

Bunn Has Full Slate For Tuesday's Elections

Two members of the present Bunn Town Council have filed to succeed Mayor W. A. (Bill) Andrews in the top post and five men have filed for the four Council seats. Bunn municipal elections are scheduled for next Tuesday.

The filing deadline set for 6 P.M. today, Bunn Councilmen Wayne Winstead, a former Mayor and Councilman Macon Morris, Road Maintenance Supervisor with the State Highway Commission, have filed for the Mayor's post being vacated by Bill Andrews, who is moving to Selma, according to reports.

Incumbent Councilmen Louis Debnam and Thurston Bailey have filed to return to the Town Board and former Mayor and Council member Joe Edwards has also joined the race. Two political newcomers have also filed for one of the four seats. They are Robert Lee Jones and Kenneth L. Brantley.

Louisburg, Franklinton, Youngsville and Centerville held municipal elections two weeks ago. Bunn traditionally holds its election later in May.

House, Three Others Get Probation In Murder Cases

Four persons, three Negro and one white including one woman, all charged with murder, were given suspended sentences here last week in the May term of Superior Court. Percell W. Blacknall, 60-year-old Negro woman, received four to six years and placed on five year probation; Elvis G. Hicks, Jr., Negro man, received a 5 to 7 year sentence and was placed on five year probation and Arthur Lee Ellis, Negro male, was given five years and placed on probation for that period of time.

Lonnie G. House, 51, former Deputy Sheriff here, charged in the January 16, 1968 pistol slaying of Franklinton Police Officer Carlyle Breedlove, was given a suspended sentence in Superior Court here last week. House was sentenced to "4 to 6 years in prison, suspended for five years on condition: (1) Not be engaged in or participate in any form of gambling of any description during the period of probation; (2) Not use or have in his possession any alcoholic beverages in

any form; (3) Not have in his possession or on his person any firearms; (4) Be in his place of residence each night during the period of probation between the hours of 9:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. with leave that these hours may from time to time be modified at the discretion of the Probation Officer should circumstances dictate same".

House pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter in Superior Court here last February and Judge James H. Pou Bailey ordered him committed for psychiatric observation for sixty days and withheld sentencing until the May term of Court. House was charged with shooting Breedlove at the Police Officer's Cabin on the night of January 16, 1968 following a supper meeting of county law enforcement officers. All had left the cabin when the shooting occurred except House, Breedlove, and Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards and Franklinton Assistant Chief Tom Allen.

A jury acquitted James Thomas Alston charged with the capital crime of rape last Friday in one of the final actions of the week-long session.

Other cases disposed of by Judge Bailey and Solicitor W. G. Ransdell, Jr. included:

William Edgerton, assault with a deadly weapon. Nolle pros with leave.

George Clyde Evans, operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants. 120 days in jail, suspended on surrender of his driver's license and payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

Melvin Richardson, non support. Motion to quash is allowed.

Clem Pearce, speeding. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$50.00 fine and costs.

William W. Crawford, breaking, entering and larceny. Nolle pros with leave.

David Lee Mann, murder. Nolle pros with leave.

Joel Nebern Wilder, false pretense. 4 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs.

Robert L. Anderson, breaking, entering and larceny. (2 cases) Not less than 8 nor more than 10 years in prison; to be confined under provision of Youthful Offenders Act.

Cleveland "Catbird" Harris, breaking, entering and larceny. (2 cases). Not less than 8 nor more than 10 years in prison; to be confined under provision of Youthful Offenders Act.

James H. Washington, breaking, entering and larceny. 10 years in prison.

Donnie R. Brown, non support. Nolle pros with leave.

James Ernest Hicks, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Court allowed motion to non suit charge of "intent to kill". Guilty of assault with deadly weapon. 2 years in jail.

Linwood Gupton, operating auto while under influence of intoxicants. Nolle pros with leave.

Nathaniel Alston, operating auto under influence of intoxicants. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs and to immediately surrender driver's license.

James Earl Hicks, operating auto under influence of intoxicants. 4 months in jail, suspended for one year.

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CAPT. EDGAR OWENS

Capt. Owens Retires After 21 Years

Capt. Edgar Owens of Raleigh, a native of Louisburg is shown above following ceremonies staged here Sunday afternoon as he retired from the National Guard after 21 years of service. Capt. Owens was presented a certificate and an office desk set by the officers and men of the battery. Col. John Fleming of Raleigh participated in the ceremonies with other officers and men of the unit. Owens works with the N. C. Dept. of Revenue in Raleigh.



Sisters-In-Law Meet -- Unexpectedly

Picture above shows scene of Monday afternoon accident on Bickett Blvd. involving sisters-in-law. Mrs. Elmer Griffin, driver of car at left, was attempting to make a left turn onto Ford Circle when her car was struck from the rear by Mrs. Q. S. Leonard. Mrs. Leonard is the wife of Mrs. Griffin's brother. Except for a minor facial cut suffered by Mrs. Leonard, teacher at Louisburg High School, no injuries were reported. Her two children, passengers in her car, were not hurt. Mrs. Griffin was alone at the time and she was not injured. Damage to the two vehicles, however, was extensive.

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College Graduates Largest Class In History

Dr. Thomas A. Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, told the graduates at the 182nd commencement exercises at Louisburg College Sunday to consider the role of "A Magnificent Fool".

Using the biblical interpretation of the word fool, instead of the mundane usage, Dr. Collins challenged the graduates to be a magnificent fool by being aware of the world, its evils and its goods, and by using their knowledge, wisdom and efforts to better conditions in a peaceful way.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, assisted by Dean John B. York, presented diplomas to

174 graduates, the largest graduating class in the history of Louisburg College. Of these, 134 received Associate in Arts diplomas, 7 Associate in Science and 33 one year business certificates.

William Edward Privette of Middlesex graduated cum laude and received the Brantley Medal for men. Mrs. George Ann F. Edwards of Louisburg and Linda Jo Ayscue of Henderson tied for the Brantley Medal for women. This medal is awarded to the candidates for graduation who have the highest 2 year scholastic average.

The I. D. Moon Awards went to Miss Barbara Brown of Raleigh and

James Edward White, III of Cove City, N. C. This award is presented to the best all-round leaders.

The Chapel Choir sang the anthem: "Give To The World Thy Peace" by Grant. Miss Sarah Foster, director, was pianist.

The Reverend Sidney E. Stafford pronounced the invocation and benediction.

Mrs. Cecil W. Robbins at the organ played "Grand March" by Verdi as the processional and "Largo" by Handel as the recessional.

Marshals for the commencement exercises were Deborah Elizabeth Roberts of Warrenton, Chief, Edith

Louise Dudley of Fairfield, Margaret Vell Freeman of Louisburg, Swannelle C. Etherton of Bunn and Michael L. Barnett of Henderson.

Sermon

The Reverend Norwood L. Jones, pastor of the Louisburg United Methodist Church, used as his text for the commencement sermon "The Wings of the Morning", taken from the selected scripture lesson: Psalm 139.

Rev. Jones advised the graduates as they take on "the wings of the morning" today and go their individual ways, that wherever that way might be, God will be there. Hold fast to Him, he suggested; you will need Him when your stars do fall, for surely some must.

Chaplain C. Wade Goldston gave the invocation and benediction.

The Chapel Choir, directed by Miss Foster, sang two anthems, "Jesus, Jesus, We Adore Thee" by Cherubini and "The Beautitudes" by Hopkins.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins led in the responsive reading. And following announcements, he introduced The Reverend Norwood L. Jones, speaker.

As processional, Mrs. Robbins, organist, used "March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn, and for the recessional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar.

Alumni Banquet

Mr. Shearon Harris, president and chief executive officer of Carolina Power and Light Company, was speaker at the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening, held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union.

Mr. Harris, introduced by Rep. John T. Church of Henderson, discussed the history and plight of church-related colleges and gave, as a result of extensive study, his opinion of what needs to be done to preserve them.

Mr. Walter B. Jones, Director of Alumni Affairs, was master of ceremonies. Rev. Wade Goldston gave the

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Another Line Passes

Talton Matter Not Settled

Commissioners To Meet Again On Welfare Budget Increase

The Board of County Commissioners will meet for the fourth time this month, Wednesday afternoon, to again tackle a troublesome budget increase for the Welfare Department. The session is slated to start at 2 P.M. in the Commissioner Room in the Courthouse.

The Board delayed any action on

Power Off Here Sunday

Electric Service will be interrupted in the Louisburg area Sunday, May 24, between the hours of 5 A.M. and 7 A.M., according to an announcement by Electric Department Superintendent Harold Foster.

Areas to be affected according to Foster are: Franklin Street, Downtown section, Williamson Street, John Street, Cedar Street, Spring Street, Middle Street, College Street, Bickett Blvd. north to Halifax Street, Justice Street and Ford Circle.

The interruption, says Foster, is necessary to make repairs to the main feeder lines.

the budget request last week in order to make a further study of some aspects of the state-federal requirements, according to reports. The Welfare Department is asking an increase in the Public Assistance portion of the budget from \$75,437 this year to \$108,591 for the coming fiscal year.

Meanwhile the resignation of J. Harold Talton as Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission remains unchanged. Talton, who has been out of town for several days on a trip with the Governor's Rivers and Harbors Committee to Washington,

Epsom Lions Hear MHC Coordinator

Types of services and operations of the Franklin County Family Counseling and Education Center were described by the coordinator Talmadge H. Edwards, Jr., in an address before the Epsom Lions club Thursday evening.

The meeting was held in the fellowship hall of Liberty United Church of Christ with Nelson Falkner presiding. Prior to dinner, Rev. John C. Allen, III, returned thanks, and music and singing was led by R. A. Bartholomew, Jr. Osman Garrard led in the pledge to the flag.

Special guests were two Lions from Durham, A. S. Holt, Jr., and Andy Holt, III, who appeared before the club to ask support for the candidacy of Herbert C. Bradshaw of Durham for the office of District Governor of 31-G. The young Holt, who is blind, was recognized as the Black Belt Judo champion, the only such title held by a blind person in the country so far as is known, it was said.

Addressing the group, Edwards stated the Franklin County Family Counseling and Education Center is the service headquarters for a project designed to find new, additional ways to meet the mental health needs of rural communities. He offered a history of the center, enumerated its goals, and elaborated on the many services it conducts. The speaker, likewise, gave a schedule of the center's hours of operations and something of the work of its staff and consultants.

The Franklin center facilities and staff became available for services in June of last year.

said this morning that "nothing has happened to make me change my mind." He said his actions were final. However, friends of the Commission chief and some members of the Commission have indicated there is a possibility that Talton could be induced to reconsider in the interest of the county. No one has spelled out just what action would be necessary to get Talton to withdraw his resignation.

Lack of action on the matter in last week's meeting of the Board is said to have dampened efforts by some to get Talton to change his mind. Commission supporters were reportedly hopeful that the matter could have been worked out before now. What action, if any, the Board will take Wednesday is, unknown.

Epsom Man Dies Of Wreck Injuries

A 51-year-old Epsom painting contractor and farmer died Saturday in a Henderson hospital of injuries received in an accident on N.C-39 on Saturday, May 10. Rufus Leland Clayton was injured in a tractor-trailer-auto crash around 10 A.M. a mile and a half north of Epsom, according to reports.

Also injured in the head-on collision was Benjamin Randolph Alford, 29, of Louisburg, operator of the truck, according to reports.

State Trooper S. E. Atkinson reported that the northbound auto operated by Clayton struck the southbound truck operated by Alford. Atkinson reported that his investigation indicated the automobile crossed the highway center line and met the truck headon. He charged Clayton with driving on the wrong side of the road. Damages were figured at \$3,000 to the truck, owned by Ollie Vaughn of Louisburg and \$200 to the Clayton car.

Funeral services for Clayton were held Monday at 3 p.m. at Liberty Christian Church at Epsom, conducted by Rev. John Allen, III and Rev. J. Frank Apple. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Virginia Journigan Clayton; a son, Rufus Clayton, Jr. of Henderson; his mother, Mrs. Pauree Briggs Clayton of Henderson; two sisters, Mrs. Nelson Hobgood of Henderson and Mrs. Macey Rowland of Wilson; a brother, Lewis William Clayton of Henderson.

Area Gets Almost 2 Inches Of Rain

Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reported this morning that the local area received 1.78 inches of rain Monday and coupled with the .002 inches Sunday gives a total of 1.8 inches or the best rainfall in two months. Kennedy reports that 1.7 inches fell in March and only a half inch fell in April.

The area had two inches of rain in January and February this year, Kennedy said, but had received less than a half inch in May before the Monday downpour. He reported that temperatures are about normal for this time of year.



MARY JO DENTON

Gold Sand Student Is Pagette

Mary Jo Denton, a student at Gold Sand High School, has been appointed a pagette in the North Carolina Senate, according to an announcement this week. Miss Denton was named by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, Jr. upon the recommendation of Franklin Senator E. F. Griffin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denton of Wood.