



New Deputy

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement is shown above, left, congratulating his new deputy, Leroy Terrill as the Hayesville Township resident assumed his new duties here Monday. Terrill, 45, of Rt. 3 Louisburg, is a farmer and a former Military Policeman in World War II. He was sworn in last week by Clerk of Court Ralph Knott. He fills the post of an additional deputy authorized for the department by the General Assembly and the Board of County Commissioners earlier this year.

Commissioners Give Tax Collector Vote Of Confidence

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here Monday in regular session heard Deputy Tax Collector W. J. (Buddy) Debnam explain, in detail his methods of tax collections and settlement procedures. Each member of the Board when polled by Chairman E. M. (Buck) Sykes said they were completely satisfied with the procedures and Debnam was, in effect, given a clean bill. Questions had arisen about some of the Collector's methods and had been brought to the attention of the Board in a meeting last Wednesday. One complaint concerned the practice of cashing checks made payable to Franklin County and depositing funds to the Collector's personal account. The Board found nothing wrong with the procedure following Debnam's explanation that he had had several checks returned for insufficient funds and had to settle the accounts from his own money.

Debnam told the Board he would welcome an audit by anyone at anytime. The Board said no audit was necessary, pointing out that the year-end audit was coming up anyway.

The question of renewal of the Collector's contract which expired last Friday was averted when Debnam said his private business was such that he would prefer not to continue to collect delinquent taxes for the county. This is according to unconfirmed but reliable reports.

In other actions, the Board made official what had been agreed to earlier, and recorded in the minutes the purchase of the Griffin Motor

Co. building on Court Street from the Allen estate at a price of \$18,000 subject to a title check by the county attorney. No immediate plans were announced for the building although speculation has it that it may later be used as a jail.

The Board, showing an unusual display of generosity, made gifts of funds to the local Civil Defense department. Defense Chief George Champion and State Trooper W. S. Etheridge, CD Instructor, appeared before the Board and requested \$255.00 as the county's share of a state-federal training program for local law enforcement officers. The Board approved the request.

Members of the County Men's Softball League came before the Board and requested assistance in defraying the

Middle Belt Opening Expected On Sept. 7

Thursday, September 7, is the date tentatively set for the opening of the flue-cured tobacco auction on the Henderson Market. Suggested dates for four of the five belts were offered by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee at a meeting in Raleigh last Thursday.

An opening date for the Old Belt of North Carolina and Virginia was left open, pending further study, in view of demand by growers in that area for an earlier start of the selling season.

All dates must be referred to belt warehouse associations

for approval, except in the Georgia-Florida belt, where final decision will be made by the Georgia Tobacco Advisory Commission and the Georgia commissioner of agriculture.

Tentative dates for Georgia-Florida were given as July 28 or 27; for the South Carolina-Border North Carolina Belt August 2 or 3, and Eastern North Carolina August 24.

The Middle Belt date is substantially the same as last year, when sales began on Thursday, September 8.

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Area Pauses To Observe July 4th

As the Franklin County area joins others throughout the state and country today in celebration of the birth of the nation, the outlook promises to be one of peace and quiet locally. No formal celebration has been planned although the American Legion Post is expected to perform the Bells For Freedom ceremonies at 2 p.m. today. The practice began here last year when Miss Tucker Meyer, a High School student, suggested it in letters to the newspaper and to local officials.

Thus far the long holiday weekend has brought forth only reports of minor accidents with no serious injuries recorded.

Last Friday morning, Vincent Dorsey, w/m/19 escaped injury when the State Highway Commission truck he was driving was hit by an Atlantic Railroad pulpwood train at the NC 98 crossing near Bunn.

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JOHN HEDRICK

Franklinton Man Gets Legion Post

A World War II Navy veteran from Franklinton has been elected Commander of Division I, N. C. American Legion, according to an announcement from Bruce Honeycutt, Franklinton Post Commander.

John M. Hedrick, an active member of the local post for the past 13 years, was named last week in the annual Legion convention held in Raleigh.

Hedrick's Division consists of five Districts embodying 25 counties in the state with 66 posts and a total of 4,810 Legionnaires. Hedricks has served in a number of Post 52 Franklinton positions, including three terms as Commander and vice Commander. He has also served as Commander of District 13.

Honeycutt said, "Through John's leadership as Commander of the 13th District, Franklinton Post 52 and District 13 grew in membership to an all-time high. For this John received the National Achievement Award from the National Commander, William R. Burke."

Legionnaires and their wives, attending the 49th convention included: Honeycutt and his wife, Douglas N. Hoyle, Post Adjutant, Hedrick and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Goswick and John L. Preddy.

Honeycutt pointed out that the convention next year will be held in Charlotte.

Weather

Partly cloudy and cooler today and tonight and continued mild Wednesday. Probability of rain near zero. Low today, 60, high, 82.

Times Receives Congratulations

To The Editor:

It was mighty pleasant reading that you won the top award of the National Newspaper Association; however, I wasn't surprised as I have long known you publish one of the best newspapers anywhere.

I think it especially fitting that you were recognized for community service. Certainly, you have excelled at this and I want to add my congratulations to those of the people of your fine community. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Congressman L. H. Fountain
Washington, D. C.

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Pittman Installed As Rotary President

Ed Pittman, manager of Gay Products plant here, was installed as the new President of the Louisburg Rotary Club in ceremonies last Thursday night. Rotarian Hill Yarborough was in charge of the installation. John Davis, ASCS office manager, was renamed secretary-treasurer and Al Goodwin, absent from the meeting, was named Vice President.

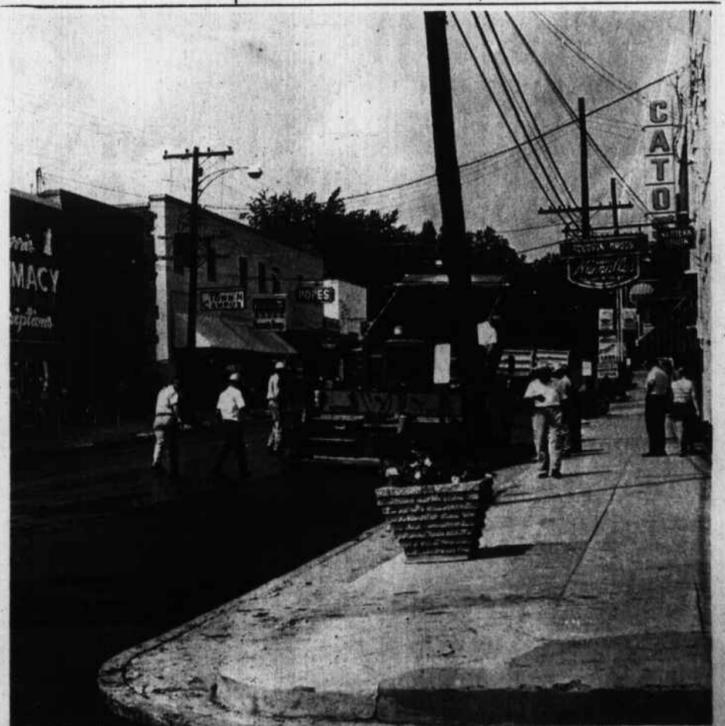
Rotarian Bill Benton gave a brief talk on a recent visit to the largest Rotary Club and the place where Rotary began, Chicago. He told of talking with former Governor Luther Hodges, who is presently President of Rotary International. He said the club has 700 members.

The club recognized Clint

Fuller, a guest of Capt. James Brown, and The Franklin Times for having recently received a national newspaper award for community service.

Following the meeting, Dr. Cary Jones Perry led the group on a tour of the new facilities at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Dr. Perry explained the many advantages soon to be realized by the recent renovations and additions to the local facility.

Rotarian John Davis announced to the club that he, as secretary had written a letter to the Louisburg Garden Club commending the organization on the "tremendous" job it had done with the planters now beautifying the streets of Louisburg.



Main Street Resurfaced

Paving crews can be seen busily at work here Monday afternoon in the job of resurfacing Main Street. Traffic was halted and foot-travel was sticky for awhile. The project had reached College Street early this morning and is to continue to the town limits north of the hospital by tomorrow.



Rotary Installation

Officials of the Louisburg Rotary Club pose above at installation of new officers here last Thursday night. Pictured, left to right, are: Dennis R. (Rocky) Saunders, outgoing president; Ed Pittman, newly installed prexy and John R. Davis, reelected secretary-treasurer. Al Goodwin, elected vice-president was not present at the meeting.