

Weather

Considerable cloudiness and cooler today. Wednesday, fair and not so cool. Low today, 38; high, 58.

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Committees have become so important that a subcommittee has to be appointed to do the work.

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Edward Best, Epsom, Bunn, Louisburg PTAs Vote To Support Bonds

Local units of the Parent-Teacher Associations have voted to endorse the State School Bond issue to be voted on November 3. The Louisburg P.T.A. voted last Thursday night, unanimously, to support the issue. Epsom, Edward Best and Bunn P.T.A.'s joined the last of endorsers Monday night.

Members of the County Board of Education and school officials have spoken to the P.T.A. meetings in behalf of the bonds. County Superintendent of Schools, Warren Smith, and Clint Fuller, Board member, spoke to the Louisburg and Epsom meetings. Mrs. Margaret Holmes, Director of Instruction for the county, addressed the Edward Best meeting Monday night and Horace Baker, Board member, talked to the Bunn P.T.A.

Smith presented a chart showing the needs of Franklin County and the amount of money already spent by the county. The charts also showed the benefits of the \$558,049.90, the county unit's share of the state bond money, Smith told the groups. "The opportunity is here. The responsibility is ours."

Fuller told the Louisburg and Epsom P.T.A. members, "Now is the time to stand up and be counted as a friend of education. Franklin County children cannot take the \$21 education we're giving them and compete favorably with children getting a \$124 education," he said, referring to the amount spent in local funds by the county as compared with money spent by Winston-Salem. "We need to do every conceivable thing that we can to further the cause of education with what we have and what we can get," Fuller ad-

Lee Furr Passes



F. Lee Furr

Fitzhugh Lee Furr, 66, retired pharmacist, of Tanglewood Drive, Louisburg died last Friday. Furr had lived for 23 years in Durham before moving to Louisburg with his wife several years ago.

In recent years, he had worked part time in a local drug store. He was for years associated with the Upjohn Drug Company. He received his degree in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina. He also attended the University of Virginia.

Furr was born in Montgomery County, N. C., son of the late John Robert Furr and Mary Jane McCloud of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was a mason, a Shriner, holding life membership in the local unit, a member of the Methodist Church where he had served as a steward, and a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held last Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the White Funeral Home here and another service was held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Clifton Falls, Va. Rev. Kelly Wilson, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, conducted the Louisburg services. Rev. J. A. Stephens and Mr. Ivan Oranuff conducted the Virginia services held at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Milton B. Whitting. Burial was in Hill Crest Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Icy Lee Towney, two sisters, Mrs. Wesley York, Asheboro, and Mrs. Cliff Horne, Miami, Fla.; one brother, Alvin J. Furr of States-

ville, N. C.; two nieces and one nephew.

Local pallbearers were: Dr. J. B. Wheelless, John Neal, Centerville, and Mike Rowe.

Johnson Named Field Director

The appointment of James Johnson as a Field Director for the National Campers and Hikers Association, is announced by Bill Parker, State Director, who has long displayed a keen interest and outstanding ability in all phases of camping, will be responsible for developing NCHA's program in Franklin County and adjoining area.

The Johnsons first started camping 3 years ago. Today, they and their daughter Beth travel the highways and byways with their trailer, loaded with tent and camping supplies.

One of his first jobs will be to organize a local, self governing chapter. The purpose of the new chapter will be to plan and attend chapter, state and national gatherings where members will make new and rekindle old friendships, show slides and movies, enjoy potluck dinners, swap campfire tales and recipes, share information about camping equipment and facilities and welcome newcomers to the expanding camping fraternity.

The National Campers and Hikers Association is the oldest, largest and fastest growing family camping group in the country. Long known as the "friendliest people in the world", the NCHA invites camping families to contact the field director to join the outdoors fun and fellowship.

Man Injured When Struck By Bottle

A 26 year old Rt. 4, Louisburg man is recovering in a Durham hospital following an operation resulting from a bottle throwing incident at a local service station last Thursday night.

Details of the incident are not clear, but it is reported that Donald Ray Champion suffered a brain injury when struck by a bottle thrown by Glenn Shearin, 17 year old Rt. 4 man, when they stopped by a by pass service station where Shearin is employed. The station was closed at the time of the incident.

Champion, according to reliable reports, was disorderly in a local drive in which resulted in his being arrested and lodged in the local jail prior to the incident last Thursday night. Champion's wife and Shearin, reportedly gained Champion's release from jail.

Following his release, the three of them were together in an automobile when an argument started between the two men. They stopped at the service station where Champion is reported to have thrown a bottle at Shearin, striking a gas pump and breaking the glass. Inspection by a Times reporter shows the glass broken with a top of what looks to be a whiskey bottle lodged inside the tank.

Shearin picked up a nearby bottle and threw it at Champion striking him on the right forehead. Champion was treated at the local hospital and rushed to Durham.

Hundreds Attend Klan Rally Here



Klu Klux Rally

Pictured above are scenes of the Klu Klux Klan rally held here Saturday night. Top photos, left to right, Grand Dragon of North Carolina, J. R. Jones; Imperial Wizard, Bob Shelton, Tuscaloosa, Ala.;

Chaplain from Greensboro and an unidentified woman Klansman. Lower photo shows cross burning ceremonies.

-Times Staff Photos.

A Night With The Klu Klux Klan

The assignment of covering a rally of the knights of the Klu Klux Klan, must be listed as one of the most interesting experiences to date as a reporter. The very name, Klan, has since boyhood, held a somewhat sinister meaning and the memory of white hoods marching past our front door late at night has lingered for many years.

When word came there was to be a rally here, we were determined to witness, first hand, the ceremonies. We went first to the site of the rally late Saturday afternoon. There we met the Imperial Wizard and the Grand Dragon. We talked about newspaper coverage. They were not over friendly toward newspapers. They said we

Reapportionment

Washington, D. C. -- President Johnson was reported to be backing a compromise to permit delay of legislative reapportionment. It is aimed at breaking the controversy that has tied up the \$3.3-billion foreign aid bill in the Senate. Everett M. Dirksen, Senate Republican Leader, said he would oppose any such compromise.

Rusk On Vietnam

Washington, D. C. -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk believes the United States is making some headway in persuading the divided leaders of South Vietnam to declare a moratorium on their disputes and seek unity for the war against Communist guerrillas.

could come, but pictures would be supplied us. We said, we'd like to take our own pictures. They finally agreed, with certain limitations. As we parked our car, we were met by two Security Guards. These men were smartly dressed, reminiscent of our old army days and the M. P.'s. They said they would escort us to the Grand Dragon, after we told them we were expected. They would not allow us to get close to the Dragon, and seemed very concerned that there was another newsman just behind us, that at that time was not covered by a Guard.

The Captain of the guard, looking the part, was in complete command. He told us where we could stand and where we could not stand. He said, "This guard will cooperate with you and I hope that you will cooperate with him." Then followed several minutes of whispered instructions to our personal guard.

For the remainder of the rally, the guard was never more than a couple of inches away. Once, during the lengthy speech of the Imperial Wizard, the guard was changed. The second was considerably larger than the first. We looked around us and found an old friend, covering for an out of town paper, and chuckled as we saw that he too, was well covered with a green suited companion.

"There is another news reporter here, but if he can't ask permission, he damn sure better not take any pictures," said the Captain. Later we saw

two guards escorting a man away from the front row. We assumed that he was the newsman without permission.

One hooded member, unknown to us, moved in beside us as the speaking was going on. "What paper do you work for?" he asked. "When will it come out?" "What are you going to write about us?" "What kind of editorial will you write?" "Have you seen us do anything wrong here tonight?" We answered all his questions. "No," we said, "we haven't seen anything wrong." He finally moved away.

"What do the red robes stand for?" we asked. Like every other question, we received, "I don't know." The Grand Dragon came by and gave us a leaflet picturing President Johnson as a light bulb, with the wording, "Let's Turn Him Out." A Klansman gave a paper on Johnson's record. We were not given an application form when they were passed out.

It is hard to describe the feeling, when, in your own county, among your own friends, you are hindered from your movements by someone, a total stranger, who stands quietly beside or behind you, never speaking, never moving for an entire evening. We must always wonder what might have happened, had we decided to move out into the crowd to visit these friends. There were no arms visible, but the guards were there for a purpose.

We were escorted back to the door of our car when the meeting was over. Newsmen were

given special treatment, we suspect, because no one else got the personal escort through the mud to their car.

It was an interesting experience. The cross burning ceremonies were most impressive. We will remember it for a long time.

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Homecoming Beauties

Louisburg Homecoming Queen contestants are pictured above. Left to right, Miss Betty Jo Moore, Senior Class representative, the winner; Miss Em-

A crowd, estimated in excess of six hundred, attended a Saturday night rally of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Klu Klux Klan, held near Louisburg. The meeting was held in a vacant field about three miles east of town on Highway 561, starting at 8 o'clock and ending around 10:30 p.m.

The rally brought Bob Shelton, Imperial Wizard, from Tuscaloosa, Ala. to Louisburg to address the gathering. J. R. Jones, Grand Dragon of North Carolina presided at the rally and introduced Shelton. A 60 ft. cross was burned during the ceremonies.

A man identified as "E. C. from Wilson," was first to address the crowd. He flailed out at the Johnson and Sanford administrations, and highly endorsed the candidacy of Sen. Barry Goldwater. He also assailed a number of civil rights leaders.

Shelton told the crowd, "The United Nations will destroy freedom and America, unless something is done." He, too, endorsed Sen. Barry Goldwater, but stated, "This is not a political meeting." He limited his remarks, for the most part, to the communist threat to "American freedom," and made few remarks on the white supremacy issue. He invited all that "can qualify" to join in the Klan movement.

The rally opened with the playing of a number of hymns. An unidentified master of ceremonies introduced one of three Chaplains to open the meeting with prayer. The Chaplain, after a few remarks on white supremacy and the threat of communism, gave the invocation.

There followed speeches by the man from Wilson, Jones, Shelton, and a Chaplain from Greensboro. Following the Chaplain's talk, a collection was taken from the crowd, followed by more remarks by the Imperial Wizard, Jones, a woman Klansman and a third Chaplain. The entire program lasted around two and a half hours.

The rally was orderly, and well handled by a host of green suited Security Guards, wearing gold painted army helmet liners, who performed with the precision of well drilled army unit. There were a number of white, red and green hooded men and women in the crowd and around fifty Klan members took part in the torch and cross burning ceremonies, which consisted of the Klansmen parading in a clockwise circle around the cross with lighted torches.

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Criminal Court Now In Session

The Franklin County Grand Jury returned true bills in two murder cases and a rape case Monday. A true bill was returned in the case of Willie Perry, Jr. 41 year old Louisburg Negro charged with rape against a Louisburg white woman. Perry was remanded to the Franklin County jail.

A true bill was returned against Mrs. Florestine Ross Felts, 26 year old Rt. 2, Zebulon woman, formerly of Vance County, in the pistol death of George Thomas Locklear 42, Rt. 3, Zebulon man at his night spot early Sunday morning, May 10, 1964.

The Grand Jury presented a second murder true bill in the case of Johnnie Coppedge 62 year old Cedar Rock Negro in the death of his wife, Fronie Coppedge at their home on Monday, July 1, 1964.

Perry is charged with the capital offense of rape, reportedly committed against a mentally retarded white woman at her home on Church Street in Louisburg, on Monday afternoon, October 5, 1964. He had remained in the local jail since his arrest late Tuesday night following the report of the incident.

Mrs. Felts, reportedly shot Locklear from an upstairs window of a night spot operated by the victim, as he sat in an automobile parked in front of the establishment. Locklear was sitting in a car owned by Mrs. Wilma Miller, New York, N. Y. with the door open at the time of the shooting.

Louisburg Tobacco Market

Pounds Sold Last Week, 1,681,074; Amount Paid Last Week, \$974,141.69; Average, Last Week, \$57.95; Rounds Sold Week Before, 1,854,020; Amount Paid Week Before, \$1,074,455.08; Average Week Before, \$57.95; Pounds Sold To Date, 8,541,608; Amount Paid To Date, \$3,252,830.00.

Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, October 19:

Table with 2 columns: KILLED TO DATE, LAST YEAR. Values: 1216, 1026.

ma Ruth Bartholomew, Junior Class; Miss Tucker Meyer, Sophomore Class; and Miss Frances Murphy, Freshman Class. -Times Staff Photo.