

Increasing cloudiness and warmer today. Friday, cloudy with some rain and turning colder. Low today, 34; high, 57.

Courage doesn't consist in feeling no fear, but in conquering fear.



Local Stores Stocked With Christmas Goodies

Local Stores Report Christmas Sales Are Better Than Period Last Year

Merchants in the Louisburg area, probably reflecting the trend throughout the county, report that Christmas sales are up over last year's. Most stated that already their business for the holiday season was running ahead of the same period last December, with four shopping days coming this year in Christmas week, which should increase the overall sales volume.

Several clothing establishments reported that people were shopping earlier for their kinds of gifts, while one clothier said, "They usually wait until the last minute. We expect our sales to be about the same as last year, with most coming next week."

A variety store manager said, "We're holding our own with last year and expect to improve on that figure with the two extra days in Christmas week this year." He referred to the fact that Christmas Day Henderson and Raleigh. Some was on Wednesday last year reported that prices locally

with only Monday and Tuesday for late shoppers. This year, with Christmas Day coming on Friday, many shoppers will wait and do most of their buying during the four shopping days next week.

Of the more than a dozen stores visited during this survey, most reported that they would begin staying open until 8 o'clock on Monday. Some indicated that they would start the late hours on Saturday. All of those questioned stated that they would remain open through Christmas Eve.

The selection throughout Louisburg and many stores in the Franklin area were found to be even better than last year. Most exceeded the selections reported available in the out-of-town stores and a number of comparative shoppers have reported that prices in the general Louisburg area are in line with those in the Henderson and Raleigh. Some was on Wednesday last year reported that prices locally

were below those being asked in the shopping centers in Raleigh.

The post office reports that their heaviest load will come next week but that already they can feel the rush of the season.

This year, as in the past, there seems to be a certain amount of confusion among the Louisburg stores, on closing the Saturday following Christmas. The Business Association has attempted to contact the local businesses in an effort to determine what stores will be open and which ones will be closed.

Business Closings Slated

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Louisburg Business Association, has issued a listing of the businesses which plan to be closed on Christmas Day and Saturday thereafter.

The statement from the Association follows:

"The following merchants have been contacted by the Louisburg Business Association as to their plans for closing December 25 to December 28. Those planning to close are: Tonkels' Dept. Store, Pope's, Murphy's Store, I.G.A., Economy Auto Supply, First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. (Installment Loan and Bank), First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Harris Pharmacy, House Furniture, Louisburg Dry Cleaners, Quality Dry Cleaners, Louisburg FCX, Farmer's Tractor and Truck, Louisburg Tractor and Truck, Murphy House, Quality Furniture, Western Auto Store, Warren Oil Co., Louisburg Motors, Richards Oil Co., Fuller and Hayes Grocery, Franklin Milling Co., Johnson Cotton Co., Louisburg Milling Co., Rowe Chevrolet-Buick, Little River Ice and Fuel Co., O'Neal's Drug Store, Town's Campus Clothing, Rowe's Men's Shop, Seaboard Store, Roses, Stewart's Jewelers, Allen Oil Co.

winter holidays is asking for trouble, and may get it," he said.

"State troopers everywhere are as eager as anyone to extend the spirit of good will to all men, but they can hardly be expected to show great kindness to those drivers who fail to live up to their responsibilities," Cook said.

"Any motorist who seeks to take advantage of the holiday season by disregarding the fundamental obligations attached to his driving privilege is inviting the responsibility of arrest."

"Instead, pledge yourself to behave in a manner for which you'll not have to apologize to a friend or explain to a trooper. If you are intent on drinking intoxicants, stay from under the wheel. And even if you don't drink, remember that sober people can also meet with highway tragedy when they ignore the rules of the road."

The patrol officer pointed out, in the customary reminder, that lots of gift buyers are in the last throes of shopping. He warned both motorists and pedestrians to guard against letting bright and shiny store and street decorations distract their attention from traffic lights, stop and warning signs, no-passing zones or railroad crossing signals and crosswalk markings.

"Many shoppers journey to neighboring communities in search of gift items just a little bit different," he declared. "And it's on short trips like that that many of our accidents occur—some of them serious."

Also, Cook cautioned, on the way back bad weather may come on unexpected. Unless motorists have the foresight to be prepared for such an eventuality, they may be plagued by poor traction and reduced visibility, the twin trouble makers of wintertime driving.

"The driver who gets careless about the maintenance or operation of his car during the

Some plan to be open on Saturday and close the following Friday for New Year's Day, while others plan to take the traditional two days at Christmas.

Local Doings

Decorations Contest

Don't forget the "Light Up and Decorate for Christmas" contest sponsored by the Louisburg Garden Club. Judging will take place Monday night, December 21, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 p.m., so keep your lights on then.

Judges will look for the general appearance best depicting the Christmas spirit.

Church Choirs

The combined choirs of Corinth and Trinity Churches will present a Christmas Cantata at Trinity Methodist Church Sunday night, December 20, at 7:30.

Franklinton Choir

(Frk. B. W.) The Adult Choir of the Franklinton Baptist Church will present the Christmas Cantata—"A Song Unending"—by John Peterson on Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock.

Soloists are Mrs. Lloyd Jackson, Mrs. Flay Price (soprano); Mrs. G. M. Ledford (alto), Mr. Flay Price (tenor) and Mr. William Hagwood (bass). The narrator will be the Rev. Lloyd Jackson.

Glee Club

(Frk. B. W.) The Franklinton High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Bruce Honeycutt, will present the Christmas Cantata—"The Music of Christmas"—by Ira B. Wilson on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 4 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The Franklinton Glee Club will present a program of music in the school auditorium Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Bruce Honeycutt.

County Farmers Approve Present Crop Programs

The Franklin County tobacco growers joined other tobacco growers in a five state tobacco area to accept controls on production for the next three years by an overwhelming majority.

In North Carolina there were a total of 287,014 votes cast in the Flue-cured Tobacco Marketing Quota Referendum and, of this number, 97.6% were in favor of marketing quotas. Also, North Carolina tobacco growers accepted the Flue-cured Tobacco Assessment Program by 95.6%.

A total of 103,717 cotton growers cast a vote in the 1965 Upland Cotton Marketing Quota Referendum and accepted marketing quota price support by 98.3%. Tobacco growers in the other flue-cured tobacco growing states approved the Tobacco Marketing Quota Program as follows: Florida - 81.8%,

Georgia - 81.0%, South Carolina - 97.4%, and Virginia - 95.1%. How did Franklin County vote? A total of 4678 Franklin County tobacco growers visited the polls on December 15 and voted 97.6% in favor of marketing quotas for the next three years. Out of the total voting, only 112 voted against the program. 91.5% voted in favor of tobacco assessments and 98.1% voted in favor of cotton marketing quotas for 1965.

COMMUNITY	F. C. TOBACCO			UPLAND COTTON		
	No. Yes	No. No	Total	No. Yes	No. No	Total
CEDAR ROCK	480	13	493	453	10	463
CYPRESS CREEK	334	12	346	335	11	346
DUNN	759	11	770	562	8	570
FRANKLINTON	261	7	268	249	5	254
GOLD MINE	276	16	292	268	17	285
HARRIS	440	10	450	353	6	359
HAYESVILLE	545	15	560	546	5	551
LOUISBURG	722	7	729	652	5	657
SANDY CREEK	398	14	412	344	11	355
YOUNGVILLE	351	7	358	269	2	271
GRAND TOTAL	4566	112	4678	4031	80	4111

Two Receive Sentences In Minor Charges As Capital Cases Heard

No probable cause was found Tuesday in Recorder's Court here in the case of Melvin Green, 22-year-old Louisburg Negro charged with rape. Green had been arrested Saturday by local police and lodged in Franklin County jail without bond on a complaint by Shirley Jean Walker, 18-year-old Negro woman.

The woman claimed that she was attacked by Green in a tobacco storage warehouse in Blacktown Saturday afternoon. Green was also charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon another Negro woman, Sallie Taylor. He was found guilty on this charge and sentenced to 120 days on the roads.

Henry Lewis Alston, 25-year-old Louisburg Negro, charged with assault with a knife against James Dunn in Ophelia's Place in Louisburg Saturday night, was found guilty and sentenced to 6 months in jail to run concurrently with another sentence in case No. 0899. Notice of appeal to Superior Court was given and bond was set at \$200.00.

Curtis Richardson, 25-year-old, Rt. 2, Louisburg Negro received six months in jail suspended upon payment of costs and remaining on good behavior for two years in charges growing out of a shooting incident with his wife. He was also charged with raping a 14-year-old Negro girl on Sunday. This case was not presented.

The case of Annie Ruth Crump, charged with the Sunday night knife slaying of her husband, George Thomas Crump, near Franklinton was not heard. Both are negroes.

Other cases tried in Franklin County Recorder's Court Tuesday were:

Fred Lee Timberlake, w/m/56, public drunkenness and unlawful possession of whiskey, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs and to remain of good behavior for 6 months.

Charles Green, c/m/25, motor vehicle violation. Nol pros.

Edward L. Williams, c/m/20, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant having failed to comply with judgment, commitment to issue.

Cash William Haggerty, w/m/23, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Richard Fred Parker, w/m/47, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Charles Gupton, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail suspended on payment of costs and to pay medical bills of Jimmie Blackhall. To remain of good behavior for two years.

Henry Albert Lewis, w/m/36, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Richard Baines, c/m/29, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

John Albert Dixon, c/m/29, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Reid, c/m/32, speeding. To pay costs of court.

Jasper Daniel Woodruff, Jr., w/m/25, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Arthur Douglas Clark, w/m/39, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

William Dennis Branham, w/m/37, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

William Barkley Grizzard, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Earl Junior Parker, w/m/33, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

William Boyce Upchurch, w/m/22, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

James Henry Wright, c/m, non support. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs and beginning Dec. 21st and each month thereafter to pay \$30.00 into Court for support.

Leroy Joyner, c/m/37, assault with deadly weapon. 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs and to remain of good behavior for 1 year.

Jake Williams, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs and to be of good behavior for two years.

Bernice Earl Philpot, disposing of mortgaged property. Nol pros.

Joe Pendergrass, w/m/43, assault. 6 months in jail suspended on payment of costs by December 29th and to remain of good behavior for two years.

John Thomas Southerland, c/m/25, assault with deadly weapon. 60 days in jail suspended on payment of costs and to be of good behavior for two years. Gun ordered seized and sold under statute.

Thomas Clay Pergerson, w/m/18, speeding. To pay costs of court and repair exhaust attachment.

Robert L. Evans, non support. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs and beginning Dec. 21st to pay into CSC \$15.00 and a like amount each month thereafter, for support payment.

Herbert E. Rosenbaum, escape from prison. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.

Donald Eugene Short, escape from prison. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.

Office Open

The Franklinton Post Office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, to assist the public in their Christmas mailing.

L. L. "Red" Sturdivant Suffers Fatal Heart Attack Tuesday

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. at White Level Baptist Church for Linwood L. "Red" Sturdivant, Louisburg tobacco warehouseman and popular Franklin County merchant. Sturdivant died Tuesday night around 6 o'clock in Franklin Memorial Hospital following a severe heart attack suffered Monday.

He owned and operated a general store and fertilizer business in the White Level Community in addition to his interest in the Friendly Four Tobacco Warehouse in Louisburg. Sturdivant founded and for many years operated the White Level Reds baseball team in several semi-pro leagues. His teams always were in the running in the North Carolina Semi-pro Tournament played at Roxboro each year.

Sturdivant, an ardent sports fan, was a close personal friend of a number of national sports



L. L. "Red" Sturdivant

figures, particularly members of the New York Yankee baseball team.

He was a member of the

Happiness Is Christmas On The Face Of A Child

