



### Switch Over Crews

Shown above, scenes around 4160 volt system. Workers from Carolina Power & Light and the Louisburg Utilities Department also took part in the operation. -Times Staff Photos.



### Massive Job Finished

Shown above, Louisburg Electric Dept. Supt. Harold Foster, left and General Utilities Supt. George Dennis, shaking hands at the completion of the giant Switch Over from 2400 volts to a new

4160 volt system. Workers from Carolina Power & Light and the Louisburg Utilities Department also took part in the operation. -Times Staff Photo.

## Sales Event Starts Here Thurs

The third Annual George Washington Birthday Sales Promotion will start Thursday in Louisburg. The sales event is sponsored by the Louisburg Business Association, and is scheduled to last through Saturday.

Raymond Burnette, President of the Association, stated he believed this would be the largest event of its kind ever held in Louisburg at this season of the year. The organization usually holds four town-wide sales promotions each year.

Practically all members, other than professionals, are participating in the event. The clothing stores are offering outstanding buys on fall and winter clothing; furniture and appliance dealers are offering large reductions in many prices on their merchandise; and many local businesses are announcing new services. Burnette stated he felt the Committee for the promotions had done an outstanding job in its planning. The Committee is composed of Clay McBride, local radioman; Tom House and John Godfrey, both local furniture dealers.

Large window signs will mark the member businesses that are offering outstanding values during the three day period. Burnette said he hoped the people throughout the area would take advantage of these offerings and he believed they would be pleased with the efforts of the merchants to make this a successful sales event.

Twenty-five retail merchants have joined in the advertising insert in today's issue of the Times. Burnette said he urged the public to shop with Association members through this week-end sales promotion, and he added he was hopeful of gaining new members for the organization.



### Making Sales Plans

Raymond Burnette, President of the Louisburg Business Association, is shown on the telephone making plans for the big three-day town wide Washington's Birthday sales promotion. The sales event starts Thursday with over 25 local merchants participating. -Times Staff Photo.

### Mystery Merchants Identified

Rosa Nell Eaton, Route 1, Louisburg waited from 5 a.m. at Quality Furniture & Appliance Company's store on Main Street Saturday to identify the owner, John Godfrey, as one of the Mystery Merchants in last Tuesday's issue of the Franklin Times.

A large number of contestants greeted the personnel at Pleasant's Drug Store upon their opening Saturday morning to hand in their guesses. Francis C. Pleasants, owner of the store, was the other Mystery Merchant in Tuesday's issue. Names of the winners at Pleasant's were not obtained because of the large number waiting. The first three people

there were chosen the winners and took home \$5, \$3 and \$2 merchandise prizes.

Mary Williamson won the \$3 prize at Quality Furniture & Appliance Co. and Mattie Bell Perry won the \$2 prize. Both winners are from Louisburg. The Mystery Merchant promotion continues this week with two more silhouettes appearing on Page 6. See if you can guess this week with two more guess their identity. The first three people to hand the winning guess to the merchant on Saturday morning, February 22, will win valuable prizes. Register each day for the grand prize of \$100 to be given away at the end of the promotion.

### Louisburg Current

## Switch Over Is Complete

### Final Work Completed Monday Better Service Is Reported

The massive Switch Over of current in the Louisburg area was completed Monday afternoon. The change from 2400 volts to 4160 had caused interrupted electric service throughout the area during Sunday and much of Monday. The changing of nearly 200 transformers and lines at the town substation was carried out with little unexpected trouble. Power was off in some areas

## Franklinton P. O. Exams Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission has announced the examinations for Postmaster at Franklinton will be open for acceptance of applications until March 10, 1964. The position pays \$6,440 annually. Competitors for the post must have at least 3 years of experience, showing they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Competitors must also show that they are of good reputation and that they can deal with the public agreeably and effectively.

Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, and fitness for the position. They must have re-

sided within the delivery of the office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination. In addition, they must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. Persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color or national origin. Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415, and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

longer than had been planned, but only one burn down was reported. A 30-foot length of wire was burned across Bickett Blvd. at Ford Circle Sunday in the only mishap of the operation.

Current at Franklin Memorial Hospital was off longer than anticipated. Officials had planned to make the switch over there in just a few minutes. However, when the line supplying the hospital was transferred to line two supplying North Main Street the disconnect would not take the load, according to Electric Superintendent, Harold Foster. This caused loss of power in the northern area served for a much longer period of time than planned.

Work continued on this area into Monday, with the final stages being accomplished around 3 p.m. Town Administrator, E. S. Ford, said, "We would like to express our appreciation to the public for their patience during the change over." He indicated that very few had registered complaints.

There were reports of inconveniences throughout the town in preparation of meals. Some reported lack of sufficient power on Sunday night. This was due, according to Foster, to the fact that these sections were operating from transformers being loaned by Carolina Power & Light for the Switch Over, and were not large enough to do the job sufficiently.

Fifteen crews worked all day Sunday and several stayed on to finish the job on Monday. Town officials had planned the change for the past twelve months, with Weeks and Andrews, Contractors, working here for the past six weeks in stringing lines.

The change will improve the amount of current by 75% and will allow for some future growth of new buildings and businesses in the area, according to officials.

### County Agent Says Farm Income Off

Franklin County's gross farm income for 1963 was off approximately \$2,000,000 from 1962's all time high of \$18,910,414 according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman. The 1963 farm income was \$16,943,085.

Dean said that the five percent acreage cut in tobacco for 1963 and the extremely dry growing season were prime factors contributing to last year's reduced income.

Crop income for 1963 totaled \$13,189,357. As to be expected tobacco was the big income producer, accounting for \$11,028,360. Cotton income amounted to \$1,344,972 and was the only crop showing an increase for 1963 over 1962.

Livestock income amounted to \$2,649,250 in 1963. Beef cattle, hogs, and eggs made up the bulk of the livestock income.

Other big income items last year included forestry products, \$759,000 and government payments, \$309,478.

Dean said that although we are faced with an additional tobacco acreage cut this year and much unfavorable publicity concerning smoking he and his staff believe the income can be increased in 1964. He points out that farmers have the know-how to increase yields and more efficiently produce all commodities. Also many additional irrigation systems have been added and irrigation is a good production tool to use most every year.

### Phil Ellis To Speak To Demo. Women

A former announcer of WPTF radio in Raleigh, and now Executive Director of the North Carolina Traffic Safety Council, will speak to the Franklin County Democratic Women here Saturday.

Phil Ellis, well known radio personality, will address the organization at a luncheon at The Murphy House at 1 p.m. Saturday.

According to an announcement by Mrs. L. F. Oxnevad, President of the group, the luncheon will be in a Dutch affair. All members wishing to attend should contact the President of their Precinct Captains by February 19 for reservations. Mrs. Oxnevad said a large crowd is expected.



### Joy Ride Over

Chief William Dement of the Louisburg Police Dept. is shown with Douglas McArthur Burnette, Louisburg, Rt. 3, man, being held in the theft of a 1962 Lincoln automobile from a local funeral home. Dement chased the car through much of north-eastern Franklin County Monday afternoon. Burnette was caught in Warrenton and returned here. -Times Staff Photo.

## Car Thief Captured

Douglas McArthur Burnette, 21-year-old white man of Route 3, Louisburg, is being held in the Franklin County jail in connection with the theft of a car belonging to White Funeral Home in Louisburg.

Burnette is reported to have taken the car, a 1962 Lin-

coln, from in front of the funeral home Monday morning. A funeral home employee said he saw the theft and reported it. Burnette was apprehended in Warrenton with the automobile on Monday afternoon.

Chief William Dement said he followed the car on a merry chase through much of north-eastern Franklin County. The Chief said he was grateful to Lemeul Ward, Centerville merchant, for his assistance in directing him. The police car was stopped by a flat tire during the chase, but Dement called Louisburg Police Station, which in turn called Warrenton. A Warrenton town patrolman and a State Highway Patrolman were alerted to the situation.

The route taken in the chase started on Highway 401 when Burnette is reported to have turned off on the Moulton road. It continued through Centerville, Wood, Inez and into Warrenton. No damage was reported to the car by Coroner James Edwards of White Funeral Home. Chief William Dement of the Louisburg Police Dept. booked Burnette on an Auto Larceny charge.

-Times Staff Photo

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## Com. Childers Files

W. P. Childers, 56-year-old Centerville feed dealer, filed Monday for reelection as County Commissioner from District 4. He is now serving his first term on the Board, having been elected to the position in 1960.

Childers said, in filing, "I have tried to serve to the best of my ability and this is what I intend to continue to do." He is the first to file for one of the spots on the Board. In addition to District 4, an opening is up in District 1 as the present Commissioner, Norris Collins, has filed for the House of Representatives seat held by James D. Speed. John House of Franklinton has announced for this District seat, but has not yet

filed. The Democratic Primary will be held on May 30, with a host of county positions to be decided upon.



W. P. Childers

### Weather

Increasing cloudiness with occasional rain late today, or tonight. Clearing and turning cooler Wed. Low, 28; high, 50.



### Silhouette Photos Identified

Pictured above, beside their silhouettes, are left to right, John Godfrey of Quality Furniture and Appliance Company and Francis C. Pleasants of Pleasant's Drug Store. Both businessmen were readily identified

last Saturday by six winning contestants that arrived at their stores first. See Page 6 for today's Mystery Merchant silhouettes.