



MISS ANN BROWN

Ann Brown Wins Lions District Contest

Miss Ann Brown of Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C., is the District 31-G winner of the International Association of Lions Clubs' Peace Essay Contest, announced today by Lions Past District Governor Jeff B. Wilson, chairman of the District Peace Essay Contest. Her Peace Essay Contest, entitled, "The World For Peace," will compete in the Lions International Convention Peace Essay Contest in Chicago July 4-7. Miss Brown, 20, is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. James H. Brown of Route 3, Louisburg.

Bunn Bank Robber Gets 15 Years

The lone gunman who held up the Bunn branch of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. on the morning of May 12, has pleaded guilty to bank robbery and sentenced to 15 years in prison, according to information received by the Franklin County Sheriff's department.



WILLIAMS

Identified by a lady ticket seller at a drive-in theater in Louisburg as the man seeking information on how to get to Durham. Williams was seen ROBBERS page 8

Clippers Working As Board Trims Budget

The sound of the clippers can still be heard around courthouse square as the Board of County Commissioners continue their efforts to reduce the overall budget requests for the coming fiscal year this week.

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Reports say that at one point the new budget requests reached around \$75,000 over those of last year. Word coming out of Wednesday's session was that most of the amount had been trimmed.

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approved the allocation of \$1,050 to match the \$1,000 approved by the Town of Louisburg Council to purchase an emergency generator to be used by the county-city fire, rescue and law enforcement agencies in cases of power failure.

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Massive Road Work Going On In County

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Highway improvements, in record amounts, are now in progress in Franklin County as the State Highway Commission is pushing forward on a number of long-needed projects. Most of the work involves rural secondary roads, but some work has been and is presently being done to primary highways in the county as well.

The stretch of NC-561 from Centerville to the Nash County line is being resurfaced this week with one and a half inches of asphalt. This strip has long been in poor condition and the particular stretch was the subject of a front-page editorial and picture in last year's road improvement series in The Franklin Times.

US 401 from Louisburg to the intersection of NC-98 at Whitaker's Store has been resurfaced and work is now in progress to improve the shoulders and highway right-of-way. US-1 north of Franklinton to the Vance County line has also received a resurfacing job.

US-401 was resurfaced to the city limits of Louisburg on the south end of Bickett Blvd. Plans now call for resurfacing the entire strip to the city limits near Franklin Memorial Hospital on the north end of town. This is expected to be done in the very near future.

Resurfacing of Main Street and Nash Street in Louisburg, plus curb and gutter and resurfacing of Justice Street in Louisburg are all expected to

be completed by September 1. Plans call for Bickett Blvd. to receive a resurfacing job from the town limits and connect with US-401-NC-39 at the northern intersection when

that project is done sometimes in 1968. A strip on Main Street reaching from the intersection to the town limits near the Main Street entrance to the hospital is expected to get

curb and gutters and resurfacing with the 1968 projects if not before.

Almost every section of the county has received or will receive some improvements

under the secondary program. Twenty-five miles of secondary roads have already been resurfaced thus far this year, with more in prospect. Already having received re-

surfacing improvements are State Rural roads, No. 1600 (River Road west of Louisburg); SR 1438 near Gold Sand; SR 1002 from Moulton to NC 561; SR 1239 from Ingleside to Vance County line via Rocky Ford; SR 1211 Mitchner's Crossroads to Franklinton; SR 1627-29-30 in the Seven Paths area; SR 1718-19 in the Bunn area; and SR 1207 and 1218 near Franklinton.

Projects now underway or planned for immediate accomplishment include: SR 1600 River Road east of Louisburg, grading, drain, and stabilization with resurfacing scheduled after July 1; SR 1704, Sam Horton Road between NC-39 and Royal, paving 3.225 miles; SR 1630 Ruffin Collier Road near Seven Paths, widening, grading, drain and stabilization to be paved before July 1; SR 1405 Rodwell Road near Epsom, .6 miles paving next week; SR 1719 Brannon Road near Pearce's, 1.8 miles paving this week; and SR 1222 Will Mitchner Road near Mitchner's Crossroads, widening, drain and stabilization, 2.4 miles.

In addition, the Dean Farms plant road is expected to be paved within the next few days.

A few months ago, SR 1100 from Youngsville to NC-98, the Tarboro Road, was resurfaced with one inch of asphalt. This resurfacing project extended 6.5 miles and with the more recent 25 miles of resurfacing brings the county total to over 30 miles of resurfacing since January 1.

One encouraging point in the massive improvement projects in the county is the fact that none of the resurfacing projects have been financed from the county's share of the state bond money for secondary roads. Unlike the primary allocation, which was left to the discretion of the State Highway Commission, the amount set aside to each county under the bond issue for secondary roads was spelled out. Franklin County's share, which will be divided over a four-year period, is \$735,300. In 1965-66, Franklin's allocation for secondary road maintenance and construction was \$155,190. Figures for the current year are not available, but together with regular allotments and bond money, Franklin is slated to receive \$350,000 in the coming 1967-68 fiscal year.

In addition to the step-up in primary and secondary improvements in the county, four of the five municipalities are to receive street improvements. Louisburg projects have already been let to contract. Bunn, Franklinton and Youngsville are to receive curb and gutters and some resurfacing. All these projects are already approved by the State Highway Commission. Centerville, not coming under the bond issue, will, however, enjoy part of its city limits along NC 561 east being resurfaced.

The resurfacing projects to primary highways thus far have not come from state bond money. The only bond project tagged for Franklin County is the rebuilding of US-401 to Ingleside and NC-39 to Epsom in 1968.

More resurfacing is expected on secondary roads in the fiscal year beginning on July 1 and the possibility of more improvements to pri-

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phlets explaining the same. ASCS works to improve the lot of the farmer. In Franklin County this is a most important project. The success of the farmer controls to a large extent, the success of the entire county. And so it is that what helps the farmer in our county, helps us all. This then, is the function of the ASCS office—to help us all.



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Resurfacing From Centerville To Nash County Line

Recorder's Judge Hears Murder Case

The following cases were disposed in Recorder's Court Monday:
Jeff Collins James, c/m/32, no operator's license. State takes Nol pros.
Frank Junior Fogg, c/m/28,

no support. Prayer for judgment continued.
Charles Kearney, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injury not resulting in death. \$50.00 fine and cost of court.

Iantha Turner, w/f, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant withdraws request for jury trial, enters plea of nolo contendere, plea accepted by State. Dismissed upon payment of court costs.
Julian T. Finch, w/m, trespassing. Not guilty.
Theodore Edgar Powell, Jr., c/m/25, motor vehicle violation. Guilty. Prayer for judgment continued.

David Perry Ayscue, w/m, assault with deadly weapon, inflicting serious and permanent injuries not resulting in death. State takes nos pros upon payment of court cost.
J. Ellis Finch, assault on female. Motion made of plea in abatement. Plea in abatement sustained. Motion allowed by court.
Oliver Young, c/m, break-

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Youngsville Completes Drive

Youngsville - Fire Chief J. T. Allen of the Youngsville Volunteer Fire Department reports that an additional special fund-raising drive held by the department during the past few weeks was successfully completed on Saturday, June tenth. A meeting was held at the Fire House on Saturday night and there was a drawing for a door prize to go to someone who had made a donation. The name of Mr. Fred C. Cash was drawn from the large group which had made donations to the Fire Department.

Mr. Allen, on behalf of the Fire Dept., expresses gratitude for the interest evidenced in paying for the new rural fire truck.

Welfare Chief To Speak

On Sunday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Louisburg Methodist Church, the public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Clifton M. Craig, the State Commissioner of Public Welfare. Mr. Craig's address will be primarily concerned with the services of the State Board of Public Welfare, but he will also answer questions that pertain to local welfare programs.

Mr. Craig was named State Commissioner by the Board on November 1, 1966. His many innovations and new procedures have been widely recognized. He was recently honored as "Tar Heel of the Week" by the Raleigh News and Observer.

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Out On Bond, Suspect Arrested In Hertford

Bobby H. Brown, 28-year-old, Rocky Mount man, charged in Franklin County with false pretense in the flim-flaming of four elderly county residents out of what was reported to be around \$800, has been arrested in Murfreesboro on similar charges.

Brown and Melvin H. Hicks, 22, also of Rocky Mount, are free under \$1900 bond awaiting trial here on the false pretense charge and also

charges of posing as termite and electrical inspectors without a license.

Sheriff R. V. Parker of Hertford County reported that Brown had used some type of spray to "fire-proof" the attic in the home of two area widows.

Sheriff William T. Dement of Franklin County had earlier reported that Brown and Hicks had used a similar approach

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ASCS Important Cog In County Agricultural Wheel

In this day of growing federal initial agencies, ASCS here in Franklin County has grown to mean more profitable operations to the farmer and therefore has become an important part of the county's improving economy.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service employs nine full-time office personnel, 14 field employees full or part time and 14 part time office helpers. In addition, there are two Tobacco Marketing Recorders plus full time District Fieldman Carl D. Bunn of Zebulon and State Supervisor Hillman Alexander and Rex Carter.

However, the number of people employed, while an aid to local employment and thereby contributing to area buying power, is only a minor part of the overall contribution made by this agency.

Under the capable management of Office Manager John Davis and the staff of farm-

sonnel, the local office works under the direction of the County Committee. E. G. Brewer is Chairman, C. C. Perry is Vice Chairman and B. T. Bunn is the third member. Also aiding in the administration of the various programs are Community Committees from each of the 10 townships in the county. There are thirty outstanding farm leaders representing their respective communities on these committees.

A year-end report, released recently by the local office discloses a budget in 1966 of \$126,050.25 for the county. This, of course, does not include the benefits derived from the various federal programs administered by the local office.

In an effort to keep the public informed of the programs and other matters pertaining to the ASCS operation in Franklin County, the personnel here have prepared 22 newsletters mailed to thousands of county

citizens, written 14 cards and 15 letters and prepared 23 news releases and appeared on 50 radio programs. They have also participated in 10 group talks. All this in the course of the year, in addition to personal contact by each with the farmers they serve.

As is the case with most federal agencies, the ASCS keeps a host of statistics, all designed to present to them a true picture of just how any given program is functioning.

Some of the figures, contained in the recent release are of interest to all citizens, whether farm connected or not. There are, for instance, according to the ASCS booklet, 2,815 farms in Franklin County with 868 of these com-

pleting one or more practices subscribed by the ASCS office. Also revealed is the fact that the Total Assistance Earned by Farmers in 1966 amounted to \$79,288.37.

The booklet also shows that a large number of participants are taking part in the various Agricultural Conservation Programs and are receiving varying degrees of financial assistance.

Another interesting point disclosed in the release, is the fact that Franklin County is 18th in North Carolina in production of flue-cured tobacco. The flue-cured tobacco allotment for 1966 in Franklin County was listed at 9908.19 acres and that 73 per cent of our farms carry an

allotment of less than five acres. There were 11 farms with a combination of 14.35 acres allotment from which no tobacco was harvested in 1966.

Figures for 1963 reveal that Dunn Township is the largest tobacco yielding section of the county with 2086 acres and Cedar Rock runs a close second with 1981.

In the Tobacco Production Summary section, it is shown that Dunn area citizens sold 2,982,893 pounds of tobacco in 1966 to lead the county. Cedar Rock, Harris and Louisburg Townships all marketed over 2 million pounds last year.

Cedar Rock leads the county in production of cotton followed by Franklinton Township, according to the release.

There are a number of other interesting facts revealed in the booklet, which is another prime example of the kind of service being rendered by the local office. A steady stream

of people can be seen entering and leaving the office daily. This, too, is proof that things are going on.

Recently a number of employees and committeemen were honored with certificates of service for varying number of years. This has been a practice for some time. ASCS officials recognize the value of keeping competent people working in the programs. That they have been able to do so is revealed in the number of awards going to people for 10-15 years and occasionally longer periods of time.

The ASCS programs are often complicated, especially to anyone not farm-oriented. One would suspect that at times, many of the directives are confusing even to those who are in a position to understand them. However, concerned persons have only to visit the office to have any of a growing number of programs explained fully or to receive a number of pam-

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A SPECIAL REPORT