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People Make The News In 1968

As is the case every year, it was the people who made the news in 1968. Reports of happenings to neighbors and fellow countymen filled these pages in the past twelve months. Some news was bad; some was good. All was interesting because it pertained to someone most of us knew. In 1968, many people made the news and any listing of them is likely to omit some deserving and, perhaps, include some who might have been better left out.

However, among those who made news with their accomplishments in 1968 were JAMES H. DUKE, game warden who gained a promotion and moved; JAMES L. BERGER, Morehead candidate, winner of the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship and the National Merit Scholarship for his outstanding scholastic achievements and THOMAS FINCH, ace football star for the Louisburg Bulldogs who was the only repeater on this year's All East 1-A team after making All Conference.



HILL TIPPETT

MISS FRANCES MURPHY won a Teen Fashion award and LARRY WILDER won a \$100 award and attend a N. C. State University farm workshop. G. M. BEAM, SR., was honored by being chosen Deacon of the Year in the Tar River Association and TED MITCHELL, of Youngsville won a Soybean Yield championship. JOHN-NIE CALLAHAN of Franklinton was named to the Franklin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees; HENRY BIBBY, B. F. Person High School ace basketball star won a scholarship to UCLA; COACH IVIE BOLTON resigned from the staff at Louisburg High School and TOMMY TWITTY was named head football and basketball coach.

BOBBY GARRETT, 14, saved the life of LYNN FLEMING, when the little girl fell into an ice covered pond; W. C. GARRISON, J. J. (Red) JOHNSON and A. J. PERKINSON were named officers in the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce and PERKINSON was elected Chief of the Franklinton Rescue Service.

JAMES HARRIS WHELESS, was named Master of the Louisburg Ma-

sonic Lodge and W. D. MORTON was elected Chief of the Louisburg Rescue Service. BURLEY CLARK was stationed here as the new Game Warden; L. M. WORD and JAMES BROWN headed the Heart Fund Drive; JIMMY HILL was elected President of the Franklin County Business Association and Credit Bureau; CHARLES DAVIS was named a statewide Broughton aide and resigned as County Attorney; W. H. (JACK) TAYLOR was named new County Attorney; and JOHN DEAL of Franklinton became a deputy sheriff.

CLINT FULLER received a Quill and Scroll Citation from the Louisburg High School chapter, won first place in the state for a travel article, fourth place in the nation for sports article and appeared on a television panel with Vice President-elect Spiro Agnew. MARTHA CHADWICK HOBGOOD was one of the top 20 seniors at UNC-G and JANE JOHNSON and VEL FREEMAN were winners of the annual Betty Crocker contest.



WEATHERS MYERS

JUDITH HINTON was one of the top students at N. C. State University and VICKIE ROGERS of Youngsville and FOSTER BRODIE of Franklinton were selected the Most Valuable Players in the annual basketball tournament. MRS. KAY PHILLIPS and LARRY LINDSEY, both Youngsville coaches, were named Coaches of the Year. MRS. E. R. THARRINGTON of Youngsville headed the Easter Seal drive and REV. A. S. TOMLINSON, was honored with a "day" by the Louisburg Baptist Church. GEORGE HALL was tagged Broughton manager in the county and WALLACE TIPPETT won an ad-man national contest. BILL BECKHAM was elected President of the Louisburg Rotary Club and CLAUDE EDWARDS was named President of the Youngsville Lions.

MORT HARRIS was made a Director of First Citizens Bank and MARILYN STEWART and BETH JOHNSON were chosen Girl Staters. HERMAN SPENCER was named Deputy Grandmaster of Masonic District No. 22 and AL FOX was elected president of the County NCEA, later resigned as principal at Louisburg to take a position at Plymouth. THOMAS RIGGAN of Vance County was named Louisburg High School principal. JOSEPHINE MEDLIN of the Louis-



SCHUBART FORD

burg High School Daze newspaper and BRENDA WEBB of the Franklinton High School Charger were honored, as outstanding prep editors and PAT MYERS was named the Woman of the Year by the Louisburg Woman's Club and later elected President of the



SMITH O'NEAL

organization. W. J. BENTON resigned his post as Industrial Development Director and KENNETH SCHUBART was named to replace him. DR. ANN BLUMENFELD of Louisburg College retired after 22 years and CHARLIE FORD was elected Vice President of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association. MRS. J. W. WEATHERS, JR. was chosen Youngsville's Woman of the Year and was named as Second Vice President of the N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs. MRS. BETSY PER-NELL was renamed Chairwoman of the Democratic Executive Committee and E. C. GUPTON was chosen Commander of the Civil Air Patrol here and RAYMOND JOYNER became an M. D. I. P. WHEELER was elected Commander of the Council of Kadash, Scottish Temple, Masons; J. T. (JOE) MOSS of Youngsville was reelected president of the Youngsville Development Corporation and named to the county Morehead Committee and EARL SMITH resigned from the Louisburg Police Force to become a Highway Patrolman.

MRS. JULIA SCOTT celebrated her

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HOUSE HARRIS

Dr. Marc Stewart Killed

Dr. Marcus Stewart, 43, who practiced medicine here from 1951 to 1961, was killed early this morning in an automobile accident near Gray, Ga., according to word received here. Dr. Stewart was reportedly on his way home after treating a patient at his office. No details of the accident are available except that it is reported he was trapped inside the car, which caught fire. He was burned to death, according to the report.

Dr. Stewart came to Louisburg in 1951 in practice with the late Dr. W. C. Perry and Dr. B. L. Patterson, who continues practice here. He was active in the community's social life and was very popular. He returned to his home town of Gray, Ga. in 1961 to live with his mother, Mrs. Ann Stewart.

He is survived by his mother, two sons, Dasher and Stephen of Atlanta, Ga. and one brother. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.



1st Place

THE W. W. THAYERS

Commissioners Give Industrial Commitment

A joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners, Louisburg Town officials and officials of Industrial Development was held here Monday afternoon to discuss an increase in anticipated costs of water facilities for a proposed new industry here. The Board of Commissioners, after a lengthy discussion, gave an oral commitment to Industrial Development Commission Chairman J. Harold Talton and Industrial Director S. Kenneth Schubart to finance the construction with certain deletions.

It was disclosed in the meeting that the Board had passed a resolution last September which would have committed the county to a payment of \$13,000 per year for ten years to finance construction of water facilities to a new industry to locate on the Franklinton highway. Monday's meeting was brought about when insurance officials required larger facilities and thereby upped the expected cost.

The commitment, which is expected to be finalized at the regular January Board meeting, excludes a \$16,000 contingency fund and seeks to reduce a requested 12 inch water line to an eight inch line and thereby cut an additional \$20,000 from the county's share of the cost.

The total commitment asked for by Industrial Development officials was near \$187,000 and the Board reduced the commitment at present to \$151,000. The nature of the industry was not announced, but from comments made at the meeting, it is one of the largest, if not the largest ever to seek location here.

A number of interested citizens as well as officials attended the Monday session. Included were Town attorney W. M. Jolly, E. F. Yarborough, W. L.

Lumpkin, Charles Davis, E. S. Ford, Town Administrator, Mayor V. A. Peoples, Clerk of Court Ralph Knott and members of the news media.

Decorations Winners Announced

Winners in the Louisburg Garden Club's annual Christmas Decorations contest were announced this week by Mrs. Mary Lumpkin of the Club. The home of the W. W. Thayers on North Bickett Blvd. was selected by the judges as first place winner and will receive a floral design gift.

Second place was awarded the James Shearins on Bunn Road and third place went to the Bob Flemings on Edward Lane.

Honorable mention went to the following: the Paul Mullens, Edward Lane; the E. C. Bullucks, Henderson Road; the C. T. Deans, Noble Street; the Joe Shearons, Tucker Drive; the Clint Fullers, Henderson Road; the Willis Nashs, Henderson Road, the Lonnie Shupings, Henderson Road and the W. V. Hensleys, Oak Drive.

Judges, according to Mrs. Lumpkin, were from the Epsom community.

Henderson Hits Highway Decision

Dissent from the decision to link U. S. 85 and U. S. 95 in a routing by way of Durham to Raleigh, and reasons why it is claimed the route should be more direct from Henderson to Raleigh were contained in a letter sent Friday to Governor-elect Robert W. Scott by Capt. W. F. Brewer, executive secretary of the Henderson - Vance Chamber of Commerce.

Reasons why it was said the link should run from Henderson to Raleigh were given in the letter. For one thing, it was stated, such a routing would open a new undeveloped area to industrialization and which at present is without a main highway artery. The area traversed will also be cheaper to acquire for right-of-way, and it would be the proper and alternate routing for defense traffic if 1-95 were rendered inoperative, it was claimed.

It was also pointed out that the Henderson - Raleigh link would not duplicate existing routes, and it would relieve increasing congestion on U. S. 1 highway as the area becomes industrialized, with bottlenecks and slow traffic resulting.

Another point cited by Capt. Brewer said the routing from Henderson to Raleigh would relieve the "obvious congestion soon to occur" on the missing link of U. S. 85 from Henderson to Durham, now under construction, and which will become "one of the most congested roads in North Carolina."

The letter urged the new Governor to consider the problem. The route around by Durham to Raleigh and thence to U. S. 95 at Smithfield was recently approved by the State Highway Commission.



BEAM WHELESS

ROBERT SMITHWICK, retired after 48 years with the Rose Company here; C. RAY PRUETTE was honored with a life membership in the North Carolina Association for the Blind;



2nd Place

THE JAMES SHEARINS

Survey Shows 720 Franklin Students In Temporary Classrooms

The Franklin County school system has 720 students in temporary quarters and the Franklinton City unit has 60 students in temporary classrooms according to a survey released today by the State Department of Public Instruction. There are also 390 pupils in improvised quarters in the county system and 41 in the Franklinton unit, according to the release.

The report discloses a total of 1211 children are "excess students in overcrowded classrooms and lists instructional spaces available presently at 225 in the county and 61 in Franklinton. The reports says that 83 additional spaces are needed in the county system and 15 more classrooms are needed at Franklinton.

The enrollment in the county system is listed at 5267, lower than in previous years and 1534 in the Franklinton unit. There are 250 teachers employed in the larger system and 68 at Franklinton. Of these 24.4 percent are men in the county and 29.4 are male teachers in the city unit.

The 13th annual fall Public School Survey, just completed by the State Department of Public Instruction and based on figures reported by the State's 157 county and city school superintendents at the end of the first month of school, indicates that the "holding power" of the high schools is increasing - fewer pupils are dropping out of school.

For the third straight year, enroll-

ment increases at the high school level have been far greater than at the elementary level. This year's survey reveals a marked reduction in elementary enrollment; 5,339 fewer elementary pupils, primarily due to a decreased enrollment in the first grade.

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Some Offices Back In Courthouse

Although closed for most of the week, some offices have moved back into the newly renovated county courthouse. Among these is the county accountant's office and the Sheriff's department. Monday's session of District Court was also held in the new facility and drew comments of praise from Judge Linwood Peoples.

Peoples cited the County Commissioners, Clerk of Court Ralph Knott and attorney Charles Davis for spearheading the new facility. None of the other counties in the Ninth District have facilities to match those found here.

The full move back by all county offices is expected next week. Telephone crews were busy Monday installing lines and telephones throughout the structure.



3rd Place

THE BOB FLEMINGS

Death Takes Toll In 1968

Each year as one looks back over the preceding twelve months and views the events that shaped the year, one realizes, perhaps, more the losses than the gains. The community of Franklin County had many losses to death in the year now closing. Each passing left a saddened home and all were most important to those closest to them.

Some of those who died this year were Graham F. Griffin of Louisburg, R. C. (Buck) Beck and Raymond Tonkel, both prominent Louisburg merchants, and James C. Geddie, local accountant.

Death claimed Fred Smith in an automobile accident early in 1968 and Times shop foreman Robert P. (Bob) Lassiter died after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Hugh Hayes and Mrs. Betsy Lavender were two prominent Louisburg women who died in 1968 and Harris Turner, local warehouse official, and Eugene Edwens, popular county merchant passed.

Kevin Hanrahan, Louisburg College baseball star, was killed in an automobile accident and Clarence Gupton, popular retail clerk, and Arthur In-scoe, prominent Hickory Rock farmer, died.

Mrs. Felton Cash and Mrs. Louse Knott, prominent Louisburg women, died and Curtis Moody and Jesse Moon passed away in 1968.

There were a number of others from every community in the county and as the year closes, just about everyone realizes that 1968 was costly in those we lost.