

Weather

Variable cloudiness and warm today and Friday with chance of afternoon thunder-showers. Low today, 68; high, near 90.

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Louisburg Police Officers

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Once each year, Louisburg's finest gather to pose for an official picture, for use on safety calendars and safety booklets placed in the schools in the area. Shown above, standing, left

to right, are: Chief Earl Tharrington, Earl Smith, Charles Lambert and Ned Lloyd; Seated, left to right, are: Hubert Shearin, Gerald Eury and Larry Gilliam.

Budget Calls For Tax Hike

Burning the midnight oils, the Board of County Commissioners finally approved a tentative budget for 1967-68 last night around 10:30 p.m. In a special called meeting which began at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, the Board rehashed almost every item in the proposed budget and heard from Mrs. Jane York, Welfare Director, and Warren Smith, Supt. of Schools, on budget cuts for the two departments.

Late Wednesday night, County Accountant Kenneth Braswell said he believed that the rate would be \$1.64 or eight cents above last year's \$1.56 rate. Braswell said it would by sometime today before total budget figures could be ready for release.

The welfare budget, target of much trimming along the way, was given approval after several adjustments were made late Wednesday. The school budget cut of two cents was held. Commissioner Brooks Young urged that one cent be placed back in the school budget to aid in maintaining reaccreditation, but other Commissioners refused to agree.

The board did approve a \$10 increase in travel for the Sheriff and his deputies and the Dog Warden. Also approved was expenditure from the current budget of \$1,000 to assist the Town of Louisburg in paving the streets around the courthouse.

It was also disclosed in Wednesday's meeting that the State Highway Commission would pave the hospital drive but could not surface the parking lots as requested by the board. The tentative budget, when readied, will be placed on public record for the time required by law. Last year the tentative rate of \$1.58 was later reduced to \$1.56. A reduction in this year's preliminary rate, however, is considered remote. Most of the commissioners expressed concern that the new budget might very well prove to be inadequate in several departments.

Health Interviewers Take Training

Thirteen local people have recently been selected to serve as interviewers for a county-wide study of health and mental health needs.

Currently participating in a three-day training program at Franklin Memorial Hospital in preparation for the study are Mesdames Kenan Bolton, Vivian Harris, Sybil Kerley, Amanda-Hawkins, Collin McKinne, Mary Nicholson, Evelyn Williamson, Addie Little, Mary Rose, Inez Stallings, Evelyn Crocker, Mildred Tillotson, and Eunice Wilson.

In other actions, the Board put off any actions concerning what members termed "rumors" about certain procedures used by Deputy Tax Collector W. J. Debnam in collecting past due taxes. The "rumors" referred to reports that Louisburg businessman Graham Holmes had given Debnam two checks, one in 1965 and another in 1966, which were made payable to "Franklin County," but were cashed or deposited in Raleigh. Holmes says that it was sixty days before credit was given in the local tax office on one of the checks.

Another reported question-

able procedure was the trading out in groceries a six-year tax bill with W. C. Hart, operator of a grocery store on NC-56 near Franklin. Hart reported that everything was very satisfactory with the arrangement as far as he was concerned.

The question raised was whether or not such procedures are legal. County Attorney Charles Davis, who with Chairman E. M. Sykes had been directed to look into the complaints last week, reported that he found nothing wrong. He did however say that it was a matter of interpretation as to the legality of this type procedure.

Debnam was not present at the meeting and it was decided, without motion, but agreed on by all members, that he would be requested to attend the July meeting for a discussion of these complaints plus renewal of his contract, which expires June 30.

County Eligible For Aid

Word has been received here by letter from Charles S. Edwards, Economic Development Coordinator for North Carolina that Franklin County "will continue eligible to participate in the programs of the Economic Development Administration for, in all probability, at least an additional year beginning July 1st."

The letter continued, "It is important that new and continuing town and county officials and other leaders throughout the county be acquainted and reminded of those extra economic strengthening and job-creating opportunities afforded by the programs of this Agency".

"The ages-old major methods of increasing tax flow into local, state and national treasurers is to raise tax rates. EDA was created to assist with increasing these tax totals by making possible new and improved job opportunities."

The letter was addressed to County Commissioner Chairman E. M. Sykes, with a copy sent to W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director and this newspaper.

Hold Reunion

The Hq. Btry. first Bn. 113th F.A. which was mobilized for Federal service at Youngsville in Sept. 1940, is having a reunion Sunday, June twenty-fifth, at 12:00 noon in Youngsville.

Hq. Btry. was reorganized as Battery "G" 113th F. A. in 1941 and later in 1942 was reorganized as Company "B" 630th TD Bn and served in this capacity throughout the duration of the war earning five battle campaign ribbons in Europe.

County Gets Almost \$350,000 For Road Improvements

Fifth Highway Division Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham met here Wednesday afternoon with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss the 1967-68 Secondary Roads Programs. Brame informed the local governmental body that Franklin County is to get \$348,250.00 for secondary road improvements in the coming fiscal year.

Accompanying Mr. Brame

here were: M. T. Adkins, Division Engineer; F. W. Adkins, District Engineer and James (Hoss) Alford, local highway official.

In addition to the 12.91 miles of secondary roads slated for improvements, some discussions were held concerning NC-56 and the already scheduled US-401-NC-39 project. The Division Engineer explained that it might be as late as early 1969 before work

was actually begun on the US-401 project because of remaining field work, design of roadway, and obtaining right-of-ways.

He stated that some improvements would be made to NC-56, although it would not be a complete job. He indicated that some leveling of the highway would be accomplished using primary maintenance funds.

The Secondary Road pro-

jects, slated to come from county bond money, includes 11.7 miles of paving and 1.2 miles of lesser improvements. The Commissioners approved the schedule of secondary projects; passing a requested resolution which is being forwarded to highway officials today. Added to the list recommended by state officials was State rural 1252 which runs from Vance county into Franklin. This dirt road had gained approval by Vance County Commissioners and in order to complete the road, Franklin was asked to add its endorsement.

In a separate resolution, the Commissioners gave approval to a dirt road running from Lickskilllet in the northeastern part of the county to a state rural paved road. This improvement had been suggested by Rep. James D. Speed to the highway officials and quickly gained approval of the local county officials.

Roads and streets included in the proposed secondary program for the coming year include: Wes Sandling Road; Jim Thompson Road; Wilder Street; Hayes Street; Franklin Avenue; Peach Tree Street; S. D. Pearce Road; Mitchell Store Road; Cottrell Road; Thompson Road (listed twice, once under total secondary and once under "base, pave and erosion control").

Hill Is New Youngsville Lions Prexy

At the next meeting of the Youngsville Lions Club which will be held on Tuesday evening, June twenty-seventh at seven thirty, officers for the ensuing club year will be installed. They are President, Davis Hill; First Vice President, Stephen Wiggins; Second Vice President, Nelson Walden; Third Vice President, Claude Edwards; Secretary J. T. Allen; Lion Tamer, Mack Dement; Tail Twister, Jervais Phillips.

Director one year, S. E. Tharrington; Director one year, R. E. Cheatham; Director two years, Earl Hart; Director two years, Joe Moss.

Steed Waives Preliminary Hearing In Recorder's Court

A 38-year-old Franklinton textile worker waived preliminary hearing in the pistol death of his wife, in Recorder's Court here Tuesday and remains free on \$2500 bond awaiting trial in Superior Court on the murder charges. Leonard Lee Steed contends the shooting, which resulted in the death of his wife, Mrs. Mavis Markham Steed, 39, on Saturday, June 10, at their home on Mason Street in Franklinton, was accidental.

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, June 21st:

Joe Calvin Weatherspoon, w/m/42, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Rudolph Bartholomew, w/m/38, failing to reduce speed to

prevent an accident. State takes nol pros.

Russell King, assault on female. State takes nol pros on payment of costs.

Pattie Louise Alston, c/t, abandonment. State takes nol pros on payment of costs. Mozelle Massenbarg, c/t/20, forgery. Defendant to be held for Grand Jury to be released on bond posted in Case No. 3927, Superior Court.

Richard Gupton, c/m/30, forgery. Defendant to be held for Grand Jury; to be released when he posts bond in case No. 3926, Superior Court.

Steven Walker Thrift, w/m/20, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Jack Evans, c/m/21, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injuries not resulting

in death. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury; to post \$500.00 appearance bond.

G. B. Ball, w/m, worthless check. Nol pros on payment of costs.

James King, public drunkenness; G. S. 14-344. Court allows motion to quash.

Earlie W. Williams, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty. Joe E. Cleveland, w/m/21, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Joseph Wesley Ellington, w/m/41, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Loyd Terry, c/m/29, operating auto intoxicated. \$100 fine and costs.

Orle Herman Pearce, Jr., w/m/34, operating auto intoxicated. Pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving. \$100.00 fine and costs.

James Simpson Finch, Jr., w/m/18, failing to comply with restrictions on operator's license. Discharged on payment of costs.

Tolly Dickerson, disturbing the peace. Not guilty.

Wilbert Otis Epps, c/m/28, burglary with intent to commit rape. Defendant to be held for Grand Jury under \$500.00 bond.

Michael Bruce Wheeler, w/m/20, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Wilson Hedgepeth, operating motor vehicle without liability insurance; improper use of tags; failure to register vehicle. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$50.00 fine and costs.

Horse Show Is Success

The Louisburg Lions Club convened at the Murphy House last Tuesday evening to discuss the results of the Horse Show and the year's work in general.

Lion M. G. Wilder termed the Horse Show a tremendous success despite the fact that this show was the first one ever staged in Franklin County by the Lions Club. He felt sure that another show next year would reap even greater profits. He also commended all the members who played a role in the show's success. Lion

John Collins was presented a decorative trophy for selling the most ads and sponsors.

Other results were revealed also. Lion Bill Benton, a visitor and Zone Chairman from District 31G, praised the club for its outstanding enthusiasm, work, and attendance. Further mention was made of Miss Ann Brown, who won the Lions Club Essay Contest in this district.

The next Lions Club meeting will be held on July 11, the second Tuesday, instead of the regularly scheduled first Tuesday, which is July 4.

News Of Our Neighbors

Close Call

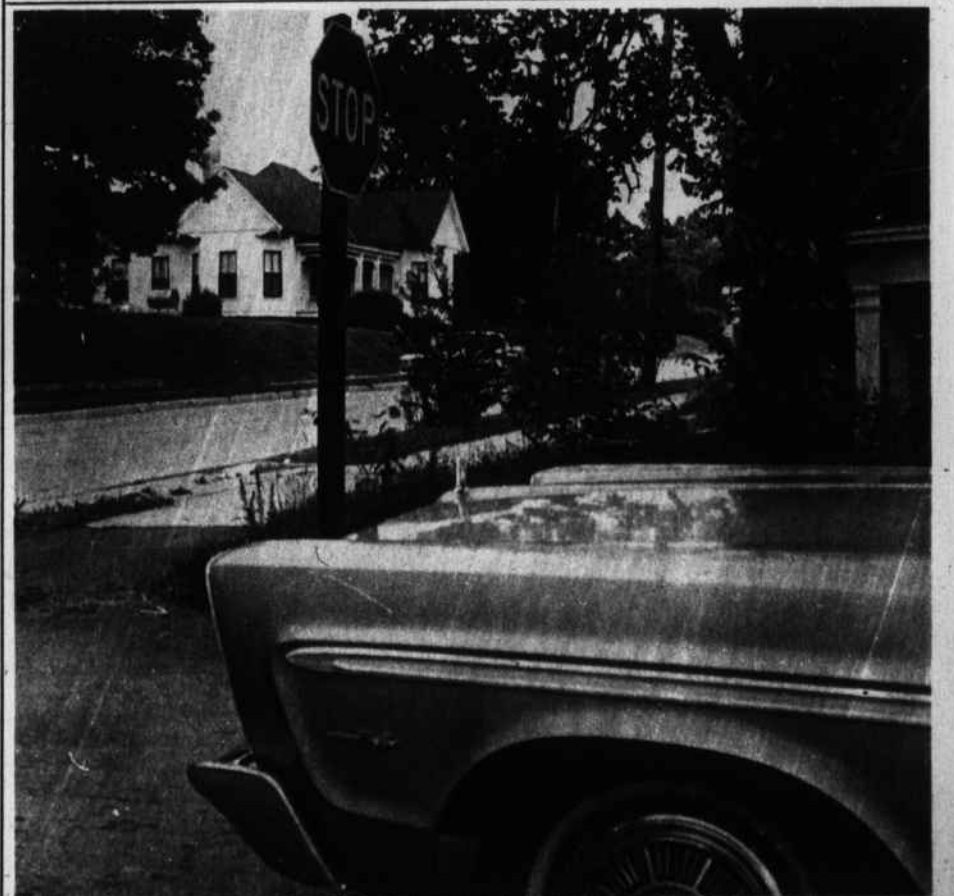
OXFORD - Paul Daniel had a close call recently when his car was washed off N. C. 158 and ended up deep in the nearby water-swamped woods. Granville County Rescuers saved the man from possible injury by rowing out and helping him out of a tree where he had climbed to escape the water.

No Place To Hide

CREEDMOOR - A five-month search for an Oxford man ended last week. The man, identified as William Henry Miller, 28, was an escapee from the Vance County unit of the State Prison department. He was found hiding in the back seat of an automobile by officers.

Po' Mule

HENDERSON - Two mules were the object of efforts by the Henderson Rescue Service recently. The animals were rescued from a high water creek. The feat was accomplished by tying ropes around their bodies and giving a good healthy pull. The Rescuers were successful in saving both mules.



Booby-Trapped Intersection

Louisburg, like so many other towns and communities, has its own share of booby-trapped intersections. The fact that more accidents don't occur here, is a tribute to the care taken by local and visiting motorists. The scene above is an example. The intersection is located at East Nash Street and the Shannon Village road. Note the white car partially hidden in the shrubbery and give thought to the potential danger for an unsuspecting motorist who gives only a casual glance in that direction before pulling into Nash Street. Shrubby beauties, but it could also spell disaster when placed in the wrong location.

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