

Board Approves County Insurance Program

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in special session here Friday, discussed and later approved the county insurance program for a total of \$787,403.00.

Several other matters of routine business were taken care of in the meeting, including awarding of beer and wine licenses, resolving a check mailing procedure with the Welfare Department and viewing a new courthouse plaque recently installed.

County insurance business was dis-

tributed among several agencies doing business here. The breakdowns follow: Ford Insurance Agency, \$105,020.00; Farm Bureau Insurance, \$31,389.00; Matthew Insurance Agency, \$28,329.00; Harvey's Insurance Agency, \$112,941.00; Cooper Insurance Agency, \$134,170.00; Hodges Insurance Agency, \$300,554.00 and Roberts Insurance Agency, Sledge's Insurance Agency and Pleasants' Insurance Agency, each received \$25,000.00 in county business.

Historical Society To Hold Meet

The Franklin County Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting Thursday night, February 27, at 8 p.m.

The program will consist of a display of various items of Historical interest to Franklin Countians with the owners giving a brief description. A similar program last year created much interest. Many of the items displayed at that time will be exhibited as well as others, not previously displayed.

Anyone interested in County History is urged to attend the meeting which will be held in the Community Room of the First Citizens Bank Building in Louisburg.

Hunting In Franklin

Five men waded hip-deep into a dense thicket of dried briars. Vinyl-faced hunting pants turned most of the thorns, but they held guns high to avoid scratched hands.

"Get 'em up! Get 'em up!"

One of them shouted encouragement to eight beagles nosing through brambles close by. Kicking brush and walking through tangled honeysuckle vines, the hunters soon began to pant from the effort.

"Tally! Tally! Tally! Tally!" Lane Holt slapped his pants and shouted the signal that he had jumped a rabbit. The dogs made a frantic dash to his feet and practically rooted in the partially frozen ground trying to pick up the "line."

Polly found it first and heralded her discovery with a high-pitched squeal. The others joined in chorus and followed her in a pell mell sprint after the cottontail and soon were out of sight.

The hunters came leisurely out of the thicket to a narrow rutted road. From here they followed the "race" by listening to the beagle pack's excited qualls.

From the briar and vine thicket, the rabbit set a course down-hill along a power line right-of-way, turned into some pine woods, fled up a ridge and then along it for perhaps a quarter-mile, then skirted a weed field not far from where the hunters stood. They kicked the ground, chewed straws and listened to the chase. The cottontail was inscribing an erratic circle back to the spot where it was rudely routed from its bed.

The hunters knew from experience that it probably would take such a path, and they knew that to return to its bower it would have to cross the road. On one side, however, short pines grew up to the edge; on the other, knee-high weeds offered refuge. The rabbit would have to be shot as it crossed the road, a distance of about eight feet. It would be difficult if the cottontail were running.

The men spread out along the road.

"These cottontails really test a dog," Lane Holt said. He had told me the same thing about marsh rabbits several weeks ago when we were hunting, practically in his father's back yard, at Carolina Beach.

"Marsh rabbits change direction more often than cottontails," he said, "but cottontails get way out in front of the dogs, sometimes a half-mile, and cover a lot of country."

"I've had them run clear out of hearing," said Holt, "but they always circle back."

"Road champions," he added, shaking his head.

This was our second hunting day. The previous one had been disappointing for Holt because the pack, which had performed almost faultlessly all season, lost more than half the rabbits we jumped.

"I don't understand it," Holt had said back at the cabin, "dogs just don't fall apart like that."

We speculated that it may have been poor scenting conditions, or the ride from Carolina Beach to Louisburg. In any regard, Holt had been concerned about the second day's hunt, worried about another poor showing, but hopeful that the dogs would perform up to their capability.

As we stood there on the road, waiting for the rabbit to cross, his apprehension was dispelled. It had been a good day. The score: five rabbits jumped, four killed. The fifth was approaching the hunters.

They all stood quietly, knowing that the slightest movement or noise would di-

vert the cottontail. I stood at the end of the line, on the right flank. A long moment passed as the dogs came closer. Then from the other end I heard a shot. Number five.

"Good thing he stopped before crossing the road," said Dan Holt, Lane's father. "Never would have hit him on the run."

"Don't pick him up," Lane said. "Let the dogs work out the line."

The pack squaled and squealed its way to the carcass. Dan picked it up just as the dogs arrived, held it high, the dogs went silent, and two of them jumped for a nip at the rabbit.

We had two more races before dark, and added one more cottontail to the bag. The other eluded the dogs, exhausted after two days of running.

The beagles fell asleep seconds after climbing into their pen in the back of the station wagon. Lane Holt slept better that night, too.

Certified Hunter Safety Instructor

Mr. Burley A. Clark, Wildlife Protector, RFD 2, Box 267, Franklinton, N. C. 27525 has been certified an official Hunter Safety Instructor becoming an essential part of a nation-wide program of firearm safety education and of the Hunter Safety Program of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. He is available to give information, assistance, or guidance to others of the community interested in this program.

Educational Reform

They're still chuckling in one Westchester junior high school over the day the principal heard an uproar in one room and, charging in, found a fellow shouting at the top of his lungs and dancing down the aisle. He marched the offender off to his office and ordered him to stand in the corner until excused.

The principal then returned to the classroom delivered an inspiring lecture on discipline, and concluded by asking if there were any questions. "Yes," volunteered one student. "When are you going to let our teacher come back in the room?"

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE to Carrier Enterprise visible as she limps into Pearl Harbor after fire.



CUTTING UP: An Omark diamond-edge saw slices concrete for repair job in New York, reducing need for jackhammering.



WATCHING as American troops search for enemy in her village is old South Vietnam woman.



HERE'S THAT TABLE, a really big round one, where they finally got started on the talks seeking settlement of Vietnam war.

HANDSOME, DECORATIVE WALL PLANTER
Complete with LIFETIME CLIMBING IVY PLANT

\$100 AMAZING VALUE!

"This is your pilot," the airline captain announced. "I have good news and bad news."
"First, the bad news. Two of our engines are on fire and we are losing altitude. A crash may be imminent."
"Now, the good news. We are 15 minutes ahead of schedule."

The wall planter with life needs no care or water. It looks live and perfect. Completely washable. Ideal for room, den, living room, bedroom.

Thomas Woods
PHONE 496-5128
S. MAIN ST. LOUISBURG, N.C.

Carrier

DO YOU THINK

We're off our Rocker for giving 30,000 S & H Green Stamps with Carrier Air Conditioning? There's just one catch to it. You have to lick all those 30,000 stamps yourself.

Our official stamp licker resigned 3 days after we started this ridiculous business.

SALES ● Service Day or Night

Electric MOTOR SHOP PHONE 536-3229 Wake Forest

Hocutt's REPAIR SERVICE PHONE 834-7972

YOUR AUTHORIZED CARRIER DEALER FOR LOUISBURG, YOUNGVILLE, FRANKLINTON AND WAKE FOREST

FEBRUARY GOOD TASTE SALE

Shop Our Complete Line Of Appliances - Televisions And Furniture - EASY TERMS



EARLY AMERICAN 6-PIECE OUTFIT

Regularly \$329.95 Authentic design combined with fine craftsmanship in select hardwoods having a lovely new hand-glazed honeybee maple finish. Group consists of double dresser, mirror, chest, panel bed plus mattress and box spring.

\$289.95

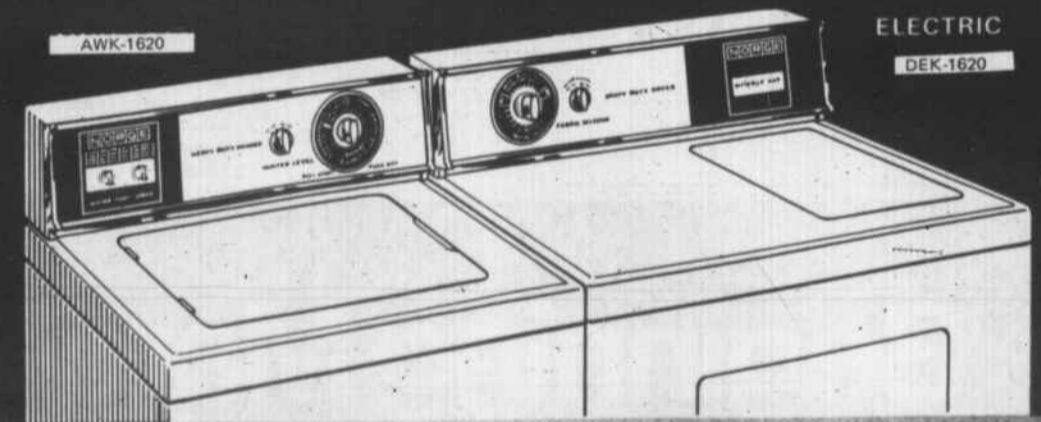
\$10.00 DOWN

PAYMENTS TO SUIT YOU

NORGE PERFECT PAIR!

You'll never iron again with the

WHIQ (VERY HIGH QUALITY) **HEAVY DUTY AUTOMATIC WASHER / AUTOMATIC DRYER**



THE PERFECT PAIR FOR DURABLE PRESS FABRICS ...and all other fabrics too!

V. H. Q. WASHER the utmost in quality

THREE AUTOMATIC WASHING CYCLES for all fabrics
TWO WASH AND SPIN SPEEDS for perfect washing of all fabrics, let you choose speeds for both wash and spin cycles
FOUR WASH AND RINSE TEMPERATURES for complete washing flexibility
WATER LEVEL SELECTOR saves gallons of water and pounds of detergent
PLUS-CAPACITY for your largest clothes loads

\$3.00 A WEEK

DEK-1620 ELECTRIC

FOUR FABRIC SELECTIONS provide complete flexibility of drying temperatures
TWO DRYING CYCLES give you flexibility for drying all fabrics
STOP-N-DRY CONTROL allows you to select no-tumble drying
FLUFF CYCLE lets you freshen fabrics with room temperature air

NO DOWN PAYMENT **\$2.00** A WEEK

Years from now you'll be glad it's a Norge

Thomas Woods
S. MAIN STREET LOUISBURG, N. C.