

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today. Wednesday, chance of showers. Low today, 56; high, 80.

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Times Wins Top National Award

College To Build New Dorm, Infirmary

An announcement last week from Congressman L. H. Fountain revealed that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved \$475,000 reservation in college housing loan funds for a new dormitory providing housing for 104 women students plus a 24-bed infirmary for Louisburg College.

David Daniel, Director of College Relations said Monday that construction on the new facility is expected to begin in September. "This will give us a better balance--between boys and girls--in on-campus residents," Daniel stated.

"Each year we have qualified female students who have to be turned away," he added. The new dormitory, to be located west of Pattie Julia Wright dormitory for women students and to the east of the Benjamin N. Duke Cafeteria building.

The infirmary is to be located on the ground floor of the new building and will occupy the entire first floor. Entrance will be made into the building on the second

floor due to a decline in the land at the building sight, according to Daniel.

The Director also said that a service road would be constructed, running from Main Street at the Merritt Hall dormitory behind the three female dormitories connecting with the present cafeteria road at the rear of the College campus.

The new, four-story structure is expected to be ready for occupancy in August of 1969.

113th F. A. Bn Holds Reunion

Youngville - A reunion of the Hq Btry first Bn. 113th F. A. Bn. which was mobilized for service at Youngville in 1940, attracted about eighty-five persons on Sunday, June twenty-fifth, at the gathering in Youngville. Former members of the unit came from surrounding towns as well as from South Carolina and Virginia.

Distinguished guest in attendance, highly respected and admired was General Edward F. Griffin of Louisburg who was commander of the battalion when it was on active duty. During an informal talk to the group, General Griffin made mention of several former members of the original unit now deceased. Among those singled out were Tee Cheatham, Bland Mitchell and Charles Green.

Mr. E. J. Pearce presided at the reunion dinner. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the fifteen former members now deceased. Former Sergeants recognized as men who received field commissions as lieutenants. Another officer was present, M. O. Lester.

Responsible for arranging this first reunion after 22 years were Bland Hill, Frederick Preddy, Grover Burgess and R. E. Cheatham.

Tenth Time

OKFORD - Frank Wood, 16-year-old escape artist, just accomplished his tenth run for freedom from the Jackson Training School. He was sent to Jackson upon conviction of larceny of an automobile.



Receives Award

Walter B. Potter, President of the National Newspaper Association, right, and Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times, pose for pictures immediately following the naming of The Times as First Place Winner in Community Service by the national association. The presentation was made Saturday in Richmond, Va. at the 82nd annual convention of the 6600-member organization.

Chosen No. 1 In Community Service

The Franklin Times has won a major national newspaper award in the field of Community Service. The newspaper was named number one in Community Service over more than 2700 newspapers from throughout the United States at the 82nd annual convention of the National Newspaper Association held in Richmond, Va. last week.

Times Managing Editor Clint Fuller accepted the award at a luncheon held in the John Marshall Hotel Saturday. Dr. Sadie C. Johnson, president of The Franklin Times, Inc., publishers of the newspaper, Mrs. James A. Johnson, advertising manager and wife of the vice president, and Mrs. Fuller also attended the presentation.

The award, one of the highest given by the newspaper industry, was presented to The Times for the newspaper's efforts to obtain action on road conditions in Franklin County. It is presented annually by the Association, which represents over 6600 newspapers in the United States and Canada, to the newspaper, which in the opinion of the judges, rendered the greatest service to its community.

Other Papers

In winning the top honor, The Times bested the Milpitas (California) Post, which finished second; the Douglas (Georgia) Enterprise, which came in third; and the Pacific Palisades (California) Palisadian-Post; the East Lansing (Michigan) Towne Courier; and the Sevierville (Tenn.) Tri-County News, which gained honorable mention. Competing newspapers ranged in size from the 809-circulation Frederick (Colorado) Farmer and Miner to the 273,112-circulation Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

Fuller, who had been invited earlier to address the convention, told the delegates, following the award presentation, "I would like first to express my personal appreciation and that of my publishers to the judges and to the Association for affording us the opportunity to be here today as a winner."

Service Synonymous

"I believe that newspapering and service are synonymous. We cannot justify our existence unless we serve our community," he added. Fuller

spoke of the decision to run the front-page series in an attempt to gain some attention to road conditions in Franklin County. He told of "frustrating efforts" to obtain answers to the question of why his county had not received its "rightful share" of highway fund allocations over the years and he reported to the group the final results of the series. "Looking back now," Fuller said, "I believe that two things contributed the greatest toward the success of the efforts. First, we had a legitimate case. There was no fabrication. None was needed. Secondly, persistence. We did not yield to the temptation to quit."

Grateful

"We are very grateful that this award comes to us for our attempts to serve our community," he concluded.

The judges, commenting on The Times award, stated, "Unusual pictorial coverage, excellent research and front-page editorials with impact show an outstanding example of community service by a community oriented newspaper--The Franklin Times. The success of this campaign certifies to the validity of this particular project."

Finest Traditions

Commenting on community service in general, the judges said, "The finest traditions of journalism are served when newspapers bring to light situations and practices that endanger their respective communities."

Theodore A. Serrill, Executive Vice President of the NNA termed The Times

award "A signal honor" and Charles J. Higgins of National Publisher magazine told Fuller, "You have won an important honor." Walter B. Potter, President of the NNA, presented the plaque for the Association.

Magazine

The National Publisher magazine will give a summary of The Times award-winning efforts in its July issue which will be headed "The Have-Not Counties," a phrase often used in the front-page series by The Franklin Times in reference to Franklin and other counties in the Fifth Highway Division of North Carolina.

Commenting here Monday, Fuller stated, "It was quite an experience. Newspaper people from a number of states approached us in the elevator, the halls and the lobby, all offering congratulations. We met a lot of very wonderful people. One in particular was the editor of the Milpitas (California) Post, which we nosed out for first place. He came up to the speaker's rostrum and offered his congratulations. He is a very fine person."

Fuller was awarded the top editorial award by the North Carolina Press Association last January for one in the series and The Times placed second in the state in Community Service.

The Convention, which lasted the entire week, ending Sunday with tours of historical Virginia, was held in conjunction with the Virginia Press Association's 85th annual convention. Next year the NNA will hold its annual meet in California.

Survey To Start

Some 400 area residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions about local health and mental health needs through a county wide study beginning this week according to an announcement made by Dr. William G. Hollister, Community Mental Health Consultant.

This study is one of the preliminary phases of a community mental health demonstration project being conducted in Franklin County. The project is being sponsored by the Community Mental Health Section of the University of North Carolina Memorial Hospital in cooperation with county officials.

House to house visits will be made by local interviewers through July. Dr. Hollister noted that since the information obtained will be used in planning the county's future health and mental health services, it is very important that we have the cooperation of those selected to participate to get an accurate picture of the county's needs.

No Rate Increase Expected

Town Sets \$522,653 Tentative Budget

The Louisburg Town Council, meeting last Friday night, set the tentative budget for the fiscal year at \$522,653 or \$28,702 more than that of the last budget. Town Administrator E. S. Ford said, however, that no increase in the current eight-and-a-half-cent tax rate is expected.

He said the exact rate needed to raise the budget could not be known until the county had completed valuation figures, which are picked up by the town tax department.

The electric department, always the biggest item in the budget, is getting an increase in the new budget from \$220,710 to \$233,875. There are increases in the General Government fund, from \$41,609 to \$46,820 and the Police Department from \$44,980 to \$49,840.

Fire and Rescue Services have increases, the Fire Department moving from \$22,140 to \$29,165 and the Rescue Service from \$3,778 to \$4,390.

Contingency funds, recreation and water are getting slight decreases while all other departments show some rise in their budgets. The bond retirement remains the same at \$20,000 and the interest on bonds drops from \$13,075 last year to \$12,163 in the new budget.

The Council set July 21 as the date of the next meeting at which time it is expected the final budget will be approved.

Shootings, Drowning Mark Weekend

One man was drowned late Sunday afternoon and four others were wounded by gun fire over the weekend in this area. Two gunshot victims, residents of Arcola in Warren County were transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Centerville Rescue Service around 10 p.m. Sunday.

The men, identified as Stanford Daniel, c/m/34 and Howard Silver, c/m/73 both received chest and abdomen wounds in a shootout in Warren County. Both were treated here and later transferred to Duke Hospital.

George Lee Clements, c/m/22, Rt. 3, Louisburg, drowned in a farm pond on the Julian Weldon farm south of Epsom Sunday afternoon shortly after 5 p.m. The Louisburg Rescue Service recovered the body 17 minutes after arriving at the scene in what Mr. Weldon described as 23 feet of water.

Clements had been walking in the area with three friends, Henry and Jim Williams and Moses Chavis. When he was

missed and his shoes spotted near the water's edge, the alarm was sent out.

Carl Strickland, w/m/28, a Louisburg tire recapping firm employee was wounded in the leg around 1 a.m. Sunday at a local drive-in restaurant. The shooting was termed accidental. He is confined in the local hospital.

Walter Lee Foster, c/m/35 of Rt. 3 Louisburg was treated for a pistol wound in the foot following a shooting in the Moulton Community Saturday night around 9 p.m.

Attends Workshop

KITTRELL - Donald Pulley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pulley of Route 1, Kittrell, was given an expense free paid trip to a soil conservation workshop week at the North Carolina State University.

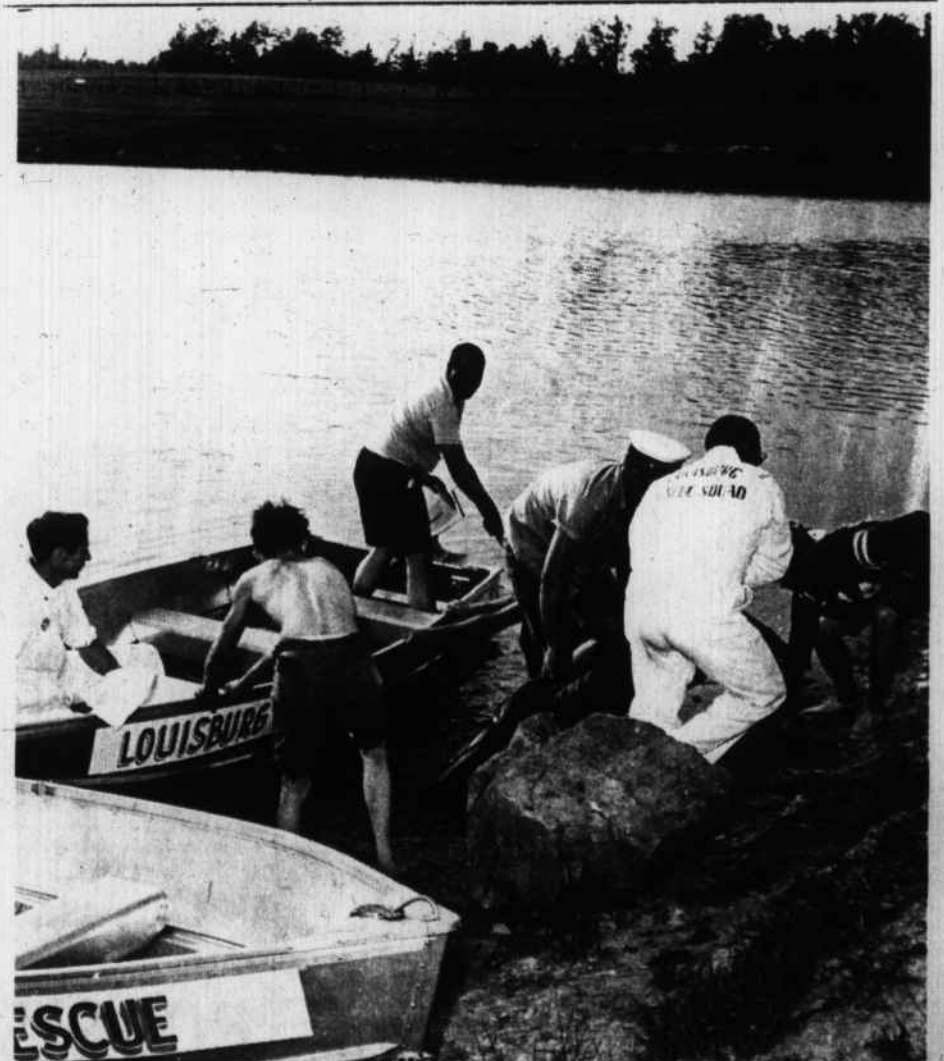
If some human being really knew half they think they know, this world would be a much better place.



Road Paving-Times Office

Workers are shown above late Monday afternoon resurfacing Bickett Blvd. in front of The Franklin Times office. The project caused traffic congestion throughout the day and continues this morning. Main Street is open today after having traffic partially blocked Monday while crews painted the river bridge. The by-pass paving is part of a step-up in primary road improvements in Franklin County.

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller



Drowning Victim

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service are shown above after recovering the body of George Lee Clements, c/m/22 of Rt. 3, Louisburg, a drowning victim last Sunday afternoon. Clements wandered away from three companions, waded into deep water and drowned shortly after 5 p.m. in a farm pond on the Julian Weldon farm south of Epsom. Clements was employed by Sidney Driver, a local contractor. Rescuers, pictured left to right, are: Bryant Best, unidentified youth, Wyatt Freeman, Chief David Minnich, Gerald Eury, and another unidentified youth.

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