

WEATHER

Fair to partly cloudy today and Wednesday. Mild today and somewhat warmer Wednesday. Low today, 60; high, 81.

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As Family Watches

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James T. (Joe) Moss, second from left, 40-year-old Youngsville farmer and civic leader is shown above following his swearing-in as a member of the North Carolina Banking Commission here late Monday afternoon. Performing the ceremonies was Clerk of Court Ralph Knott, left, and Moss's family looked on. Pictured are Knott, Moss, Jimmy, 14, David 9, Mrs. Moss and Billy

Moss Takes Oath Of Office Here

A 40-year old Youngsville native, holder of the Nation's Outstanding Young Farmer Award and other recognitions for his work in farm-related fields, took the oath of office here Monday for one of the highest appointments

ever made to a Franklin County citizen. James T. (Joe) Moss elected to have his swearing-in ceremonies held in his home county as a crowd estimated at near 100 gathered in the courthouse

here to witness the ceremonies. Such events are usually staged in Raleigh.

Moss was named to the North Carolina Banking Commission two weeks ago by Governor Dan Moore. Clerk of Court, Ralph Knott, a long-time friend of the new Commissioner, performed the oath-taking ceremonies while members of Moss' immediate family looked on. Mrs. (Margaret) Moss, and the couple's three sons, Jimmy, 14, Billy 11, and David 9, stood by as Moss was sworn in. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moss, were also present.

Louisburg attorney E. F. Yarborough spoke briefly at the ceremonies, pointing out many of the accomplishments of the new Commissioner and telling something of his family history and accomplishments. Knott pointed out Moss' consideration in asking that the ceremonies be held here instead of in Raleigh and mentioned the national farm award. Knott accompanied Moss on his western trip to accept the award a few years ago. Moss succeeds Paul H. Thompson of Fayetteville and his term will expire in April, 1971. He expressed his appreciation to everyone having a part in the appointment, especially the Governor and to those attending Monday's ceremonies.

Rain-Slick Highway Nets Sixth County Fatality

Rain-slick highways contributed to one fatality in Franklin County in the past few days and a host of other road accidents. Howard Lee Summers, 23, of Rt. 1 Elon College became the county's sixth highway fatality of the year, when the tractor-trailer he was driving ran off the highway and overturned last Thursday afternoon around 5:30 P.M.

The accident occurred on N. C. 39 seven miles north of Louisburg, pinning the man inside the cab. Units of the Louisburg Rescue and Henderson Rescue Services removed the injured man and the Henderson unit transported him to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. He died a few minutes later of multiple fractures and internal injuries.

State Trooper James Byrd said the truck left the rain-slick road in a sharp curve and the tractor broke loose from the trailer and landed up side down. The truck belonged to Robahlee Carter Trucking Co. of Reidsville and was carrying a load of tobacco. Summers was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Summers, with whom he lived.

A one-car accident near Pearce's Crossroads around 8 P.M. Thursday night resulted in injuries to three Rt. 3 Zebulon Negroes. The car ran off the road landing upright in a nearby field. Listed as injured were: Charles F. Peppers, 28, Martine Peppers, and Willie Mae Neal. None were believed to be serious.

Friday morning, a 14-year old Rt. 3 youth narrowly escaped serious injury when the tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him beneath. The Louisburg Rescue Service answered the call and transported Fred Thar-

ington, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tharrington of Rt. 3, to Franklin Memorial Hospital with leg injuries.

Saturday afternoon, the Centerville Rescue Service brought in a 16-year Rt. 2 youth, after his car ran off the road and overturned. Edwin Gordon Parrish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parrish, was listed in serious condition Sunday in a Raleigh hospital. The youth, according to State Trooper Dwight Hinton, suffered head and shoulder and chest injuries when he was thrown some 62 ft. from where the vehicle stopped. The accident took place on N. C. 58, one mile south of Centerville around 2 P.M. Parrish was driving a 1960 Renault.

Five persons were injured near Wendell Sunday afternoon when their car skidded on rain-slicked U. S. 64, and slammed into a concrete overpass support.

State Highway Patrolman J. T. Ward said Mrs. Irene Richardson Morris, 50, of Rt. 1, Zebulon was driver of the car. Passengers in the car were Mrs. Morris' daughter, Mrs. Shelve Burnette, 28, and her three children, Wanda Jean, 9, Sandra Kay, 5, and Pamela Fay, 4, all of Rt. 2, Louisburg.

The injured were taken to Wake Memorial Hospital where Mrs. Burnette was admitted. Her condition was described as satisfactory. Mrs. Morris and the Burnette children were treated and released.

No charges have been made pending completion of the investigation.

Rain contributed a rash of minor accidents in the county during the past several days, but most were confined to property damage without injuries being reported.



Sixth Fatality

Scene above shows overturned tractor-trailer which claimed the life of Howard Lee Summers, 23 of Elon College, N. C. last Thursday night on rainslick N. C. 39 seven miles north of Louisburg. Summers was pinned inside the cab and died soon after being freed by Louisburg and Henderson Rescue Services. Photo courtesy of Pete Joyner, Louisburg.

Teacher Assignments Await Petition Hearing

The Franklin County Board of Education, meeting here in an unprecedented eight-hour session Monday, elected to await further action in the court ordered desegregation until a hearing is held on its petition for a stay of the court order.

A hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the federal court room in Raleigh before Algernon Butler, Chief Judge, U. S. Eastern District Court.

If the Board is granted a stay, schools will operate in much the same manner as last year. If a stay is not granted, the Board must carry out the Judge's ruling that at least 10 percent of the Negro students in the system be transferred to predominantly white schools and at least two Negro teachers be assigned to white schools and two white teachers be assigned to Negro schools.

It was announced earlier that pupil assignments have been approved by the Board, although notification of these being transferred now awaits the pending petition. Monday's session dealt primarily with the assignment of teachers as the Board and Superintendent, with attorneys E. F. Yarborough and Charles Davis, met with teachers and principals in a general meeting at Louisburg School Monday morning.

Mr. Yarborough explained the court ruling to the educators gathered for the first day of the new school year and told them that the Board was encouraging each of them to volunteer to cross racial lines, as directed by the court.

Board Vice Chairman Clint Fuller, welcomed the group and said, "The Board of Education has worked long and hard hours in recent weeks, and particularly in the past few days, in an effort to comply with provisions of the federal court order in an intelligent manner and one designed to least disrupt our school system."

Fuller called on teachers to volunteer to cross racial lines and said, "We have made some progress in this area, but there are still some vacancies yet to be filled. Therefore, as directed by the court, the Board here and now encourages each of you to volunteer to cross racial lines."

Both Yarborough and Fuller explained that if sufficient volunteers were not obtained the Board would have to assign teachers on an involuntary basis.

"It is the desire of your Board of Education," Fuller said, "That each of you have a happy and successful year, and that each of you, as near as

possible, be assigned to work in a school of your own choosing."

Paraphrasing the words of the late Sir Winston Churchill, when in 1942 he was called up to become Prime Minister of Great Britain, Fuller told the teachers and principals, "Members of the Franklin County Board of Education have not accepted their positions in order to preside over the liquidation of the county school system." "Let others talk of defeat, if they must," he said, "We will talk of maintaining the system and indeed, striving to make it even better. We will exert our efforts to the end that every child in our charge might have available to him, the best educational opportunities our people can afford." Board Chairman Horace Baker in-

troduced Mr. Yarborough, Lloyd West, a member of the Board was in charge of the devotion and Superintendent Warren Smith presided over the gathering.

Following the meeting, each teacher was interviewed privately by teams made up of one Board member and one staff member or attorney.

The Board returned to the school office shortly after noon to deliberate on teacher assignments. No announcements were made following the afternoon session which ran two hours past the time set for a county-wide principal's meeting.

Another Board meeting is slated for Thursday night. Teacher and pupil assignment changes will be mailed then, if a stay is not granted by Judge Butler, according to reports.



Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

PARENTS AND FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS ARRIVE, RAIN SOAKED, FOR OPENING OF LOUISBURG COLLEGE SUNDAY.

Rain Fails To Dampen College Spirit On First Day

Rain soaked everything but the old college spirit here Sunday afternoon as some over 300 freshmen arrived for the start of classes Thursday at Louisburg College.

Boys, girls, and parents all face the dilemma of the rain. Cars, loaded with all the paraphernalia youngsters usually bring to college--and some not usually brought, sat idle awaiting a break in the downpour. Pretty young coeds raced around, covering their heads, while the rest of them got drenched, protecting their hair- does of course.

The fact that most first-year students had preregistered under this year's new system of Early Semester was a big help in holding down what might have been an even more confusing day.

Brave young second-year (we assumed) students stood in the rain at the various intersections directing traffic. Some only in shirt sleeves helped new arrivals.

License plates silently spoke of the popularity of the Louisburg Institution. Some said that New Jersey likes it, others spoke of places in Virginia and elsewhere. As if to balance off the implications, there was a sizable mingling of local cars and students. The rain seemed to wet them all in the same degrees, without any respect to those traveling hundreds of miles to get to "God's country".

The downtown area, dark and misty as it was Sunday night, was nevertheless brightened again for the first time since last June, with roving teenagers,

looking the place over. The traditional business association sign was missing from its berth across Main Street, but nevertheless, Louisburg and Franklin County, as always, are extremely happy to have the college students arrive and hope for them a happy and profitable year.



Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

"CAN'T GET MY HAIR WET."

Humorist To Appear At College

A highlight of the orientation week program comes to Louisburg College with the "Saucy Sorcery" show, scheduled for August 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the college auditorium under the auspices of the Interclub Council.

Designed chiefly for laughs and relaxation, this special presentation is headed by world-traveled magician-humorist C. Shaw Smith and his company featuring C. . . "They're on the payroll already, so why not let 'em work?" several of Smith's sons who assist their father in this evening of combined conjuring and comedy.

During the last seven summers the Smith family has toured 46 states and performed to enthusiastic audiences on almost a hundred college campuses across the land.

"At each performance we vanish one young Smith into thin air--which is almost always more difficult than using thick air," claims father Smith.

In addition to using rabbits, doves and the like, the Smiths use their children to "ride a broom into space," vanish from a suspended position in full view of the audience and "do a few things



C. SHAW SMITH

that rabbits could not learn without formal schooling."

Smith, with an M.A. in English (U.N.C.) and a keen interest in drama and student life in general, has long been associated with the field of education. He has been a teacher of English, Commandant of Cadets at a military school, college union and placement director and coordinator of student activities, and many other positions while maintaining his reputation as a speaker, magician-humorist and master of ceremonies' mainly in entertainment circles in this half of the U. S.

Shaw Smith still maintains that his greatest magical act was tricking his wife into marriage and that she is still his outest "trick." The young Smiths are beginning at least to share the spotlight and they love it, as campus audiences across the nation--and soon in Louisburg--are finding out.

All students and faculty are invited to attend this special program. Students will be admitted by presentation of L. C. identification cards.

Rain Heaviest Since 1965

The area received the heaviest rainfall in the past week since a similar period in 1965. G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman reports that a total of 5.66 inches fell since Monday of last week.

"This," said Kennedy, "is the most rain in a similar period since 1965. We had the same situation in 1962. This is the third since I took over the weather station 7 1/2 years ago".

Kennedy reported that the area received over an inch of rain on each of four straight days last week, beginning on Tuesday. He said .65 inches fell here Sunday bringing the total to the 5.66 inches.