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Membership Grows

Local Rights Group Gets Down To Work

Franklin County's new organization for the preservation of constitutional rights got right down to business this week firing off letters and resolutions to Congressman L. H. Fountain and U. S. Senators Sam Ervin and B. Everett Jordan. The new group, organized at

a meeting here Monday night, first commended the district's congressman and two senators from North Carolina for their stand in regards to the President's so-called Civil Rights Bill now pending before congress and included a resolution setting forth the aims of the group. Meanwhile T. H. Pearce, Chairman of the group, said that "Applications for membership are rolling in. We had about 50 persons at the organizational meeting Monday night and applications for membership already received will push

our membership over the 100 mark," he said.

Brochures setting forth the aims and ideals of the organization and membership application blanks are in the hands of a printer now and will be ready for distribution shortly. Pearce said. The group wants only those persons who agree with its ideal and who are willing to use their names in open support of these aims for members.

The aims of the organization, known officially as the Franklin County Citizens For Preservation of Constitutional Government, as set forth in a resolution Monday night, are as follows:

1. Opposition to Federal domination, usurpation and control.
2. Opposition to the constant erosion and deterioration of the rights of Sovereign States.
3. Opposition to the further loss of the rights and privileges of individual citizens.
4. Opposition to the violation of the rights of private property and opposition to the invasion of these rights by any Federal, State or local law.
5. Pledging to work constantly for the support and election of those candidates for public office who most favor these aims.



Volunteer Crop

Probably one of the better tobacco crops in the county this season is that pictured above, known locally as "Joe Tonkel's

Tobacco Crop." The healthy looking leaf plant came up voluntarily in earth beside a utility pole in front of Tonkel's Store

In Raleigh

Eight To Attend 4-H Week

Eight Franklin County 4-H Clubs members will attend State 4-H Club Week at U.N.C. at Raleigh next week along with 1400 other delegates from all 100 counties in the state. All delegates are anticipating an exciting week of education, recreation, and fellowship.

During the week, the delegates will attend assemblies, classes, state demonstration contests, dinners, and various other events. Highlights of the week include the State 4-H Honor Club Tapping, the State 4-H Dress Revue, the State 4-H Health Parade, and the election of State 4-H Council Officers.

Franklin County will have various representatives competing throughout the week. Wednesday is our big day. Jane Welson will begin by leading the 4-H Pledge at the morning assembly. That afternoon Jane and Reenie May will compete for state honors in the Soil and Water Team Demonstration. Earl Hock will also compete for state honors in the Entomology Demonstration. On Wednesday night, Carol Mode will represent Franklin County in the State 4-H Dress Revue. Thursday, Judith Gupton and

Ridley Gupton will represent us in the State 4-H Health Pageant.

Jane Wilson, County 4-H Council President, will represent our county organization at the State 4-H Council Meeting.

Each year, the County Home Demonstration Council gives a scholarship to an outstanding boy and girl to State 4-H Club Week. Anne Shearin of Route

1, Castalia and Larry Bennett of Route 1, Louisburg are the two members receiving the scholarships.

Other delegates attending are Jean Ellis and Dan Ellis of the Centerville 4-H Club.

Two extension agents will accompany the group to Raleigh. They will return on Saturday, July 27, at approximately 9:30 A. M.

Franklinton Youth Dies In Maryland Wreck

An 18 year-old Franklinton youth, Stephen Edward Yielding was injured fatally early Tuesday when his car overturned on a curve near Rockville, Md.

Maryland State Trooper D. A. Smith said the accident happened about 1 a.m. The youth was

pronounced dead upon arrival at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda.

He was a native of Franklin County.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Helen Goodwin and his step-father Franklin Goodwin of Rt. 3, Wilmington; two half brothers, Larry Wayne and Frank Goodwin, Jr., both of Wilmington; one sister, Brenda Faye Goodwin of Wilmington; his grandmother, with whom he lived, Mrs. Fannie Kearney of Rt. 1, Franklinton. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Weather

Partly cloudy, humid, widely scattered afternoon or evening showers today and Friday. Low today, 70; high, near 90.



Union Soldier's Grave

Above is the headstone that a Union soldier in the Louisburg cemetery marks the grave of W. J. Waggoner, Co., A, 5th Ohio Cavalry.

Legion Aux. Receives N. C. Award

Mrs. F. M. Fuller, President of the American Legion Auxiliary of the James Post No. 105 of Louisburg, announced the receipt of a national citation presented the post for special commendation and recognition for the service in carrying forward the national program of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The citation was given for the enrolling of a 1963 membership exceeding its 1962 membership. The local post is the recipient of the Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine Cup which is awarded annually to the Unit from the Ninth District of North Carolina for the greatest percentage increase in membership along with a membership certificate placing Post No. 105 on the Honor Roll of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of North Carolina.

Union Soldier's Grave Here Presents Mystery

By T. H. Pearce
An old grave in the Louisburg cemetery, marked by an obviously old, weatherbeaten headstone, presents something of a mystery to present day local folks.

The headstone bears the almost illegible words, "W. J. Waggoner, Co. A, 5th Ohio Cavalry."

Now the most obvious explanation, of course, is that this Waggoner was one of the Yankee soldiers in Sherman's Army, who occupied the town briefly after the close of the War Between the States.

Col. Edward F. Yarborough, of Louisburg, who located the grave for us, said that this was the explanation he heard even as a small boy. He added that

this was borne out by the fact that members of the local U.D.C. Chapter used to decorate the grave at the same time they did the ones of Confederate Soldiers on Memorial Day.

Even this, though, doesn't explain why the grave remained in Louisburg, 'cause some years after the war ended in 1865, the Federal Government went to great effort and expense to locate and rebury Union Soldiers in National Cemeteries or return the remains to their next-of-kin for burial.

The mystery is "why then was the lone Ohio Cavalryman left to lie alone in the Louisburg Cemetery?" Did his family visit the grave years ago and decide to let him rest in peace surrounded by scores of graves

of Confederate veterans? Or by some quirk of fate was his final resting place overlooked until it was too late for anyone to care?

On the other hand it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Waggoner was a former Yankee soldier who came to live in this section after the war and simply has a government marker placed over his grave after being buried. There is no date on the stone and it certainly shows evidence of many years exposure to the elements.

Surely someone knew how the marker came to be there and perhaps even now there is someone who knows the story. If so we hope they will share it with us.

Attends E. C. Conference

Miss Adelaide Johnson, Louisburg College, and Miss Mildred Smith, Henderson High School attended a two-day short-hand conference at East Carolina College, Greenville, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The conference concerning a revision of the Gregg Short-hand System, was conducted by Mr. Howard Newhouse, Professional Staff Specialist with the Gregg Publishing Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., New York, New York.

Wins Contest

A. C. Daniels, Jr., of the Edward Best Chapter, Future Farmers of America, won the Carolina Power and Light Co., Electric Contest for this district in competition recently. Daniels is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Daniels, Sr., of Route 1, Castalia.

The Louisburg Fire Department's new water tanker truck is scheduled to be delivered today.

Saturday Afternoon

Caution Urged In Viewing Eclipse Here

Franklin Countians viewing the solar eclipse Saturday afternoon will find that most, but not all of the sun will be cut off by the moon, according to astronomers at the University of North Carolina.

In order to see a total eclipse, one would have to be further north.

Within 5 minutes one way or the other, North Carolinians will see the eclipse beginning at about 3:47 p.m. EST and ending about 5:55 p.m. with the maximum eclipse point about 4:55 p.m., according to the astronomers.

While there are differences of opinion of how the eclipse may be viewed without damaging the eyes, there is general agreement that even a careless look of only a few seconds duration without proper protection could cause permanent damage.

The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness takes the position that there is no safe way to look directly at

the eclipse. It urges indirect viewing. Other eye specialists say a direct look can be safe, but only if the filter protecting your eyes is dense enough.

All warn against using sunglasses or a piece of smoked glass. Welders' goggles vary so much they also are not endorsed generally.

Some astronomers recommend looking through three thicknesses of black and white film which has been fully exposed to daylight and then developed to maximum density. The Society for the Prevention of Blindness disagrees, saying everyone may not follow these directions well enough.

For safe viewing, says the archives of ophthalmology, filters of no less than No. 4 density - or shade No. 10 - should be used.

Such filters are obtainable from most optical and many photographic suppliers and are commonly available in the dark-safe way to look directly at

it says, but they can cost several dollars.

The great danger is that the retina, or screen of the eye, will be burned by infra-red or heat rays from the sun. There is no pain, but the burn can scar the retina, and this may create a black spot in central vision at whatever the eye looks at.

There is no remedy. Probably the safest and cheapest method for those interested in viewing the eclipse is by looking at the image of the sun as projected on the ground or a piece of white paper through a very small hole in a piece of cardboard.

In using this method, the cardboard should be held between the earth and the sun thereby projecting the image on the ground or piece of paper with the viewer looking only at the projected image on the ground or paper.

On Dean's List

Jerry William Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Morris, of Bunn and Allie Nathaniel Stegall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie N. Stegall, of Rt. 1 Henderson, were recognized by the dean's list released at Campbell College this week for academic excellence during the spring term.