

Weather

Increasing cloudiness and mild today. Friday, variable cloudiness and mild with chance of showers. Low today, 59; high, 82.

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Hospital Renovations Nearing Completion

Since February 11, 1951 when Franklin Memorial Hospital was dedicated, demands on the local facility have grown at a rapid and unexpected rate. Although the county

population has dwindled from 31,000 then to slightly more than 28,000 now, health services have continued to grow. An alert Hospital Board of Trustees and an efficient Ad-

ministrator foresaw this demand and began some time ago to plan ahead. The planning, the long hours of discussion, the months of working under difficult conditions, are

about to bear fruit. Sometime within the next few weeks, Franklin Memorial Hospital will hold open house to show the public an amazing fulfillment of plans care-

fully made and effectively carried out.

The happy marriage of the people and hospital officials, working together has resulted in medical facilities second to none and far better than most for a community this size.

When visitors take the tour on open-house day, they are in for a most pleasant surprise. Not only will they see bright, beautiful rooms and an untold number of modern up-to-date innovations, they will see technical medical facilities not found in many much larger medical centers. Just looking is impressive. When and if the need for these new facilities comes, one can only imagine just how impressive they will seem then.

Work on the new additions and renovations began February 15, 1966 following approval by the people of a \$325,000 bond issue. The vote and the subsequent hospital improvements might well be termed the greatest bargain ever received by Franklin County. The total cost of the project was set at \$987,000 by M. M. Person, Jr., popular administrator. A few months ago, The Duke Endowment gave the institution a grant of \$50,000. The remainder of the near million dollar funding comes from the N. C. Medical Care Commission and the federally supported Hill-Burton program.

The new wing on the south side of the old building will contain an additional 30 beds, housed in 14 private rooms and

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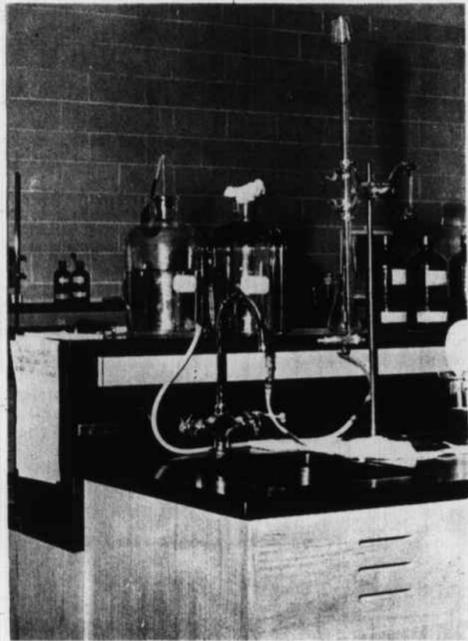
First of a Three-Part Series

By Clint Fuller

Times Managing Editor

8 semi-private rooms. Private rooms have a full bath and semi-private have half-baths with shower rooms nearby serving the wards.

Each room in the new addition is equipped with patient intercom by which the patient can talk to the nurses at anytime. Also contained on



New Lab

the second floor are two waiting rooms which will serve both the present part and the new part of the hospital.

The new lab is four times the size of the present facility and has already been moved to the new quarters. X-ray facilities have been doubled with an image intensifier added to improve the quality of the film. A new X-ray developing machine has been installed which will give Dr. John W. Vassey, full-time radiologist, a dry negative in 4 and a half minutes. In the past X-ray developments took at least 15 minutes and had to be read while wet. The new machine is fully automatic and frees the technicians from the time-consuming task of hand developing.

With the opening of the new wing, the bell system of paging is being eliminated. Voice paging has already taken over. Mr. Person explains that the new system is an improvement and cuts down on the patient disturbing noise. Doctor's consultation rooms are also a new innovation. Located at the nurses stations, Doctors can read charts and consult with others without disturbing the routine of the station.

A sophisticated light system has been installed which tells central nerve centers throughout the hospital which doctors are in the hospital at all times. Doctors press a button when entering and leaving the hospital. Their personalized light relays the message that they are on call. Special parking is provided. See HOSPITAL Page 6



Mrs. Grace Hall Stokes

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

Carl Pernel

"Always Wanted To Ride The Fire Truck"

An Era Ends As A Dream Comes True

All things come to him who waits--as the saying goes. And sometimes, happiness is a small thing.

After waiting most of her 83 years, a lifetime dream came true here Wednesday for one of Louisburg's most pleasant ladies. And the dream was a small thing.

Mrs. Grace Hall Stokes rode on the town fire truck.

She and her sister, Miss Lynn Hall, had nurtured a desire to ride the huge red wagon all their lives. Misfortune struck Miss Lynn recently, when she suffered a severe fall, and she is now recovering in a nursing home at Goldsboro. She would have enjoyed the ride.

The sisters have operated the Hall House and a variety store here for many years. The popular boarding house, which has been home to many weary and hungry travelers and an equal number of local citizens, has operated since the old hotel building burned here many, many years ago. Their mother, Mrs. Annie Hall, began the operation to give those burned out a place to stay.

"Miss" Grace is planning to move to Goldsboro where she and Miss Lynn will live with a sister, Mrs. Scott B. Berkeley, wife of the late Goldsboro mayor.

"I hope all of you will be happy," "Miss" Grace said as she stepped down from the fire truck. "I hate to leave Louisburg, but I have to," she added.

"How was the trip," we asked as she and Fireman Carl Pernel returned to the fire station following the short trip around town.

"Fine. Wonderful," she said.

"I've wanted to do this all the time," she replied in answer to our question. She said she had never ridden on a fire truck before.

"I want to thank whoever is responsible for making it possible," she said as she was helped from the truck by Fireman Grey Moon.

Her desire to ride the town truck was relayed to radio newsman Asher Johnson who publicly called for a relaxing of the rules prohibiting riders on the trucks, in order to grant this wish before "Miss" Grace and Miss Lynn moved away. Johnson's suggestion fell on kind ears and the Town Council and Mayor V. A. Peoples granted permission.

Both "Miss" Grace and Miss Lynn are natives of Louisburg. They were born in a house that stood where the post office now stands. Later they moved to a house in the middle of the block between College Street and Sunset Avenue.

They have lived in the Hall House on Franklin Street here for the past 75 years. Miss Lynn is the youngest at 81.

Miss Lynn has already moved. "Miss Grace will be moving as soon as she can conclude her business here.

With their going, Louisburg will lose two of its most loved and respected citizens. They have contributed much to their community over the years.

Riding the fire engine was a small thing to do in remembrance. But, this is what they wanted.

We all are sorry to see them go.

Editor Named To National Committee

Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times has been appointed vice-chairman of the national Freedom of Information Committee of the National Newspaper Association. The appointment was announced today by John Biddle, newly elected president of the organization.

Biddle said, "This committee is vastly important at this time of constant need for alertness in the field of Freedom of Information. The committee members are charged with the responsibility of being 'watch dogs' in the FOI field and to report such problems from their states. They should also assist in supporting access-to-news and records

legislation. Another committee responsibility is support of the Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri."

Fuller said he had accepted the appointment, "For whatever small contribution I might be able to make toward keeping the people's right to know safe. I consider it a privilege to be asked to serve on this national committee."

On WRAL-TV Dateline

The Franklin Times will be featured on WRAL-TV's Dateline News Program, perhaps tonight at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dateline newsmen Ben Runkle and a sound cameraman visited the Times office Wed-

Farmers Vote On Four Issues This Month

The Secretary of Agriculture has proclaimed acreage-pounds marketing quotas for 1968, 1969, and 1970 crops of flue-cured tobacco and has called a referendum on Tuesday, July 18, 1967. Voting will be by polling places with hours of voting seven a.m. to seven p.m. local time.

The 1968 flue-cured quota is 1126.5 million pounds and the national acreage allotment is 607,605.18 acres. North Carolina tobacco, peanut and cotton growers will vote on a total of four issues in a joint referendum to be held Tuesday, July 18. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has announced this date for tobacco growers to vote on continuation of the present acreage - pounds control program with price supports.

The three commodity groups, Tobacco Associates, N. C. Peanut Growers Association and the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association, have selected the same date for farmers vote on continuation

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Board Approves Projects

The Franklin County Board of Education approved minor projects at Perry's, Gethsemane and Bunn Schools, in its regular monthly meeting held here Monday. Contracts were awarded to Quality Paint Co. to paint the inside of Perry's gymnasium and the Gethsemane gym and Neuse Tile Co. was given the nod to lay quarry tile in toilets at Bunn.

Several new teachers were approved for various positions in the county schools and resignations were accepted from several others. New salary schedules calling for increases were approved for

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July 4th Holiday Passes Quietly

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Fireworks, parades and speeches marked the Independence Day celebrations elsewhere in the country but here the day passed quietly. So quietly in fact, without looking at the calendar, one would have hardly noticed that this was the 191st anniversary of the birth of the nation.

A number of businesses were closed, but almost as many were open for businesses as usual. Activity was confined to work by a refurbishing crew along Louisburg's Main Street, one or two flags on display and an all-day celebration by members of Green Hill Country Club

here. Golfing, swimming, diving contests and an outdoor feed highlighted the festivities at the local club.

Trophies were awarded those chosen best by the judges in several contests. The Foursome Golf Match for Juniors was won by the team of Marsha Person and Billy Fuller and the Golf Spectacular winning team was composed of Helen Lloyd and Clifford Joyner and Ruth Wheelless and Lou Oxnevad.

Matt Person was awarded the Ping Pong Championship with Arlene Mashburn chosen

runner-up.

Swimming Event winners included: Tim Perry for 7-year-olds; Karen Isley and Scott Debnam in the 8 to 12 groups; Marsha Person and Mike Dement in the 11 to 13 age group and Kevin Warren in the 14 and up group.

Diving Champions were Becky Talton for Junior girls and Ree Oxnevad for Senior girls. Kent Henley was Junior boys champ and Larry Fuller was champion of the Senior boys. Karen Isley, Glenn Medders, Elizabeth McKinne and Mike Dement were runners-up.



Bevy Of Beauties Observe Fourth

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