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"Considerable Time To Swine Enterprise"

Billy Wood, Route 1, Castalia farmer, center, was named Franklin's Outstanding Young Farmer last night by the Louisburg Jaycees. He is pictured above being congratulated by Parke Brown, left, assistant county farm agent while Charlie Moore, Jaycee President, looks on. Photo by Clint Fuller.

Wood Named Outstanding Young Farmer

Billy Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Wood of Route 1, Castalia, has been selected as the 1968 Outstanding Young Farmer by the Louisburg Jaycees.

Engaged in farming with his father, Billy has devoted considerable time and effort to the farm's swine enterprise. Therefore, much of the credit

for the considerable success of that operation must be attributed to the hard work and management know-how of this young man.

J. R. Shillinglaw, Agricultural Extension Agent, who has worked closely with the Wood family had this comment: "Billy Wood is an outstanding swine producer and farmer. He is certainly a worthy recipient of this award."

The swine enterprise is now the major part of the farm program. Starting with 50 sows on the Swift Sow Leasing Program in 1966, they have expanded to 125 and plan to go to 200 in the future.

The sows are a Hampshire-Yorkshire cross and are mated with a Duroc boar. The pigs are then topped out in dirt lots and marketed on a graded basis.

Following Extension recommendations for their feeding program, the Woods mix the ration on the farm. Much of that feed is purchased elsewhere though some is raised.

In 1966 the Woods built a 24 stall farrowing house in which they farrow sows twice a year. To ease the stress of taking pigs directly from the farrowing house to dirt lots, a 12 stall nursery unit was completed last fall.

The 1968 cropping program consisted of 25 acres of corn, 20 acres of milo, 20 acres of barley and nine acres

of tobacco.

In order to better analyze their farm program the Woods have gone on the Computer-Processed Farm Business Records Program set up by the Agricultural Extension Service.

Billy Wood is a member of the Red Bud Baptist Church, the Farm Bureau and N. C. Pork Producers Association. He and his wife, the former Sandra Blanton of Rocky Mount, have two small children, Tracy and Billy, Jr.

Bobby Garrett Is House Page



Bobby Garrett, left, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett of Louisburg, is serving this week as a page in the North Carolina House of Representatives. The high school freshman was appointed by House Speaker Earl Vaughn upon the recommendation of Franklin Representative James D. Speed.

County Has First Highway Fatality

A 26-year-old Route 1 Franklinton man was one of the nine persons killed on North Carolina highways this past weekend and became Franklin County's first highway fatality of the new year.

Douglas MacArthur Privette was killed Friday night around 9:30 p.m. on NC-96 about four miles west of Youngsville in a heavy fog. According to reports, Privette's pickup truck ran off the road and struck a tree, shearing the cab.

Nine persons were killed last year in the county; the first fatality came on February 3. Privette is the first to die on the county roads since November 1, 1968.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. from the Sandling Funeral Chapel by the Rev. T. N. Daughtry. Burial was in the Pope Christian Church cemetery.

He was employed by a Durham firm.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruby Long Privette; two sons, Ellis MacArthur and Kenneth Wayne Privette; two daughters, Miss Elizabeth Anne and Miss Vernita Faye Privette, both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raney Privette of Rt. 2, Wake Forest; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Privette of Rt. 3, Wake Forest; six brothers, Jasper and Mitchell of Rt. 1, Franklinton; Charles Earp, Howard

Commissioners Meet With Highway Officials, Seek Aid For NC-39

The Board of County Commissioners met here last Thursday afternoon with Fifth Highway Division Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham and other highway officials in efforts to gain more mileage in the N. C. 39 project north of Louisburg.

Attending the session with Brame were Division Engineer Merle Adkins, District Engineer F. W. Adkins and County Engineer James Alford.

Brame explained that the rising cost of construction and the shortage of

funds were the reasons for the curtailment of the N. C. 39 mileage both in Franklin and Vance Counties. He briefly reviewed the actions of the Highway Commission in allocating certain funds in each county of the Division for what he termed "some substantial project." He said that \$750,000 had been allotted for the project in Franklin County.

Explaining that at the beginning of the dual Vance-Franklin project he had hoped the money would stretch far enough to have the road meet at the county lines, Brame said that the bid for the Franklin project was "a quarter of a million dollars high." This, he added, was for the project after being cut to run from Louisburg to Fuller's Store north of Ingleside. The project presently is planned to extend from Louisburg to Ingleside or just beyond to the Rocky Ford road.

Mr. Merle Adkins disclosed that the November balance for the Franklin project stood at \$595,380.48. He produced a list of expenditures thus far on the project which included: photo-

grammetry, \$7,077.12; \$15,890.76, location; \$120,610.42, rights-of-way; \$13,007.40, roadway design and other expenditures relative to the planning of the project.

Commissioner Norwood Faulkner asked if highway personnel could accomplish the project at a savings and thereby extend the overall mileage. The Division Engineer explained some of the things involved and said, "It's possible but not feasible." Later Mr. Brame agreed, but qualified his statement by saying that if an adverse bid is received at the letting today in Raleigh, "I'll open a new book on the project and take another look."

Faulkner expressed the county's appreciation for the work done on secondary roads during Brame's tenure on the Commission and Brame expressed his pleasure at the visit to the county.

At the end, things were as they were at the start of the session. The Franklin project remains as set and the outlook for an additional highway funds must await another day.

County Man Sentenced In Wake

From The Raleigh Times

A Louisburg man was convicted in District Court Wednesday on charges of disorderly conduct and assault on an officer. Judge Pretlow Winborne ordered 30 days in jail on each count, suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and probation for Early Perry Collins, of Rt. 2, Louisburg.

Collins appealed the case to Wake Superior Court and was released on \$100 bond.

Perry, who said he was a construction superintendent for Davidson and Jones Construction Co., was charged with assaulting city detective E. C. Winston by throwing a cup of beer in his face at the Beach Club at 1118 S. Saunders St.

Winston said he and Det. Ralph Johnson were on routine patrol at the Beach Club when they walked in and Collins tossed the beer in his face without provocation.

Winston said four or five other men then grabbed him before Johnson could pull one away.

Winston said he then went outside the club and identified himself as a policeman, then arrested Collins for disorderly conduct.

Winston said Collins cursed the officers and used profanity all the way to the station.

Collins testified that he must have stumbled or fallen and that he "didn't protest one bit in the world," when told he was under arrest.

Collins told Winborne that the beer "splashed accidentally" on Winston.

Det. Johnson told the court that he was a short distance behind Winston, and due to the loudness of the music was unaware of what was happening until he saw several men surrounding Winston.

FCBA Holds Annual Meet

The Franklin County Business Association held their annual dinner-meeting January 22, 1969 at the Murphy House.

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary, gave a brief report on the progress the Association had made during 1968. The sales promotions held by the Association were given special mention, as the "Sidewalk Sale" held in August was the first one of this kind to be held in Louisburg. This sale was mentioned as being a "tremendous success."

It was also noted that the association had expanded into a countywide organization. This was a step forward in being a credit bureau on a national basis.

Mr. Jack Coss, who was guest speaker, spoke on "Community Cooperation For Progress." Mr. Wallace Tippet, Vice President of the Association, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Coss to Louisburg and praised him for being one of the organizers of the Association when he served as Town Manager of Louisburg.

Historical Society To Meet

The Franklin County Historical Society will present a program on Confederate Art, Music and Flags, at their monthly meeting, set for Thursday night, Jan. 30.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend the program which will be held in the Community Room of the First Citizens Bank Building on Bicket Blvd. starting at 8 P.M.

Not As Bad As 1918-19

Flu Bug Apparently Picking His Bag To Leave

The bug is leaving. That's the latest word. Whether he is going back to the Orient from whence, they say, he came, is unknown.

For all his misery, the flu bug thus far in this county has not accounted for a single death. He has complicated some illnesses and in perhaps, one case he might have contributed the fatal blow.

The Asian flu will nevertheless take its place on the list of the Spanish flu as being of epidemic proportions in this area. It is a credit to health officials, doctors, nurses and other personnel that the Asian has not been a devastating as the Spanish was in the winter of 1918-19.

On October 4, 1918, the State Department of Health issued a list of suggestions to the public on how to avoid what was termed the Spanish

Influenza. On October 11, 1918, the Franklin County Health Department banned all public gatherings and ordered the closing of schools "to prevent as far as possible the spread of Spanish Influenza."

One report said that the bug did not originate in Spain, but it suspected that it came from the Orient. Perhaps the Asian is a distant cousin.

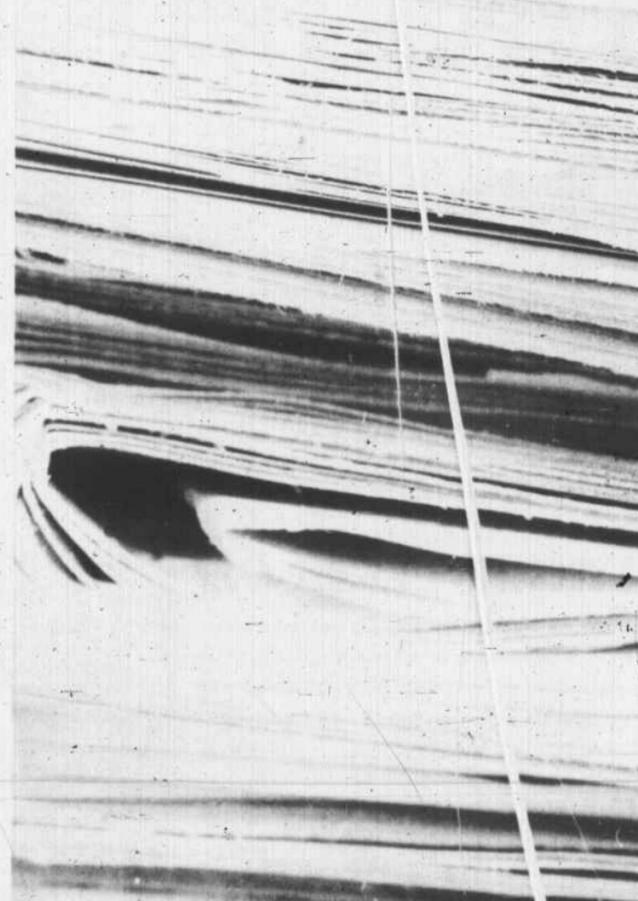
By October 25, things had grown worse here and the Board of Health ordered all stores to close at 4 P.M. on weekdays and at 2 P.M. on Saturdays and called the move, "a measure for the control of Spanish Influenza."

Information on the total impact of the 1918-19 flu epidemic here is sketchy. One report on November 1,

said there were three hundred cases in Franklinton. There was no report on the rest of the county. Stores were by that time, running large ads listing the steps to take at home to combat the flu. A call went out by E. H. Malone, head of the local Red Cross, for volunteer nurses. Two deaths were reported in Franklinton and two were reported in Louisburg as a result of pneumonia following the flu. It was said that the flu bug weakened the patient causing pneumonia. At that time there was no cure for pneumonia, sulphur drugs had not been discovered.

On January 10, 1919, a prominent Louisburg businessman and a small child died of the flu. On January 16, three more deaths were listed with influenza given as the cause of death. On January 31, there was one death

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County Man Has Role In Inauguration

By Lib Cheatham, Times Correspondent

Amid the flourishes and fanfare of the presidential inauguration last week was a former Franklin County resident, Mr. William Staley Cheatham, who was occupied with administering duties in cooperation with the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee. He was seen on TV as he seated President-elect Richard Nixon and other distinguished persons on the Presidents Platform at the Capitol for the oath-taking ceremonies.

Preceding official inaugural ceremonies, Mr. Cheatham was recognized on TV by news commentator Nancy Dickerson, who extended credit to him and other committee members conducting awesome responsibilities. Miss Dickerson noted that Mr. Cheatham's interest in Senatorial affairs first began at the age of twelve when he became a Senate page and continued increasingly as in later years he became Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. With years of past experience in inaugural affairs, Mr. Cheatham is well qualified for the months of complex planning and work which go into preparations for this eventful day which rolls around every four years.

A small portion of the detailed planning done by the arrangements

committee was manifested in the inaugural invitations. Envelopes contained not only handsome invitations, but separate photographs of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew, ceremonial programs, and admission cards. The program booklet included directions as to places of assembly for guests, the order of processions, explanation of tickets, regulations for the Capitol Building, and parking regulations. Invitation materials were identical except for the admission cards which were in varying degrees of elegance, according to the guests. For the more distinguished guests, these were gold bordered cards with gold seals. Press cards were blue with plain black print.

Various other printed material which showed careful planning were programs with instructions for participants in ceremonies, outlining instructions as to the automobile processions and all platform proceedings; as well as for the presidential luncheon held in the Senate immediately following the swearing in ceremonies.

For anyone interested in minor details like eating, the luncheon menu included California Fresh Fruit Supreme, Celery and Olives, New York Roast Tenderloin of Beef and Bercy

Sauce, Bake Tomato, Parisian Potatoes, Avocado on Romaine, Rolls and Butter, Pastry Gems, Mints and Coffee.

Many Franklin County citizens remember Mr. Cheatham's mother, Mrs. Bessie Staley Cheatham, whose family was prominent in the fields of religion and education. After the death of her husband, Miss Bessie and her then young son, moved to Washington where she became interested in government affairs and continued on to become a well known figure on Capitol Hill. She came to be unofficially recognized as the 101st Senator because of her faithful interest in the Senate where it was said that she attended sessions as often as any of the Senators. Her un-official seat was in the gallery by the clock. Upon her death in 1967 at the age of 86, tribute was paid to her on the Senate floor by Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, Sen. Everett Jordan, and Sen. Sam Ervin. Copies of the extensive eulogies were entered into the Congressional Record; the four columns of which covered more than a page of the Record. At Miss Bessie's funeral, eight Senate doorkeepers served as honorary pallbearers.