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Generally fair and mild today and Friday. Low today, 49; high, 67.

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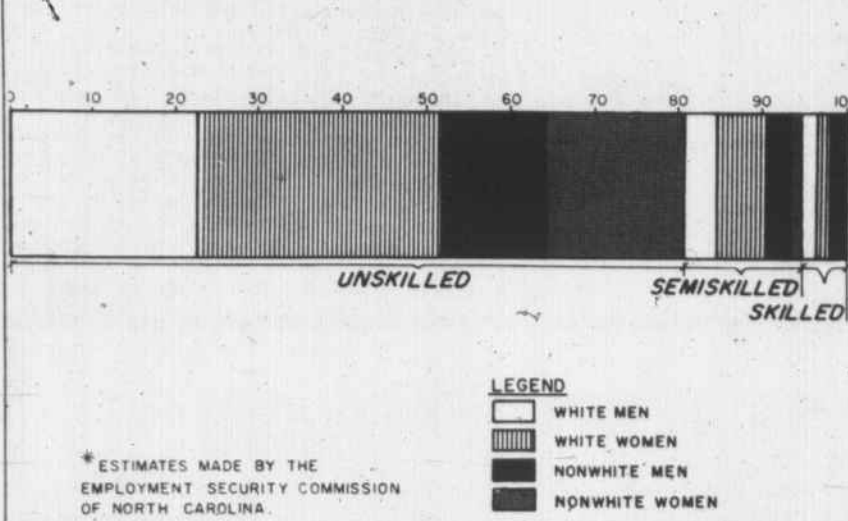
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CHART 2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 2,830 PRODUCTION WORKERS AVAILABLE WITHIN A 20-MILE RADIUS OF LOUISBURG, 1963*



Part Two: Louisburg: Its Economy, Employment, Worker Mobility

According to information provided by the Bureau of the Census, unemployment is no problem in Louisburg. When the census was taken in April 1960, only 3.8% of Louisburg's labor force was unemployed. It is felt that unemployment is much higher than this during the winter months when job opportunities in construction and agriculture are curtailed. Judging from the information compiled by the Bureau of the Census, White and Negro women do not experience as much difficulty in securing employment as do the Negro men and white men. Due to a lack of sufficient employment opportunities locally, many urban and rural residents of Franklin County are commuting to jobs outside the county. 18% of the 8,850 gainfully employed county residents are employed at jobs located outside the county. Although worker mobility works both ways, Franklin County has more residents working out-of-county than nonresidents working in the county. Not only are there people who are unemployed, there are also many who are underemployed--Individuals holding less than full-time jobs which do not utilize their highest skills and people who would join the labor force if more suitable work or better job opportunities were made available. In addition, there are those who are now commuting to jobs in other areas but who would prefer local employment. While most of those available are unskilled workers, all of them are trainable for production jobs demanding skill development. There is no one firm or plant that employs a sizable number of Louisburg residents. Even the college, which is perhaps the single largest employer in town, provides only limited employment opportunities for Louisburg residents. Compared to all North Carolina towns of comparable size, Louisburg specializes in commercial activity, the industry in which the town had the greatest growth during the past decade. The town also has a relatively large proportion of its employed residents engaged in offering such services as business and repair, personal, and professional. Although Louisburg had a substantial gain in employment in manufacturing during the past decade, the town is very low in employment in manufacturing, especially the manufacture of non-durable goods.

Dr. Robbins Named To Morehead Committee

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, has been named to membership on the Franklin County Morehead Selection Committee. Charles Yarborough, Chairman of the Committee, announced that the appointment of Dr. Robbins increases the membership of the group to eight persons. The other members of the Committee are A. E. Henderson, of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company; Elizabeth Johnson, of the Mathematics Department of Louisburg College; Edward F. Yarborough, Louisburg attorney; John A. Moore, President of Sterling Mills in Franklinton; John W. King, former Clerk of the Franklin County Superior Court; Dr. Carey Perry, of Perry-Medders Clinic; and Charles Yarborough, local attorney. The candidate selected by the County Committee will face further competition for a Morehead Award at the district level. If successful, the candidate will then appear before the Central Scholarship Committee at Chapel Hill for further competition and final selection. If the candidate is selected for Morehead Award at Chapel Hill, he will receive a scholarship of \$1275.00 for each of his four years of college at the University of North Carolina. This week the Committee will interview candidates who have been nominated by the high schools in Franklin County. Qualities considered by selection committees at every level are: A. Scholastic ability and attainments. B. Qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship. C. Evidence of moral force of character and of capacity to lead and take an interest in his schoolmates. D. Physical vigor, as shown by participants in competitive sports or in other ways. Particular attention is given by the committee to academic standing, character, leadership and ambition.

Commissioners Accept Grant, Award Bids On New Bldg.

The Board of County Commissioners voted 3 to 2 yesterday afternoon to accept a \$21,850.00 Federal grant and proceed with the construction of a County public welfare office building. Commissioner W. P. Childers made the motion to accept the grant, increased from an original grant of \$19,000.00 when bids for the building ran over estimates. Voting with Childers to accept the grant and low bids on the project were Commissioners Norris Collins, who seconded the motion, and George H. Harris. Commissioners Claude Arnold and Norwood Faulkner voted against the motion. The only alternative, except to not build at all, was one apparently favored by Faulkner and Arnold, which possibly could have seen the building constructed locally at some lower cost, part of which would have been repaid to the County in rent over a period of several years. The Board had only until the 17th of the month, however, to accept the Federal grant and have on site labor on the job or lose the Federal money. Total cost of the building is expected to run some over \$40,000.00. The Board also voted to enter into a contract with the Town of Louisburg for the operation of the proposed county-wide central fire alarm system, subject to acceptance by the town. The county, under terms of the contract, would purchase and install the equipment and contribute annually to maintenance and cost of operation. Mrs. Dwight Hinton, chairman of the decorating committee for the Dance to be held by the Junior Woman's Club on November 15, announced this week that her committee has selected a theme and is now busily engaged in working out the details for decorating. She stated that they will attempt to create the atmosphere of a lawn party which might have been held long ago on a Southern plantation, back in the days of riverboats and dancing on the lawns. However their plans turn out, the dancing public from this area can be sure that they will find a gala and friendly atmosphere when they attend this semi-annual affair at the Louisburg Armory. Get your tickets and plan now to attend.

Hurt In Fall From Truck

A 21 year-old Route 2, Spring Hope man was severely injured about noon today when he fell from the back of a moving truck at Seven Paths. Donald Shearin was given emergency first aid at the scene by the Louisburg Rescue Service and rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Shearin said that he and his wife were moving some house-

4.8 Rain Ends Local Drought

A low pressure disturbance off the coast Wednesday dumped 4.8 inches of rain on drought stricken Franklin County in the first general rainfall since mid-summer. Rain from the storm, which swept up the N. C. coast, blanketed the entire state from the mountains to the coast sending rivers and small streams out of their parched banks. The Louisburg area had soaked up 4.8 inches by 7 a.m. today and light intermittent rain was still falling late this morning. Gusty winds up to 25-30 mph during the afternoon and night Wednesday sent many a local resident scurrying for pots and pans to catch leaks. Weather bureau officials said that the rain in the 24 hour period beginning Tuesday night would probably go down as one of the heaviest on record, exceeded only by rains in 1929 and 1934. The normally muddy Tar River, reduced to hardly more than a creek by the lack of rain, was back to its normal muddy self today, having risen 8-10 feet overnight as a result of rain upstream. Fields and country paths, which were hardly more than dust bowls a week or so ago, were turned into seas of mud by the heavy rain, but this was expected to last only temporarily as the dry soil absorbs the moisture. The rain will still leave the local area short by a considerable amount for the year, local observers noted, stating that additional heavy rain is needed to bring the accumulative level up to normal. But, for the time being, at least, the drought was over in Franklin County. Dry and nearly dry streams, ponds and wells had an abundance of water this morning along with basements in homes in some locations.



And The Rains Came - Finally Louisburg College coeds are pictured changing classes during yesterday's heavy rains and below the surface run-off cuts a wide wash in freshly cultivated field, both of which presented unusual scenes of late locally. - Times Photo.

No Leaf Sale Here Monday

The Louisburg Tobacco Market will not conduct sales here Monday on account of the November 11 Veterans Day observance. Normal sales schedule will be resumed Tuesday and tobacco growers in the area are urged to get the balance of their crop worked up and marketed before the November 20th closing date, set earlier this week.

Woman's Club Dance Theme Selected

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At Franklinton \$140,000 Bond Vote Saturday

Citizens of the Town of Franklinton go to the polls Saturday to vote on a \$140,000 sewer improvement bond issue needed to match a federal grant to construct new sewage disposal facilities and extending lines within the town limits. The State Stream Sanitation Committee served notice on the town some time back that their present disposal system is inadequate and in violation of State stream pollution laws. As a result, application was made to the government under the Accelerated Public Works Program for financial assistance. Town officials pointed out that the question is not whether or not to issue bonds, but whether the town will issue the bonds and receive the matching Federal grant or stand the entire cost locally. Despite the importance of the matter, only a light vote is expected.

Christmas Parade Plans Progressing

John T. Echols, Chairman of Franklinton's annual Christmas Parade Committee, stated Wednesday that plans for the big event are proceeding nicely, with donations from local merchants already having reached sufficient proportions to insure the event's success. Thursday night, December 5, at 7 p.m. is the time that has been selected for the parade's start with the procession to follow the same route as that taken last year. Six bands have already announced plans to participate in this year's parade with a total of nearly fifty units of all sorts scheduled to take part. Echols said that everyone connected with this year's parade is more than pleased with the enthusiasm shown by local people so far and the sponsors are looking forward to an even bigger event than last year's, which they considered to be highly successful. Any civic groups wishing to place an entry in this year's parade may do so by contacting Mr. Echols no later than November 25. The commercially built floats, paid for by donations from local merchants, have been turned over to various church, school, and civic groups to be used to carry out the Christmas theme as was the case last year. Four more persons were added to a growing list of volunteer contributors to the Louisburg Rescue Service this week. Chief V.A. Peoples acknowledged contributions from Bland Fruit Industries, The Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home, and both the Rev. and Mrs. H. T. McFadden of Louisburg.

News Report From Washington

Washington, D. C.--The new era for the West is underway, and the major change in two views dominate the new German Government. This is pleasing to Washington and disturbs President Charles DeGaulle of France, who had managed to bewitch Adenauer with his grandiose Latin nationalism. In England the situation causes the United States to be guardedly hopeful. Illness suddenly caused Harold Macmillan to resign as Prime Minister. The Deputy Prime Minister, "Rab" Butler, deserved his chance in the top job, but didn't get it. Once before he had been stopped by the Churchill and Macmillan families, Macmillan circumvented him, with difficulty, again, and chose Lord Home, his Foreign Minister, as the man with the best chance to revitalize the Conservative Party, bar a Labor victory at the polls next year. Home is the first Lord to be named Prime Minister since 1895, but there may be some justification in Macmillan's ruthless choice. Home is more dynamic than Butler and less weighted down with the government's affairs in recent years. There is a school of thought high in the Conservative Party that Butler could not stir the popular imagination and build a new image for the Conservatives. Without this they seem likely to lose the next election to the Laborites. While Washington would never admit it, through official utterance, the thought of a Labor Government in Britain sends shudders down many official spines. The new era, then, begins with a shaky Home regime in England and an Erhard reign in West Germany. If Home can last, the prospect might be for even closer cooperation with U. S. policies than has been the case with Macmillan, though Macmillan exhibited a cooperative spirit on major principles. As for France, DeGaulle now finds himself reduced in stature somewhat, without the faithful allegiance of the chancellor in West Germany. It is expected that DeGaulle will come to Washington in 1964, though not with hat in hand. DeGaulle's divisive policy would be enhanced if Home fails to rejuvenate the Conservatives, and England breaks away from the Western Alliance in an independent labor posture. If the new era is to bring greater unity, and strength, the Home and Erhard regimes must succeed, and Washington is hopeful they will. Firemen from Bunn, Justice and Centerville were called to the home of Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when the electrical entrance service shorted out under the house. Damage was confined to the electrical wiring. Local PCA Slates Meet The Annual Stockholders' meeting of The Louisburg Production Credit Association will be held Saturday morning, November 9, 1963, at 10:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse, Louisburg, N. C. General Manager M. L. Jones urges all stockholders to be present.