

Weather

Generally fair and mild today and Wednesday. Low, 62; high, 80.

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Rescuers Remove Wreck Victim

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service remove Mrs. Dorothy Simmons of Franklinton, from wrecked auto on South Main Street here Friday morning. Although still unconscious when photo was made, Mrs. Simmons' injuries were not believed serious. - Times Photo.

Eight Hurt In July 4th Accidents

The July 4th holiday week-end got underway with a rash of traffic accidents in Franklin County and then settled into just another quiet summer week-end.

Four accidents, three on Thursday and another Friday morning, resulted in the hospitalization of eight, however, none were believed seriously hurt.

The first of the accidents occurred on N. C. 98 at Five Points about 2:30 Thursday afternoon.

State Trooper D. M. Hinton said that the accident occurred when a car, operated by William D. Boyette, 21, of Route 1, Zebulon, pulled into the path of an oncoming car driven by John Neely, 63, of Knox, Pa. Neely's wife and another passenger, Mrs. Elizabeth Berlin, 89, were injured as was Bruce Perry, 22, of Route 1, Bailey, a passenger in the other car.

A third passenger in the Neely car, the Rev. E. B. Boyer, 80, of Knox, Pa., was unhurt. All three of the injured were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service.

Trooper Hinton said that Boyette was charged with careless and reckless driving. The Pennsylvania group were enroute to the mountains on vacation at the time of the accident.

Three persons were injured later in the day in a three-way crash on N. C. 39 near Epsom. State Trooper D. C. Day said that an unidentified car pulled onto the road from the shoulder into the side of a car operated by Ralph Davis, of Louisburg, causing the Davis car to veer into the path of an oncoming car, driven by Walter "Blip" Harris, son of Negro funeral home operator Robert Lee Harris of Louisburg, and then fled the scene.

Davis and a passenger, D. V. Frazier, 32, of Route 2, Louisburg, were hospitalized here with head injuries. Neither of their wives were hurt. Harris was treated at the hospital and released.

Police are seeking the driver of the third car on charges of hit and run.

A local beauty salon operator and the wife of County Forest Ranger Joseph Earl Smith were injured approximately 30 minutes later when their car was struck in the side by another car as they stopped at a stop sign just below Ranger Smith's home in the White Level Community.

Mrs. Sybil S. Perry received head and leg injuries while Mrs. Mildred Smith sustained a fractured left shoulder.

State Trooper W. S. Ethridge said that the driver of the other car, Otha Boddie, 20 year-old Route 2, Louisburg negro, was jailed following emergency treatment for a cut chin on charges of drunk driving.

A Franklinton woman was also

Injured on her way to work at Hodges Insurance Agency here Friday morning when her car was involved in a collision with one operated by Tommy Rowe, 23, of Louisburg, at the intersection of South Main Street

and the Bum road about 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. Dorothy Simmons was given first aid at the scene by the Louisburg Rescue Service and taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Rowe was charged by

local police with failure to yield the right-of-way.

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Sets Mandatory Retirement Age?

County OK's \$962,646.85 Tentative 63-64 Budget

The Board of County Commissioners approved the tentative 1963-64 county budget in an 11th hour meeting here yesterday.

The budget calls for expenditures of \$962,646.85, up some \$59,315.19 over last year's budget. To raise this amount, the Board is figuring on a \$1.80 per \$100. valuation county-wide tax rate = up .09 over last year's \$1.71 county-wide tax rate.

By law the Board must adopt the permanent budget by July 28, however, before being adopted it must be advertised and lay open for 20 days, so yesterday was the final day for action on the tentative budget by the Board.

By departments the tentative budget is as follows: Schools (current expense) \$189,539.53; Schools (capital outlay) \$181,229.64; Franklinton Schools (per capita) \$47,191.71; Debt Service \$10,962.38; Health \$45,228.00; County Accountant \$6,188.00; Veteran Service Officer \$3,875.70; Hospital \$30,029.37; Farm & Home Agents \$24,695.00; Welfare \$136,860.67; General Purpose \$178,201.38; Revaluation (a must by 1966) \$13,614.68; Industrial Development \$13,964.68; Franklinton School Debt \$34,857.00; Louisburg School Debt \$30,396.84; Township Roads \$15,818.27.

Tax rate changes were noted in the following departments: Schools (current expense) .25 down .01 from last year; Schools (capital outlay) .52 up .07; Debt Service .04 down .01; Welfare .34 up .03; Health .09 down .01; and Revaluation .05 up .02.

The tax rate will vary according to township. In Louisburg township the Louisburg School debt rate drops from .54 to .48 and in Franklinton the School debt rate drops from .63 to .60 this year.

The Board also handed out salary raises amounting to approximately 5 per cent of their salaries to 17 employees. Another 8 were given a \$10.00 per month raise, while 11 others were given merit system step increases. Twenty-four employees (agricultural and extension workers, etc.) were looked over by the Board this time and some others were given some raises to round out their salaries.

It was also understood that the Board passed a motion to require all county employees responsible to the Board to retire on or before their 70th birthday, however, no record of the action could be found in the minutes of the meeting.



Off For Beauty Pageant

Miss Skyler Odom, Miss Louisburg of 1963, is pictured being interviewed by WYRN Radio's Clint Fuller prior to leaving for the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant this morning. Also pictured are, l. to r., Troy Parker, her Jaycee Business Manager; Mrs. Odom, and local Jaycee President Jimmy Allen.

Miss Louisburg Leaves For Miss North Carolina Pageant

Miss Skyler Odom, Miss Louisburg of 1963, was given a rousing send off for Greensboro and the North Carolina Beauty Pageant from WYRN Radio here this morning.

The Bolton beauty, a second year student at Louisburg College, was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. T. Odom, official chaperon; Troy Parker of the local Jaycees as Business Manager; and J. M. Allen, Jr., President of the local Jaycees.

On hand for the send-off this morning, which was carried live over WYRN, were a number of local and county officials as well as a group of well-

wishers. Miss Odom will register later today along with 83 other contestants for the coveted Miss North Carolina title.

The contestants will be divided into groups of 26, Miss Louisburg being in Group C with the number 82. This means that Skyler will appear in Evening Open Competition Wednesday night, July 10; Swim Suit Competition Thursday night, July 11; Talent Competition Friday night, July 12. On Saturday night, July 13, 10 finalist will be selected and will appear again in all three phases of competition. Sometime between 11 and 12 P.M., a new Miss

North Carolina will be crowned. A tight schedule filled with Judges Interviews, Press Receptions, Luncheons, Dinners, and Rehearsals is in store for Miss Louisburg during Pageant Week in Greensboro. The Guilford College Jaycees, hosts for this year's Pageant, have spared no effort to provide an action filled week for all the contestants.

All phone calls, telegrams, flowers, and mail to Miss Louisburg should be addressed as follows: Miss Skyler Odom, Miss Louisburg; c/o Miss North Carolina Pageant, Guilford College, North Carolina.



Spectators View Wreckage

Victims all gone, spectators continue to stand around waiting here Friday morning. - Times Photo.

Property Owner's Responsibility

Sidewalks Present Problem For Louisburg City Council

The Town of Louisburg is in somewhat of a quandry over the condition of some of its sidewalks in both business and residential sections and what, if anything, to do about it.

The Council, it seems, under pressure of a number of citizens and merchants to do something

about the sidewalks, had made tentative plans to patch up the worst spots only to find out that they did not have the authority to do so.

It seems that one of the provisions of the Town's 19th century charter, not changed in the recent charter up-dating was a section relating to the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and the responsibility for same.

The charter (section 38) reads as follows: "The OWNER of a lot which shall front on a street on which a sidewalk has been established SHALL REPAIR or improve said sidewalk in such a manner as the council may direct, as far as it extends along such lot; and upon failure to do so immediately upon notice of the council to such owners, then after advertisement at the courthouse door and upon the said lot for five days, the council MAY cause the same to be repaired in such a manner and with material as to them may seem proper, and THE EXPENSES SHALL BE PAID BY THE PERSON IN DEFAULT,

and said expenses shall be a lien upon said lot, and if not paid on demand, such lot or so much thereof as is necessary shall be sold by the collector of taxes to pay expenses and costs of sale under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, rights of redemption and savings as are prescribed for sale of land for unpaid taxes."

In view of the charter requirements, the Town Attorney has advised the Council that if the Town were to move in and repair the sidewalks at Town expense, the Council members themselves may become liable personally for the costs.

The matter may seem relatively simple in view of the Charter, however, some members of the Council are a bit hesitant to move on the property owners, but none are anxious to personally stand for the repairs.

Chances are that the Council may let the matter hang here and let the property owners stand for damages in case anyone is hurt on sidewalks in need of repair.

Town Shuffles Duties Of Department Superintendents

The Louisburg City Council Friday night shuffled the duties of the Public Works and Public Utilities Superintendents around and created a new department of Streets and Sanitation which will henceforth be known as the Public Works Department.

The switching about left former Public Utilities Superintendent Harold Foster as Superintendent of the Electric Department. He had formerly also looked after the water and sewer treatment plants and Sanitation Departments as well. Former Public Works Superintendent S. C. "Buster" Foster gets the new title of Superintendent of Water and Sewer Department, which includes the two treatment plants and all lines and connections. He had formerly looked after just the water and sewer lines, the Streets and garbage dump.

The new department of Public Works will look after all street building, maintenance, signs, etc., trash and garbage collection, street cleaning, the garbage dump and cemetery maintenance. The new plan will become effective as soon as a Superintendent can be named and the department organized.

The Council also adopted a resolution commending the Louisburg Garden Club and its members on the event of their 25th Anniversary for their contributions to the Town and County and Mayor Louis A. Wheeler appointed a committee composed of Commissioners Johnson, Hicks and Taylor to make recommendations for emergency power for the joint county-town police radio system.

People who get tired and continually postpone their work have weak minds.



Performers In "Straw Hat"

Principals in Thursday, Friday and Saturday's Louisburg College Players production of the play, "Straw Hat" are pictured during rehearsal. They are, l. to

r. standing, Marian Scoggin and Jean Jones, both of Louisburg; Bob Clodfelter, and Emery Raper. - Times Photo