



Noon Accident

Scene above shows accident on Wade Avenue here shortly before noon today. The car at left, driven by Miss Jane Waring House, 16, of Rt. 3, Louisburg pulled out from the Chip's Drive Inn into the path of the other car, driven by Larry Tippett, 22, of Louisburg. Neither driver was injured, but damage to both cars was extensive. A trailer-tractor truck parked along side the street apparently obstructed Miss House's view of the oncoming vehicle. Louisburg Police officer Lewis Evans investigated the accident.

Highway Commission Receives Bids On Revised NC-39 Project

The State Highway Commission received bids totaling \$13.4 million on twenty road projects Tuesday. Among them was a bid of \$836,560.40 by Burns and Spangler, Inc. of Shelby for construction of 6.332 miles in Franklin County and a similar project in Vance.

The Franklin project is the improvements to NC-39 from a point near Ingleside to the Louisburg town limits. The Vance project will reach from the Henderson city limits to the Vanco Mill Road or State Rural No. 1148.

The Commission is slated to review the apparent low bids at its meeting on October 2.

The Franklin project has had a long difficult time. First promised in 1966 in a letter to this newspaper from Governor Dan Moore and later reiterated in a meeting here by J. B. Brame, Fifth Division Commissioner, the project has been on and off ever since.

Following the statements by the Governor and Mr. Brame in 1966, Mr. Brame returned here in January, 1967

and added \$400,000 to the \$350,000 already reported to be set aside for the NC-39 work. This amount, it was said at the time, would "hopefully" complete the project all the way to Epsom and the Vance line.

Over \$150,000 of the original allocation was spent in surveys, design and a host of other necessities, it was explained by one highway official in a meeting here. Road crews were seen frequently working along the route in 1967. In 1968 hearings were held on the right-of-way and other aspects of the project in Henderson and Louisburg and bids were called for.

In December, 1968 the apparent low bidder on the Franklin project was \$725,185 or in excess of the remaining allocation of around \$600,000. On December 7, 1968 the project bids were refused and the project was set for another round of bids. The excess bid also caused more mileage to be knocked off the revised plan. Instead of a project reaching from Epsom, Franklin found itself with one reaching now only the slightly less than five

miles to Ingleside.

Before bids could be called for on this lesser job, the makeup of the Highway Commission changed under Governor Bob Scott and it was announced by Highway Commissioner Cliff Benson that the project would be brought back to life.

As a result, the two ends of the project were joined and one bid called for. Benson has said he hopes to advertise for bids on the missing portions of the 20-mile stretch before the two end projects are completed.

The apparent low bid this week on both the Vance and Franklin project is little more than \$110,000 over the bid for only the Franklin portion last December.

Coach Twitty Addresses Lions Club

Tommy Twitty, head football coach at Louisburg High School, addressed the Louisburg Lions Club here Tuesday night. Coach Twitty explained the local athletic program to the Lions.

He stressed the importance of the practice of filming football games, explaining that following each game, players are able to view the films and observe their weaknesses and their strengths. He told the club the films are extremely helpful to college scouts who are looking for high school talent.

Commenting on the expense of the football program, Twitty said it costs around \$100 to suit each boy properly plus added expense for practice equipment.

Twitty presented the Lions with this year's Louisburg football team program and gave statistics and other facts about each of his players pictured in the booklet. He related individual stories about his players and old of their improvements and what he expects of them.

He also explained the various formations used by his team and talked about this week's opponent, the John Graham High School team from Warrenton. Twitty, himself is a former football player at the Warrenton school and he told the Lions that he is hopeful of winning the game Friday night.

The Lions Club birthday calendar sale project is now underway and Warren Smith, club member in charge, told the group that the project is expected to be completed by October 7. Ken Schubart was in charge of the program and guests were George R. Seidel and C. F. Seidel, both management personnel with Richel Furniture Company here. Mrs. Gladys Bailey was guest pianist for the meeting.

Interruption

Electric service to all Carolina Power & Light Company customers in the following areas will be interrupted for 30 minutes Sunday, September 28, 1969 from 6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.: Town of Youngville, community of Pocomoke, Flat Rock Church Community, and Tarboro Road area.

The announcement said, Carolina Power & Light Company regrets this inconvenience to its customers, but the interruption is necessary to make certain changes in its substation facilities.

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ASC Elections Results Given

Results of the 1970 election of community ASC committeemen for all communities in the county were announced today by E. G. Brewer, Chairman, Franklin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The election was held by mail, and ballots were counted publicly by the ASC County Committee, September 19, 1969, at the ASCS Office in Louisburg, N. C. beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Following are the results of the Community ASC Committee election: Cedar Rock: Ashley Jenkins, Chairman, O. T. Fisher, Vice-chairman, R. S. May, Member, Willie Conn, First Alternate, G. D. Long, Second Alternate.

Cypress Creek: George Murray, Chairman, Thomas Gay, Vice-chairman, J. S. Collie, Member, A. C. Stallings, First Alternate, Charles Bass, Second Alternate.

Dunn: Bennie B. Williams, Chairman, Henry K. Baker, Vice-Chairman, W. Harold Alford, Member, O'Deyne Mullen, First Alternate, E. Reginald Lewis, Second Alternate.

Franklinton: J. T. Wright, Jr., Chairman, Clifton Conyers, Vice-chairman, Harold Wheeler, Member, Richard Wright, First Alternate, Carl Kearney, Jr., Second Alternate.

Gold Mine: Bennie Ray Gupton, Chairman, Bryant Wood, Vice-chairman. See ASCS Page 4



JOHN HODGES

Hodges To Head Local Drive For College Funds

John H. Hodges, Louisburg insurance executive, today was named chairman of the Louisburg-Franklin County division in the Project Attainment fund raising program for Louisburg College. The announcement was made jointly by E. Hoover Taft, Jr., president of the board of trustees, and Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Louisburg College president.

Mr. Hodges is a native of Louisburg. He attended Louisburg College, class of '42, and served in the Army Air Corps four years during World War II.

He is a member of the Louisburg Methodist Church and is currently chairman of its administrative board. He has been a trustee of Louisburg College since 1961 and is a member of

its executive committee. He has been in the general insurance business in Louisburg for eighteen years, and is a member of the Lion's Club.

Mr. Hodges is married to the former Nancy Burden of Aulander, N. C. The couple are parents of two sons, Ray age 14, and John age 17.

Mr. Hodges heads a group of 20 persons who will contact local business and professional people during the Project Attainment effort in Louisburg and Franklin County. The campaign goal is \$1,950,000 of which the Louisburg-Franklin County objective is \$150,000 payable over a three year period. The group will become active September 30 and conclude about November 1.

Welch Grants Announced

Louisburg College has announced the recipients of the Lina and Robert Welch Scholarships for the current academic year. They are Michael L. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barnett, of Raleigh Road, Route 4, Henderson and Jennie L. Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Edward Hunter of 303 Wilcox Street, Warren-

ton. The Welch Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding students who excel in English and mathematics. Other qualifications include seriousness of purpose, good personality, and the possession of a general and wide interest in college affairs.

Mr. James O. Welch of Cambridge, Mass., established the scholarships several years ago in memory and honor of his parents. Mrs. Robert Welch resides in Louisburg.

Variable cloudiness and mild through Friday with chance of showers. Low, near 60; high, near 75.

New Taxes Wednesday

Ready Or Not, Here They Come

The General Assembly, having taxed just about everything, including our memories and our patience, will get another charge next Wednesday. That's when the second part of the honorable's actions will surface. That's when the consumer—and also the voter—will begin to pay two cents more on every pack of cigarettes and a penny more on every soft drink, including the powdered kind you mix at home.



By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

While it grieves us to do so, we feel compelled to recall in case anyone has forgotten that on July 1, this year, the same consumer-voter began paying two cents more for each gallon of gasoline; from 1.5 percent to 2 percent on vehicles, boats, planes and trains.

Also included in the pre-July Fourth tax special were a 5 cent tax

on a 12-ounce container of beer (more on larger quantities, naturally) and an additional 5 cents on "five ounces or a fraction thereof" of booze.

Those little bites having healed, here comes the bear again. On a carton of cigarettes, already slightly over \$2.00 (for most brands) the two-cent tax will add twenty cents—this is 10 percent taxation—to each carton. This does not take into account the recent increase tobacco manufacturers added in getting ready for the tax bite.

Soft drinks are in for a six-cent per carton or 24-cent per case increase. This is in addition to two increases in recent months imposed by drink manufacturers. It seems everybody gets into the act but the customer at the supermarket.

Simple arithmetic shows that a man smoking two cartons of cigarettes a week, will pay about \$20 more a year for them under the new tax. Or what it amounts to is that he will have to dole out the cash for five weeks smokes without taking them home. A family using a couple cartons of soft drinks a week—most use more—will pay about \$6 more a year in taxes or do without six weeks of soft drinks. A one-tank a week gasoline user is already paying for—but not getting three

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Tragedy Averted

What might have been a real tragedy was narrowly averted Wednesday afternoon when a State Highway automobile struck a private school bus on US-401 seven miles north of Louisburg around 1:45 P.M. State Trooper James Byrd reported that the car, driven by William F. Smith, w/m/17 of Rt. 1, Kittrell was meeting the Franklin Christian Academy school bus when the bus stopped to discharge some children. Smith jammed on his brakes, the car skidded into the front of the bus and overturned in a ditch on the right side of the highway. Dwight Wynne, w/m/17, Rt. 3, Louisburg, driver of the bus and some 15 children aboard were uninjured. Although the State vehicle was severely damaged, its driver apparently also escaped injury.