

**WEATHER**

Mostly sunny and continued warm today. Partly cloudy and not as warm Friday. Low today, 50; high, 87.

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## Art Exhibits On Display

On display in the gallery of the Art Building is The Masters Exhibit of Professional Photographers of America. These photographs are divided into three categories—illustrative, commercial, and portrait. The best in color photography may be viewed in this show.

Ceramics by Conrad W. Weiser, Director of Arts and Crafts in the Department of Student Activities at North Carolina State University at Raleigh are on display throughout the gallery. Mr. Weiser has a B.A. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Studio Art (emphasis on sculpture and ceramics) with a minor in Art History. At the present he is finishing his M.F.A. at the Instituto Allende, San Miguel De Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico in Ceramics.

The ceramics collector will find many interesting pieces here from

## College Concert Season Opens

The popular vocal recording artist, Glenn Yarbrough, with the Fred Ramirez Trio and guitarists Maffitt and Davies will open the 1967-68 Louisburg College Concert Series October 9, at 8:00 p. m. in the College Auditorium.

Yarbrough, the former Limeriter tenor, has been professionally singing since childhood, and today is classed among the nation's top six male pop-folk vocalists. On a recent television interview when asked if he classed himself as a folk singer, he replied, "I don't wish to be classed only as a 'folk singer'... I sometime sing songs with a folk flavor but I will sing any song as long as it means something to me musically and lyrically." Critics have praised him as having a voice of unique tenderness, of rare emotional poetry. Much of the credit for Yarbrough's follow-your-heart music must go to writer Rod McKuen, who provides most of the material for the two-hour vocal and instrumental show.

Yarbrough's personal life is nearly as busy as his musical career. He is a sailing enthusiast (ever since his college days at St. John's College in Annapolis) and owns the schooner, the "Tiki", previously used for TV's "Adventures in Paradise." But his pet project is a school for orphaned children from all over the world to be loved and educated (on a pattern of the "Great Books" program of St. John's College) at his Jamaica plantation.

The concert is open to the public with season memberships only, and they have all been sold. Members of the "100" are reminded to present their concert tickets instead of their "100" ID cards.

## Louisburg Lions Hear Dr. Binkley

Dr. Olin T. Binkley, President of Southeastern Theological Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, addressed the Louisburg Lions Tuesday evening. His topic concerned the qualities for the Christian minister.

To become an outstanding minister, a man needs (1) intelligence or a strong, sound, dependable mind, a mind capable and willing to make crucial decisions. However, he must never appear unduly arrogant of his intelligence because he did not earn it; God gave it to him. (2) One must have stamina or great strength because, like a doctor, he is often on call twenty-four hours a day. (3)

wind chimes to bowls in free form in a wide assortment of glazes.

Of local interest is the work of John F. Matthews, attorney, who creates small figures in wood, stone and ivory. This sculpture collection has several delicately carved pieces in walnut and ivory. Cheyenne and Praying Monk are quite outstanding.

Gallery Hours 10-12, 1-5 daily, closed Saturday, 3-5 Sunday.

## County Man Killed In Vietnam

Fifteen months away from retirement, after over 18 years of service, a native of Franklin County met death in Vietnam last week.

C. W. O. 3 Bennett Gay Wilder, 38, was critically injured when his helicopter crashed in Vietnam on Friday, September 22. He died one week later. His mother, Mrs. Lena Gay Wilder of the Seven Paths Community was notified.

Wilder entered service on January 12, 1949 and served in Korea, two hitches in Germany and was serving his second stint in Vietnam. He was an Instructor Pilot, flying both helicopters and regulation airplanes.

He attended Edward East High School and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Roth Wilder, formerly of Frankfort, Germany and now residing in Austin, Texas. Wilder's father, Henry Ava (Fay) Wilder is deceased.

He is also survived by three brothers, Howard Ray Wilder of Raleigh; Rudolph Wilder of Merrett Island, Florida; and Jimmy Wilder of Tabor City, N. C.

Tentative funeral plans call for services and burial in Lawton, Oklahoma. Memorial services are planned for Cypress Baptist Church in the Seven Paths Community Saturday at 3 P.M.

Wilder had planned to retire to Seven Paths, a neighbor said. He had purchased a farm there and had planted fruit trees. He had also obtained plans for a house, it was reported.

## Parents Day Set At College

Dr. Arthur D. Wenger, president of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, will be the featured speaker for Parents' Day at Louisburg College on Wednesday, October 11.

Dr. Wenger will address some 450 parents of Louisburg College students at 11:00 a. m., in the college auditorium. A native of Aberdeen, Idaho, Dr. Wenger became president of Atlantic Christian in 1956. He received the B. A. degree from Bethel College and the B. D. degree from Texas Christian University, which institution honored him with the LL.D. degree in 1956.

Parents' Day is an important phase

of the comprehensive counseling program at Louisburg. Parents are given the opportunity to observe a normal college class day and to meet college officials, dormitory counselors and faculty.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Louisburg president, will introduce Dr. Wenger to the parents and faculty. Following lunch in the B. N. Duke Cafeteria parents will meet with the faculty on an individual basis. A Parent-Faculty Tea at 3:30 p. m. in the Fine Arts Building will climax the annual occasion.

## Unions New To Most People In The County

The McDowell News, published in Marion, N. C. compared labor unions recently, with slot machines. "Once 'hooked'... the player feeds the slot machine until he is flat broke--waiting and hoping for the big payoff," the paper says. "Just put your union dues into the slot and pull the handle--the big payoff MAY come on the next pull..."

The Loris (S. C.) Sentinel reports editorially, in reference to unions, "Once they get a foothold, you never get rid of them."

"Unions are strange creatures to most of the people here in Franklin County. Ask the man on the street and the first thing he remembers about any union is the 1959 eruption of violence in neighboring Henderson."

Even today, after weeks of intensive campaigning by union officials, the majority of county citizens are still unaware that a vote on the unionization of the Sportswear Inc. plant here in Louisburg comes next Thursday.

Unless the person is employed in this particular plant or has kin or friend there, very little conversation can be obtained on the merits of the issue at hand. The general public is somewhat complacent about this type thing when it does not concern them personally. However, not included among

these are a number of business and community leaders. This group is showing concern over the possibility that a union might enter the industrial development picture in the county.

A portion of the some 200 people employed at the Louisburg plant--thirty attended one public meeting--say they have legitimate gripes. They contend that management is unfair in its dealings with them. Their complaints go unheeded and they speak of dignity of the worker. They condemn the opposition by local businessmen saying that they should take note of the problems the workers are having at the plant instead of denouncing the union.

It has been an open secret that for many years, North Carolina and Franklin County have received new industry because of union activity in the northern locations. Men who invest their own money in plants do not like to have someone else tell them how they can operate. This, in a nutshell, is the reason why so many plants have located in southern states in the past several years.

This is one of the key things Franklin and like areas have to offer. Most other places in the country have water, electric power and people. And most other communities want new industry. It is the fact that the people in this part of the country are generally opposed to unions, that has brought on the surge toward industrial development.

One reliable report, which lists the firms by name, says 175 plants have moved from "union conditions in northern and western states" to locate in North and South Carolina as of October 7, 1965. In the two years since that time, rare indeed is the community that has not either received such a plant location or heard of one in a neighboring community. And the move continues.

In Utica, N. Y. a plant employing 400 persons moved to Orangeburg, S. C. because, in part, of the union's refusal to adjust wages to meet the

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## Hits Newspaper, Local Merchants Union Organizer Speaks At Rally

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The Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America sent one of its top organizers into Louisburg Wednesday night to address a meeting of workers employed by Sportswear, Inc. here. By official union count, forty-seven persons attended.

Ed Blair, Regional Director of ACWU, addressed the gathering and took a slap

at The Franklin Times and local merchants and businessmen for their opposition to the union. Blair stated, "We know why the newspaper opposes us. The workers don't advertise." He also accused The Times of "slanting" the news. "The right-to-work law," said Blair, "is an unscrupulous way for employers

to chisel." He added, "Politicians, merchants and newspapers are just as bad."

Miss Rachel Barnes, Union organizer who has been in the area several weeks, working on the campaign, reported following the meeting, that she has sent copies of Times' articles and editorials to the National Labor Relations Board. She said they constitute "unfair labor practices" by the newspaper.

"The Union promises no gains--only to the best negotiations possible," he told the audience at the outset of his speech. "Any merchant opposed to the Union is near-sighted."

He told of three plants in Pennsylvania, owned by Campus, Inc., parent company of the local plant. He explained that in the three shops, workers enjoyed seven or eight paid holidays, three weeks of paid vacation and insurance, pension and seniority rights. "These are the only things we say we're after. We did not come looking for this shop. We were invited here," he said.

Workers at the local plant, which opened here in 1962, will vote next Thursday morning between the hours of 10 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. on whether or not to allow the ACWU to become their bargaining agent. An intense campaign is going on among management and the Union in pre-election manipulations.

Blair said the Union would spend more on the organization of workers here than it would get back in a long time. "We are doing this to protect the standards we have already won," he said. He explained the non-union shop competition with union plants and that this was an issue when the Union attempted to negotiate with Union shops.

"We can make the shop an interesting place to work," he said at one point. "It will get more interesting before next Thursday and it promises to be even more so in the future." In reference to those workers who do not join the unions, he stated, "We know how to take care of free-loaders." "I hate for it to be where people are afraid to come down here to the courthouse," he said in reference to the attendance. "Ninety percent would be here if they were not afraid. The Union can give them freedom from fear."

Blair hit at references by newspapers, radio and television to strikes and violence. "You would think you people are to vote on a strike," he said. "Violence and strikes are not the issues here," he stated. He also said that he believed that wages should be the same here as they are in New York.

It was explained that Union dues were set at \$4 per month. Blair said initiation fees are set by the local, and that these usually run around \$4. He added that there had been no assessments in his Union in the past thirty years. "We've got enough money to take on any company we get into a fight with," he said.

The group was also told that the local would make the decisions with only the advise and council of the national organization.

In addition to Miss Barnes, Miss Eula McGill and Wilbur Reynolds, union officials attended the meeting. The two women have been in the area for several weeks organizing the campaign. Miss Barnes informed The Times after the meeting that the Union never petitions unless they have a majority of the workers signed up. She said it takes thirty percent of the workers to ask for a vote. She contended that reference by The Times to thirty needed for a vote petition was in error.

An unidentified man, who said he is Chaplain of the Textile Workers Union at Franklinton spoke briefly on behalf of the union. Following the meeting, union officials and many of the employees met with newsmen and privately discussed their differences.

## Power Interruption

An announcement has been made by Town of Louisburg officials that in order to make necessary repairs, electric service will be interrupted Sunday morning, October 8, from 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.

Areas affected, according to the announcement will be South of Far River, Bickett Boulevard from Nash Street south, Shannon Village, and the Rocky Mount Road.

### A Late Report

## Shortage Disclosed In County Office

Shortly after 11 A.M. this morning, accompanied by County Commissioner Norwood Faulkner, Sheriff William T. Dement and County Attorney Charles Davis, Board Chairman E. M. (Buck) Sykes read and presented a copy of the following statement to newsmen:

"During an audit of the office of County Accountant just completed by Perry, Place, Shaw and Burchfield, Certified Public Accountants of Raleigh, N. C., several items appeared in the audit report as unexplained disbursements. The items of unexplained disbursements date from the quarter ending September 30, 1962, through the quarter ending September 30, 1966, and amount to \$6,360.48. I have contacted Mr. W. G. Ransdell, District Solicitor of the Superior Court, and turned over to him all information concerning the matter as required by law."

Mr. Sykes refused to answer any questions posed by newsmen saying that beyond the prepared statement he had "No Comment."

The announcement verified rumors to the effect that a special audit had disclosed shortages in the department, which have been prevalent in the areas for the past few days.

During the period referred to in the announcement, the Accountant's office was headed by Lee Murray, who resigned the position to accept a job as Treasurer of Wake County.

Mr. Murray was not available for comment when called at his Raleigh office, but came to The Times office shortly after 2 P.M. today and issued the following statement:

"I am emotionally saddened because I realize the suffering my family and I will go through regardless of the end effect. I stand ready to defend the integrity of that office for which I was responsible. Any other comment will be issued through my attorney."

## Wiley Perry: 92 Years Young

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

"I'm getting along just fine." That was the remark of Mr. Wiley Perry, former tax lister and collector for Franklin County, Wednesday as he celebrated his 92nd birthday at his home on Highway 561 here.

Mr. Perry, who retired in 1962 at the age of 86, lives with his granddaughter, Mrs. Carolyn Hudson and her husband. His only daughter, Mrs. Roy Holmes, lives nearby.

He is the son of the late A. W. and Virginia Gilliland Perry and has one sister, Mrs. Annie Alford living in Wendell and one brother, Ernest Perry residing in Rocky Mount. Mrs. Alford is 82 and Mr. Perry is 86. There were originally six boys and four girls in the family, Mr. Wiley explains.

Mr. Perry was born in the Mapleville Community in 1875. He attended school in the Maple Springs Church first, he said. Later, he attended Mapleville Academy. "There weren't any grades back then," he explains, "We studied the First Reader, then the Second and the Third. When we finished the Fourth, we studied North Carolina history and then we grad-

uated."

He still remembers the school head-

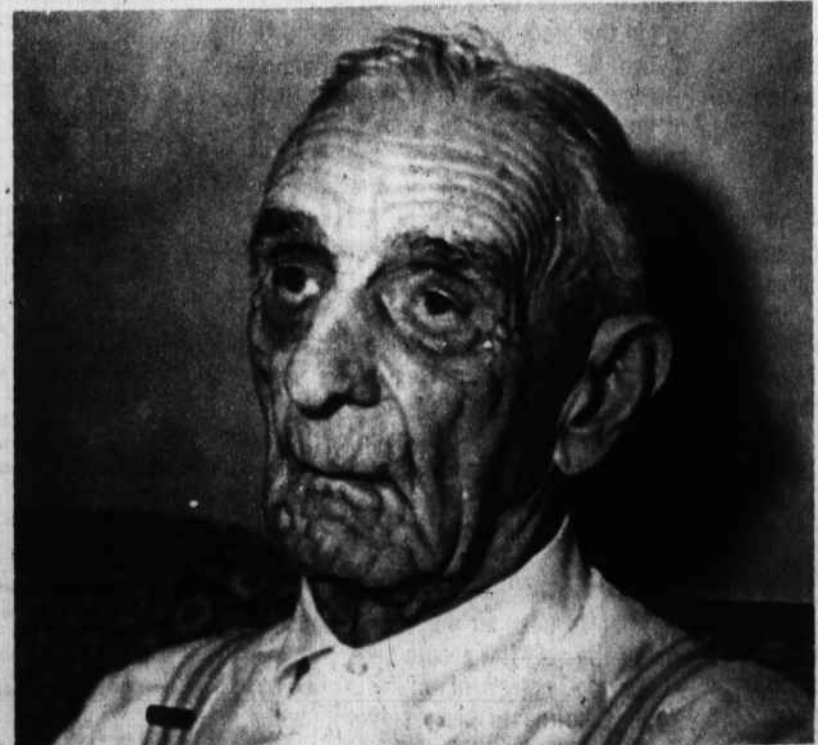
master's name. He said he studied under Charles N. Beebees. Still alert and attentive, although he doesn't see as well as he used to, Mr. Perry recalls the first money he ever made "away from home". "I got ten cents a day for priming tobacco," he says, "and my dinner. You had to get breakfast and supper at home."

He entered business at Mapleville with a cousin as his first venture in the commercial world. "My part cost me \$188.00," he recalls. He operated the general mercantile business for four to five years.

Following that he came to work in Louisburg for Strickland and Wheelis, clothing store operators. He left this job to accept one with Edgerton's Department Store for \$60 a month.

Asked what he remembered about his early days, he readily responds by recalling his visit to Louisburg College for the Centennial celebration in 1887.

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