

Weather

Partly cloudy today and Friday, mild temperatures. Low today, 60; high, 80.

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Monuments To Destructive Fire Here

Three chimneys stand as stark monuments to the destruction of two homes by fire just south of Louisburg this morning. The charred sides of a third house, which was severely damaged by the spreading flames, can be seen in the background.

Native May Be Candidate For State Schools Post

A Louisburg native has been quoted by a Raleigh newspaper as "talking" like a candidate for Dr. Charles F. Carroll's post of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He is Dr. Raymond F. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stone, of Route 1, Louisburg, who is presently serving as assistant director of the Department of Curriculum Study.

Dr. Stone, who received his high school and early college education in Louisburg and who is president of the Louisburg College Alumni Association, was quoted as "interested" in the post in the Raleigh News and Observer's "Under The Dome" column Wednesday.

Dr. Stone, the column reported, said, "I'm interested in better schools. I have no definite plans, but a number of people have mentioned this to me in the past 12 to 18 months and I have entertained the notion." Stone told a reporter.

"I don't know what Dr. Carroll's plans are. It's of interest to me that a great deal of these councilmen (members of the Council of State) are about the same age... and if I was going to run it would be for this next term," he said.

The column also reported that "Stone favors calling the State-wide vote on the authorized \$100 million school bond issue

at the same time as the general election next year. He supports the idea of State aid for local school construction, though he says some counties aren't doing their share."

"If he became a candidate, he could be expected to run hard with the bond issue."

"Carroll took over as super-

intendent of public instruction in 1952. Stone came onto Capitol Square as secretary of the North Carolina Better Schools Committee under former Gov. Luther Hodges in 1960, and he has gotten a lot of public exposure since then engineering public school rallies across the State for Gov. Sanford."

Student Subscription Drive Begins Monday

White and colored high school students throughout Franklin County will conduct an intense 2 weeks subscription drive for The Franklin Times, beginning next Monday, September 23.

During the period students will retain 30% of all money collected on both new subscriptions and renewals to use for class projects, trips, etc. Last year, in a matter of two short weeks, participating schools received \$1,166.28 in commissions on subscription sales.

The project has the approval of the Franklin County Board of Education and principals of the individual participating schools.

Regular subscription rates will be in effect during the campaign. Persons may subscribe for as many years as they like and the schools will receive full commission on total sales. The campaign closes on Saturday, October 5.

Now is the chance for you to subscribe or pay-up your subscription to The Times without the bother of coming by. The Times office and help your school students at the same time - both for the price of one. Be sure you take advantage of this chance.

No Teen Club

Mrs. Paul Mullen, chairman, announced today that there would not be a meeting of the Teen Age Club on Friday night, September 20, because of the conflict with the home football game.

Local Farmers Use Winter Cover Crops

"Winter cover crops have meant a tremendous saving of soil on my farm," says H. H. Johnson of the Pearce community in Franklin County. Johnson says he has used winter cover crops on his tobacco land for several years. Not only has this practice conserved his soil, but his yield and quality of tobacco has been better. Johnson says further that he could see the results of a good winter cover crop throughout the next growing season. "The crop following a good winter cover crop grows off better, seems more resistant to disease, and withstands drought better," he said.

Johnson is not alone in being sold on the benefits of a good winter cover crop. In 1962 1103 farmers in Franklin County received cost-sharing under the Agricultural Conservation Program for seeding winter cover crops.

Through September 16th a total of 362 farmers had signed requests to seed winter cover under the 1963 program. Other farmers interested in winter cover crops or any other con-

servation practice should visit the ASCS office to put in their request for cost-sharing.

Churchwoman Here Sponsor Parish Supper

A parish supper, held Monday evening at the parish house of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Church Street, was sponsored by the Episcopal churchwomen as their first meeting of the year.

The fifty-eight Episcopal Louisburg College students were invited as guests.

Mrs. Douglas House was in charge of arrangements and Mr. and Mrs. Colin McKinnis of decorations.

Miss Adelaide Johnson, president of the churchwomen, welcomed members of the parish families and the guests. Rev. W. M. Latta returned thanks for the fellowship and bounteous gifts.

Fire Destroys Two Homes Here, Badly Damages Third

Three negro families were left homeless when fire destroyed two houses and severely damaged a third just south of the Louisburg city limits early this morning.

The blaze reportedly broke out around a kitchen stove in the home of Beulah and Colonel Lee Green about 7 a.m., and before it could be brought under control it had destroyed the house and one next door, and severely damaged a third.

Fire units from Bunn, Justice, and Centerville fought the blaze until 8:30 before bringing it under control. Louisburg fire units could not answer the alarm due to a town ruling which prevents city owned apparatus from going outside the corporate limits unless the property is covered by a fire protection contract or unless to go to the aid of an adjoining municipality.

Green, his wife and four children, lost everything they owned in the blaze. Their next door neighbors, James Martin and his family, had time to remove some of their household furnishings before the fire spread to their home as did Christine Hazelwood, who lives next door to the Martins.

The Green home was owned by the King estate; the other two by the Rev. H. T. McFadden. Town Officials said that none of the houses involved in the fire were covered by a fire protection contract, however, the Rev. McFadden's residence right across the street is covered by a contract, the records show.

As the flames died down, a group of negro residents in the area, incensed over the failure of the Town of Louisburg to dispatch fire apparatus to the scene, marched up and down South Main Street in front of the smoking ruins with a sign bearing the slogan, "Louisburg Fire Department for Whites Only," and hurled insulting remarks at a Times reporter making pictures of the scene when he showed no interest in photographing them and their sign.

The official figures show that total payments locally, as of the first of this year, were at the annual rate of \$1,255,000. Three years ago, before the latest changes went into effect, they were \$859,000 a year. How vast the social security system has become is apparent from the latest report, which shows that nearly \$14 1/2 billion a year is now being pumped back into the economy via pension checks that are going to over 18 million people across the country.

Equally impressive has been the rise in the dollar amount paid to residents of Franklin County.

By way of comparison, there was an increase of 31.7 percent elsewhere in the United States. The growth has been the result of changes made in the social security law, extending its scope and permitting more people to qualify.

With each successive year, the number of beneficiaries and the amount paid out is expected to increase still further as more and more people become entitled to pensions.

A move to increase the size of the benefits seems likely next year because it is an election year. Never, during the last two decades, according to the records, has Congress failed to take such action during an election year.



The few possessions saved just south of the Louisburg City Limits lines the side of the dwellings on South Main Street street here this morning.

ASC Community Committeemen Take Office On October 1

The Franklin County ASC Committee had a busy day Tuesday counting some 1628 ballots cast in the annual Community Committee election. The newly elected ASC Community Committeemen will take office on October 1 and represent their communities during the coming year and help administer various ASCS programs on the com-

munity level. The chairman of each community committee will also serve as a delegate to the County Convention on Friday, September 20, to elect a County Committee. The convention will be held at the ASCS Office in Louisburg at 10:00 a.m.

Following is a list of the newly elected ASC Community Committeemen for all communities in Franklin County:

Cedar Rock: R. S. May, Ollie Fisher and Jasper Collins, Cypress Creek: E. R. Moore, J. S. Collier and A. C. Stallings, Dunn: W. Harold Alford, Ben-

len. Franklinton: Howard Conyers, Phil Whitfield and Watson Mitchiner. Gold Mine: Bryant Wood, Edward Radford and Kirby Gupton. Harris: B. T. Bunn, Carl Harris and T. W. Perdue. Hayesville: W. D. Foster, Jr., M. W. Ayscue, Sr., and Robert Ayscue.

Sandy Creek: J. C. Tharrington, H. T. Edwards and O. F. Tharrington. Youngsville: Clifton Hill, Norman Carter and Claude Frazier. S. Collier and A. C. Stallings. Louisburg: Maynard G. Baker, Russell P. Nelms and Douglas May.

Unless Dog Found—Youth Must Take Rabies Treatments

A 6 year-old local youngster will have to undergo the painful anti-rabies treatment soon unless the dog that bit him on the leg last Saturday morning can be located and put under surveillance.

The youngster is Rusty Versteeg, son of Louisburg College professor and Mrs. Robert Versteeg.

Rusty was bitten on the leg last Saturday morning while playing in his yard on Tanglewood Drive and, so far, all efforts to locate the dog have failed.

The dog was described as a large, short-haired, black dog, with white on his throat and chest. He was wearing a collar. Unless the dog is found within the next week and observed to see if he runs mad, young Rusty will have to begin the treatment.

Anyone having any information on dogs answering the description is urged to contact the Versteeg's or the authorities without delay.

Pick-Up Rams School Bus; No Injuries

A negro pick-up truck driver crashed through a stop sign at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Highway 561 and into the side of a crowded school bus here about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Luckily none of the 61 students nor the pick-up truck driver were injured. The school bus involved was bus No. 88 from Riverside School here. It suffered only minor damages to its right side, and was able to continue on its trip. The pick-up, however, had to be towed away by a wrecker. Police said the driver of the pick-up, identified as Henry Foster, of Louisburg would be charged with operating with improper breaks and running a stop sign.

Explosion Was Not Dynamite

Explosions that rocked a packhouse during a fire at the A. C. Murphy farm at Red Bud Tuesday morning were not caused by dynamite as reported - but an exploding hydraulic jack and automobile drive shaft instead.

Murphy stated that there was no dynamite in the building and during the course of cleaning up the ruins he came across the cause of the blast - the exploded remains of the jack and drive shaft.

Fire department personnel said there was no doubt but what the two items exploded in the fire causing them to think it was dynamite.



Applying For Cover Crop

H. H. Johnson of the Pearce community in Franklin County is shown making application for winter cover crops with Mrs. Eugene Bobbitt, ASCS Office Clerk.--Times Photo

Locals Praise Rowan County Sheriff, Auditor

A group of Franklin County officials who visited several Piedmont counties recently to study the organization and activities of the various departments and agencies, returned with high praise for the reception they received.

Making the trip were County Auditor Lee Murray, Veteran Service Officer, George Champion, Jr., Clerk of Court, Ralph Knott and Lonnie R. Shuping, local CPA.

The locals were most enthused by the help and courtesies shown them by employees of the various agencies and departments in their quest for information. They singled out Rowan County Sheriff A. J. Shuping and Auditor Wayne C. Simpson for exceptional praise for the help extended while visiting in their county.

Recruiter Is Reassigned

Local U. S. Army recruiter, Sgt. Harvey P. Smith, Jr., has been reassigned to the Recruiting Station at Lumberton, N. C., according to an announcement this week.

In leaving the local area, Sgt. Smith said he wished to thank the people of the area for the cooperation and courtesies extended him during his tenure. Until such time as a new recruiter is assigned this area, persons interested in the Army's enlistment programs may contact M/Sgt. Charles S. Current, Jr., U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Box 12229, Raleigh, N. C., Sgt. Smith said.