

# Thanksgiving Recalls Ship That Limped Into Oblivion

Washington - If the good ship Speedwell hadn't leaked in 1620, it would be as revered today as the Mayflower.

And Plymouth Rock might have been named Delfshaven Rock.

History has been unkind to the Speedwell and its home port, Delfshaven, a town that once bustled with activity but now survives as a mere creek in booming Rotterdam.

For a dozen years Pilgrims found sanctuary in Holland in their quest for religious freedom, the National Geographic Society says. Their journey to the New World began not from Plymouth but from Delfshaven, not aboard the Mayflower but the Speed-

well. The Pilgrim adventure started in 1608, when 35 members of an English Congregational church in Nottinghamshire crossed the North Sea to Holland. They settled first in Amsterdam, then in Leiden, center of the handicraft trades in the Province of South Holland.

As carpenters, tailors, and printers, the Pilgrims lived an industrious, peaceful life.

"These English people have now lived amongst us these ten years," a city magistrate commented a decade later, "and never any complaint or accusation has been brought against any of them."

Nevertheless, in 1620 the immigrants laid plans to find a new home in America.

They bought and fitted out the Dutch-built Speedwell, and arranged to join a larger group bound from England aboard the Mayflower.

The Speedwell lay anchored at Delfshaven, where the Pilgrims were to leave a lasting impression in their brief stay. Even today, streets named Pelgrims Straat and Speedwell Straat wind among old gabled houses and twisting waterways.

The 350th anniversary of the voyage will be celebrated in quiet Delfshaven in 1970. Rotterdammers also plan annual Thanksgiving ceremonies

at the church where the Pilgrims worshipped.

A bronze tablet in the Pilgrim Fathers' Church records a farewell message from William Bradford, the group's leader: "Obliged by the good and courteous entreaty which we have found in your country, we and our children are bound to be thankful."

**Ships Set Out**

On July 22 the Speedwell set sail for Southampton, where the Mayflower waited at anchor. The voyage to America began two weeks later with 120 travelers distributed between the two ships.

After eight days of travel in a "fair

wind," the Speedwell began leaking. The ships reached the nearest haven, Dartmouth. Repairs were made, and the voyage resumed on August 23.

Soon the leakage grew worse. The ships turned back again, to Plymouth, where the Speedwell's trip ended. Most of her passengers boarded the Mayflower; a few sailed for London on the disabled ship. The setback caused "great discouragement," one traveler wrote.

Finally, on September 6, the Mayflower sailed alone for the New World. Meanwhile, the Speedwell limped into London waters and "out of history books."



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Getting Ready For Old Santa

Town of Louisburg workmen are shown above hanging Christmas decorations here this week. The new ornaments are strung across Main and Nash Streets here preparatory to Monday night's Christmas Parade and the arrival of Santa Claus. The annual event, marking the official opening of the Christmas shopping season, is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. — Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

## At Franklinton Thursday Night

## Louisburg Christmas Parade Scheduled For Monday Night

If Thanksgiving be here, can Christmas be far behind? It's that time of year again. Santa Claus arrives in Louisburg Monday night and while it doesn't take that long to make the trip, the old boy will make his appearance in Franklinton next Thursday night.

The Louisburg parade is expected to be one of the largest ever held. The Franklin County Business Association and Credit Bureau has released the list of entries and the list shows that forty

separate units are entered.

The Franklinton Chamber of Commerce has not announced its list but that parade is also expected to be bigger and better than ever.

Included among the number of commercial floats in the Louisburg parade, slated for Monday night at 7:30, are a Marine color guard, the Louisburg High School Band, Cub Scouts, a Navy entry, one from the Army and the Air Force and the National Guard. Also included is the South Granville High School Band, Louisburg Cheerleaders, the Civil Air Patrol and entries from several churches and civic clubs.

The Louisburg parade will travel along Main Street from Justice Street to Noble where walking entries will join the parade on south to Nash Street where it will turn east on Nash and continue to Wade Avenue where it will disband on the A. & P. parking lot.

Floats and vehicles will assemble not later than 7 P.M. on Justice Street where traffic will be halted except for parade entries. Marching and walking units will assemble on Noble Street at the intersection of Main and join the mobile section at that point.

The Franklinton parade usually moves north along Main Street and the announced time for this year's event is 7 P.M., Thursday, December 4.

Santa Claus will, of course, be the feature of both parades and his arrival will mark the opening of the Christmas season in both communities.

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington has announced there will be parking allowed on Main Street from Justice Street to East Nash Street and none allowed on East Nash from Main Street to Wade Avenue after 6 P.M.

## Father In Heaven, We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For mother-love and father-care,  
For brothers strong and sisters fair,  
For love at home and here each day,  
For guidance lest we go astray,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

For this new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For ev'rything His goodness sends,  
Father in Heaven, we thank Thee!

## Locals Pause Today For Thanksgiving

Traffic and just about everything else has come to a halt here today as offices and businesses closed for Thanksgiving. State and federal offices joined Franklin County agencies in shutting down operations in observance of the holiday.

With the thermometer dipping to

26 degrees in early morning, large numbers of brave souls donned hunting attire, grabbed up their faithful dogs and headed for the woods. Thanksgiving day is traditionally one of hunting for many Franklin County people.

At least two county churches will hold special Thanksgiving services. Sandy Creek Baptist Church will observe the holiday tonight at 7:30 with special services being conducted by Rev. John Woody, Associational Missionary. White Level Baptist Church will hold a special service tonight at 7:30, featuring special music by the

choir and an address by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Porter.

Schools in the county will be closed today and Friday with classes resuming Monday. County, state and federal offices will reopen Friday. Basketball games originally scheduled for Friday night throughout the county were played Wednesday night. Louisburg College will host Southwood, Brevard and Wingate in the annual Holiday Tournament Friday and Saturday nights.

A few grocery stores and service stations are remaining open in the area today, but practically all businesses are closed.

## Griffin Named To State Post

Raleigh - Governor Bob Scott today announced the appointment of seven persons to the North Carolina Council on Mental Retardation.

Representative Charles Phillips of Greensboro, Senator Edward F. Griffin of Louisburg,

Mrs. Reginald Shelby Wilson of Burlington, George Kahdy, who represents the Department of Public Instruction, and Dr. Robert Cohen, who represents the Department of Mental Health, were appointed to the Council. Mrs. Rufus W. Reynolds of Greensboro was reappointed.

Representative Phillips, Senator Griffin and Mrs. Wilson will serve terms expiring June 30, 1973.



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## Franklin County Teachers Work For Improvements

By Special Correspondent

Beginning in March, 1969 with a college course from East Carolina University the teachers employed in the public schools of the Franklin County Administrative Unit have been almost constantly involved in a self-improvement program. The course in March and one later in June dealt with improving reading and spelling through phonics and vocabulary building activities.

This program was continued this fall with a 16 hour workshop in phonics conducted by Mrs. Margaret

Holmes assisted by teachers employed in the schools—Doris Wilder, Gerald Perry, Carolyn Gardner, Peggy McGhee, and Joseph Pearce.

There were 54 teachers enrolled. Since only 21 of the 54 asked for certificate renewal credit, this indicated that most of the enrollees were interested in improving their efficiency and skills.

The objectives of the workshop were to familiarize the teachers with the new markings which were introduced in Webster's New International Dictionary, Third Edition, and to improve word attack skills and vocabulary building through the application of phonetic principles.

On November 19 a workshop on Mental Health in the classroom held its initial meeting. Oriented largely toward the junior and senior high school teacher, this course will concern itself with such topics as mental health and effective learning, children with emotional problems, understanding human behavior and the mental health in the family group. Various lectures will handle different topics. Among these are Dr. J. Wilbert Egerton, Mr. Harry Derr, Dr. Norbert Kelly, and Mr. William Sigman. Mrs. Mamie Clayton, High School Supervisor and Mr. Talmadge Edwards, Program Co-ordinator of the Franklin County Counseling and Educational Center will coordinate the workshop.

In March 1970 a course, Improvement of Reading Instruction in the Elementary Grades, will be offered by the Division of Continuing Education of East Carolina University under the auspices of the school system through E.S.E.A. Title I. It will carry college and certificate renewal credit. The course is planned for teachers of experience. It will be concerned with remedial reading techniques as well as testing and diagnosis of reading pro-



Attention Students: Teachers, Too, Attend Classes

Teachers in the Franklin County School System are shown above at a workshop session here this week. Mrs. Margaret Holmes, standing, Assistant Superintendent, was the instructor. Actually, the group above was making up a session missed earlier when 54 county teachers attended. The program is part of a continuing project in which teachers voluntarily attend such sessions to keep updated on subjects they are teaching in the school system. — Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

## Y'ville Lions Hear District Governor

Youngville - District Governor of 31-G Hubert Bradshaw of Durham was guest speaker at the Youngville Lions Club meeting held at the community house Monday night of this week.

He was introduced by Past-District Governor James T. Moss. Lion Bradshaw is Editor of the Durham Herald and has written a book "A History of N. C. Association For The Blind". He has served on the State Commission for the Blind for 17 years under 5 governors. He graduated from Hampton Sidney College and received a doctors degree there.

Lion President Earl Hart presided at the meeting. Visitors welcomed were James Webb, Bob Lawson, John Mackie and Vernon Strother from the Oxford Club.