestra, consisting of trumpet, trombone, sax, drums, piano and bass, has a combined experience of over eighty years in the music field and has played for dances at military bases, country clubs, banking associations, colleges, Elks Clubs, and many others. They have played for Woman's Club dances many times in the past. This group is versatile and capable of furnishing music to everyone's satisfaction and enjoyment. The Woman's Club extends an invitation to you to come out and enjoy an evening of music for your dancing and listening pleasure on April Fool's night.

The dance will be open to couples only.

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