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Big Job Completed

County officials are shown above last Friday as the new Jury List Cards were turned over to the Register of Deeds office. Pictured, left to right, Clerk of Court Ralph Knott, Deputy Clerk, Mrs. Peggy Perry who worked two months preparing the 6,656 cards and Register of Deeds Alex Wood. The cards, bearing the names of prospective jurors will be kept by the Register. Discs with corresponding numbers will be kept by the Clerk who will draw the number ordered by the Court. Wood will then take the numbered discs and pull the name of the juror under the new system which goes into effect on January 1.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

Two County Men Become State Troopers



G. B. McALLISTER

Two Franklin County men were graduated from the North Carolina State Highway Patrol school in ceremonies held in Chapel Hill last Friday. G.B. McAllister of Franklinton and Robert D. Harper of Youngsville became members of the State Patrol after completing the special school.

McAllister is the son of Mrs. Virginia McAllister of Franklinton. He is a graduate of Franklinton High School, served four years in the U.S. Navy and worked at Athey Products Company in Wake Forest prior to entering the law enforcement field. He is married to the former Patricia Dement and the father of two children, Jill and George B. III. McAllister will be stationed at Lexington, N.C., reporting for duty today. He told our Franklinton correspondent that to become a patrolman had been his life's ambition.

Harper is the son of Mrs. Lottie Harper of Youngsville and the late Mack Harper. He graduated from Youngsville High School in 1964, attended Louisburg College. He is married to the former Rachel Pearce of Youngsville and the father of one

son, Robert Dwayne. Harper will report for duty at Asheboro.

Thirty-four troopers graduated from the basic training at the Institute of Government.

The school exposes the would-be troopers to a multitude of law enforcement subject areas--from alcoholism to weighing of overloaded vehicles. Among the many subject covered are arrest techniques, chemical test for drinking drivers, court demeanor, riot control, driver license laws, economy driving, first aid, history of North Carolina, criminal investigation, pedestrian and traffic control, pursuit driving, speed timing devices.

Franklinton Homes To Be Judged

Homes in the Franklinton area will be judged for Christmas decorations Wednesday night, December 20, according to joint announcement by the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce and the Woman's Club. The two organizations are sponsoring the project.

All homes within Franklinton Township will be included in the judging, and those living outside who wish to be included are urged to contact either the Chamber of Commerce or the Woman's Club immediately.

Christmas Seal Drive Lagging

A spokesman for the local Christmas Seal drive has said that the campaign this year is behind. Local citizens are being urged to send in their contributions and to use the colorful seals on their packages and letters.



Honored For Service

Mrs. Jane York, Director of the Franklin County Welfare Department is shown above presenting a plaque to Mr. Jesse Moon for "loyal and faithful service" to the department since 1953. Mr. Moon, recovering from an illness in Franklin Memorial Hospital here, was cited for his work as janitorial supervisor of the welfare building. He returned home over the weekend from the hospital.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

Wrecks, Fires, Arrests

Roundup Of Weekend Happenings

The Franklin County area experienced a relatively quiet weekend with a few minor car crashes, a fire and arrests. Last Thursday night around 10:15 P.M. three Negro youths escaped serious injuries as their car ran off the River Road about three miles west of Louisburg.

Brenda Fogg, 16, was admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital with injuries not believed to be serious while her two male companions, Louis Fogg 17, driver of the car and David Kingsberry were treated and released. All three of the youths are from Kittrell. Route 1. The car was severely damaged.

The Centerville Rescue Service answered a call to an accident on N.C. 58 at Red Bud Creek bridge Saturday night around 7 P.M. Two Rocky Mount residents were admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital and a third was treated and released. The trio were identified as Weddie Zander Brooks 22, Lawrence V. May 17, both admitted and Steve Crickmore treated and released.

Sunday afternoon shortly after 3 P.M., fire destroyed the residence of Ed Alston and his family of six. The Centerville Fire Department answered the call on Vaden Road about 1 1/2 miles north of Centerville. Fire, believed started from a wood heater, quickly gutted the ancient two-story dwelling. One report said that Alston ran nearly a mile to call the fire department. A Louisburg tanker was dispatched to the scene to aid the Centerville firemen.

Two men were arrested and are being held in lieu of \$500 bond charged with breaking and entering the Flat Top Service Station between Bunn and New Hope. Donald Jones w/m/20, Rt. 4 Louisburg and Freddie Tant w/m/23, of Rolesville are charged with entering the business on December

1 and again on December 15. It was reported that a small quantity of stolen goods was found when the arrests were made.

Wake County ABC officers and State ATU officers raided an 800 gallon submarine type still in Youngsville Township and arrested John Archer Mallory c/m/49, and Roosevelt Perry c/m/20, near the Wake County line. Franklin Sheriff's officers were also called to the scene, according to reports.

County Sheriff's officers raided another 800-gallon operation last week this one in Franklinton Township, but no arrests were made. The still was not in operation at the time of the raid, according to reports.

Monday afternoon, shortly after 5 P.M. Louisburg firemen answered a call to the Russell Boyd residence on Person Street here to extinguish a blaze caused by an electrical short-circuit, according to reports. Damage was confined to a switch box.



Centerville Fire



Thursday Accident

Franklin's Road Record Better So Far This Year

With the heavy load of highway traffic during the holiday season just around the corner, Franklin County's road record thus far this year is better than last year. Seven persons have met death on Dranklin highways thus far, two short of the nine fatalities suffered in 1966.

Franklin has had one fatality in January, one in February, two in April, one in June, August and October. In 1966, there were two fatalities at the end of the year, one in late November and another on December 10. The county passed November without a death during the month.

The best traffic record in the past twelve years came in 1959 when there were only five fatalities. There were six in 1961 and 1965. The worst year in the past twelve was in 1958 when fifteen persons died on county roads. Except for 1956, the county has stayed at or near the state average in highway fatalities, based on counties. In 1956, North Carolina recorded 1108 while the county suffered 10; in 1957, N.C. had 1064 and Franklin County experienced 11.

During the past weekend, at least 15 persons lost their lives on North Carolina highways. This brought the total for the year to 1,594 or 57 more than the corresponding period in 1966.

In the past four years, since local

records have been kept, there have been two fatalities in the county during the month of December. One occurred December 27, 1964 and the second last December 10.

State traffic safety agencies are stressing the exercise of extra care during the coming holiday season. Franklin citizens are urged to do the same.

The N.C. State Motor Club has cautioned all to take care that the glowing spirit of Christmas is not darkened by driving into one of the 1,700 traffic accidents that is estimated will snuff out at least 29 lives on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long

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Jaycees Need More Bikes

The Louisburg Jaycees have sent out a call for more used bicycles for the needy children at Christmas. The local organization takes up used or broken toys and repairs them for distribution each year to children in the area. Jaycee Ralph Knott asked this morning that anyone having such a bicycle to call him or Jaycee Clint Kennedy at once. The bike will be picked up by the Jaycees.



Man Of The Year

Hoke Hayes Steelman, center, is pictured as he was chosen Louisburg's Man of the Year by the local Rotary Club last Thursday night. Jimmy Weathers, left, made the presentation to the local tire and appliance dealer for his outstanding service in youth and church work. Ed Pittman, right, Rotary president, presided over the Christmas ladies night program.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

Steelman Is Named Man Of The Year

The Louisburg Rotary named Hoke Hayes Steelman, 42 year old tire and appliance dealer as Louisburg's Man of the Year for 1967 at its annual ladies night Christmas meeting last Thursday. Steelman was cited for his outstanding work with the local Boy Scout troop, the Louisburg P.T.A. and the Methodist Church.

Steelman, a native of Wilkes County, is manager of Franklin Tire and Appliance Co. here. He is married to the former Dorothy Bell and the father of one son, Bennett, an eighth grade student at Louisburg. He is a veteran of World War II, serving as Staff Sergeant in the 77th Infantry Division in southeast Asia.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, receiving his BS in Commerce in 1950. Steelman began his business career with the J.C. Penny Co. while in high school. He joined the McCracken Supply Company, operators of the local business, after graduating from college. He has served in Raleigh, Greensboro, Henderson and came to Louisburg in 1954.

Steelman is a steward in the Methodist Church, a former member of the Louisburg Lions Club and vice president of the Louisburg P.T.A. In 1964-66, he sponsored the school safety patrol under the P.T.A. He is interested in historical activities, but has devoted most of his time to his first love, young boys in the community.

"He has centered his time and talents very wisely in organizations and activities which effect the lives and the training of the young people of our community", Jimmy Weathers, who made the presentation, stated. Weathers presented Steelman with a handsome bronze and wooden plaque.

He became Scoutmaster in 1965 and has seen the troop grow from six boys to forty today. Recently, he took pride in the fact that one of his boys, Kirk House became the first Eagle Scout in Louisburg in many years.

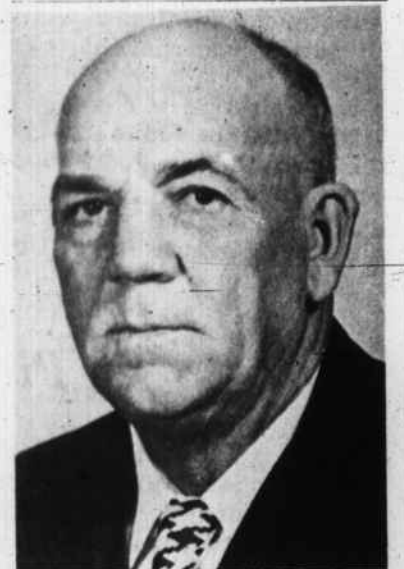
In 1966 his troop was chosen as the outstanding camping troop of the 12-county Occaneechee Council in an encampment at Kerr Lake. He escorted his troop on a Canadian Goodwill Tour this past summer, bringing much praise to his organization, his troop and his community. He was personally selected as the outstanding scoutmaster of the year in 1966 in the Saponi District.

He attended, by invitation of Governor Dan Moore, the Awards Dinner in Raleigh last April. One of the few men from this area to ever be so honored.

"His unselfish, unpublished and tireless service in behalf of our young people is an inspiration and a challenge to all of us and constitute a community asset of more value than all the other assets combined", Weathers said.

Ed Pittman, Club President, presided at the meeting and Rotary District Governor and Mrs. T.B. Rose of Henderson were special guests. Pittman recognized four past Men of the Year who were present. These included Dr. Cecil Robbins, W.J. Benton, Asher Johnson and Clint

Fuller. Rotary's practice of selecting a Man of the Year started ten years ago and Pittman noted this fact: Those selected in past years are: H. C. Taylor, Jr., 1958; Asher Johnson, 1959; W.J. Benton, 1960; Dr. Cecil Robbins, 1961; Bland B. Pruitt, 1962; Willis Nash, 1963; Harold Talton, 1964; E.F. Yarbrough, 1965; and Clint Fuller, 1966.



WALTER P. LONG

Former Commissioner Passes

Funeral services for Walter P. Long 70, a former member of the Board of County Commissioners were held Monday at 3 P.M. from the Lancaster Funeral Home Chapel, conducted by Rev. Burke Holland. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg.

Mr. Long died at Franklin Memorial Hospital Sunday morning following a heart attack suffered at his home earlier the same day.

He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners from 1950 until 1954. He did not elect to seek reelection to the office, choosing instead to run for Sheriff in 1954. He has been active in farming and political matters in the county for a number of years. He was often called "Governor" by his many friends, a nickname stemming from his varied political activities. In 1964, he was county campaign manager for Dr. I. Beverly Lake and switched his allegiance to Governor Dan K. Moore in the runoff election.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth H. Long; one daughter, Mrs. Bruce Edwards of Louisburg; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; one brother, George of Castalia; and five sisters, Mrs. E.S. Tharrington and Mrs. C.M. Moore, both of Louisburg, Mrs. Sam Alford of Henderson, Mrs. Lola Ingram of Greensboro, Mrs. E.S. Fulghum of Littleton.