

### Jaycees Tree Project

Local Jaycee Jimmy Hill is shown above showing the newly arrived Christmas trees to two pretty young-ladies, Rose Strickland, left and Susan Lancaster. The Jaycees are selling the trees this year from a new location on Bickett Blvd. Proceeds of the sales go to help with local Jaycee projects. Hill reports that sales thus far have been good and that the lot is open until 9 p.m. each night. Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Welfare Dept. To Accept Christmas Donations

The Franklin County Welfare Department will accept cash donations for the needy for Christmas and have prepared lists of those in need for families wishing to aid underprivileged families, according to an announcement made Wednesday.

"As Christ's birthday draws near bringing with it a deep feeling of humility and gratitude for this glorious event, we wonder at times if we have attached a certain commercialization which does not relate to the real significance of this celebrated day. Perhaps yes to a degree; however, if we stop to think for a few seconds how important love, giving and really caring about each individual and their spiritual and physical well being means to Christ, it does become apparent that the relationship exists and does have meaning far beyond the gift. The giver is the receiver.

"We also have to wonder how we can have need in such an affluent society because of old age, physical disability, mental retardation or illness and the inability in one way society and do we have real need in Franklin County. There will always be need in any society because of old age, physical disability, mental re-

## Referendum On Cotton In Progress

Franklin County cotton producers are again voting on whether quotas will be in effect for the 1968 cotton crop by mail during the first week in December. Ballots were mailed to all known eligible voters November 30. Farmers eligible to vote are all producers who shared in the 1967 cotton crop or its proceeds and the owners and operators of allotment farms where no cotton was planted in 1967. Each ballot contained instructions for the voter to follow in voting and returning ballots to the county office. Each person who votes is reminded that the certification on the reverse side of the envelope addressed to the county office must be signed by the person casting the vote for the ballot to be counted. Ballots must be returned to the ASCS office in Louisburg during the period December 4 through 8. If quotas are approved on the 1968 crop the cotton program will provide loans and payments to producers who participate in the voluntary cotton diversion program, however, cotton produced in excess of the farm allotment will be subject to a marketing penalty. If quotas are not approved there will be no diversion or price-support payments and price-support loans to growers who do not exceed their farm cotton allotment will be limited to 50 percent of parity. Remember, ballots must be returned by mail or in person not later than December 8, 1967.

### Notice

A stated communication of Louisburg Lodge No. 413 will be held on Tuesday evening, December 12th, at 7:30. Annual election of officers and also an important meeting will be held. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

tardation or illness and the inability in one way or another of certain persons to cope with the complex, mechanized society of today."

Mrs. York added, "We do have residents of Franklin County who are in need. If any individual or group would like to help a family for Christmas or contribute a cash donation in order to bring cheer to those children or adults who have been removed from their homes for one reason or another, the Welfare Department is here, and we will serve you in any way possible."

Telephone calls will be accepted any time from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, she stated.

The department will close at the end of the working day December 21, 1967 and open December 28, 1967.

## Group Hears Church History

The topic discussed at the November 28th meeting of The Franklin County Historical Society was the history of the Episcopal Church in the County, beginning with the period of the Revolution when the Rev. Charles Cupples, a Church of England priest, is known to have served parts of Warren and Franklin Counties.

Speaker of the evening was the Rev. Frank E. Pulley, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, presented by T. H. Pearce, President.

Some time in the 1850's "Old Portridge Church", the first known Episcopal Church in the County came to the end of its physical existence as a building. This Church may have been established by Mr. Cupples before, during, or just after the Revolution. All that remains of it today is marked by three weathered grey stones which probably were in the burial area adjoining "Old Portridge Church." These stones also mark the grave of a Miss Jeffreys whose horse ran away as she was returning from a gay ball, overturning the vehicle and killing Miss Jeffreys.

The next key day is 1829, when services were being held in town, in the old Academy Building on the Louisburg College campus, and also in the home of Mr. Robert John Shaw, originally from Glasgow. Such services went on presumably until the formal organization of the present St. Paul's parish, Louisburg, on Nov. 22, 1845.

The present Church, on Church Street here, is the second Church in town,

Cloudiness today, continued mild tonight with chance of showers. Friday, partly cloudy. Low today, 42; high, lower to mid-60's.

## Parade Winners Announced

(FRK. B.W.) The winners in the Franklin Parade, which was held last Thursday evening, were as follows: first place--Crescent Motel; second place--Lee's Hair Styling Studio; third place--Miss B.F. Person Albion Homecoming Queen float; honorable mention Franklinton Baptist Church float.

In the Bike division the winners were Myra Jackson (first place); Tony Philpott (second place) and Ken Johnson (third place).

Chuck Julian, Jr. and Darren Shearon were the recipients of the prizes in the Pet Division.

## Talton Tells Lions Keep County Growing

Lion J. Harold Talton, vice president and manager of the Louisburg branches of First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., addressed the Louisburg Lions last Tuesday evening. He spoke extremely seriously of the responsibilities of the Franklin County citizen.

Lion Talton commenced by stating that each individual citizen has one continuous goal: to keep Franklin County growing. Each citizen should consider this county the best one of all. If he is interested in his county, he will make every effort to bring about growth. The interested citizen shows his concern for the fact that most of the young people leave this county, seeking more attractive, richer opportunities.

For this reason, the interested citizen, in an effort to maintain the young men in the county, welcomes industry here and uses his talents to entice industry here. He also seeks to improve the county by improving himself first and then others for he considers such improvements a duty to God. He believes that what God created is beautiful, and therefore, he must maintain that beauty. He smiles and laughs often, and he concerns himself with the problems of others by offering free service and making them realize that they are important.

He is always enthusiastic and complimentary of other people's successes, naturally expecting only the best but criticizing no one. He looks to the future, not to the past. Last, this interested citizen continuously searches for his own hidden talents because he realizes that in giving more he will enjoy life more. Who is this interested citizen? Is it you?

Two young men were initiated into the Lions Club by Lion Paul Stewart. They were Don Richardson, Associate Librarian at Louisburg College, and Ken Schubart, Manager of M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company.

The members were reminded of the Christmas Party for both Lions and Lionesses on Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Murphy House.

# Tar River Basin Study Is Nearing Completion

## 4,000 Acres In Franklin To Be Affected

The lengthy study of the Tar River basin by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is almost completed, according to reports. The study is expected to be finished early in 1968.

The study of the Basin began in April of 1964 and following a public hearing in Rocky Mount on August 1 of that year the Corp of Engineers headed toward what they refer to as Check Point No. 1 in the project. This stage was reached on July 1, 1965 and results of the study to that point indicated the feasibility of a plan of reservoir development for flood control, water supply, water quality control, and recreation. Further studies were recommended at that time.

Check Point No. 2 was reached during November 1966 and the results of the second stage of study was to give firm estimates of benefits and costs of the project.

In the fall of 1966, it was revealed that four dams were being proposed and would be located at White Oak site on Fishing Creek in Nash and Halifax counties, about ten miles west of Enfield; Grey Rock site in Granville County about eight miles south of Oxford; Salem site on Swift Creek in Nash County about three miles north of Red Oak and Spring Hope site, about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Spring Hope near the Franklin County line or 3/4 mile below N.C. Highway 96 bridge, immediately below U.S. 64 bridge.

It is the last of the four listed that would affect Franklin County as maps of the proposed projects show. Water would be backed up to a point near Mapleville of between four and five miles east of Louisburg.

The man-made lake will be five miles wide at its widest point in Franklin County and hundreds of acres of farmland are expected to be inundated in the areas running parallel to N.C. 39 between Bunn and Seven Paths. According to estimated mileage on the map, N.C. 98 will be covered with water from the Nash County line west almost to the Bunn city limits. State rural roads that are expected to be affected include: No. 1732, No. 1731, No. 1735, No. 1610, No. 1609, No. 1611, No. 1612, No. 1608, No. 1607, No. 1001, No. 1606, No. 1605, No. 1600.

The proposed White Oak Dam will back water up into the northeastern corner of Franklin County and all or parts of the following highways will be inundated in this section according to estimates of map mileage: N.C. 561, State Rural Road No. 1447. The water in this area will not reach as far into the county as Wood.

Col. Beverly C. Snow, head of the Wilmington District for the Corp of Engineers has said it will be approximately seven years before construction is begun on the dams. First cost of the dam at Spring Hope is said

to be \$14,000,000. The lake resulting from this dam is expected to cover 4,000 acres, most of which will be in Franklin County. The county contains 314,880 acres of land.

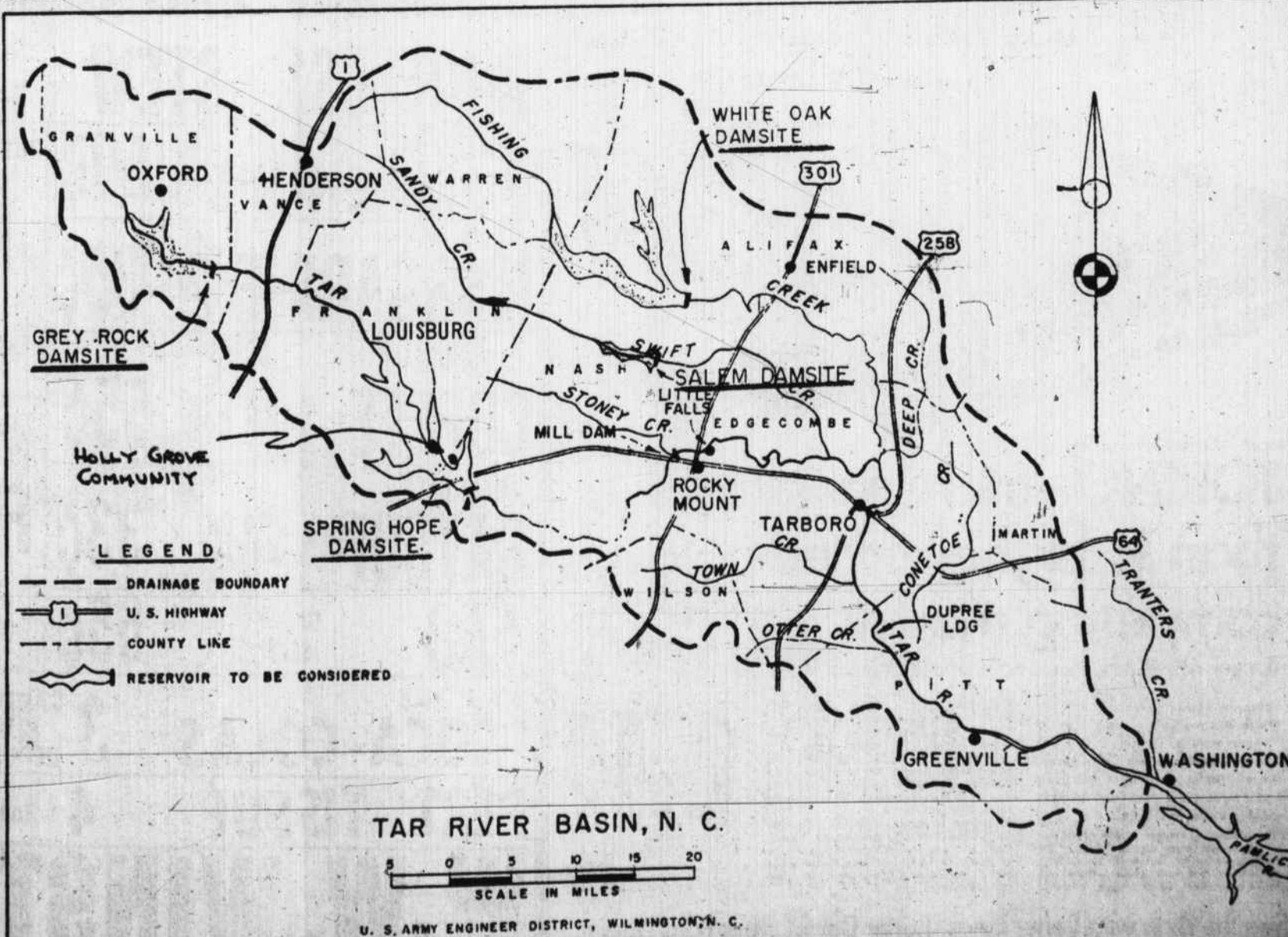
Little comment has been heard locally on the coming project. No definite word has been forthcoming from the Corp of Engineers as to the results of their efforts in the past several months. Senator Everette B. Jordan reported several months ago that he "hoped the four dams could be brought before Congress and given approval within

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## Election Board Member Sworn

Clerk of Court Ralph Knott, left, is shown above swearing in a new member of the County Board of Elections. Willard Kearney of Franklinton, right, took the oath in ceremonies here Tuesday afternoon. Kearney replaces the late Harry Rogers of Harris Township. He is married to the former Annie Shearin of Youngsville and the father of 3 girls and a boy. Kearney is employed at Sterling Mills in Franklinton and is President of the United Textile Workers Union there. He is also chairman of the Franklinton Democratic Precinct and a member of Union View Baptist Church. He and his family reside at 217 Cooke St., Franklinton. Photo by Clint Fuller.



THIS IS A REPRODUCTION of a map showing the four proposed reservoirs (at Grey Rock in Granville County, the White Oak, Salem, and Tar River (Spring Hope) in Nash County) which would be constructed if the Army Corps of Engineers' recommendations for improving Tar River Basin are approved.

This map, however, is subject to change in that it was drawn for preliminary study of the basin which is still going on. Col. Beverly C. Snow, Jr., of Wilmington, district engineer, anticipates that the study will be complete by early January, 1968.