



New Council Takes Oath

Newly elected Town of Louisburg officials are shown above Wednesday prior to swearing in ceremonies held in the Town Council Room. Pictured, left to right are: Grover C. Harris, Jr., Jonah C. Taylor, Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal, council members; Mayor V. A. Peoples; George T. Bunn, Mrs. Thomas O. Wheless, members of the

Council, Ralph S. Knott, Clerk of Court who performed the ceremonies and council member H. D. Jeffreys. Mrs. O'Neal was elected Mayor Pro tem by the new Council.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

Mrs. O'Neal Leads Ticket, Mrs. Wheless Second In Louisburg

For the second straight time, Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal has proven the top vote getter in Louisburg elections. Mrs. O'Neal received 600 votes in gaining a third term on the Town Council in Tuesday's balloting. A political newcomer, Mrs. Thomas O. Wheless placed second among the nine candidates in her successful bid for a first term on the Council. Mrs. Wheless polled 547 votes.

Four other incumbents were re-elected as the voters turned down bids by two Louisburg College men and a Negro funeral home director.

Incumbent Grover C. Harris ran third with 525 votes; Jonah C. Taylor was fourth with 482; H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys ran fifth with 441 and George T. (Jolly) Bunn ran sixth with 382 to complete the winner's list.

Bob Stanley, Louisburg College business manager, ran a strong seventh polling 346 in his first bid for public office. William T. (Bill) Beckham, Col-

lege Food Services Director, ran eighth with 286 votes and P. A. Richardson, only Negro in the race, polled 215.

Tuesday's balloting by 685 voters, was the heaviest since 1961 when 735 ballots were marked.

Mayor V. A. Peoples, running unopposed, received 588 votes in gaining his third term. Peoples ran unopposed in 1967 after winning a close race against Robert Hicks in 1965 for the Town's top post.

Incumbent W. J. (Pete) Shearin, veteran Town Council member who served a number of terms, retired, and returned in 1967, did not seek reelection. Mrs. Wheless replaces Shearin on the Council thus representing the only change in the makeup of the town's governing body.

The new Council and Mayor Peoples were sworn in Wednesday morning shortly after 10 A.M. after the old Council canvassed the election results.

How They Ran
FRANKLINTON

For Mayor
Pearce 338

For Council
Green 382
House 382
Holmes 382
Hight 381
Joyner 381

For School Board
Colbert 644
Wilder 639
Conyers 628
Jones 315
Perry 310
Blockson 305

Mayor, Council Returned

Colbert, Wilder, Conyers Win School Board Posts

William Avery Wilder, S. L. (Pete) Colbert, both incumbents and Clifton Conyers won the three seats on the Franklinton City Board of Education in a six-man race Tuesday. The trio beat three Negroes making the race.

Wilder polled 639 votes, Colbert mustered 644 and Conyers received 628 in their successful bids. B. Don Blockson gained 305, Thomas O. Perry got 310 and James R. Jones received 315 in losing bids. Clement Weston, incumbent Board member, did not seek reelection. Conyers will fill this position, representing the only change in the Board's makeup. Nat Cannady, who had made it a seven-man race, withdrew before Tuesday's elections.

Mayor Joe Pearce, running unopposed, polled 338 votes in the Town election and all five incumbent members of the Town Board were unopposed and won new terms. These are: John F. Green, John Henry House and Henry F. Holmes, who received 382 votes each and Charlie Hight, Jr. and

James S. Joyner, who polled 381 each. There were 27 written votes for Mayor.

Included in the write ins for Mayor were: Costello Ramey 8, J. D. Mode 5, John Gonella 4, H. C. Kearney and D. C. Hicks 2 each and Ken Johnson, Bill Hagwood, Ruby Burgess, Brodie Green, W. G. Garrison, and Sidney Johnson with one each.

In the School Board elections the entire Township voted, running the count to 989 ballots cast. In the Town elections, 427 people voted.

Among those receiving write in votes for the School Board were: Nat Cannady, an original candidate who withdrew, 6 and Margie Green, Clement Weston, Rufas Pace, L. A. Thompson, Jr. and W. C. Hagwood, each receiving one vote a piece.

The 427 vote count is the smallest in several years at Franklinton. The fact that the incumbents had no opposition was credited as a major factor in such a small turnout.

How They Ran
LOUISBURG

For Mayor
Peoples 588

For Council
O'Neal 600
Wheless 547
Harris 525
Taylor 482
Jeffreys 441
Bunn 382
Stanley 346
Beckham 286
Richardson 215

Incumbents Minus One Returned At Youngsville

Mayor Marvin Roberts, unopposed in his bid for reelection at Youngsville, polled 122 of the 148 votes cast in the election Tuesday. Four members of the Council were reelected from a field of eight contestants but one incumbent missed another term by four votes.

James T. Allen led the ticket with 123 votes followed by David Cyrus, Sr., with 120, E. J. Pearce with 115 and W. Tommy Moss with 101. New-

comer Russell N. Strickland bested incumbent Monnie D. Hoyle 84 to 80 for the fifth spot on the Council. Jesse E. Preddy, Sr. received 47 votes and John W. Pearce polled 40 in unsuccessful bids.

There were a host of write in votes in the Youngsville election. Lelan Woodlief received six votes for Mayor, Henry Privette got four and Archie Brown received one write in. Ten persons received write in votes for the Council. These included: Mack Dement 3, J. W. Weathers, Jr. 3, G. D. Wiggins 3, Lelan Woodlief 2, Person Pearce 2, and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, John D. Parrish, James Cash, Archie Brown and Owen Pearce, each received one vote each.

Youngsville narrowly missed its record turnout of 151 in 1963 as 148 voted Tuesday.

Killed In Vance Wreck

A 1968 graduate of Zeb Vance high school in Vance County, Miss Margo Ann Smith, 18, was fatally injured and her fiancé, Wilson Dudley Strickland, Jr., 19, was also hurt when their auto ran off a rural road in Vance County and struck a pine tree at 10:15 o'clock Tuesday night.



SMITH

Miss Smith was formerly employed by Triangle Realty Company in Louisburg as a receptionist and has a number of friends in the area.

The crash occurred on the Lynbank road at the State road 1112 intersection, nine miles south of Henderson.

Trooper O. P. Lowman, Jr., of the State Highway Patrol, investigated and said it was not immediately determined which of the occupants was driving the vehicle at the time. Owner of the 1962 auto was listed as Mrs. Virginia H. Strickland, of Route 1, Kittrell, mother of the youth.

The vehicle was badly damaged at the front and was virtually a total loss, said the officer.

When the fatal crash occurred, the car was headed south on the Lynbank road, ran off on a slight curve at the intersection and struck the tree, Trooper Lowman explained. Both Miss Smith and Strickland were carried to Maria Parham hospital and the young woman died a short time after the accident. Strickland was moved to Duke Hospital in Durham after receiving medical attention here.

The death was the sixth traffic fatality in Henderson and Vance County in 1969.

A native of Vance County, Miss Smith was the daughter of Vernon and Nell Hock Smith of Route 1, Kittrell, and born on September 5, 1950. In addition to her parents, she is survived by one sister, Miss Angie Smith of the home; and her maternal grandfather, Ben Strickland of the Kittrell community.

Funeral services were conducted at two o'clock Thursday afternoon at Plank Chapel Methodist Church and burial will be in the Sunset Gardens cemetery. The Rev. Gordon Allen, pastor of the church, was officiating minister.

Honorary pallbearers for the funeral were members of her 1968 graduating class at Zeb Vance high school.

Bunn Man Suicide Victim

Joe L. Adams, 61, former member of the Bunn Town Council and Secretary-Treasurer of the Bunn Volunteer Fire Department, took his own life at his home in Bunn Wednesday night shortly before 9 p.m., according to Franklin Coroner James H. Edwards.

The popular Bunn drug store operator had been in declining health for the past several months. He had left his drug store earlier, according to reports, and was found by his wife upon her arrival home. He died from a pistol wound in the head, according to reports.

Adams was appointed to the Bunn Town Council in May, 1963 when the General Assembly revised the Bunn Town Charter. He was elected to a two-year term on the Board in July of the same year. In 1965, he did not seek reelection. H. D. Mitchell, Bunn Fire Chief, said this morning, "Joe was a dedicated fireman. His work as secretary was outstanding. He was a dear friend."

Adams, a Mason and a charter member of the Bunn Lions Club, was a native of Meriwether, S. C. He graduated from Clemson University in 1929 as a Civil Engineer. He came to Bunn in 1934 to engineer the surfacing of NC 98 and met his wife, the former Bruce Dodd.

He returned to Bunn from Louis-



ADAMS

ville, Ky. in January, 1960 following the death of Mrs. Adams' parents and he and his wife operated the Bunn Drug Company since that time. He was instrumental in the town's water and sewer project now underway and was active in many other areas of the community.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for Friday afternoon but final arrangements are incomplete.

Centerville Re-elects Neal Mayor

John W. Neal, who has been Mayor of Centerville since the town was incorporated in 1965, was reelected Tuesday polling 49 votes in downing J. D. Gupton who received 21 votes. Seventy of Centerville's 78 registered voters went to the polls.

Incumbents L. S. Ward received 60 votes for the Town Council and John W. Pleasants polled 55. Ernest H. Denton, newcomer, led the ticket with 61 votes. He will replace Mrs. Agnes Leonard who did not seek reelection.

How They Ran
CENTERVILLE

For Mayor
Neal 49
Gupton 21

For Council
Denton 61
Ward 60
Pleasants 55

To Dedicate Dormitory

Members of the Louisburg College Board of Trustees will hold their Spring meeting on Friday, May 9, President C. W. Robbins announced today. The board meeting will be followed at 2:00 p.m., by formal naming ceremonies of the new dormitory for women.

The 104-bed dormitory will be named in memory of Sarah Graham Kenan. The Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation has aided the college in recent years by liberal grants for faculty salaries, scholarship aid, library resources, and infirmary facilities. President Robbins, commenting on the benefaction of the Kenan Foundation, said: "In light of the assistance given Louisburg College by the Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to memorialize Mrs. Kenan in a significant way." The foundation will be represented at the services by its president, Mr. Frank Kenan, of Durham, and other directors and their families.

The public is cordially invited to attend the naming ceremonies which will take place in front of the new dormitory at 2:00 p.m.

Watchman Charged With Larceny

Franklin Police Chief Leo Edwards reported the arrest Monday of a nightwatchman at the Durham Hosiery Company plant and a Negro accomplice. Both men are charged with larceny.

Edwards identified the men as Edward Turner, w/m in his forties, who was employed as watchman on Saturday nights at the plant located along US-1 at Franklinton. Edwards said that Turner is accused of taking approximately 10 dozen pairs of hose from the plant and selling them in Franklinton last Sunday.

Ervin Crudup, c/m, is also charged with larceny. According to Chief Edwards, Crudup returned to the plant with Turner and took several boxes of hose. Both are free on bond, said the Chief.

How They Ran

YOUNGVILLE

For Mayor
Roberts 122

For Council
Allen 123
Cyrus 120
E. Pearce 115
Moss 101
Strickland 84
Hoyle 80
Preddy 47
J. Pearce 40

To Hold Pre-School Readiness Program

The Franklin County Public Schools is planning a Pre-School Readiness program under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act for all children in Franklin County who will be entering the public schools for the first time for the 1969-70 school year. The program will be offered at Bunn Elementary, Edward Best Elementary, Epsom, Gold Sand

Elementary, Louisburg, and Youngsville schools from July 7 thru August 15 and will have a daily schedule running from 8:00 - 12:00.

Each pre-school group will have a first grade teacher from the particular school involved and each teacher will have an aide to assist in the program. There will be a maid in each school to help with any necessary cleaning and to help serve refreshments to the children - the refreshments will also be furnished by Title I. School bus transportation will be available to as many children as practical with a limited number of buses.

The program will be primarily a reading readiness program with emphasis given to the following: Beginning of reading, Phonics, Phonetic Approach to reading, Introduction to numbers and mathematics, Visual discrimination, Auditory discrimination, Story interpretation, Relationships, Writing, Listening skills, Book care, and Motor coordination. All materials and supplies will be furnished and will be coordinated with the texts and programs outlined for the first grade.

The pre-planning and the budgeting for this program make it imperative that all parents who have not pre-registered their children and who would like for their children to attend the Pre-School Readiness program to re-

register them at their particular schools or at the county office by Tuesday, May 20th.

Fountain Enters Nixon Bill

Rep. L. H. Fountain (D.-N.D.) today introduced a bill designated as the "Grant Consolidation Act of 1969," which would provide a new method for reducing to a more manageable number of more than 420 separate Federal grants involving an estimated \$25 billion a year. President Nixon urged the enactment of this bill in a special message to the Congress on April 30.

In introducing this bill on behalf of the White House, Congressman Fountain said:

I am delighted that the President recognizes the importance and the urgency of consolidating the tremen-

Two shows are scheduled at 1 P.M. and at 7 P.M. A pony and a portable television will be given as prizes at each performance, according to reports.

Mike Palmer, Chairman of the Advertising Committee, reminded the members of the sale of ads and tickets for the two shows are expected to go on sale within a few days, it was announced.

Four visitors attended the Tuesday night meeting. They were: Bill Shipp, Liggitt and Myers; Jim Trevathan, Metropolitan Life; Harry Zinger, Ford Gum Machines and Herbert Bradshaw, editorial page editor of the Durham Morning Herald. All four men are from Durham and Bradshaw is a candidate for Lion District Governor.

Final Date

Friday, May 9th, is the final date to return ASCS cotton allotment transfer referendum ballots to the county office.

Ballots postmarked midnight May 9th will be counted. "Do not wait, return your ballot now if you have not done so," said an ASCS spokesman.