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There's a lot of tedious work being done by a dedicated crew to fuse all the fireworks for Wake Forest's display Sunday night. Shown are Kathy Jackson, Jerry Warren and Billy Shearon. —Bob Allen photo

Fireworks work

## Spectacular

### Fireworks, July 4th program set for Wake Forest over four days

POLLY HOWES  
Weekly Staff Writer

Wake Forest's fireworks display is more than "bombs in the air." With over 100,000 pounds of purchased fireworks, including 10 ground fireworks, this celebration is expected to be the best one in Wake Forest.

The spectacular patriotic pre-show will highlight the celebration featuring Linda Nelson, Miss Liberty and displays of the American

flag, the Liberty Bell, the American eagle, 100 ft. of falls and countless aerial shots.

The Fourth of July program starts at 9 p.m. Sunday. Main guest and speaker will be Jim Graham, N. C. Secretary of Agriculture. James T. Bartholomew is master of ceremonies.

Ryan Keith, as Uncle Sam, and Fred Chandley, as the pro tem, will also sit on the platform. Justice I. Beverly Lake will give the invocation. Miss Fourth of July, selected

Friday night, will be introduced to the crowd.

Several Amran Shriner clowns will also be on hand to entertain.

Gates will open at 7:30 Sunday night. People are encouraged to walk to the stadium to save parking spaces for those who must drive and arrive early for a good seat.

Billy Shearon, chairman of the fireworks committee, invites the community to come see how the fireworks displays are set up Sunday after-

noon at the stadium from 2 to 4:30. Members of the fireworks committee will be there to answer questions and explain how the fireworks work.

The July Fourth celebration starts Friday, July 1, with the Miss Fourth of July Beauty Pageant at 7:45 at the high school stadium. The Wake Forest Kickers square dancing group will perform.

Reigning queen is Margie Goldston.

Saturday morning is for (Please turn to page 2)

## Bad day for new driver

And the bottles came 'a tumblin' down.

Everyone has a bad day now and then, but Phil Mayo, driver for the Seven-Up Bottling Co., had more than his share of trouble last Thursday morning.

About 24 cases (or 576 bottles) of soft drinks fell off his truck as he drove down S. Main St., leaving a nearly 200-foot-long trail of soda pop and broken glass.

Mayo, who has been working for the company only one month, had just come from Raleigh for his morning deliveries when the 9 o'clock mishap occurred.

He told Wake Forest Police Officer Wilbur Harrison and bystanders that he forgot to close the side door of his (Please turn to page 16)

## Two more Franklinton police officers leaving

By CALVIN MERCER  
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Two more Franklinton police officers have submitted resignations, Police Chief Leo Edwards said Monday. The two resignations now leave the department four men short of the usual work force.

Officer Carl Kearney turned in his resignation this past Friday after returning from a week's suspension from duty. His last working day will be tomorrow.

Kearney was contacted about the matter but failed to

The "tremendous turnover" in policemen is due to the low pay of small town police officers, Chief Edwards said.

return the reporter's call.

This past Friday was Kearney's first day at work following the week's suspension from duty. When asked about the suspension, Chief Edwards said Kearney had called in sick one day. Edwards learned, however, that Kearney was working at another

job in Raleigh and so suspended him.

Edwards said Kearney was not "mad." "But he felt it would be better to resign. He's a fine officer and I hate to lose him," Edwards said.

Kearney has been with the department almost four years. He will remain on as a

member of the town's auxiliary police force, Edwards said.

The other officer leaving, James Frazier, resigned for a better paying job. He will leave in August. Frazier has been on the force nearly four years, longer than any other officer except Chief Edwards and Assistant Chief Tom Allen.

The two resignations now leave the police department with vacancies in three officer positions and a night dispatcher. (Please turn to page 16)

## Wake Forest girl cadet

### Resigns after suicide incident in Raleigh

After two months at the Raleigh Police Academy and a close call last Thursday when an escaped mental patient from Dorothea Dix Hospital threatened her life, Beverly Medlin Seaver of Wake Forest resigned from the force Monday morning.

Ms. Seaver, 25, said Monday that her run-in with the patient was not the only reason for her decision. She said she was having a difficult

time in her self-defense course and was not sure she could handle all situations she might face as an officer.

Last Thursday, Tommie Lee Hester confronted Ms. Seaver on Cabarrus St. in Raleigh and demanded her police revolver. He held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her if she did not comply. After taking the gun, he shot and killed himself.

Ms. Seaver was unharmed

but reconsidered her position on the force and decided to resign.

"I'm not that much of a women's libber anymore," she said. "There are some things that a woman just has a hard time doing, like being a policeman."

Ms. Seaver said she does not regret her experience with the force and now appreciates the efforts of policemen more. □

## Ray Batchelor named Youngsville principal

Ray Batchelor, a 28-year-old graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and East Carolina University, was hired last week as principal of the Youngsville school.

Batchelor was hired on a temporary basis pending a decision by the Wake County Board of Education last Thursday. The advisory council had recommended Batchelor to the board.

The new principal and his family will move to Youngsville as soon as possible. He begins work tomorrow. The resignation of B. W. Whitlock is effective today.

Batchelor has taught 7th and 8th grade and coached at the Jasper Elementary School in Jasper and has served as guidance counselor and director of guidance at the Bertie Senior High School in Windsor. The high school has

approximately 1,500 students.

A graduate of Jacksonville High School, Batchelor received an A. B. in intermediate education at UNC-CH and a master's in guidance at ECU. He also received a Master of Education at ECU in administration and holds a principal's certificate from the same school.

He and his wife have two children, a 6-month-old boy and a 3½-year-old girl. □

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By POLLY HOWES  
Wake Weekly Staff Writer

If everyone gets as big a bang out of fireworks as Billy Shearon, head of the fireworks committee, there is no way this year's display can fizzle out.

Shearon takes his fireworks seriously.

He starts planning a show in January, deciding what types of displays will be used and how the show will be organized. "People think we just go out there, open up some boxes and shoot off fireworks," he says, "but every shell has its exact spot in the show."

After Shearon plans the

program and determines what materials will be needed, he accepts bids from firecracker manufacturers to get the best deal.

During the show, he coordinates the entire program by telephone links with his ground crew. He follows a detailed schedule, marked in 15-second blocks, so that each firecracker and ground display goes off at the right time.

Wake Forest's fireworks display is quite different from those of most other communities. Instead of purchasing fireworks fused by the manufacturer and pre-constructed ground displays, the fireworks committee buys the materials and members do the

labor themselves.

This saves the community considerable expense, Shearon says. On every shell fused by the committee, a dollar is saved. All together, the Wake Forest display, which cost \$2,074.72, would have cost about \$7,300 if pre-built by the fireworks company, he says.

Shearon, who has planned Wake Forest's fireworks for five years, almost "went off" in a panic state last week when the fireworks materials had not arrived.

The truck delivering the fireworks from the Vitale Fireworks Manufacturing Co. in New Castle, Pa., was (Please turn to page 2)

## Teen girls vie for Miss Wake Forest July Fourth title Friday

Photos by  
Bob Allen &  
Greg Allen

Girls are entered in this Miss Wake Forest July Fourth beauty pageant Friday evening at the pool stadium.

The contest will be judged by a committee

headed by the commander of the Headquarters Attachment in Raleigh; Ed McIntyre, channel 5 TV personality; and Bob Doughty, plant manager of Huyck-Formex.

The girls will be judged in

swim suits, sports outfits and evening wear. Finalists will also compete in a question-and-answer segment.

Rehearsal for the pageant will be Thursday evening at 6:30 at the stadium. Following

the rehearsal, the contestants and judges will meet informally at the Pizza Barn for supper.

This is the first year the pageant has been held at the stadium.

The girls entered are:

Courtney Box, 16, is a rising senior at Enloe Sr. High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luda Box of 1564 N. Main St., Wake Forest. Her hobbies include

playing tennis, swimming, drawing and photography. Courtney is sponsored by Solid Sounds.

Karla Jean Bujewski, 17, is a rising senior at Millbrook Sr. High School. Her parents

are Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bujewski of Bayleaf. She enjoys teaching children to play the piano and singing and jogging. Her sponsor is Del's Variety Shoppe.

Amy Garner, 16, will be a

junior this fall at WF-R Sr. High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Garner of Route 2, Wake Forest. She enjoys tennis and dancing. She is (Please turn to page 2)



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