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Pretty little witch shown above is Tracey Thorne, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, Rt. 1, Castalia.

Goblins And Witches Expected Here For Hallowe'en

Two Years Later

Hallowe'en Bandits Still At Large

Hallowe'en is a spooky time. This much most remember from childhood. Shadows take on new meaning on Hallowe'en and black cats, broken mirrors and masked goblins scare the living daylight out of many of us.

A pair of masked goblins who walked into the Bunn branch of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company on Hallowe'en two years ago might not be the same ones you're likely to see Friday night, but they could be. They're still loose.

These two went trick or treating early in the day. Believing the early bird gets the worm or the first goblin gets the loot, they arrived shortly after the bank opened at 9 A.M. Without as much as a by-your-leave, they told the manager and teller they wanted a treat and the .38 caliber pistol they held in their hand left no question as to what the trick would be if any problems arose over the treat.

The treat they got. Except for something in the neighborhood of \$2800 found later at the scene of their final get-a-way, their candy amounted to \$23,224. Like these white-hankerchiefed witches the treat disappeared in a puff of pink smoke-never to be seen again.

The puff came when the two made a U-turn in the middle of an unpaved

road near Bunn while being chased by the Bunn Police Chief, who thought he was chasing a hit and run suspect. The hit and run was made on an insurance man's car parked near the bank. The goblins hit the road in a hurry and skinned the cat.

Pulling into an unused drive leading to an unused house-abandoned in true Hallowe'en tradition, the two took to the woods-to mingle with the bats no doubt. Mingle or not, they have not been seen since.

They left behind a partially wrecked car. Full of tricks-as Hallowe'en goblins are apt to be-the pair stole the car from a garage and guess who owned the car? An employee of the bank. If the robbers only knew this, they could have laughed as they spent

their treat.

Also left behind was the .38 caliber German luger; green Army fatigues; gloves and-heaven only knows why-a linen napkin.

And if all this failed to convince non-believers of Hallowe'en spooks, the pair were later seen just about everywhere in the whole area. Mostly they were trying to get a ride and depending on what section you asked the question, they tried to ride almost anyplace.

Through it all, there were the fairies. You could tell them. They were the good guys. They wore white hats. They searched and they looked, but they had no luck at all. Hallowe'en was made for goblins and such and fairies really have no business out on such a night.

So, when the goblins come knock, knock, knocking at your chamber door-caution. If they point a .38 caliber German luger at you-do not be afraid. All they want is \$23,224. Give it to them and they will disappear forever.

Happy Hallowe'en, wherever you are.

Hallowe'en Franklinton Chief Issues Reminder

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards issued a request today that all citizens in the Franklinton area exercise caution while driving during the period set aside for Hallowe'en trick or treating.

Edwards reminded motorists that small children will be darting about and asked everyone to be most careful. Chief Edwards asked youngsters to limit their visits for trick or treat to not later than 9 P.M. and he requested that Hallowe'en be observed on Friday night, October 31, while the Hallowe'en parties are being held.

Chief Edwards also said that trick or treating will be limited to children 12 years old and under.

He praised the citizens for "excellent cooperation" last year, saying that there were no incidents reported. He urged everyone to again cooperate with his department in observing the Friday night time of observance and the age limit.

Interest Lacking As Tax Vote Nears

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

It's been said that Franklin County will gain—that is that Franklin will get back more than Franklin pays. This, too, however, will depend on which other counties vote to participate. It is a possibility that Franklin could favor the tax and be one of a few small counties doing so while several large counties join in and thereby Franklin could benefit from the large volume of sales tax collected from the major shopping centers in the state.

Tuesday is voting day. Throughout North Carolina, Tarheels will be going to the polls to cast their ballot for or against the Local Option Sales Tax. In many localities, other issues will also be decided.

Here in Franklin County only the tax issue will be at stake. And with the voting just five days away, very little is being heard on this issue.

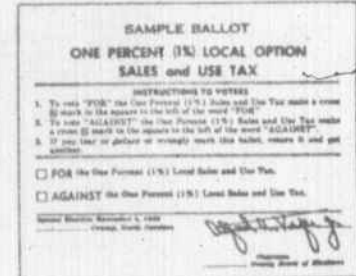
Several weeks ago, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution endorsing the one percent sales tax and last week, the Board held an open meeting for the purpose of hearing ideas and opinions from private citizens on the question. Out of this meeting came a second resolution. The Commissioners adopted a resolution as a guideline to the voter. In it, the Board promised to use one-half of all the revenue coming to the county from the one-cent sales tax toward reducing—or holding the line against—the ad valorem or property tax. Speculation is that—depending on the number of counties in the state voting favorably next Tuesday—the Franklin tax rate could be reduced at least 15 cents on the \$100 valuation, maybe more.

The Board also said the remaining one-half would be used for improvements in county services and listed the hospital, fire and rescue services, schools, health, law enforcement and others.

Unlike many other localities, there has been no outward push for or against the sales tax issue. Most of what has been publicized has applied to the state as a whole.

There have been some figures tossed about, but the truth is that nobody knows just how much Franklin or any other county will receive from the new tax until after next Tuesday's voting. The first half can be reasonably estimated. Each county favoring the tax, will receive one-half of all money collected in that county. Franklin's retail sales in 1967-68 (last year where figures are available) was \$27,417,000.00. A penny tax on this amount of sales will bring in \$274,170.00 and Franklin, under the provisions of the law, will get one-half or \$137,085.00.

An equal amount will go into a state pool and together with one-half the collections in all other counties voting for the tax, will be divided among the participating counties on a population basis. Population will be figured for the entire county and population for each town or city will be added to the total. Each town and city will share in the second half along with the county governments.



Hallowe'en Warning Given

A reminder of the Town of Louisburg's Hallowe'en ordinance was issued here today by Police Chief Earl Tharrington. The ordinance makes it unlawful for anyone over the age of 13 years to participate in home visitations for trick or treating. The ordinance also spells out the hours when the traditional Hallowe'en visits can be made.

Chief Tharrington stated that Friday night, October 31, will be observed as Hallowe'en and youngsters may participate in the traditional trick or treat visits between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., as stated in the ordinance.

He also urged motorists to drive with care during these hours and to watch for small children, many of whom may be dressed in dark clothing and be difficult to see.

He also reminded the public of the law prohibiting anyone over the age of 13 to wear masks. Youngsters under 13, however, are allowed to do so on Hallowe'en night.

One of the best arguments for the sales tax is that it is the most equitable method of taxation. Everybody pays their share, they say. People who benefit from county and local services—but do not own property—would still be paying a part of the cost of these services.

Another strong point in favor of the sales tax is that it is likely to hold property taxes where they are and that it offers some hope for a reduction.

Perhaps the most important point favoring the approval of the tax is that it will give local government some much needed finances and that it will be a trend toward returning government to the local level. When local government is able to provide needed services, it is not obligated to accept state and federal money with oftentimes unreasonable strings attached.

Opponents of the sales tax have a couple of ready answers for any favorable points. It is a new tax. It may or it may not replace a tax already being paid by property owners. And, they say, once it is on the book, it will never be removed.

And then, there is a third precinct being heard from. These are saying if not now, later; if not local government, state government. If the people do not vote the additional one cent sales tax, the General Assembly will in 1971 and the money will go to state government while the property owner bears a still heavier burden and the local governments continue to struggle, these people contend.

Maybe the quiet before the voting means the voter is giving the matter serious consideration. On the other hand, it could mean that the voter isn't particularly interested.

At any rate, the quiet is reason for predicting a light voter turnout Tuesday and the pity of it all may be that whatever the outcome, a very small number of voters will make the decision for us all.

Judge Peoples To Hear Jury Excuses

Judge Linwood Peoples will be here Friday, November 3, in the court room to hear jury excuses for the November 10 term of Superior Court, according to an announcement today by Clerk of Court Ralph Knott.

Judge Peoples will begin the jury excuse session at 2 P.M.

College Project Gets Official Kickoff

The Louisburg-Franklin County Division of the Project Attainment Program officially kicked off yesterday with 16 solicitors active. This division is expected to produce at least \$150,000, to be paid over a period of three years from local business and professional people for Louisburg College.

The division is headed by John H. Hodges, a trustee of the College. The \$150,000 local objective is the Louisburg and Franklin County share of a total objective of \$1,950,000, to be used to provide a new Academic-Science Building, a Student Center and a new residence hall for men, in addition to various miscellaneous needs. Target date for completion of the local effort is November 15.

Associated with Hodges in the Louisburg-Franklin County program are Paul A. Brewer, Miss Lucy Perry Burt, Arthur L. Dall, Charles Davis, James R. Grady, Wilbur M. Jolly, W. L. Lumpkin, James Medlin, M. C. Murphy, Dr. Carey J. Perry, E. L. Pittman, Frank Read, D. R. "Rocky" Saunders, Mrs. T. O. Wheless, and Edward F. Yarborough.

Hodges, Lumpkin, Yarborough and Miss Burt are all trustees of Louisburg College.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Louisburg College president reported that he College Family Division, composed of the Administration, Faculty and Staff at the College, but not a part of the Louisburg-Franklin County Division, have already contributed \$84,581 to the overall campaign.



Local Trustees

Four Louisburg College trustees, all local residents, contemplate a suggested site for the new Academic-Science Hall. From the left, Edward F. Yarborough, Miss Lucy Perry Burt, John H. Hodges and W. L. Lumpkin. The Academic-Science Hall is one of three new structures to be built at the local college during the next several months, upon completion of the present Project Attainment Program.

Pruette Elected Fellow



C. RAY PRUETTE

C. Ray Pruette, Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Louisburg College, was elected a fellow in the American Institute of Chemists at the October meeting of the Institute held in New York City.

Professor Pruette was cited for the excellence of his teaching in chemistry and in appreciation of his professional contributions to the field of chemistry through the years.

Fellowship in the American Institute of Chemists includes leaders who span the professional scene from industry to the Nobel Prize.

The American Institute of Chemists is an organization devoted to the professionalism of chemists and chemical engineers. The Institute was founded in 1923.

Professor Pruette is a member of the Chemical Education Division of the American Chemical Society, The North Carolina Academy of Science, and Alpha Beta Gamma, a chemistry fraternity, whose purpose is to stimulate students to enter the field of chemistry.