

Weather

Chance of scattered thunder-showers today, turning cooler in the afternoon. Low, 64; high, near 80. Wednesday, fair, cooler.

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To Take Business Census Here

New York - The Government announces that it is preparing forms, which will be sent to business firms in Franklin County later this year, in connection with the forthcoming 1963 Economic Census.

This is a periodic inventory, conducted by the Department of Commerce. It covers retail trade, wholesale trade, the service industries, manufactures, minerals and transportation. The last such survey was made in 1958.

As in the past, local business men will be asked about their payrolls, number of people employed, hours worked, sales volume, and what is new this time, a breakdown of sales by broad merchandise lines.

What will the census show as to Franklin County? What economic changes have taken place locally since the last such survey was taken.

The answers are important to the merchants and manufacturers themselves, as well as to others who need such information to measure product demand and to set plans for future inventory requirements.

Franklin County's figures will show, according to unofficial estimates, that considerable progress has been made since the 1958 census, which reported local retail trade for that year at \$13,882,000. Before that in the 1954 census, it was \$11,392,000.

According to latest figures, which indicate the rate of growth since then, the 1963 total is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$20,029,000. This would be a five-year increase of 44.2 percent.

The local service industries have been moving ahead rapidly. From a volume of \$553,000 in 1954 they rose to \$999,000 in 1958. This year, allowing for the same rate of growth, they will reach an estimated \$1,872,000.

The Government states that, while it is mandatory to fill out the questionnaires, the replies will be held confidential and will not be made available for any investigation purposes.

Club Names Woman Of The Year

Mrs. Fred Johnson was named "Club Woman of the Year" of the Louisburg Junior Woman's Club at its April meeting, held last Wednesday night.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Leslie Bullard, club president, pointed out the many things which Mrs. Johnson had done to earn this coveted award. She was given an engraved silver Revere bowl, and a corsage of pink carnations.

Another highlight of this meeting was installation of officers for the coming year. Mrs. W. W. Wicks, of Roanoke Rapids, 14th District President, was installing officer.

She used an effective candle-lighting service with appropriate words for each officer as she installed them.

Officers installed were: President - Mrs. Hugh Hight; 1st Vice-President - Mrs. Dean Holton; Recording Secretary - Mrs. Fred Johnson; Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Earl Carter; Treasurer - Mrs. Thomas Dean; Parliamentarian - Mrs. Wallace Tippet; and Chaplain - Mrs. Dwight Hinton. Not present for the installation was Mrs. Harris Spencer, who has been elected 2nd Vice-President.

During the brief business session, reports were given from committees and a financial report was made on the March dance. Plans were announced for the May picnic, which will be held at Green Hill Country Club in May, thus ending the club year.

Mrs. Hugh Hight presented a silver nut bowl to Mrs. Bullard on behalf of the club, expressing the appreciation of the club for her work and efforts during the past year.

Mrs. Joyce Crane of Roanoke Rapids accompanied Mrs. Wicks, and was a guest of the club for the dinner and meeting.



Jimmied Window

Jimmied window on bedroom was the clue that told searchers that 11 year-old Mitchiner's girl had been abducted rather than wandered off in the middle of the night. - Times Photo.

Mayor Unopposed

Ten In Race For City Council Here

The filing deadline Monday brought forth seven candidates for the May 7th Louisburg Municipal election - four of them incumbent members of the present administration.

Filing yesterday were incumbent Mayor Louis A. Wheeler, who is unopposed to succeed himself as Mayor; incumbent Councilmen J. P. Lumpkin, E. Thornton Jones and A. F. Johnson, Jr., along with E. F. Thomas, semi-retired local newspaperman; Raymond Tonkel, local department store executive; and V. A. Peoples, manager of the C&P Music Co. here.

Previously announced candidates include Robert M. Hicks, W. H. Allen, Jr., Dally C. Phillips and Jonah C. Taylor,

bring the total number of candidates for the expanded six member Council to ten.

Incumbent Councilman A. F. Johnson, Jr., who had previously announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself this time, said simply that he had reconsidered and would be honored if the people wished him to serve again.

\$10,000 Smile

Boston - A municipal court judge awarded a 6 year-old girl \$10,000 for her lost smile. In 1961, Mary Shatter was struck by an automobile and her injury impaired her ability to smile. Her father sued in her behalf and the child was awarded that amount in the legal suit.



Woman Of The Year

Mama (Mrs. Mary Helen Murphy Johnson) won the silver bowl as the local Junior Woman's Club "Woman of the Year," but daughter's Lori, 2, and Tricia, 4, both lay claim to the coveted award. Times Photo.

Negro Being Held

Girl, 11, Is Abducted, Assaulted

A 33 year-old Route 1, Louisburg Negro, arrested here late Saturday in connection with the rape-kidnapping of an 11 year-old white Mitchiner's Cross Roads Community girl, has been charged with accessory.

Officers said that the car used by the alleged rapist had been definitely identified as the one belonging to Sylvester Bryant, 33 year-old Route 1, Louisburg negro.

The young girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bracknell, Jr., prominent Mitchiner's Community residents, was abducted from her bedroom early Saturday morning and criminally assaulted before being released in a wooded area some distance from her home.

Bryant is being held in Central Prison in Raleigh for safekeeping.

The slightly build child was abducted from her bedroom while her brother, another sister and her parents were sleeping. She told officers that she was awakened by a hand over her mouth and another one around her throat and was told that if she made any noise she would be killed.

Her abductor, whom she described as a medium built negro who needed a shave, forced her out her ground floor side bedroom window and up the road a distance to a parked car. After throwing her into the front seat, they drove some several miles north and east on an unpaved rural road, stopping beside a large oak tree, where the assault occurred.

The child said that the abductor then drove her back near the spot where he forced her into the car and put her out.

The young child was discovered missing shortly after 3 a.m., and officers as well as the Louisburg Rescue Service were summoned to the scene.

It was while a preliminary search of the premises and surrounding area was being concluded, about dawn, that the child was spotted running across a field towards home.

After her parents had calmed her a bit she told the story, giving officers a vivid and detailed description of the car. Franklin Deputy Sheriff C. P. Gibson, pinch-hitting for his ailing boss, Sheriff Joe W. Champion, called in the SBI and the State Highway Patrol and the hunt for the car was on.

Officers, assisted by neighbors and armed members of the Louisburg Rescue Service, checked out every known vehicle answering the description of the car in a 15 mile radius and it appeared the trail was getting cold when Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement radioed that he had a car along with the driver, that fitted the description.

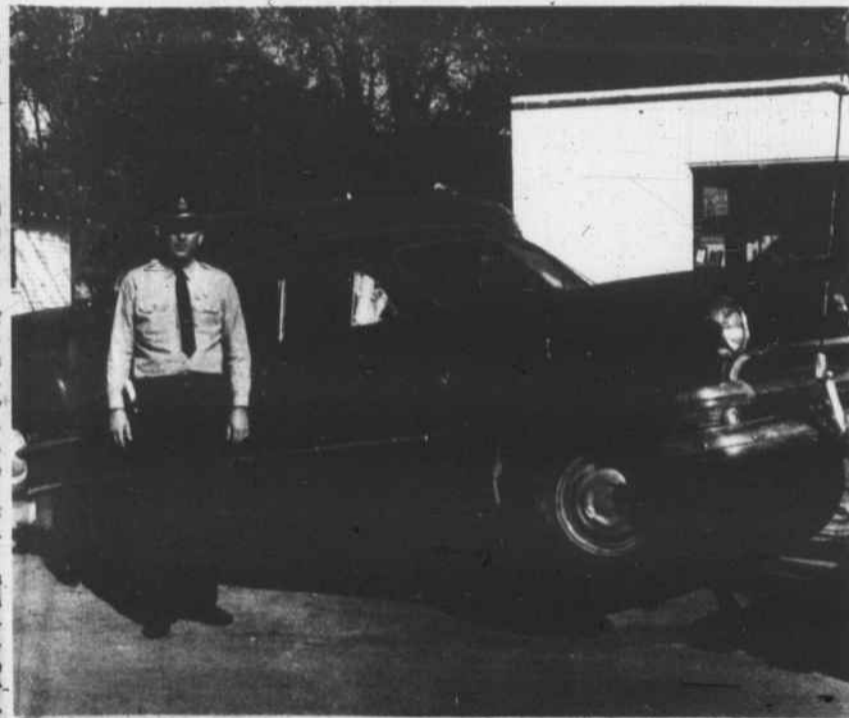
Chief Dement said he spotted the car on South Main Street while patrolling the town and stopped it and held the driver and a passenger while SBI Agents and the girl made a positive identification.

Also assisting in the search and investigation were members of the Franklin County Police Department and the Vance County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation is continuing and officers today indicated that other arrests may be forthcoming.

The girl's assailant faces charges of first degree burglary, kidnapping and criminal assault, all three capital offenses, either one of which is punishable by death or life imprisonment.

J. F. K. to seek new vote law.



Wanted Car Towed Away

Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement poses beside car identified as the one used in abduction of young girl as wrecker

prepares to tow it to storage where SBI Agents checked it for prints and other evidence. - Times Photo.

Negro In Exposure Case Moved To Secret Jail

A 19 year-old Route 4, Louisburg negro, arrested here early Friday night after he allegedly exposed himself to three prominent local women, has been charged with three separate counts of assault with attempt to commit rape, according to Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement today.

Chief Dement said that George Junior Williams had been transferred to an undisclosed jail for safe-keeping until a hearing on the charges can be set.

Williams allegedly opened the door of a parked automobile containing three prominent local white women here Friday night, exposed himself and made advances before being brightened off by the screaming women.

He was arrested minutes later by Louisburg Police Patrolman Kyle Prince.

Officer Prince said that the three women were sitting in their parked car on East Nash Street waiting for a fourth member of their club to play bridge, when the negro, identified as Williams, opened the car door, exposed himself and made obscene advances.

When the women started screaming, Williams fled, but was apprehended minutes later by Officer Prince at the intersection of Nash Street and Bickett Boulevard and subsequently identified by the women.

Williams was lodged in the County Jail overnight and was transferred to an undisclosed

jail Saturday morning when the women created a disturbance husband and son of one of the at the jail.



Beauty Contestant

Entrant No. seven in the Jaycee sponsored Miss Louisburg Beauty Pageant set for May 3 is Andrea Beaty, an 18 year-old blonde from Chapel Hill. A first year student at Louisburg College.

Andrea is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara H. Beaty of Chapel Hill, is a member of the Drama Club, Future Teachers, was on the staff of her school paper and has performed with the Precisionettes, a baton twirling group. She has been active in dramatics, roles in the College Players productions of "Midsummer Nights Dream" and "Where's Charley."

She is 5 feet tall, weighs 103 pounds and measures 34-23-34. Her musical tastes lean towards folk music and the classics, but her talent offering will be a dramatic reading from St. Joan. - Photo by T. H. Pearce.

Recovers

Charlottetown, Canada - Speaking for the first time in 5 years, Cyril Wedge uttered a word to an orderly in a Charlottetown hospital where he had remained since a drum of gasoline exploded in 1958, damaging his brain.

One of his brothers said it was a miracle. Dr. J. C. Slinnot said Wedge's injuries have been healing slowly, and return of speech was expected.

Invitation To Local Candidates

In an effort to give the voters of Louisburg an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the candidates for the City Council in the upcoming May 7th Municipal election, The Times today issued an invitation to all candidates to furnish a photograph and brief resume for publication in a "met the candidates" series next week.

All candidates are requested to have the necessary photo and information in the Times office no later than 5 P.M. Friday April 26.

Tickets On Sale

Tickets go on sale today for the third annual Miss Louisburg Pageant sponsored by the Louisburg Jaycees. The pageant, to be held on May 3 at 8:00 P.M. in the Louisburg College Auditorium, promises to be the best yet.

The Jaycees urge you to get your tickets before the night of the pageant, however if you do not, they will be available at the door.

Tickets are now available from any member of the Jaycee Club and will be available at several business establishments throughout the county. Admission is the same as last year.

Negro Is Candidate For Board

(Frk. B. W.) With the deadline for filing almost at hand, the Franklin School District voters have a choice of six nominees for the three positions on the local School Board. Filing deadline is Wednesday, April 24, at twelve noon. Candidates at the present time are: Dr. S. E. Eakes, Franklinton dentist--

Samuel M. Fishel, incumbent, Civil Defense Education administrator--

John P. Mangrum, negro, retired principal of the B. F. Person-Alblon School--

Clement H. Weston, appliance and hardware dealer--

William Avery Wilder, welding and machine shop operator--

S. L. (Pete) Colbert, textile worker--

There are three vacancies to be filled with the successful candidates appointed for six year terms.

Race Looms For Mayor At Youngsville

Jones Winston, Youngsville businessman, filed to oppose Melvin Young in the race for Mayor of Youngsville as the filing deadline ended Friday with all five incumbent Town Commissioners in the race without opposition.

Young and Winston will battle it out at the polls for the Mayor's post being vacated by longtime Mayor A. E. Hall, who did not file for re-election.

The five un-opposed incumbent Town Commissioners are: James T. Allen, Ebbie J. Pearce, W. Tommie Moss, W. Marvin Roberts and David H. Cyrus, Sr.

Speaks To Demo Women

The Franklin County Democratic Women's Club held their regular meeting Friday night at the Agriculture Building with six precincts represented.

Mrs. J. T. Moss, of Youngsville, introduced Representative James D. Speed, who gave a timely and informative talk on proposed legislation now before the General Assembly.

Mrs. Louis Oxnevad presided over a short business session and various reports were given. Plans were discussed for a dinner meeting to be held in July.