



Photo by Ross Shuping  
KIRK HOUSE

## House Is Eagle Scout

Kirk House, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas T. House, of Route 3, Louisburg, was presented the Eagle Scout Award during the Morning Prayer Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg on Sunday, November 19.

Scoutmaster Hoke Steelman introduced Mr. Edwin Tenney, District Executive of the Tuscarora District, who presented the award. Mr. Tenney briefly reviewed the steps toward this top ranking Boy Scout achievement and read a letter of commendation from the national Boy Scout office. He noted that reaching Eagle rank is not only a real achievement requiring much time and effort on the part of the boy, his parents and the scoutmaster, but it is also a challenge for the Scout to continue to live up to the high standards of leadership, skill, and knowledge set for this award.

The new Eagle scout then repeated the Boy Scout oath and the award was pinned on his uniform by his mother. He in turn presented a miniature eagle lapel pin to his mother and a miniature eagle tie tac to his father who gave him the Certificate of Eagle Scout Achievement.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 555 Bobby Fuller, Larry Romero, John Kornegay, Daryle Evans, Gary Clay, Woodie Smith, Bennet Steelman, and Will Yarborough escorted the scout and his family for the ceremony.

## 400 Suffer Mild Food Poisoning

Nearly four hundred students at Perry's High School near Centerville were victims of minor food poisoning last Thursday, according to reports from school, and health officials. The illness appeared Thursday night following a noon meal of chicken salad, vegetable soup and apple pie in the school cafeteria.

Samples of the food have been sent to Raleigh for analysis by Franklin County health officials. The report has not returned here.

County Schools Superintendent Warren Smith reported Monday that attendance was normal at the school.

T.H. Pearce, county health official reported that the chicken salad was suspect. His investigation showed he said, that the cooked chicken had been left without refrigeration overnight Wednesday and until it was served Thursday. He stated he would have to wait until the report was received from Raleigh before stating definitely what caused the poisoning.

Both Pearce and Smith stressed the point that the cases were minor in nature and that none of the students were seriously affected.

## Loses Eye

A 27 year old Louisburg Rt. 1 Negro has lost an eye and might possibly lose sight in the other following a slashing here last Thursday night at Maxine Moore's Negro night spot. Robert Lee Gupton is in Duke Hospital in Durham following the cutting.

Held here in Franklin jail is James Ernest Hicks, 20-year old Rt. 3 Negro, who was picked up near the Warren County line and charged with the assault. Hicks is held under \$2500 bond charged with "assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious bodily harm not resulting in death".

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reported the incident and said that the hospital had reported to him that it was a definite possibility that Gupton would lose sight in the second eye. He is expected to recover, however, according to Tharrington's report.

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## Father In Heaven, We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For mother-love and father-care,  
For brothers strong and sisters fair,  
For love at home and here each day,  
For guidance lest we go astray,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For this new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For ev'rything His goodness sends,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

## CAP Practice Mission Successful

A practice aerial search and rescue mission staged here Sunday under auspices of the local Civil Air Patrol unit, has been termed successful by Major Joe Shearon, Squadron Commander. The drill brought units from Chapel Hill, Durham, Four Oaks, Henderson, and Raleigh into the local air field.

The 30th Aviation Battalion, N.C. National Guard was a major participating group. A surprise visit to

the local field was made by Brig. General Alex B. Andrews of Raleigh. Deputy commander of the Ninth Air Force, headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.. The General participated in eight of the nine sorties, flying as an observer with Major Richard M. Johnson, commander of the 30th Aviation Battalion, headquartered in Raleigh.

The simulated mission involved a search for a "missing" plane carry-

ing a family of three aboard. The search covered an area of twenty miles radius of the Franklin Airport. The "missing" craft was "located" in a field in the New Hope community of Franklin County during a sortie flown by First Lt. C.L. Lavinder of Henderson with Major Larry E. Tetterson serving as observer.

Major J. Linwood Gupton of the local unit was Mission Commander and was in charge of planning for the event which brought in forty-six CAP and National Guard airmen. The search problem was successfully completed at 1:25 P.M. Sunday, three hours and twenty minutes after the mission was begun. During the mission period nine sorties were flown by five Guard and three CAP aircraft. A sortie is a single flight by an aircraft.

The total mission time was reported as 10 hours and 48 minutes of flying time.

A 30th Battalion helicopter was used in the mission, and carried several local officials and guests for a ride as observers. The craft was piloted by Captain Linker of Raleigh.

The exercise was conducted by Group VII of the Civil Air Patrol with headquarters in Henderson. Members of the various units making up the group live nearby communities that, in many instances, do not have a CAP unit. These belong to units in the communities listed.

Participating in the Sunday event, along with several members of the local units, was Capt. John Brigham, Group Commander who co-ordinated. See CAP Page 4

## Deputy In Serious Condition

Franklin Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Gupton is in serious condition at Duke Hospital today, following a Sunday night operation for a blood clot in his leg.

Gupton was scheduled for a second operation Monday, but it was postponed due to his condition, according to reports. Reliable sources said today that he is in the intensive care section and no visitors are allowed.

Gupton was treated here at Franklin Memorial Hospital Sunday night after complaining with leg pains and taken to Duke. He was operated on immediately there and later reports indicate that clots have formed in both legs hampering proper circulation.

His condition has been listed as serious, according to reports.



Officials Check Maps

Major Richard M. Johnson, Commander of the 30th Aviation Battalion, N.C. National Guard, left and Brig. General Alex B. Andrews, Deputy Commander 9th Air Force, Shaw Air Force Base, S. C. are shown above going over area maps before joining in Sunday's Civil Air Patrol aerial search and rescue practice mission staged here. Photo by Tom Wilson.

## Courthouse Bond Election: Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S Note: On November 25, voters in Franklin County will decide whether or not to approve a proposed \$200,000 bond issue to courthouse enlargement and improvement. Because this is a most important election in the future progress of the county, we are happy to publish here the second in a series of questions and answers pertaining to the issue.

Q. What part will the federal government play in the new facility and/or the new court reforms?

A. Absolutely none. The present courthouse facility belongs solely to the people of Franklin County. The additions and renovations, if approved will also belong to the people. The court reform is a North Carolina law and pertains to all the 100 counties. Washington has nothing to do with either. There will be no federal money used in the renovation, if the issue is approved November 25.

Q. Where do the County Commissioners stand on this issue?

A. Each of the five member of the Board has given his endorsement of the bonds publicly at least twice. Each has also endorsed the figures, prepared by the Clerk of Court, which show that no tax increase will be forthcoming because of the passage of the bonds.

Q. Who is heading the drive for the issue?

A. Thus far, there has been no "drive" as such, but the Commissioners appointed a three-man Courthouse Bond Committee composed of Commissioner Davis.

Q. What has the Committee done to acquaint the people with the election?

A. Leaflets have been printed and distributed explaining the financing of the bonds and the income expected from state sources. The Committee has also

supplied speakers at several civic clubs and staged a dinner for a number community leaders to explain the merits of the bonds.

Q. Is there any organized opposition to the bonds?

A. None that has been made public.

Q. What is the general feeling in the county about the issue?

A. This is, of course, unknown. However, many Franklin citizens are opposed to any bond issue, having voted against the court reform and the road bonds in 1965. The voters, however, did approve the hospital bonds over whelmingly. Properly informed, the voter will probably favor the courthouse bonds since it is not expected to increase taxes.

Q. Is any provision being made to include the jail in the renovations?

A. No. The jail is not included in the plans.

Q. Will the school system continue to receive fines and forfeitures as in the past?

A. Yes. This will not change and is not included in funds expected from the state.

Q. Will the outside appearance of the courthouse be greatly changed?

A. No. There will be a somewhat more pronounced "T" shape to the structure, but the columned front will remain as is and the general appearance will be much the same.

TO BE CONTINUED



Photo by Clint Fuller. Posed by Mrs. Barbara Debnam and daughter, Julie.

## A Time Of Thanksgiving

## Franklin Community Wins Second Place

Concord Community of Franklin County won second place in the Capital Area Development Contest and was awarded a \$100.00 check Friday night, November 17th, at Campbell College.

The affair terminated at a banquet in the cafeteria of Campbell College which attracted several community leaders from Franklin County. Representation from Franklin County included: Mr. H. J. Talton, of the First Citizen Bank and Trust Company, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Capital Area Development Association, the Extension Staff and leaders from four communities.

The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Morris L. McGough, Vice President of the Asheville Agriculture Development Council. Mr. McGough pointed out the importance of continuing community development in all areas and sections of the state. Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, Chairman of the Capital Area Development Association, presented the awards.

Other counties participating were

Vance, Wake, Warren, Granville, Harnett, and Johnston.

For the second consecutive year, the Watkins community of Vance County won first prize in the program.

For being the winning community in the rural farm division with more than 60 families, the Watkins community received a cash award of \$150. Second place honors in this area of judging went to the Friendly Four community of Warren County, which received \$100, and third prize of \$75 was awarded to the Piney Grove-Wilbon community in Wake County.

The program and dinner meeting were held in the college cafeteria with J. A. Senter of Lillington, CADA president in charge. Awards were presented by Thomas Bradshaw of Raleigh, a vice president of CADA and chairman of the community development committee.

Elected as new CADA officers for the ensuing year were: Bertram A. Jones of Raleigh, president; Thomas W. Bradshaw and J. T. Lindley of Raleigh, vice presidents; A. J. Stephenson of Lillington, secretary-treasurer. All chairmen selected for 1968 are from Raleigh, as follows: Jerry Bumgardner, agricultural development; E. H. Daniels, community development; John Alexander, industrial development; and Mrs. Irgard Hill, travel and recreation.

## Youngsville Lions Hear Pruette

YOUNGSVILLE--Mr. C. Ray Pruette, District Governor of Lions 31-G area, made his initial official visit to the Youngsville Lions Club on Tuesday night November fourteenth at the community house. Lion J.T. Moss introduced Mr. Pruette who spoke on the subject of Lionism.

Other guests in attendance were Deputy District Governor W.J. (Bill) Benton of Littleton; Zone Chairman Winifred L. Turner of Warrenton; James W. Waugh, President of the Oxford Lions Club; and Lions Hugh B. Gaskins, Howard Stallings, Wallace Mullen and G.R. Currin all of Oxford.

District Governor Pruette presented twenty-five year Charter Monarch