

Weather

Generally fair and warm today. Friday some cloudiness and mild. Low 31; high 66.

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Arson Suspected In Two Margaret Community Fires

County and State officers are investigating two mysterious fires on the W. P. Murray farm at Margaret, one of which completely destroyed a pack-house and a quantity of corn and other items.

Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion said that the pack-house burned to the ground about 7 o'clock Tuesday night before volunteer firemen from Justice and Bunn could reach the scene. A second fire was discovered in the smoke-house early Wednesday night, but was extinguished before it could gain headway.

A. E. Pearce, Deputy State Fire Marshall, who is assisting in the investigation, said that the smoke-house blaze was definitely the work of an arsonist. Pearce said that he recovered gasoline soaked debris from the smoke-house, but that any possible evidence was destroyed in the pack-house fire.

Coupled with the mystery surrounding the two fires is the fact that the telephone wires leading to the Murray house have been cut four times during the past three weeks, the Sheriff said.

Champion said that bloodhounds ran a track from the scene of the wire cutting the third time to a negro house diagonally across the road from the Murray residence and that a 17 year-old negro, Henry Williams, was arrested and subsequently convicted in Magistrate's Court for damage to property.

The youth was picked up for questioning following the Tuesday night blaze, but had been released earlier in the day Wednesday, before the second fire was discovered. Blood-

hounds were again brought in Wednesday night, but no suitable results were obtained by their use.

Murray was at a loss to explain the fires and wire cutting in-

cidents. He was quoted as saying if he had any enemies, he didn't know who they could be. In addition to the corn, Murray said he lost a quantity of sweet potatoes in the pack house fire

along with several pieces of farm equipment.

He credited the work of the Volunteer firemen with saving his house, which was endangered by the pack-house fire.

Where Officers Probe Arson

W. P. Murray, of Route 4, Bottom photo shows ruins of Louisburg looks inside smoke-house (top photo) where someone set fire Wednesday night. Photos.

Times To Feature Series On Local Planning Study

In September 1962, the Town of Louisburg entered into a contract with the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development's Division of Community Planning for the purpose of performing a number of planning studies for the town.

The Division's Central Area Office in Raleigh in cooperation with the Louisburg Town Planning Board has concluded the studies, which in addition to base mapping, also included studies in the fields of Population and Economy, Neighborhood Analysis, Community Facilities, Public Improvements, Zoning, and an overall development plan.

Beginning next week, The Franklin Times will bring you a series of articles written by Tod J. Kilroy, Community Planner, with the C.D. Department's Division of Community Planning, describing the planning studies and development plan. The population and economy

study consists of an examination of the population and economy of the Louisburg area in terms of its past growth, the existing situation, and what the future probably will bring if current trends continue.

The neighborhood analysis will be an examination of Louisburg's neighborhoods to determine the extent of blight and decay. The analysis of each study area takes social characteristics as well as the physical environment into consideration. Upon identification of the blighted areas, a type of treatment for the various sections of Louisburg is recommended.

The land use survey will be an inventory of the existing uses of the land within the study area. This information is recorded on maps, in tables and charts, and is accompanied by a report containing a thorough explanation of the land uses and listing of the most pressing development problems.

The development plan is a plan for the growth and expansion of all major land uses for the next twenty years. It indicates the most desirable future arrangement of specific areas for homes, businesses, industry, and public uses. The development plan is based on the land use analysis, the neighborhood analysis, and the projections of the population and economy. In conjunction with the development plan, a thoroughfare plan is also prepared. The development plan shows the proposed development of all parts of the community by means of a map which is then thoroughly explained by a accompanying text.

Telephone Canvass Nears Completion

WAKE FOREST-The canvass of telephone subscribers at Wake Forest in connection with extended area service to Raleigh is nearing completion. This was announced today by Mr. Howard T. Pitts, Carolina Telephone's manager for this area. Mr. Pitts stated that to date 1,064 Wake Forest subscribers have returned their ballots and of the ballots to date 842 are in favor of the plan to discontinue long distance charges on calls between Wake Forest and Raleigh.

fore, all subscribers are requested to return their ballots as quickly as possible," Pitts said.

If a majority of Wake Forest subscribers favor the plan and if it is approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, extended area service between the towns will become effective in approximately eighteen months.

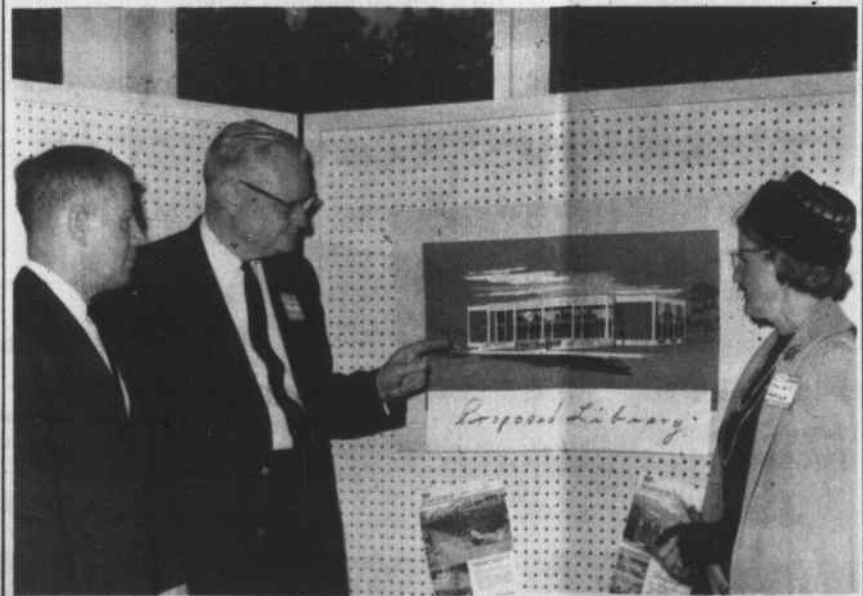
OES TO MEET William B. Barrow Chapter No 39, OES, will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Heavy Frost Blankets Local Area

Franklin County got its first real taste of fall last night and this morning when temperatures dropped below the freezing mark for the first time and the ground was covered with frost.

The low here this morning was officially recorded at 26 degrees and the frost was termed a real killing one in every respect.

The low here Tuesday morning was 38 degrees.



Proposed Library Discussed

Dr. Cecil Robbins, President, discusses proposed new College Library with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matthews, of Richmond, Va., during annual Parents' Day activities at Louisburg College on Wednesday. - Times Photo.



All Ready For Halloween

These three Halloween Witches take time out during practice run at Halloween Carnival here Wednesday night to pose for photographer. Said they were testing out their flying brooms for tonight. - Times Photo.

Bond Issue Discussed At Franklinton Town Meet

(Frk.) A public meeting was held at the Town Hall in Franklinton on Tuesday evening with Mayor Joe W. Pearce presiding.

The chairman of the Finance Committee for the Town Board, Mr. D. C. Hicks, Jr., was recognized. He explained the purpose of the Bond Election, which is set for Saturday, November 9.

Mr. Hicks explained that the Bonds in the amount of \$140,000 were needed to be issued for the purpose of constructing additional sewage disposal plant and the extension of sewer line within the city limits. The State Stream Sanitation Committee is requiring the town of Franklinton to make improvements in its sewage plant because it has only a 30% purity test. The state requires a 70% purity test.

During a question-answer period Mr. Hicks emphasized the fact that the Town Board does not propose to raise taxes to retire the bonds. "Best way to avoid tax increase is to vote for the Bond Issue on November 9," Hicks stated.

Mayor Pearce is supporting the issue and is urging all citizens to vote for the Bond Issue, which will provide the necessary improvements in the sewage system of the town.

All voters, who were registered in the last town election, are eligible to vote on November 9. Anyone who is not registered is urged to do so before 5 o'clock Friday, November 1. Saturday, November 2, is Challenge Day.

Car, Truck Confiscated Two Charged For D. Driving, Racing

Like the escaping convict who thumbed a ride with the sheriff--two Franklin County men ran onto a snag Wednesday night in the Margaret Community.

The men, identified as Ronald West, 28, of Route 2, Louisburg, and Will Davis, about 40, of Route 4, Louisburg, were charged with drunken driving and pre-arranged highway racing, and Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion ordered their vehicles, one a brand new 1964 truck, confiscated.

Sheriff Champion said that he and Deputies David Batton and Tom Powell were in the vicinity investigating an arson case when they observed a car and a truck stop up the road a distance, line up side-by-side and scratch off.

Falling in an attempt to flag them down as they passed them, the officers gave chase and stopped both vehicles, one 2 1/2 miles down the road.

Davis regained possession of his new 1964 truck this morning by posting \$4,000--twice the value--pending a hearing on the charges. The other vehicle, a 1955 automobile, was still being held by the Sheriff in lieu of \$800 bond.

Under the law, both vehicles could be sold at public auction if the two men are convicted on the charges.

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Bunn Votes On Liquor Saturday

Registered voters in the Town of Bunn go to the polls Saturday to vote on the question of operating a municipal ABC Store.

For the voter, the question will simply be a matter making up their minds and voting For or Against the establishment and operation of a town alcoholic beverage control store.

Pre-election forecasts are that the legalized sale of whiskey for Bunn will carry by a two-thirds majority in the voting Saturday.

Contributions To Rescue Total \$516

If the Louisburg Rescue Service goes wanting for anything in the way of emergency supplies or rescue equipment -- it won't be the fault of the people of Franklin County.

The Service was in receipt of contributions this week amounting to \$145.00 bringing the total of volunteer contributions to the unit of \$516.78 for the month from the citizens of Louisburg and Franklin County.

The Service, Chief V. A. Peoples announced, was in receipt of a \$100 contribution this week from Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ball, of Route 3, Louisburg; \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ball, Sr., also of Route 3; and \$20 from Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hayes, of Route 2, Louisburg.

These contributions will go a long ways, he said, towards paying for and helping to equip a new heavy equipment unit on order by the Service. The Service had planned to make an \$800 down payment on the unit to be used wholly for heavy rescue work such as freeing trapped accident victims, and finance the balance over a period.

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