

Weather

Warm with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers today and Wednesday. Today's low, 64; high, 88

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Army Plane Stops Here

Local airport manager Joe Shearon, left, with its 96 foot wingspan. Either of the plane's big R-2800 engines boosts over double the horsepower of all the planes together at the local field. - Times Photo.

Two For Mayor

Nine Battle For Four Seats On Bunn Board

Eleven persons, or approximately one-tenth of the registered voters, are candidates for office in Bunn's Municipal elections this Saturday. Under terms of a recent charter revision, Bunn citizens Saturday will elect a new mayor and four Town Commissioners to serve until May 1965. There are approximately 120 registered voters in the town.

The race for Mayor is a two way affair, between Bunn Merchant Wayne W. Winstead and Haywood Jeffreys, however, nine candidates filed for the four commissioner seats prior to the last Saturday filing deadline.

Candidates for the Board are T. W. Bailey, H. D. Mitchell, M. Z. Morris, J. L. Adams, P. B. Wilson, Woodrow Moye, R. Linwood Coffman, E. G. Murphy and D. A. Johnson. Adams and Wilson are members of the present Board and Mitchell and Morris are both

former commissioners. Coffman, a newcomer to politics, is pastor of the Bunn Baptist Church. The election promises to be the hottest and hardest fought battle possibly in the history of the town - Franklin County's smallest incorporated municipality. Sure to be issues in the election are not only bond issue proposals for municipal water and sewer system, but proposals for a municipal ABC store as well. The newly elected officials will take office at 12 noon on Monday, July 29.



Clouds Cause Eclipse Here

Overcast skies rather than the moon caused most of the eclipse broken enough at times, however, to allow the eclipse to be viewed. - Times Photo.

County Is Bachelor Stronghold

Calling all single women. Now hear this. Franklin County is loaded with single men.

The surplus of bachelors is such that there are 132 single men locally for every 100 single women.

The findings are based on the latest marital figures, gathered from all parts of the country by the Department of Commerce. The reports indicate that the male-female ratio varies considerably from region to region.

They show that the number of single men and boys in Franklin County over the age of 14 amounts to 3,022, while the number of single women and girls in that age bracket is only 2,288.

These figures do not include men and women who have been divorced or widowed.

The ratio of single men to single women, 132 to 100, is higher than it is in many areas of the country. The average is 124 to 100 in the United States and, in the State of North Carolina, 127 to 100.

The news that the country is a good man-hunting preserve seems to have gotten around. The marriage rate locally, after a temporary lull, appears to be on the rise.

The figures show that 63.1 percent of the men and women of marriageable age in Franklin County are now married.

That is quite a sizeable proportion. Throughout the United States as a whole, the range is from 44 percent to more than 80 percent.

The trend toward early marriage, which started about twenty five years ago, is now in full swing. Teen-age marriages have become commonplace, with nearly half the girls taking their vows before they are 20. The majority of them become brides at 18.

For men, the average age at first marriage keeps dropping. It is now around 22.

In many cases, the young newlyweds go on with their education, aided by financial as-

sists from their parents. Often, the bride quits school and takes a job while her spouse remains to get his diploma or college degree.

The report also notes the number of Franklin County residents who were formerly

married. Of the men, 321 are listed as widowed and 109 divorced, and of the women, 1,316 widowed and 95 divorced.



County Board Aired

County Commissioners W. F. Childers, left; and Norris Collins, right, pose with Wilbur Raynor and his Cessna aircraft at the airport here Friday evening where local flyers treated the officials to supper and plane rides over the vicinity.

CAP Hosts Pilots, Officials At Supper

The Franklin County Civil Air Patrol Squadron was host to County Commissioners and officials, local pilots and flying enthusiasts at a fried chicken supper at Louisburg Airport Friday night.

Guests, who desired it, were given flights over areas of the county by local pilots. It marked the first time that a number of them had ever seen the local area from the air.

Cadets of the local squadron served supper to about 40 guests. These included Tom Stancil, veteran airport and flying service operator from Washington, N. C., and White Lake.

Stancil had been on a charter flight from Washington to Raleigh-Durham when he contacted the local field by radio on routine traffic. Well known to many local flyers, he was invited over for the meal and replied that he would be over just as soon as he landed his passenger at Raleigh-Durham.

In a matter of minutes Stancil landed his twin-engine plane on the local field and joined the group for the meal.

After supper Squadron Commander Joe Shearon spoke briefly to the group on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol. Wil-

bur Raynor, one of the old time pilots on hand, made a brief talk as did County Commissioner Norris Collins. Stancil recounted some of this experience in airport operation to the group and told how much the Washington, N. C. airport had meant to the town so far as business and industry is concerned.

An impromptu demonstration of how a small field can be used even at night was shown when the visiting airport operator climbed into his completely equipped twin engine Piper Apache and, using only the plane's landing lights, took off for his home field.

Negro Shot 6 Times

A 26 year-old Negro State Highway Department employee was shot through the neck, shoulder, side and both legs in an altercation at a negro night spot near Getsemane School Friday night.

Deputy Sheriff David Batton said that James Hartsfield, of Bunn, a patient at Franklin Memorial Hospital, was expected to recover from the wounds. Batton said that Issac Stallings, also colored, of Bunn, had been released under \$1,500 bond on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in connection with the shooting. Stallings reportedly fired at Hartsfield six times with a small caliber pistol as Harts-

field was sitting in a parked car. Mr. Weaver suffered a similar attack about a week ago at which time local Rescuers were called to administer oxygen and alcohol vapor.

Hospitalized

George W. Weaver was taken to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem this morning after suffering heart and respiratory difficulties at his home on North Main Street.

The Louisville Rescue Service was summoned to his home to administer oxygen about 7:30 a.m.

Guardsman Promoted To 1st Lt.

The promotion of June G. Perry from Second Lieutenant to the rank of First Lieutenant in the North Carolina Army National Guard was announced by Governor Sanford.

Perry was born in Franklin County and presently resides on Griffin Street in Wendell with his wife and sons. Lt. Perry graduated from Bunn High School in Bunn, North Carolina in May 1953. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State College in Raleigh in 1958. He attended the North Carolina Military Academy at Fort Bragg in 1960.

Lt. Perry began his military career in November 1957 when he joined the North Carolina Army National Guard with Battery A, 1st Howitzer Battalion, 113th Artillery in Zebulon. He served with that organization until June 1960 when he was transferred to Headquarters Battery, 3d Howitzer Battalion, 113th Artillery in Charlotte. In February of 1961, he was reassigned to the 1st Rocket Howitzer Battalion, 113th Artillery in Youngsville. In March of this year, that unit was redesignated Battery B, 5th Battalion, 113th Artillery, the unit of Lt. Perry's present assignment.

Russ Spacecraft

Washington, D. C.--One of several Soviet spacecraft about which the Russians have said nothing apparently exploded into 24 orbiting pieces not long after launching last fall, the United States space agency reports.

The breaking up of the Soviet satellite was brought to light, along with detailed information on other unannounced Russian shots, in the report from the space agency.

Africans And

Washington, D. C. -- Protests from six African nations against Senator Ellender's statement that Negroes are incapable of self government await President Kennedy's return from Europe.

The State Department, which received the protests from ambassadors of the six nations, had previously disclaimed the remark of the Louisiana Democrat as his personal views and not those of the United States Government.

Council Gives Final OK To 1963-64 Budget

The Louisburg City Council gave final approval to the \$427,120 budget for the 1963-64 fiscal year Friday night and reset the tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation-the same it has been for the past 20 years.

Top items of expenditure in the new budget besides for the payment for new fire and rescue apparatus is a \$19,000.00 electrical system change-over that will boost the town's primary voltage from 2,400 volts to 4,160 volts.

None of the some \$390,000 in water and sewer improvements currently in progress are included in the above budget figures. A breakdown of the budget is as follows: General Fund \$182,323.00; Bonds and Interest \$40,630.00; Electrical Fund \$159,763.00; Water and Sewer Fund \$41,004.00; and Recreation Commission \$3,400.00.

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For Service In A Hurry Call'em Both

It's pretty generally understood throughout Franklin County that if you want service and want it fast - call out one of the County's two Rescue Squads.

Well, last Tuesday, someone thought of a way to get still faster service - call them both out.

Now it's just possible that it didn't happen just exactly like that - but both the Louisburg and Centerville Rescue units did get called out Tuesday afternoon for the same purpose ...and you better believe that put service - a whole lot of it - at the same place in a hurry.

Record Is Termed Misleading

Franklin Chief of Police Leo Edwards reported Monday that records in the case of Minton Smith, Franklin man charged with possession and sale of whiskey were misleading.

Smith was arrested, Chief Edwards said, on the charge on a warrant sworn out by Clarence Dove of Franklin. When the case came up for trial, Dove, he said, refused to testify and was, himself, taxed with the costs and the charges against Smith dropped.

Cosmic rays from space found increased.

Leaf Mart Open Sept. 3

An advisory committee meeting in Raleigh last Thursday recommended September 3 as the opening date for Middle Belt Tobacco Markets this year. The Middle Belt Warehouse Association must accept the date to make it official. Middle Belt markets opened on August 30 last season. Opening dates for other belt markets were recommended as follows: North Carolina Border, August 1; North Carolina Eastern, August 21; and North Carolina-Virginia Old Belt, September 16.

DOG PREVENTS SUICIDE Liege, Belgium-- Intent on committing suicide, a woman tied her hands together with her dog's leash to prevent her from using her arms to swim, and jumped in the river. Emille Gasanova's dog was her best friend, for he jumped in with her and held her up until rescuers arrived and pulled her from the water.