

Generally fair, continued cold today and Wednesday. Low today, 12; high, upper 30s.

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SSgt. Robert D. Harris, center, is awarded the KMAG Certificate of Achievement for outstanding service during the period 10 October 1962 to 17 October 1963 for service in the Korean theater. Lt. Col. Paul D. Harris, left, Greenwood Subsector Commander, U. S. Army Reserve made the presentation of the medal at his Greenwood

Headquarters. Sergeant Harris has just recently been assigned assistant Army Advisor at Clarksdale, Mississippi. At right is Captain Emory W. Barrington, Clarksdale's Army Advisor. While in Korea, Sergeant Harris was with Headquarters, U. S. Army Advisory Group. (U. S. Army Photo.)

# Nash Is Named '63 Man Of Year

Willis W. Nash, local timber dealer and civic and religious leader, was honored as "Man of the Year" for 1963 by the Louisburg Rotary Club Thursday night.

Nash, 40, who is associated with the Weyerhaeuser Co., of Plymouth, owns and operates the Bunn Pulpwood Yard at Bunn and the Smithfield Saw

**6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**

**CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

and Pulpwood Co., in Smithfield. The 1963 "Man of the Year" was born at Greshamville, Georgia on October 24, 1923 and played fullback at University High School, Athens, Ga., where he graduated in the upper 10 per cent of his class. He also attended and graduated from the National School of Forestry and Conservation at Minong, Wisconsin.

An Air Corps veteran of World War II, Nash came to Franklin County in 1949. In 1957, he was director of the Franklin County March of Dimes and still serves as a director on the local committee. He was president of the local school Boosters Club from 1957 until 1962 during which time the football program was reinstated at Louisburg High School and the new athletic field was planned.

Nash is a former president of the Louisburg Lions Club and for the past three years has been a member of the Louisburg School Board. He is a member of the Louisburg Baptist Church where he has served as Chairman of the Advisory Board, moderator, deacon and member of the finance and building committees. He is also a past president and teacher of the Jewell Sunday School Class, and has served as Church Representative to the Tar River Baptist Association.

He is married to the former Katherine Oldham of Athens, Ga. They have two children, Terry, 14, and Penny, 8. His hobbies are golf and fishing.

In making the award to Nash, Rotarian W. J. Benton said that Nash has been a vital force in focusing public attention to the public school athletic program and the school itself. "The Rotary Club is pleased and honored to present the 1963 Louisburg Man of the Year award to Willis W. Nash."



### Man Of The Year Recipient

Mrs. Willis W. Nash stands at the side of her husband as he is presented with the Rotary Club "Man of the Year" award for 1963 by Rotarian W. J. Benton in ceremonies at the Murphy House last Thursday night. - Times Photo.

## Mayor Has Close Call In Hobby Shop Saw Accident

Louisburg Mayor Louis A. Wheless is at home from the hospital today following an accident at his hobby shop last Thursday afternoon that nearly cost him his life.

The Mayor was rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service late Thursday after being discovered near death from shock and loss of blood from a severed artery in his left arm at his construction company office on South Main Street.

The accident occurred when Mayor Wheless, who was cutting a block of wood on a rip saw in his hobby shop upstairs over his office, lost his balance and stuck his left arm into the saw. The whirling blade ripped into his arm just above his wrist, curving it to the bone.

From the time of the accident until he was discovered by a

Wheless Sales Company employee, possibly an hour or more later, Mayor Wheless managed to fashion a rude tourniquet out of his belt, get downstairs to his office and re-

move the telephone receiver from the hook—that was all. The Mayor was released from the hospital Sunday and was reported recuperating from his ordeal at home.

Wheless is being held in the County jail without bond on charges of murder in the last Friday afternoon pistol slaying of a Route 4, negro.

The Sheriff's Department said that Collins admitted firing two shots into James Henry Arrington from an Italian made .25

caliber automatic pistol during an argument at Stallings Milling Co., where Arrington was employed.

Arrington died in the emergency room at Franklin Memorial Hospital shortly after arrival of pistol wounds of the head and side.

## Wounds Fatal For Route 4 Negro

A Route 2, Louisburg negro, Ricahrd Collins, is being held in the County jail without bond on charges of murder in the last Friday afternoon pistol slaying of a Route 4, negro.

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## Cattlemen Elected To Association

Two Franklin County cattlemen have been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri.

They are N. E. Faulkner of Route 2, Louisburg, and James G. Chamblie of Louisburg, Route 1.

Faulkner and Chamblie were among 17 breeders of registered Aberdeen-Angus in North Carolina elected to membership during the past month.

## Newcomer Jailed At Franklinton

A newcomer to the Town of Franklinton is enjoying the hospitality of the town in the city jail today--on charges of breaking into the Jolly-Joker Inn over the week end.

Police Chief Leo Edwards said that Willie Lee Thomas, 22, formerly of Henderson, had been living in Franklinton only a month.

An undisclosed amount of change was taken in the robbery. Chief Edwards said that they

had not yet determined whether entry into the establishment was made through a rear window or whether the thief secreted himself inside the building at the close of business.

Never waste time in argument with a fool unless you want to make a fool of yourself.

Some of the smartest things that we have heard have come from the lips of children.

## Marriages

### Last Longer In Franklin

How high is the divorce rate in Franklin County compared with the rate in other communities? How many local residents have been divorced? How many have remarried?

For the great majority of men and women locally, marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime undertaking. For others, who start out with equally high hopes, their marriages end up on the rocks.

At the present time, the figures show, there are no less than 10,500,000 people in the United States who have been divorced. Over 70 percent of them have remarried, leaving about 3 million still in the divorced column.

In addition, some 2.4 million are listed as separated.

Data just released by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, covering 1962, and reports from the Department of Commerce, indicate the current trend in divorce.

They show that there are fewer divorced people in Franklin County, in proportion to population, than in most parts of the United States.

According to the tabulations, 36 out of every 1,000 local residents over the age of 14 are either divorced or separated. This is exclusive of the number who are divorced but who have remarried.

The rate compares favorably with that elsewhere in the United States, where it averages 43 per 1,000. In the South Atlantic States it is 48 per 1,000.

In actual numbers, there are 204 men and women in the county who are divorced and 488 who are separated, legally or otherwise.

The Government figures show that the divorce rate in the United States, contrary to popular belief, has been dropping continuously since 1946, right after World War II.

That year saw an avalanche of divorces, marking the break-up of thousands of the quickie marriages that were entered into during the war.

Sample surveys were made to determine how many of the people who had been divorced at one time or another have remarried. In general, it was found, there are 2.5 such persons for every one who is presently divorced.

On the basis of this national average, it is estimated that there are, in Franklin County, some 510 men and women who had previously been divorced.

## Youth Hurt In Tractor Accident

A 10 year-old Franklin County youth was severely injured in a tractor accident at his home on Route 1, Castalia Monday afternoon.

Elwood Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Staley Leonard, was rushed to Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount with a broken right hand and leg, head and internal injuries.

The youth was operating the tractor alone at the time of the accident and reportedly has only been able to tell them that the wheel of the tractor ran over him.

## Firemen Are Lauded By Wood Citizen

Volunteer firemen from Centerville and Justice were lauded today for their efforts to extinguish a tenant house fire on the W. D. Fuller farm at Wood Saturday night.

Fuller, who was sick and unable to go to the scene of the fire, commended and thanked the firemen for their efforts. The building, Fuller said, which was destroyed, was not covered by insurance.

A foolish idea a day keeps the mind working at least.

Mother's little man usually turns out to be just that.

## Bureau Explains Plans For Legislative Representation

How will county citizens be represented in the State Legislature--under the present system of membership and under the proposed amendment to the State's Constitution?

K. G. Weidon, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, explains the two plans for legislative representation.

"In the special session of the legislature this past fall, the Senate was redistricted for the first time since 1941. Membership remained at 50; but the 33 old districts were reshaped into 36 new ones. Changes in number of senators per district were made according to population changes since 1941, taking senators away from the less populous areas and giving more senators to the more populous areas.

"House membership, which had been reapportioned by the 1961 Legislature, remains at 120. Each of the 100 counties is permitted one representative. The more populous counties divide the extra 20 representatives.

"The Legislature will be set up under this system for 1965. If the Constitutional Amendment does not pass the people's vote on January 14, 1964, makeup of both the Senate and the House will stay

the same. The Senate will have 50 members; The House 120.

"Under the amendment plan, both houses of the legislature would be changed, beginning in the 1967 session. The Senate would be based on population and the House on area.

"The Senate would have 70 members, apportioned on the basis of senatorial district population. Each Senator would represent an average of 65,000 people. Each district would be left up to the 1965 Legislature, if the job isn't done in that

session, it would be taken over by a special redistricting commission.

"The House would have 100 members, one from each county in the State."

Mr. Weidon emphasized that the amendment plan is the fairest to all the people of North Carolina. "It permits fair representation because it sets up a system of compromise on legislation between the two houses," he said. "No particular segments of North Carolina could control the whole legislature."

## County Man Held In Wilson Assault

Wilson--A Franklin County man waived a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Jesse Bennett and faces trial in Superior Court on six charges of felonious assault.

Johnny Perry, 44, is charged with firing at seven persons in an automobile on the night of December 2.

The incident allegedly occurred near Finch's Mill. Perry is scheduled to stand

trial at the next term of superior court, calendared for February 10.

He was released on \$6,000 bond.

The six persons who signed warrants against Perry are Norman Morgan, Ed Morgan, Irene Morgan, Gerald Hamilton, Reba Hamilton and Willard Perry.

The seventh person in the automobile was a minor.



### Visits Franklinton Fabrics

Old Santa himself is pictured as he passed out favors to the some 1,500 parents and children

at the annual Christmas Party at BurMil's Franklinton Fabrics plant Sunday. - Times Photo.



### Truck Rests On Crushed Pipe

Pipe laden truck rests in ditch after overturning at the intersection of US 1 and 1-A near Franklinton during almost freez-

ing rain about noon Saturday. The driver, not identified, escaped injury. - Times Photo.