

Weather

Generally fair and a little warmer today and Wednesday. Low today, 56; high, 84.

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Rep. Speed Applies For Ranger's Post



Franklin County Representative James D. Speed has applied for the post of County Forest Ranger left vacant by the death of Ranger Joe A. Pearce.

Speed's letter of application for the post was presented to the Board of County Commissioners last Friday afternoon and was transmitted to the State Forester in Raleigh along with six others.

The leading contender for the post, until Speed popped into the picture, was generally considered to be Joseph Earl Smith, Forest Service "Smoke Chaser" for the past ten years, who handled the job of Ranger during Pearce's illnesses. If appointed, Speed, it is understood, would have to resign as Representative.

Others putting their names into the pot were W. C. Hunt, Forestry Service Heavy Equipment Operator; J. E. Perry, Jr., Karl Pernell, Maynard Baker and Lawrence Perry. Pernell, an engineer with the Louisburg Fire Department, said Monday that although he had asked the Board for a recommendation, that he had not submitted an application and was not a candidate for the post.

The State Forestry Service had requested the County Commissioners to recommend at least three candidates for the post and the Board submitted the names of all seven. The State pays part of the salary and makes appointments to the job, subject to concurrence by the County Commissioners.



Dual Highway Accidents

Local Rescuers assist victims removing another car from ravine (bottom photo) on the opposite side of the road in which a local negro died.

Historic Plantation Owner Dies

Bennett H. Perry, 78 year-old dean of the Henderson-Vance County Bar and owner of the historic Cascine Plantation near Louisburg, died Friday in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

Perry was president of the State Bar in 1945-46, had twice served on the Bar Council and was a former member of the Board of Law Examiners in the state. He was a member of the committee on unauthorized practice of the American Bar Association.

He was a native of Granville County and was educated at Horner Military School in Oxford. He received the bachelor of law degree at the University of North Carolina in 1907. In 1909 Perry served in the State Legislature and was mayor of Henderson in 1915.

He was a director of Citizens Bank & Trust Co., the Harriet-Henderson Cotton Mills and of Rose's Stores Inc., and was a senior member of the Henderson law firm of Perry and Kittrell.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church by Rev. Herbert Nash Tucker. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Surviving are one son, Bennett H. Perry, Jr. of Henderson; one brother, Col. (Ret.) Redding Perry of the U. S. Army; and three sisters, Mrs. R. G. Kittrell of Henderson, and Dr. Isabel Perry and Miss Leah Perry.

New County Pay Bill Clears House

Franklin County Representative James D. Speed tossed another County Pay Bill into the legislative hopper last week, but just what his bill will accomplish, if anything, is a matter for debate.

The Bill (HB 1370) amends the present statute to provide the county commissioners authority to increase or decrease the salaries of the various county officials by not more than 5 per cent.

This would supposedly increase the salaries of the various assistants and deputies in the Clerk of Courts and Register of Deeds' offices as well as the Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriffs, Recorder's Court Judge and Solicitor, as well as the Coroner by 5 per cent over amounts fixed in the 1961 act.

However, the commissioners in July 1962 granted an approximate 5 per cent across-the-board pay raise and the new bill has been interpreted by some leading legal authorities as accomplishing nothing whatsoever.

The bill, introduced last Thursday, passed the House on Friday and was sent to the Senate where it was placed on the Calendar Committee.

Franklinton Gets \$6,000

The Federal Community Facilities Administration Friday approved a \$6,000 advance for preliminary plans for water line extensions and water treatment plant improvements for the Town of Franklinton, according to Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Total cost of the project, scheduled to begin in 1964, is estimated at \$524,000. The grant is the third such for local governmental units in Franklin County, the second in as many weeks. A \$19,000 grant to Franklin County was announced last week for the construction of a new county public welfare building and the Town of Louisburg is currently in the midst of a \$390,000 water - sewer improvement program - half of which is being paid for by a federal grant.

Tobacco Barring Time

N. J. Vollmer of Bunn prepares to light the burners in a barn reported barring in the County this year. Vollmer planted the of tobacco Monday in the first Speights G-10 variety this year.

Council OK's \$421,446 1963-64 Town Budget

The Louisburg City Council gave tentative approval to a \$421,446.00 budget for the 1963-64 fiscal year Friday night. The new budget represents an increase of some \$65,456 over last year's \$355,990 budget and does not include any of the \$390,000 water - sewer improvement money.

The tax rate is expected to remain the same at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Town Administrator E. S. Ford informed the Council that he expected to wind up the present fiscal year with a \$34,000 surplus, which will be carried forward into the new budget

to help defray part of the expense of a proposed \$18,000 electric distribution system improvement program and recent purchases of new fire and rescue equipment.

Broken down by departments, estimated expenses for the coming year are as follows: General Government, \$42,261; Police Department, \$40,659; Fire Department, \$29,280; Civil Defense and Rescue, \$7,289; Street Department, \$25,587; Cemetery, \$2,434; Sanitation, \$25,220; Electric Department, \$154,758; Water and Sewer Departments (Regular operating expense) \$37,724; Recreation

Commission, \$3,400; Contingency Funds, \$12,214; Bonds to be retired, \$24,000; Interest on bonds, \$16,530.

The total budget will be upped next year by approximately half of the \$390,000 of the joint-bond Federal grant water-sewer improvement program money, of which approximately half is being used in the current year.

In House

Lisa Mario Pearce and Brantley Green Pearce served as honorary page and pageette in the House of Representatives June 19.

They are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban L. Pearce.

Vets Office Closed 4th

George Champion, Jr., Franklin County Veteran Service Office, announced that this office will be closed the week of the 4th and anyone having business with that office, may do so this week.

Anyone having business during the week of the 4th may contact Jack H. Daniel, District Office, N. C. Veterans Commission, Raleigh, N.C.

Brakeless Car Overtakes At Fatal Crash Scene

A 55 year-old local negro sawmill worker was killed Sunday morning when his car side-swiped another and overturned down an embankment about 2 miles south of Louisburg on U.S. 401.

State Trooper D. M. Hinton identified the dead man as Edward Winston, Jr.

A passenger in the Winston car, Herbert Louis Brodie, 40, of Louisburg, was uninjured as were Richard Cooke, Jr., 33, of Route 1, Louisburg and Willie Henry Moore, 22, of Route 4 Louisburg, driver and passenger in the other car.

The Louisburg Rescue Service was summoned to the

scene, but Winston was beyond aid, apparently having died almost instantly of what Coroner James H. Edwards described as a crushed chest. He was thrown out of the car and his body was found on the shoulder of the road.

Hinton said the accident apparently occurred when Winston attempted to pass the Cooke car which was signaling for a left turn and struck the front of the car throwing his car out of control.

The crash almost proved serious for four Raleigh negroes when the brakes failed on their car as they approached the wreck and they slid to the bottom of a 15 foot fill on the opposite side of the road.

Assisted uninjured from their car by members of the Rescue Service were Malcolm Arrington, 31; his wife, Lucy, 29; daughter, Bertha Lee, 6; and Susie Lee Gall, 21, all of Raleigh.

Guard Units Return With Top Evaluation

Franklin County's two units of the 5th Rocket Battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard returned home from Fort Benning, Georgia Sunday - fresh from two weeks in the field training.

The Louisburg unit arrived around 3 p.m. with Youngsville's unit arriving at their home armory a bit earlier.

The two units, along with Zebulon's "A" Battery, left Fort Benning early Saturday morning and spent the night at Lexington, S. C.'s National Guard Armory. They departed on the last leg of their journey home at 6 a.m. Sunday.

It was a tired but happy bunch that pulled into Louisburg Sunday afternoon.

The Louisburg and Youngsville units spent the entire two weeks in the field practicing, for the most part, in reconnaissance, selection and occupying positions, during which they fired one of the Honest John Artillery Rockets. The first week they had 100 degree temperatures and it rained all of the second week.

Despite the fact that they were training with the Honest John exclusively for the first time, the local units stacked up with

the top in their evaluation by 3rd Army Inspectors. Youngsville's "B" Battery and the Battalion Staff were rated "Superior," while the local Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, and Zebulon unit were rated "excellent."

The Battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. Collin McKinnis of Louisburg, had 195 officers and men present for the encampment.

Closed

Alford Brothers Lumber Co. will be closed from June 28th at 4:15 P.M. until July 8th at 7:30 A.M.

Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A.M. Monday, June 24, 1963:

Killed to Date 547
Killed to Date Last Year 555
Bombers lose injured Mantle for five weeks.

In Garage

Man Makes His Liquor At Home

The old saying of "We profit by our mistakes" was evidently never heard by Shelley Williamson, a Louisburg, Route 3, negro, because members of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department arrested him Monday morning for doing the same thing in the same place that had caused his arrest on two previous occasions - operating a whiskey still in the enclosed car port of his home near Rocky Ford.

Several years ago Williamson was arrested by Federal officers when they found two big, oil fired subs behind his garage doors; then, before he was brought to trial on that count, local officers got him again, for the same offense. The cases were consolidated

and he was sent away for 18 months. After serving 9 months Williamson was paroled with his time running out last January. Not having to put up with regular visits from the parole officer, Williamson went back into his home distilling business once again, but on a somewhat smaller scale. The result being Monday mornings raid on the 200 gallon sub.

When questioned as to just why he insisted on making booze at his indoor set-up Williamson replied, "Well I don't have anywhere else to make it and when your children are hungry you have to do something to bring in a little extra money." He said that he has eight children with the oldest being only 12.



Wrecked Garage Still

Franklin Sheriff's Deputies survey their handiwork following the wreckage of a still in a Rocky Ford Community negro's

garage this week. The still was the third found in the same location by officers in the past several years. - Times Photo.