

Weather

Mostly sunny and a little warmer today. Friday partly cloudy and mild.

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## Industrial Meet Set Next Week

Gordon D. Zealand, Executive Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, announced today that there will be an educational meeting for the people of Franklin County on May 2, 1963, 7:30 P.M. at the Louisburg College Auditorium.

The purpose of this meeting, he says, is to inform the people of Franklin County what new industry and increased local jobs can mean to all of its residents on a local level.

## Negroes In Franklinton School Race

A total of 25 candidates beat the noon Wednesday deadline to file for the 9 positions up for grabs in the coming May Franklinton municipal election.

Hottest race is expected to be in the two man contest for Mayor between incumbent Joe W. Pearce and Calvin W. Brown. Brown is a former mayor and has served several terms on the local Board of Commissioners, a capacity in which he serves at the present time.

Ten newcomers have filed against the three incumbents who are seeking reelection in the five man Commissioners race. George L. Cooke, Earl Yow and J. C. Kearney are the only members of the present Board to file for re-election.

Those hoping for their first seat on the town board are James S. Joyner, Claude Satterwhite, Jesse Satterwhite, John T. Echols, M. K. Hamm, Henry F. Holmes, and D. C. Hicks, Jr.

Ten hopefuls have filed for the three school board seats which are up this time with only one incumbent, Sam Fishel, having filed for re-election.

The other nine contestants include two negroes, J. B. Cutchins and J. P. Mangrum. Mangrum was an unsuccessful candidate for the Board two years ago. Making up the field for the three openings are Clement Weston, William Avery Wilder, Pete Colbert, S. E. Eakes, James Stallings, Joe Whitaker and Fab. Waston.



Beauty Contestant

The last in the series of Miss Louisiana Beauty Pageant contestants to be featured in The Times is Aletha Dale Arnold, 18 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Arnold, of Bunn.

A 1961 graduate of Bunn High School, Dale is a rising Junior at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson where she is a member of Phi Sigma Tau Society, has been a member of the Women's Dormitory Council, and has above a "B" scholastic average.

While in High School she was a member of the Beta Club, Editor of the Yearbook, on the school paper staff, member of the Glee Club, and Chief Marshal. She was voted Best All-Rounder her senior year and held several other class offices during her four years. She was voted Miss Bunn Hi of 1961 and was Valedictorian of her class.

Dale is 5 feet 6 inches tall and measures 36-22-36, has had piano and organ training and served as assistant church organist for several years. - Photo by T.H. Pearce.

## Justice Fire Dept. Supper

The annual fund raising barbecue sponsored by the Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Department will be April 26 with plates being served from 5 to 7 P.M.

Plates may be picked up in Franklinton at the Community Building with tickets still being available from members of the Fire Department there.

Ticket holders in the Spring Hope area can pick their plates up at the municipal building.

In Louisburg the plates will be at the old Warehouse across the street from the Armory. Tickets are available from members of the Justice Fire Dept.

Supper will be served at the

Justice School Cafeteria from 5 until 8 P.M.

## Fish Find Way Home

A pan of dressed fish on the seat of a car operated by Charles Ray Strickland found their way back into the water near here Easter Monday when Strickland lost control of the car and it plunged upside down in a creek.

Strickland told officers he momentarily took his eyes off the road while rounding a sharp curve that was sliding off the seat when he lost control of the car.

## Others Say Different

# Sheriff Says Deputy Didn't Notify Him

The probe into the week end rape-kidnaping of an 11 year old Mitchiner's Community girl continued this week amidst charges by the girl's mother that Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion refused to come to the home when she and her husband reported the child missing.

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The victim's mother, Mrs. Walter E. Bracknell, Jr., was quoted in a Raleigh News & Observer story Thursday as saying "Sheriff Champion refused to come" when she and her husband reported their daughter missing. She said that Champion's deputy, C. P. Gibson, came to the home, but "didn't stay long enough to say scat."

The story quoted the Sheriff as saying he wasn't informed the incident by Deputy Gibson until about 4 p.m. Sunday; that "something happened to my leg Friday night...I thought it was a stroke...but the doctor said it wasn't," and added that "Gibson probably didn't tell him of the incident because he knew about my leg."

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards, the N & O report stated, said Wednesday that he understood that Sheriff Champion had not personally answered the call because "he was feeling bad," "I do know that the Sheriff is in bad health," said Edwards, "and I'm sure he would have gotten there if he could have."

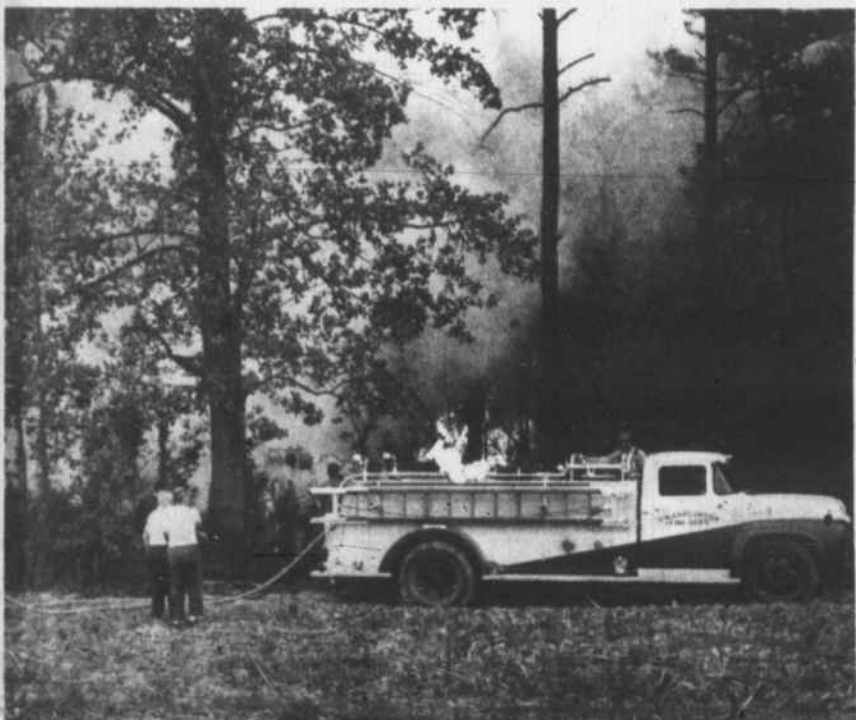
On the other hand, Karl Parnell, Louisburg Fire Department engineer, who also serves as radio dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department nights, holidays and week ends, said here today that he received a radio request from Deputy Gibson about 4:30 Saturday morning, to call the Sheriff, explain the situation and request him to come to the scene. Parnell said that he immediately telephoned the Sheriff's residence and explained the situation to Mrs. Champion and was told by Mrs. Champion that the Sheriff was having trouble with his leg and couldn't come...that they would have to do the best they could. This information, Parnell said, was relayed by radio to Deputy Gibson at the scene.

A 33 year-old Route 1, Louisburg negro, Sylvester Bryant, has been arrested and is being held on charges of accessory. Bryant's car has been positively identified as the one used by the negro in the kidnap-assault and he is being held by the SBI at Central Prison in Raleigh.

## Local League President Gives Talk

Mrs. Herbert Scoggin, President of the Louisburg Provisional League of Women Voters, presented a talk on "what the League means to members" at the annual meeting of the State Council of the League of Women Voters at the Hotel Sir Walter in Raleigh Wednesday.

A discussion of the doings and procedures of the Legislature was held at the meeting also attended by Mrs. Kenneth Isley, Mrs. Douglas House and Mrs. C. M. Howard, all of the local League.



Franklinton Firemen Fight Blazes

Franklinton Volunteer Firemen area Wednesday. Officials expect at least two of the half-dozen or more fires were set.

## Franklinton Area Still Plagued By Forest Fires

A rash of forest fires in the Franklinton area in a twenty-four hour period has led to speculation that at least some of the seven known outbreaks were of incendiary origin.

The first two of the calls answered by the Franklinton Fire Department Tuesday afternoon, were known to be for a fire accidentally started by workers burning a field on the Dickens property about two miles east of town. In this case considerable damage was done to a small area of woodland before the blaze was brought under control.

Early Wednesday morning, the department answered another call to the Sourwood Mountain area near Tar River about 6 miles northwest of town, where a fire was raging, having apparently started from an unknown cause in the center of a heavily wooded area. A second call was answered to the same vicinity a couple of hours after the first fire was thought to have been extinguished.

Around eleven A.M., a fire was reported in the woods just northeast of the town limits. This one, too had apparently started in the center of a heavily wooded sector where no one was working nor was anyone known to be.

This one blazed furiously and did considerable damage to trees before being brought under control by members of the Franklinton Fire Department, Forest Service workers, and the Youngsville Fire Department, who had answered a call for assistance, and numerous volunteers.

Shortly after two o'clock another call was answered to the same section. This was controlled, only after considerable woodland had been burned, with the help of a Forestry Service Fire Plow and other equipment, in addition to the same volunteers and Fire Department members who were by now extremely weary from their

hot tasks.

The days work wasn't yet done, however, because word was received that even another outbreak was flaring in the Sourwood Mountain area. Once more the firefighters loaded up and went to the scene with the

fire plow following as soon as its task was completed.

By late Wednesday all the outbreaks were seemingly under control, but property owners and authorities were keeping a watch for anyone who might be suspected of deliberately setting the conflagrations.

## Local Student In College May Court

Betsy O'Neal, daughter of Mrs. George Champlon of Louisburg, is a member of the 1963 May Court at Louisburg College.

Betsy is enrolled in the pre-nursing curriculum and plans to transfer to the Rex Hospital Nursing School. She hopes to become an anesthetologist and receive the B.S. degree in nursing.



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journalistic fraternity) and as business manager of the college yearbook. She was also a member of the 1963 Homecoming Court.

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Betty Smith

## Novelist To Appear At College Here

Betty Smith, novelist, will be guest speaker at the literary forum, Tuesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. in the Louisburg College Auditorium, as a feature of the Annual Spring Fine Arts Festival.

Her appearance here will be in honor of her forthcoming novel, "Joy in the Morning" (to be published in August, 1963) to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the publication of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" has sold millions of copies and has been translated into seventeen foreign languages; it was made into a movie, a radio serial, and in 1951 it became a successful Broadway musical play.

Other successful novels have been "Tomorrow Will Be Better," 1948, and translated into twelve foreign languages, and "Maggie-Now," 1958. The latter novel received the best novel award for 1958 written by a North Carolinian.

Among her awards and citations are the Avery Hopwood Award, the Rockefeller Fellowship and the Rockefeller Authors Guild Award. She was chosen as the Woman of the Year for 1943, and for outstanding achievement by former Governor Dewey and former President Truman.

A native of New York City, she has been living in Chapel Hill for the past twenty years, and is presently on the faculty of the University of North Carolina teaching creative writing. The public is invited free of charge. An informal reception open to the public will immediately follow the forum.

## Electric Power Off Sunday

Power service in an area north of Louisburg will be interrupted on Sunday morning, April 28, from 5:00 to 6:45 A.M., according to E. P. Bazemore, District Manager for Carolina Power & Light Co. in Henderson, N.C.

The interruption will de-energize the line for the safety of the men doing the work. The purpose is for doing necessary maintenance work and improving the electric system.

Carolina Power & Light Co. customers in the following areas will be affected: Highway 39 from Louisburg to Ingle-side, from Ingle-side to Sandy Creek, Louisburg - Moulton Road, county road from Highway 561 to Moulton, and surrounding rural areas.

Bazemore said it is hoped that the hours chosen will cause the least amount of inconvenience to the majority of customers affected by the interruption.

## Drunk Negro Juror Jailed

A 42 year-old Route 1, Franklinton negro, summoned for jury duty at the current Civil Superior Court term here, reported for duty Monday morning in an intoxicated condition and was ordered held in contempt of court.

Charlie Taylor was ordered jailed by Judge William Y. Bickett and at last report late Wednesday was still in jail, although by that time had sobered up sufficiently to ponder his situation.



Vandalism

Plate Glass Company worker poses beside huge plate glass window at the Speed Wash laundry at Ford Village here broken by vandals last Thursday night. -Times Photo.