

This Is National Police Week-----Know Your Police

This is National Police Week. It is a good time to give thought to the men in our area who wear the badges and the blue. Police Officers in Franklinton, Louisburg, Youngsville and Bunn are observing this week-set aside for the purpose of bringing to mind the work being done by these men.

The Times salutes the Police Officers--full-time and auxiliary who serve the citizens in Franklin County and in an effort to better acquaint the people with these men has collected information on them. So that you might know them better, meet your Police:

FRANKLINTON

DONALD LEO EDWARDS is Chief of the Franklinton Department. He has held the position since 1962. He is the son of W. M. and Nora Tillotson Edwards, is married to the former Lois Wheeler and the father of four children. They are: Donna Gray, age 14; Kevin Tyke, age 13; Toby McCray, age 12 and Robyn Blanche, age 8. The Edwards live at 19 Pine Street in Franklinton.



EDWARDS

Chief Edwards, a high school graduate, joined the police force in 1956 after employment with Burlington Mills. He has 13 years

of police experience and has served in the U. S. Coast Guard. He holds a Certificate for 140 hours of instruction in Police Administration at the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

He also has earned two Certificates on Laws of Arrest conducted by the State Bureau of Investigation; a Certificate of Proficiency on Jail and Detention Services and a Certificate on Civil Defense Training.

In commenting on his work, Chief Edwards says, "I am undoubtedly a fortunate man. I have a fine group of men working with me, doing the type of work I enjoy. Working under a Mayor and five Commissioners who expect me to do my job, but don't insist on telling me how. And above all, the most cooperative public anywhere, to police."

THOMAS LEE ALLEN is Assistant Chief of the Franklinton Department. He joined the force in 1964 following employment at Sterling Mills. He is trained in Civil Defense and Laws of Arrest with five years experience on the force.



ALLEN

Allen, son of Bill and Mattie Allen, is married to the former Hazel McGhee and they have three children, David, Thomas and Carolyn. The Allens live on Wilson Street in Franklinton.

JACKIE W. STROUD joined the Franklinton force in August of 1968 after working with the Department of Corrections. A high school graduate and a Baptist, Stroud has served in the U. S. Navy. He is the son of Jack Stroud and is married to the former Rose Merritt. They have two children, Jeffrey Allan, age 9 and Brian Keith, age 5 and live at 8 N. Second Street, Franklinton.



STROUD

Stroud comments on his work by saying, "Law enforcement is an interesting occupation. You most definitely will never get rich, but the rewards of a job well done are very gratifying."

THOMAS E. DEBNAM also joined the Franklinton force in August of 1968 and he, too, had previously worked with the Department of Corrections. Debnam served in the U. S. Army before becoming a police officer. A high school graduate and a Baptist, he is the son of Walter T. and Nellie Moore Debnam. Debnam is single.



DEBNAM

Commenting on his work, he says, "Police work is very interesting. You run into new experiences every day.

The rewards are few but it never gets dull."

YOUNGVILLE

At Youngsville **CHIEF J. A. GREEN, SR.** has been the police force for the past ten years. He entered police work after having been self-employed. He holds a Certificate of



GREEN

Commendation for completion of the Explosive Ordnance Reconnaissance Course held at Umstead Park in 1960 and has attended meetings and classes relating to Law and Order.

Chief Green is the son of J. A. and Mattie Young

Green and is married to the former Helen Hart. They have two children, Jack A. Green, Jr. and Mrs. Mattie G. Reddick. A high school graduate and a Baptist, Chief Green comments on his work, "Harder to be an officer due to feelings of the average citizen towards law enforcement personnel."

Like the other departments in the county, Youngsville has a fine auxiliary force that can be called on when the need arises. Established in 1965, members of the Youngsville Auxiliary Police Force are: Robert E. Cheatham, L. A. Woodlief, G. D. Wiggins, Mack Dement, Corbie Perry, T. E. Lindsey, J. W. Weathers, Jr., Everett Pearce, Al DePorter, Archie Brown, Billy Robbins, L. J. Phillips, James Smith and W. S. Pearce.

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"Tired Of Being Slapped In Face By County Commissioners"

Talton Resigns As Development Chief

The special called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Thursday was announced to study an increase budget request by the Welfare Department but it never got around to it. After a 40-minute delay awaiting the arrival of Commissioner Norwood Faulkner, J. Harold Talton, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, dropped his bombshell. He said he considered certain actions by the Board as a slap in the face and handed in his letter of resignation.

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The action caught Board members by surprise as Talton calmly reported first on activities he had been involved in with an industrial prospect and work he is doing on expanding some present industries in the county. He gave a review of his efforts over the past several years saying he was taking the privilege of "blowing my own horn."

Then he told the Board, "In view of a few instances in the past where I have personally felt like the County Board of Commissioners have more or less acted against the bank... I have felt it was a slap in the face to me.

Two or three things have happened..."

Then he mentioned action by the Commissioners last week when he was reappointed to the Commission for only one year. The law, it was pointed out, calls for a three-year appointment. He also referred to the fact that Frank Collins, vice chairman of the Commission, also received only a one-year appointment and that Lloyd West, Commission secretary, was not reappointed at all.

"In view of these things, I feel I ought to resign from the Industrial Commission", he stated. He placed his letter on the table, explained that he would be finished with the things he is presently involved with by June 15 and that he's like the resignation to be effective that date.

After Talton left the meeting, Chairman Brooks Young asked several people in attendance for an expression of their opinions. Asher Johnson, local radio newsman said, "The Industrial Development Commission is about the only agency in the county doing real material work to bring new jobs to our people. Harold Talton has largely carried the burden of the entire agency on his back. His resignation will be a serious blow to the hopes of many for putting the county on its feet". He urged the Board to "work out the differences".

Times Editor Clint Fuller said he didn't know of any man "who has done as much for our county in the same length of time as has Harold Talton". He, too, said he hoped the Board could work out the differences.

Clerk of Court Ralph Knott stated, "Letting him leave will be a great loss to Franklin County. He has the interest, the knowledge and the contacts to do the job".

And Raymond Earl Burnette, local real estate executive, added, "He is one of the finest assets to our county. He has been hurt and this is a terrible thing for our county... to feel that our Board has overlooked such a thing and shoved out one of the best men we had."

At the point in the meeting and after Board members were advised by County Attorney W. H. Taylor not to discuss it further with the group, those present left the room to enable the Board to discuss the matter privately.

When newsmen returned later, the discussion pertained to just how the Commission members were appointed and it was explained that Monday's actions were taken to gain a staggered term situation on the Commission. Originally, in 1961, the first members were appointed for staggered one to three year terms and the Commissioners had overlooked reappointing anyone to the position, although many terms had expired over a year ago. To regain staggered terms, it was said, Talton and some others were given a one-year term while still other members were given two and three year stints. West, it was explained, was left off because the original law allowed only nine members. It was later changed to permit ten members or one from each of the ten townships in the county.

Chairman Young explained that each Commissioner appointed a man from his district to the Commission. Questioned if the entire Board wasn't responsible for all appointments, he said he didn't know.

Taylor advised the Board that any further explaining should be confined to Talton himself and not with the

group. Shortly before adjournment around 5 p.m., County Auditor Kenneth Braswell, who acts as secretary to the Board, was ordered to search out the minute books back to 1961 and straighten out the Commission member terms and to report back to the Board. The Commissioners meet at 2 p.m. today in special session to take whatever action they decide on this matter and to attempt once again to study the welfare budget.



J. HAROLD TALTON

Matt Person Gets Honor

Matt Person, editor of School Daze, Louisburg High School's newspaper, was one of thirty-five high school journalists from North Carolina who were honored as "The Most Valuable Staffer", by The News and Observer, Thursday evening, May 8, at a Hotel Sir Walter banquet.

"The Most Valuable Staffer" Award, in the form of a plaque, is sponsored annually by The News and Observer and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, to recognize the talents of the state's outstanding high school journalist, from high schools invited to participate in the event, one student is selected for having made the greatest contribution to the school newspaper during the past school year.

Jim Whitfield, State editor of The News and Observer, presided at the banquet. Featured speaker was Claude Sitton, editorial director. General Manager Frank Daniels, Jr. presented the awards. Other staff members also participated in the event.

The faculty advisor of each award winner was recognized. Mrs. Rena C. Bland, School Daze faculty advisor, attended the banquet with Louisburg High School's "Most Valuable Staffer."



Third Of Year

County Gets Second Fatality In Seven Days

Picture above shows scene of Franklin's third highway fatality accident this year and the second highway death in seven days in the county. Eddie Lee McCargo, c/m/31, Rt. 1, Louisburg, was killed instantly in the head-on crash on NC 56, three miles east of Franklinton Saturday night about 10:30 P.M. Robert Phil Cook, c/m/23, a passenger in the McCargo car (shown at right in photo), received severe head injuries and was transferred to Duke. Charles Cook (no relation to R. B. Cook), driver of the 1964 Chevrolet (shown at left) was treated at Franklin Memorial and transferred later to Veteran's Hospital in Durham. The two cars met head-on along the south shoulder of the narrow highway when, according to reports, McCargo attempted to pass a third car and struck the Cook vehicle.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Never Underestimate The Power

Louisburg To Get More Of The Woman's Touch

If having one woman on the Town Council is a blessing--and some folks think it is--Louisburg is doubly blessed. Now there are two. And if election results are the criteria for judgment, the male members of the Council--including the Mayor as well--can be thankful that only two of the fairer sex chose to run.

Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal led the ticket as she tried for a third term. Who came in a hearty second? Mrs. Thomas O. Wheless, a newcomer to politics, but possessing that new-found charisma for election--being a woman--outdistanced the four men who won and the three who didn't. Mama has come out of the kitchen. She's gone into politics. Things may never again be the same.

It has taken something like 190 years for this trend to develop. During this time there have been only four. From 1779 until 1925 there were none brave enough to tackle the man's world of town politics. And from

1925 until 1953 there were none. Then the time period shortened. From 1959 until 1965 there were none, but things have changed. Now there are two and the crystal ball clearly shows the end is not in sight.

Nobody seems to remember the exact issue in 1925, but surely there was one. It must have been important to have caused Mrs. Lucy Fleming Wilder to enter the race for Town

Commissioner. Such was unheard of in these parts in those days and even her husband, Sameul Taylor Wilder, opposed the move.

Miss Lucy was an extremely busy mother and homemaker. In addition to her regular duties she tended "10-12 cows" for the dairy she operated, chickens, hogs and sheep--plus the boarders she took in. The cows back then grazed, so we are told, on

what is now the county hill along Bickett Blvd.

It's been said that Miss Lucy entered the race because she thought "somebody ought to do something" about whatever it was that bothered her. She did no campaigning as we know it today. It was a rare occasion when Mrs. Wilder was seen downtown although she lived only two blocks up the street. She only went downtown about once a year. All her supplies were delivered to her home. She was

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NCSU Honors J. T. Moss

Raleigh-Franklin County farmer James T. Moss was one of four people who received a certificate of merit Thursday night (May 8) from Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, at North Carolina State University.

Moss, who is active in local and state farm affairs, holds two degrees from NCSU -- a B. S. degree in animal science and a M. S. degree in agronomy.

Other recipients of certificates were Ray Wilkinson, farm relations director for the Tobacco Radio Network and WRAL-TV; Fr. Kenneth R. Keller, director of tobacco research at NCSU; and Dr. James Maddox, director of the Agricultural Policy Institute at NCSU.



MRS. BREATTIE C. O'NEAL 1965, 1967, 1969
MRS. LUCY F. WILDER Ran In 1925
MRS. MARGUERITE SPENCER 1953, 1955, 1957
MRS. LOIS WHELESS 1969