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Some Enjoyed The Fourth --

Karen Isley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Isley of Louisburg, is shown above on the way to the diving championship of the under 13-year-old division at Green Hill Country Club. Karen participated in the club's Fourth of July contests. More pictures and winners on Page 6 today. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Over 70 Get Hike

New Budget Discloses Across-The-Board Salary Increases

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

The new county budget is easily the largest in history. The total county budget requirement is \$2,259,574.24 and the county's share via "tax levy to balance" is \$901,590.57. Funds from other sources, including state and federal aid is \$1,357,983.67.

The new budget is a matter of public record and during this period is open for inspection in the County Accountant's office. Rare indeed, however, is the taxpayer who drops by to take a peek at his budget.

Most are satisfied that the rate is only \$1.85 instead of reaching a level in excess of \$2.00 as was feared earlier. And the Board of County Commissioners did an excellent job of trimming in lowering the rate to the tentative figure. Apparently the low rate—even though 14 cents above that of last year—is satisfactory to all.

Few bother to question where their money is going. This is, in a way, a credit to their confidence in their Commissioners and department heads. Or it could be that few concern themselves with where the money goes and are content to know only how much it costs them individually.

The new budget at very first glance reveals an across-the-board salary increase for all county employees and all persons who are paid in part by county funds. Salaries take up over 35 percent of the total county-part of the budget. And salary increases represent a tax increase of \$29,723.96 over last year or slightly over six of the fourteen cent increase.

Few taxpayers argue the need for upgrading most of the county employee salaries. For the most part, the increases reflect the ten percent ratio

Resignations

Two members of the staff of the Farm Agent's office have tendered their resignations, according to reports. Mrs. Polly O'Neal, assistant Home Demonstration agent, is resigning to take a teaching position in the Franklin Academy private school. Assistant County Agent Parke Brown is resigning to accept a similar position in Indiana, according to the report.

set by the General Assembly for state employees. However, this is not always the case, and, naturally, results in the highest paid getting the largest raise.

This year's budget discloses the absence of the Clerk of Court's office, which heretofore has been supported by the county. Last year, based on a five-month life before the state took over in December, the Clerk's office was budgeted at \$14,821. This amount is, of course, included in this year's budget and is being distributed elsewhere. With this taken into consideration, the budget is actually larger than it appears on the surface.

Some employees in the Health and Social Services departments are apparently being jumped to a new salary grade as increases for some exceed the ten percent. For example some Health department employees, paid \$5,494 last year are raised to \$6,120 or \$77 more than a ten percent increase would represent.

Welfare department salaries last year from county funds amounted to \$90,928.00. This year's budget shows

Holiday Quiet, Weather Hot

The long Fourth of July holiday passed quietly in this area with the weather making the greatest impression on those staying home and visitors in the area. Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports that temperatures ranged from 93 degrees on Friday to 101 degrees on Sunday, which was the hottest day of the year.

Saturday, the thermometer reached 100 degrees but by Monday it was back down to 93. Kennedy said he had not checked the reading for today but cloudy skies were holding back the sun at mid-morning bringing some welcome relief from a long hot spell.

Kennedy reported that July 1, 1968 was the hottest day since he began record keeping in 1960. The temperature reached 103 degrees. The last 101 reading recorded here was on June 21, 1964.

Other than the weather things were relatively quiet, peaceful and dull during the holiday. One single-car accident on NC-39 three miles east of Louisburg was reported. Harvey Lee Driver, w/m/40 of the New Hope Community, suffered severe facial

lacerations when his car overturned around 6 P.M. Friday afternoon.

A man, identified as "Tin" Clements, was picked up Friday around 7:45 P.M. by Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington and charged with shooting his wife, Annie Clements, in the stomach with a shotgun at their home near Gay Products plant on NC-56 west of Louisburg around 6:30 P.M. The woman was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service and later transferred to Wake Memorial where she is

reportedly recovering. The couple's son, Thaddeus Earl Clements, 20, was killed in a single car accident near Pilot on June 14.

Louisburg Police Officer Ned Lloyd solved a hit and run mystery Saturday morning when he spotted a damaged car in the Mineral Springs section. Benny Perry, c/m/43, was arrested by Lloyd and charged with damaging three new automobiles on the D & J Pontiac-Olds lot on South Main Street. Damage to the vehicles was estimated at between \$1200 and \$1400.

Franklin Food Stamp Use Drops

The distribution of food stamps in the county took a drop in May, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department reports that participation in the food stamp program in Franklin County amounted to 2,942 during the month of April this year. The latest report covering the month of May reveals that only 2,805 families participated.

The Department of Agriculture food programs aided 217,964 needy persons in North Carolina during May, 4,265 persons less than the number that received food assistance in April but 61,168 persons more than the number that took part in the programs a year ago.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 74,918 persons in 38 counties took part in its food stamp program and received \$511,503 in bonus coupons.

C&MS' family food distribution program aided 143,046 persons in 59 counties. The foods distributed had an

estimated retail value of almost \$1.6 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg mix.

In North Carolina, the food distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

C&MS officials generally attributed the decreased participation during May to increased seasonal employment opportunities.

Board Fills Teacher Vacancies

The Board of Education approved 17 teachers in its regular monthly meeting here Monday night and accepted two resignations. Superintendent Warren Smith reported that there now exists "about a dozen" vacancies in the county system.

In the unusually routine session, the Board encouraged principals to attend a Summer Regional Principal's Conference sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction and discussed the possibility of additional purchases of land at present school sites.

The Board was informed of an extension of time in the construction contracts for the Bunn Elementary Cafeteria and the Methods and Material Center buildings. Such an extension had been requested when it became apparent that neither of the two buildings could be completed before the end of the 1968-69 fiscal year as previously required by the federal financing agency.

Construction contracts for the Edward Best High School cafeteria were signed and the Board discussed the pending court case with attorney E. F. Yarborough. The four-year-old case is scheduled to return to federal court later this month as Board members and the Superintendent face charges of contempt of court following last fall's total desegregation of the county schools.

"Largest Still In Years" Captured Monday

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement reports the capture of what ATU officer Mike Zetts described as "the largest distillery seized in Franklin County in several years" late Monday afternoon near Bunn. Dement's department and ATU officers raided the operation around 4:30 P.M. The 548-gallon daily output booze business was destroyed by the officers.

Two arrests were made as officers outdistanced the operators in a

100-yard dash. Jimmy Ray Jeffreys, 29, and Donald Eugene Jeffreys, 28, both of Route 4, Louisburg were captured at the site and charged with operating a distillery and possession of materials for the manufacture of whiskey.

Zetts reported that the two men are brothers and that they were caught in a heavily wooded area about 100-yards from the still after a foot race.

Dement said the raid netted 276

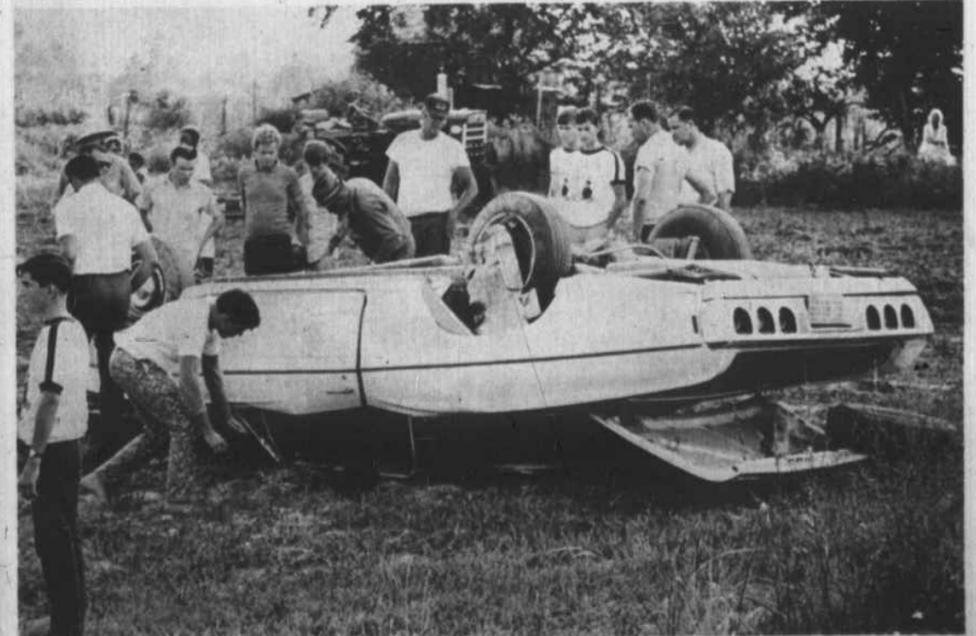
gallons of nontax paid liquor, 2250 gallons of mash, 195 55-gallon barrels, one 600-gallon tank still, one 1550-gallon submarine type still, four 600-gallon sub type stills and one 7 ft. low-pressure boiler.

The raid occurred just off State rural road 1608 near Hall's Crossroads on NC-39. The distillery was described by officers as having a 13,450-gallon capacity.



Still Raided, Wrecked

Federal and Sheriff's officers are shown above destroying a huge illegal whiskey distillery Monday afternoon near Bunn. Man at far left is unidentified. Others left to right are: Don Devaney and Mike Zetts, special agents of the Alcohol and Firearms Division of the U. S. Treasury Department, Deputy John Deal and Sheriff William T. Dement. The 13,450-gallon capacity operation was described as the largest captured in the county in several years. Staff photo by Astor Bowden.



--- Some Didn't

Harvey Lee Driver, w/m/40 of the New Hope community, received severe facial lacerations when his car, shown above, ran off NC-39, three miles east of Louisburg Friday shortly after 6 P.M. The 1968 Chevrolet was badly damaged. Driver was taken to the local hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service and later transferred to Wake Memorial in Raleigh. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.