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IN THE PAST YEAR, THIS NEWSPAPER, AMONG OTHER THINGS HAS:

- Worked For Better Roads
- Opposed Secret Meetings By Governmental Bodies
- Supported Better Education
- Opposed The Demise of The Electrical Inspection Program
- Lashed Out At The Butchering of Our Trees
- Praised A Number Of Worthy Citizens For Accomplishments Reported, With Sadness, The Passing Of Friends and, With Gladness, Births, Graduations, Weddings, Parties and Promotions.
- And Got Ourselves Named Number One Newspaper In The Country In Service To Our Community.

Ward To Head County Firemen Assoc.

Centerville Fire Chief Lemuel S. Ward was elected President of the Franklin County Firemen's Association in the organization's annual meeting held here Tuesday night.

Elected with Ward to serve for the coming year were: Willard Morton, Training Officer of the Louisburg Department, Vice President; Kenneth Braswell, a member of the Justice Department, reelected Treasurer; and S. C. (Buster) Foster, a member of the



Association Officials

Officials of the Franklin County Firemen's Association are pictured above following Tuesday night's meeting here. Shown, seated, are: Arthur Hall of Youngsville, left, retiring president and L. S. Ward of Centerville, newly elected head of the organization. Standing, left to right, K. A. Braswell of Justice, reelected Treasurer; W. D. Morton of Louisburg, Vice President and S. C. (Buster) Foster of Louisburg, Secretary. Photo by Clint Fuller.

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Sportswear Votes "No" Union



Pride Of Louisburg

The Louisburg High School Band, under the direction of Mr. John Robert Watson, is pictured above as it appeared in the State Fair Parade Monday in Raleigh. The State Capital can be seen in the background as the pride of Louisburg marched proudly down Fayetteville Street. Photo by Bob Versteeg.

Collie To Head Red Cross Drive

The Golden Anniversary Red Cross Fund Drive for 1967 in Franklin County will be held October 23-30, according to an announcement made by Mr. W. R. Collie, County Fund Drive Chairman. Names of the local chairmen will be announced shortly.

Mr. Collie indicated that the quota for Franklin County this year is \$3,412.67, part of which will be retained in the Chapter for local use with the remainder being forwarded to national headquarters to support the

world-wide program of the American Red Cross.

All contributions in excess of the quota will be divided equally between local and national activities. Mr. Arthur Paredeses, Area Director, ARC, alerted the local Board to the fact that the National Red Cross has had unusually heavy financial demands upon it during the past year, not only because of activities in behalf of American service men, especially in Viet-Nam, but because of natural disasters. He indicated that the summer floods in Anchorage, Alaska, had already involved an expenditure of over \$1,300,000 but that an additional \$700,000 would be needed. Not even an estimate, he stated, is available as to the relief and rehabilitation requirements posed by hurricane Beulah.

Noting that the American Red Cross and the local Chapter are fifty years old this year, Warren W. Smith, Franklin County Red Cross Chapter Chairman, outlined plans for an anniversary celebration on November 14, the founding date of the Louisburg branch, Franklinton having been started earlier, on August 6, 1917.

Tentative plans call for a supper meeting with charter members, or a lineal descendant, as guests of the Chapter.

Louisburg Department, Secretary.

Ward succeeds Youngsville's Arthur Hall, who served for a third term this past year. Morton replaces Ward and Foster replaces W. J. Shearin, former Chief of the Louisburg Department.

The 168-member organization heard annual reports by the Treasurer and Secretary and accepted the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for incoming officers. Louisburg Chief R. G. Person served as chairman of the committee with John Henry House of Franklinton and William Taylor Boone of Justice, former Association president.

All seven county fire units were represented among the some eighty or more in attendance at the Tuesday meeting.

Hall praised Braswell for his outstanding service to the organization over the years and Morton expressed the organization's appreciation to Hall for his work. Hall, instrumental in organizing the group in 1962, served as president the first two years in addition to serving the past year.

Delegates to the monthly meetings of the executive board were approved. All but Franklinton and Youngsville named their delegates and alternates in the meeting. Those approved included: M. G. Wilder and Morris Wynne, Louisburg; Eugene Twisdale and Billy Winstead of Bunn; Talton Foster and Ronald Renn of Epsom; and Tyree Lancaster and James Estep of Centerville.



DICK COLLIE

Employees at the Louisburg Sportswear plant voted overwhelmingly against the union in this morning's election held at the local plant. Reports of the balloting disclose that 121 workers voted against the union and only 39 voted in favor of allowing the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America to become their bargaining agent. Three votes were unaccounted for.

The voting took place between the hours of 10 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. and results were reported at 12:22 P.M. Representatives of the National Labor Relations Board, the Union and management acted as observers for the election. An intensive campaign had been waged by pro-union forces and anti-union people over the past few weeks.

Two meetings were held here Wednesday night. One by union forces and another by local businessmen and merchants who opposed the unioniza-

New Industry Announced

W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director for Franklin County, announced today that another industry has located in the county. Mar-Way Reinforced Plastic Corporation, manufacturers of industrial fiberglass products has occupied the recently renovated brick building at 103 N. Church Street in Louisburg.

Tom Conway, President of the firm, says that production is now underway and that he hopes eventually to employ some fifty male workers, according to Benton.

A check with Conway and a look around the plant, Wednesday afternoon disclosed that the company is apparently now in the process of manufacturing some type of huge storage tank. He said he had nothing to add to Benton's announcement about the firm's operation at this time. He indicated that further announcements would, however, be forthcoming.

tion of the plant. Reliable reports say that 26 persons attended the meeting held in the county courthouse. Some over 150 persons attended the meeting sponsored by business people at the Louisburg School cafeteria.

The cafeteria meeting, called Sportswear Appreciation Night by the sponsors, consisted of a full course dinner and a number of valuable prizes, including a portable color television set, a lawn mower, furniture and small appliances plus cash prizes.

J. H. Talton, local banker acted as master of ceremonies and said he spoke as "an interested citizen." He told of the problems in getting industry to locate here and of the progress made over the past several years. He

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McCullers To Address Cancer Meet

The annual meeting of the Franklin County Unit of the American Cancer Society will be held in Louisburg on Monday night, October the sixteenth, according to Unit President Mrs. N. A. Brown.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Charlie McCullers of Dunn, N. C., a humorous and inspirational speaker known throughout America. He has addressed more than 700 civic and business groups in 40 states and Canada since 1960.

He is presently serving as County President, American Cancer Society in his county. He has served in many responsible places of leadership from local to National level. Among his current duties, he is a member of the Interstate Committee of YMCAs of the Carolinas; District Committee of Boy Scouts; Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.; International Platform Association.

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Largest Crowd Ever Attends Parents Day

Over 500 parents attended Parents' Day at Louisburg College Wednesday, October 11. The largest attendance ever to attend the annual affair.

Dr. Arthur Wenger, president of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, was the featured speaker during the morning exercises. President Cecil W. Robbins introduced the speaker. Dr. Wenger exhorted parents of college students to become allies in the educational process. "Coming to college is a traumatic experience when our students are bombarded, pulled at, stretched, tugged from every direction -- a time of extreme emotional and physical anguish."

Dr. Wenger used an "urban renewal" analogy in depicting what happens when a student faces college. Bulldozers clear away the unnecessary rubble, the site of the mind is leveled, drills extend into the mind on which a good foundation is laid. "Parents can play a helpful and sympathetic role," Dr. Wenger concluded, "as our students learn a new and necessary discipline."

After lunch in the E. N. Duke College Union, parents had private sessions with members of the faculty. A Parent-Faculty Tea climaxed the activities.



CHARLES McCULLERS

Thirteen Years Ago, Hazel Was Uncommon Name

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

The heavens had a peculiar look about them that Friday morning. Old timers said it was the equinox and most younger people believed them, not bothering to ask, "What's an equinox?"

People concerned with rain, sun, earth and growing things usually spoke authoritatively of the weather. Many added the word "nocturnal" to equinox although that meant, as we later discovered, night.

Thirteen years ago Sunday, this area suffered the greatest damage in its history from one of the most violent hurricanes on record. Never will the name "Hazel" be forgotten. And what a time the girls named Hazel had in the aftermath of the storm.

The weather was cool. Schools were in full operation. Local people talked of the death on Monday of A. F. Johnson, editor of the local paper and of the pending elections. Rain was sorely needed and the threatening skies were greeted warmly by all in the area. Some had heard of a storm brewing in the Caribbean and a few others were aware that it was headed for the east

coast of the United States. But, none were unduly alarmed.

Winds became a bit more fierce as the morning headed toward noon and business picked up around town. Many people were listening and heeding broadcast warnings that supplies should be laid in just in case.

But, even these bought in small quantities. Practically no one thought to fill their cars with gasoline or to store emergency water supplies. Most seem to think that the threat was grossly exaggerated or that a couple of cans of pork and beans and a box of crackers would sustain them through the emergency.

By eleven o'clock, some businesses around town had closed. Others sent some of their force home. Civil Defense and Mayor W. F. Shelton had spread the word. The hurricane was expected to strike here. Now who would believe this? Surely there must be some mistake. The winds grew stronger. And the rains came.

Superintendent Wiley Mitchell had ordered the county schools closed.

Many children, were however, an hour or more from home by way of the school buses. Parents began to hit the highways to pick up their children. Hazel was coming. In other areas, people were being herded into school buildings. These, they said, were the safest places.

It became difficult to see the highway as one attempted to move about. The winds threw the rain against windshields with increasing force. The car no longer held to the road. It was hard to control. Traffic slowed and almost stopped.

Radio stations were giving the news. Hazel had hit Raleigh. On the map the course became perfectly and frighteningly clear. Louisburg and Franklin County were next. Traveling at 15 miles an hour, how long would it be? What had it done in Wake County?

There was no sound other than the roar of the wind which had bothered ears since early morning. It was now shortly past noon. Then it struck. Windows and store fronts gave way as though in a hopeless struggle. Chim-

neys fell and shingles few like kites on a windy March day. And out in the county, houses, barns and shelters were falling. It was almost dark as night.

Then suddenly, the sun shone. The noise became relievingly quiet. The rain almost stopped. People peered out through broken glass. Some walked outside. Some even took to their cars to survey the damage. But Hazel was not through. Only the eye was over us. More was yet to come. Trees, standing for over a hundred years fell all over the College campus, the Mills school grounds and cars were damaged as trees fell at the hospital here.

Other store fronts surrendered. Canvas and metal awnings left their moorings and power lines fell. All electric power in the area was knocked out. And cold darkness was just a few hours away. Flashlights, candles and kerosene lanterns were to become premium possessions in the hours ahead. Water and gasoline would be equally important, if not more so.

Franklin County had been struck by a hurricane. This was the last thing one ever expected to see. But on that day, 13 years ago, it happened.

Farm damage was estimated at over \$1 million dollars. Cotton and corn crops were flattened in the fields. Trees were blown down and water damage was severe throughout the area.

The Louisburg Town Council declared a state of emergency and asked the federal government for a \$21,000 loan to repair utilities. Duke Power Co. sent crews from Shelby, N. C. overnight to begin work here on Sunday. Partial current was restored late Sunday in the area. Frozen foods in stores and in homes were lost. Cars were stalled because gasoline pumps ran on electric power and none could be pumped during the emergency. The same was true of water pumps.

Louisburg suffered an estimated \$100,000 damage with \$15,000 being done to power lines alone. Hazel claimed 128 lives all told, 22 in North Carolina. Only one injury was reported

ed in Franklin County. A 49-year-old, Rt. 4, Louisburg, Negro woman was injured when a tobacco strip house collapsed on her and others while working.

It was, however, not only a time of disaster. It was a time of testing. And the people passed the test with flying colors. Neighbors shared with neighbors. People helped people and altogether the situation was made much easier because of this.

Those in the towns hauled water from wells located on a friend's farm. And some loaded their freezers on trucks and parked them alongside homes with electric power restored. The freezer was plugged in and kept there until it was convenient to move it.

By Monday, the worst was over. Current was restored in most areas. Cleanups had started and busy carpenters and others began repairing roofs and television antennas. Folks began to talk of other things. Soon the name Hazel moved to the back of their thoughts. But she was not forgotten. She never will be.