

Generally fair and rather cool today and Friday. Low today, 65; high, 80.

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To Use Town Labor:

Town Council Rejects Bids For Water Line To Plant

The Louisburg Town Council rejected bids for construction of water lines to the new Gay Products plant last Friday night and voted to use town labor in doing the job locally.

E. S. Ford, Town Administrator, said he could not deter-

County Man Killed

A Negro man, identified as Willie Williams of the Alert Community, was injured in a logging accident Tuesday afternoon and died some time later in a Henderson hospital.

The man, was reportedly working for Sandy Creek Constable Perry Tharrington, in the Egypt section west of Franklin, cutting trees when the accident occurred. Details of the accident were not available.

Jury List

The Commissioners, with the assistance of the Sheriff, drew the following Jurors for a two week Civil Term of Franklin County Superior Court, beginning September 21st, 1964:

- FIRST WEEK
- DUNN--John L. Ray.
 HARRIS--None.
 YOUNGSVILLE--David Cyrus, Jr., James M. Wiggins, J. R. Hall.
 FRANKLINTON--Thomas M. Ragen, Eugene Perry, Horace H. Hughes, Dalton Bailey, Louise White, Gertrude Smith, James Alston, Lucille Black, C. C. Tippet, Geral Sargan, Fred O. Preddy, John Douglas Cheatham, Oscar L. Davis, E. T. Dement, Clyde E. Huskey.
 HAYESVILLE--R. T. Ayscue.
 SANDY CREEK--J. T. Goodson.
 GOLD MINE--Joe Dement, J. R. Ricks, Dale Williams, Hollis (See JURY Page 6)

mine how much cheaper, if any, the cost of construction would be over the bids, but that it would mean a savings to the town, since "we already have the labor and we have to pay them."

The Franklin County Commissioners have let contracts for the foundation and for the erection of a water tank at the site. The project is on a 50-50 cost basis between the Town and the county.

In other action at last Friday's regular meeting, the Board heard a discussion on the controversial strip of land at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Highway 561. Mr. Phil Insoce, local surveyor, and Mr. James T. Wilson, who ran a survey on the land while employed by the Town as an engineer, appeared before the Board in regards to the dispute between W. G. Lancaster, local funeral home operator and the town over the land. Edward F. Yarborough, Louisburg attorney, is representing the town in the dispute and Charles Davis, local attorney is representing Citizens Bank of Henderson,

acting as Administrators for the estate of the late Charles P. Green. No action was taken in the matter which has been under discussion for several years. In a special meeting of the council Tuesday night, Bland Pruitt Industries was granted certain requests in regard to property owned by B. B. Pruitt. The five requests pertained withdrawal of the dedication to the Town certain streets in the Shannon Village area; increasing the height of certain manholes along Bickett Hvd.; the dedication of a water line on the new A & P street off Nash street and Bickett Blvd.; and a request to remove a portion of sidewalk on Nash Street near the line of Mrs. J. Forrest Joyner to establish a de-acceleration lane for entry to the new shopping center.

The Board granted the request for withdrawal of the dedicated streets on condition that residents of the area approved. The Board asked for a map of the exact line for the de-acceleration lane before approving that request. The other three met the Board's approval.



BRANCH ELLINGTON

Bunn Man Says He Was Charged With Speeding While Walking

A 43-year-old Bunn man was tried and found guilty last Friday night in Mayor's Court at Bunn of a charge of public drunkenness. Branch Ellington, local appliance company employee, was also charged according to the citation given him with "Speeding 45 miles per hour in a 25-mile per hour zone" Friday night, July 31. Ellington says he has not driven an automobile in over eight years and was walking along the road in Bunn when arrested and charged with speeding. The citation also reads "public drunkenness."

The account of happenings, according to interviews with several people involved follows: Ellington was reportedly drinking on the Friday in question and had gone home and slept from 6 o'clock until 10 p.m. when he went to a local restaurant operated by Mrs. Vivian Tant. Mrs. Tant says that Ellington was not drunk when she sold him four cans of beer around 10 p.m.

Mrs. Tant also reported that Ellis Rogers and Jimmy Beddingfield were in the cafe at the time and they had testified at the trial that Ellington was not drunk. According to reports, all three agreed that Ellington left the cafe and was arrested within their sight prior to 10:20 p.m. The citation

reads 11 p.m. and the arresting officer was Leon "Buddy" Jones, Bunn policeman.

According to Ellington, Jones and Gene Mullen, Bunn policeman, placed him in the police car and at his request drove to Mayor Wayne Winstead's. After the officers conferred with the mayor, Ellington was taken home.

The citation was served Monday evening around 6 o'clock at Ellington's home, charging him with speeding and public drunkenness. His trial was held last Friday night and he was found guilty and fined \$15 including costs.

Arresting officer, Jones, is on vacation and unavailable for comment. Mullen was not at home when a reporter called and Mayor Wayne Winstead, out of his place of business Tuesday afternoon when a reporter visited Bunn, and when reached this morning by phone, said he had no comment for publication.

The speeding charge has not been explained by any official and Ellington says he doesn't understand it. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the Bunn officers use old traffic violation forms as citations. It is assumed that a mixup in carbons might have occurred, causing the speeding violation on the ticket given

en Ellington.

A sidelight to the trial occurred when M. L. Galloway, 49, Bunn resident, a spectator at Ellington's trial, expressed his opinion of Bunn court justice. Galloway, under the impression that Ellington had been found guilty of a "Disturbing the Peace" charge stemming from an incident on election night, remarked to a companion, "If this is justice, they can lock all of us up."

Galloway's remark was overheard by the court and he was cited for disorderly conduct and use of profane language. He was placed in the police car by officers Jones and Mullens to be taken to Louisburg and locked up, but instead, the officers took him home.

Ellington says that on the night of the second primary election, he was sitting on the steps of his home, which is just back of the fire house and town office, with his mother and a neighbor. When the report came over the radio that Richardson Preyer had been defeated, Ellington, obviously a Dan Moore man, let out three "rebel yells."

The yells brought police officers Jones and Mullen running to the Ellington house. They took Ellington by the arm and led him to the police car, hauled him to Louisburg and locked him up in the Franklin County jail. Ellington says he was charged with disturbing the peace and placed under bond. He also reports that the county jailer released him without bond Sunday morning around nine o'clock, that he walked to the bus station and called Franklin County Coroner James Edwards, who gave him a ride home.

This charge was dropped in last Friday's hearings. Rumors have been rampant in the Bunn community over the incident, especially the "Walking 45 miles an hour," as one observer put it.

One party, said that he believed the guilty verdict was right, but that they, indicating the court and officers, just don't know much about it. Another said, "They've got it in for Branch (Ellington) and when you print this, he'll be arrested again."

Nothing indicated that these opinions were justified during the interviews at Bunn. Ellington, by his own admission, has been in trouble before. Bunn Mayor Wayne Winstead has indicated that he does not interfere with the officers in carrying out their duties. Neither officer was available for comment on the Ellington case.

Tharrington Named To Advisory Board

Henry Gregory, President of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rocky Mount, announced today that the Board of Directors of the Association had appointed Ronald P. Tharrington to the Advisory Committee for the Louisburg Branch of the Association.

"Mr. Tharrington was appointed to replace J. M. Allen, Jr., who resigned from the Committee in May, 1964," said Gregory.

Tharrington, a merchant and farmer in the Hickory Rock Community, is single, a graduate of Edward Best High School, a member of the Hickory Rock Baptist Church, a member of the Justice Fire Association. He resides on Route 2, Louisburg, North Carolina.

In making the announcement, Gregory expressed his appreciation for the willingness of Mr. Tharrington to give us his time and energy in an advisory capacity. "We are very pleased with the progress that has been made by the Louisburg Office, and we have made every effort to make it an independent local office, and a part of Louisburg and Franklin County. We need local representation, and we are convinced that Mr. Tharrington, through his years of business experience, will be able to help keep us informed as to the local economic condition," said Gregory. Gregory said that the Directors of the Association regretfully accepted Mr. J. M. Allen, Jr.'s resignation since he had been very helpful to the



Ronald Tharrington

Association in an advisory capacity.

Tharrington, along with the other members of the Advisory Committee: J. P. Timberlake, Jr., and T. M. Harris, will meet monthly with the Louisburg Branch Manager, Frank A. Read, Jr. The Committee will act strictly in an advisory capacity, keeping the management informed as to the local conditions, so far as the Louisburg Branch is concerned.

Gregory stated that the Association is in a position to offer a full Savings and Loan service to Louisburg and Franklin County, and that with the new building presently being built at 202 North Main Street, the Association will be even better equipped to render more services.

"REMEMBER WHEN...?"

"REMEMBER WHEN" IS A NEW FEATURE OF THE TIMES WHICH WILL APPEAR PERIODICALLY. IT IS AN EXACT COPY, TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE TIMES, OF AN OUTSTANDING NEWS STORY OF THE PAST. READER COMMENT ON THIS SERIES IS WELCOMED.

November 11, 1918 Armistice Signed

PEACE INSTRUMENT SIGNED MONDAY MORNING, HOSTILITIES CEASED AT 11 O'CLOCK PARIS TIME, KAISER ABDICATES.

LOUISBURG CELEBRATES THE COMING OF PEACE

BELLS, WHISTLES, HORNS, ETC. ANNOUNCE THE NEWS BEFORE DAWN OF DAY COLLEGE GIRLS AND MANY CITIZENS JOIN IN PARADE AND MARCH THROUGH STREETS WAVING BANNERS AND BLOWING HORNS.

Washington, Nov. 11 - Armistice terms have been signed by Germany, the State Department announced at 2:45 o'clock Monday morning.

The World War will end this morning at 6 o'clock Washington time, 11 o'clock Paris time. The Armistice was signed by the German representative at five midnight. This announcement was made by the State Department at 2:45 this (Monday) morning.

The announcement was made verbally by an official of the State Department in this form: "The Armistice has been signed. It was signed at five o'clock A.M. Paris time, and hostilities will cease at 11 o'clock this morning.

The terms of the Armistice, it was announced, will not be made until later. Military men however, regard it as certain that they will include: Immediate retirement of German military forces from France, Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine.

Disarming and demobilizing of the German army. Occupation by Allies of strategic points in Germany that will make it impossible for hostilities to be renewed.

The ringing of bells and blowing of horns awakened the population early Monday morning announcing to them the signing of the Armistice terms by the German envoys and that hostilities would stop at 11 o'clock Paris time--6 o'clock here. All through the day a most pronounced demonstration expressing the joys of the citizens was in continual motion: with pop crackers, guns, horns, bells on double duty. Possibly the most impressive feature of the day was the parade of the College girls and many of our lady citizens through the streets waving Old Glory and its companion flags.

It was joyous news received in the most earnest delight.

Highway 56 Project Slated For Next Year

Public hearings are to be held on the N. C. Highway 56 improvement project in October or November this year, according to a letter to The Times from Roger R. Jackson, Public Relations Officer for the State Highway Commission.

In answer to an inquiry by The Times as to the status of the project, Jackson wrote that survey teams have already been in the area and there might be more. "Preliminary engineering for the project is now in progress," Jackson said, "and the Federal-aid public hearing on the project is scheduled for this coming October or November."

"The Highway Commission's schedule calls for the project to be let to contract in September or October, 1965. I would hazard a guess that the project could be completed within four to six months after it is awarded to contract," Jackson stated.

Jackson added that Highway Commissioner Clifton L. Benson of Raleigh was "most sympathetic with this needed improvement and gave his strong support towards accelerating the schedule."

Highway 56 runs from Louisburg past Edward Best School community to the Nash County line a few miles from Castalla. Efforts have been made for a number of years by county officials to get this road widened and repaired. It has been termed "the worst stretch of highway in this area" for many years by travelers using the road.

According to Jackson's timetable, the project should be completed by April of 1966.

In terms of livestock gain, the American Grassland Council reports early cut hay is worth \$47 per ton as compared to \$50 per ton for grain.

Snake

Mild excitement was experienced on Louisburg's Main Street Wednesday afternoon, by the few citizens out on a usually quiet period downtown. A large black snake was the cause of it all, as he moved nonchalantly across the thoroughfare from the bank to the drug store.

A passerby, probably concerned with the snake's safety in crossing the street, attempted to speed the creature up with a heavy board. The snake reportedly sizzled when the board zapped, resulting in tragedy for the snake. The remains were removed by representatives of the town of Louisburg.

It was undetermined whether the snake was on its way to the bank to make a deposit or to try for a loan. Thanks to the man with unwieldy board we'll never know. But, it's a certainty, the snake was wasting its time, because it was Wednesday afternoon and the bank was closed.



Co. D. 120th Infantry, 30th Division 1915

Pictured above are men of Company D, 120th Infantry, 30th Division, Louisburg National Guard taken in 1915. Shown are: (1) Capt. Newell, (2) Capt. Boddie, (3) Reddy Paul, (4) Buck Harris, (5) Hurley Cook, (6) "Big Pot Liquor" Dement, (7) Jesse Ball, (8) Ed Weston, (9) Tipperary Bailey,

(10) Champion, (11) Carl Strickland, (12) George Foster, (13) Unidentified, (14) Sterling Brickell, (15) John Burt Hill, (16) Alec Wilson, (17) Judge Coggins, (18) Sweet Willie, (19) Crosby, (20) Dave Ellington, (21), (22), (23) Unidentified, Kneeling, (24) Dan P. Smithwick, (25) Claude Collins,

(26) John Griffin, (27) "Red Wing" Goodson, (28) Auburn Allen, (29) Brush Mason, (30) Buck Davis Gordon, (31) Nat Ellington, (32) Edwin "Pot Liquor" Dement, (33) Hugh Perry, (34) Cornelius Stallings, (35) Big Hobbs, (36) Jake Alford, (37) Pete Bunn, (38) "Hot Brother" Shearin, (39)

Hunter Harris, (40) John Winfree, (41) C. C. Julian, (42) Unidentified, (43) Edmund Webb and (46) Tyree Gattis.

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