

Weather

Mostly cloudy and cool today, chance of some rain. Friday, partly cloudy and continued cold. Low today, 37; high 49.

Comment

The simple life, praised in prose and verse, is not so simple in this day and time.

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Louisburg High School Band

The Louisburg High School Band is shown above as it presented its annual Winter Concert here last night in the school auditorium. The Band, directed by Mr. Robert Watson, presented a total of eleven num-

bers. The Senior Band performed seven and the Junior Band presented four selections. A crowd of around 200 parents and friends attended the event. Another concert is scheduled for the Spring.

-Photo by Dick Burnette.

Franklinton Residents Injured

(Frk. B.W.) Mrs. John Echols of Franklinton, who was injured when her automobile skidded on ice near Kittrell Sunday night, underwent surgery at Maria Parham Hospital on Tuesday in connection with a broken leg.

Mrs. Echols and her 15-year-old daughter Sandra were admitted to the hospital following the wreck Sunday.

The two were returning from Petersburg, Virginia, when the car skidded on ice at Kittrell. The vehicle slid across the road and turned around, going backwards down a 15-foot embankment. The car was estimated a total loss.

Mrs. Echols suffered a broken left leg and a possible concussion. She was found unconscious at the wheel of the car. Sandra was thrown into the back seat and suffered lacerations.

Louisburg High School Band Gives Winter Concert Here

The Louisburg band gave its annual Winter Concert last night before an estimated 200 enthusiastic parents and friends in the high school auditorium.

Under the direction of Mr. Robert Watson, the Senior Band performed seven numbers, including "Russian Choral and Overture," "Two Courtly Dances," "Highlights from Gi-

gi," "Bonds of Unity," March, "Sleepers Wake," "Armada Overture" and "Thrills A Plenty."

Following the intermission Mr. Watson directed the Junior Band in four numbers, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "Londonerry Air," "Themes from Hansel and Gretel" and "Festival March."

The local band schedules two concerts annually. Their next performance will come near the closing of the school year and is named the Spring Concert. Both these events have become attractions which are looked forward to by local music lovers and many words of praise for last night's presentation were heard from the audience.

Members of the Senior Band are: Flutes: Beth McDonald and Deborah Roberson; Clarinets: Bruce Wynne, Toni Merritt, Phyllis Jeffreys, Jimmy

Wilson, Bill Shelton, Ross Shupling, Jenia Loftin, Bonnie Phelps, Bill Taylor and Mat Person; Bass Clarinet: Buddy Stewart; Saxophones: Bill Williamson, Ann Avent, Patsy Murphy, Kevin Warren, Van Clifton, Terry Nash and Mike Edwards;

Cornets: Randy Fuller, Tommy Ball, Charles Holmes, Howard Stallings, Johnny Lloyd and Bill Benton; French Horns: Lee Lumpkin and Mike Patterson; Trombones: Pete Joyner, Dwight Perdue, Mike Carter and Jimmy Geddie; Baritone: Billy Dement; Bass: Al Peoples; Percussion: Bo Allen, Mike Fuller, Betty Lavender, Bobby Debnam, George Fleming and Philip Robertson.

Junior Band--Flutes: Becky Wilson, Lou Roberson and Elizabeth McKinne; Clarinets: Sandy Versteeg, Charley Hobbog, Margo Raynor, Jimmy Wrenn, Robbie McDonald, Greg May, Deborah Boyd, Steita Shelton, Carolyn Denton, Jewell Shearin; Saxophones: Mike McBride, Robin Kearly and Johnny Hodges;

Cornets: Edward Bergerson, Bobby Fuller, Philip McKlone, Steve Perdue and Saunders Isley; Trombones: Jimmy Wheelless, Chuck Latta, Clay Bergerson and King Jolly; Baritone: Larry Peoples; Bases: Steve Roberson and Charles May; Percussion: Parker Lumpkin, Robert Winn, Kirk Houde, Bill Davis, John Kornegay and Janie House.

Louisburg Correspondent

The new Social Correspondent for the Louisburg area is Mrs. Louise Fuller. All club secretaries are requested to report their meetings to her at GY 6-3653. Those having personal items they wish published are also asked to call Mrs. Fuller.

Local Bank Promotes Weathers And Pearce



James A. Weathers



Henry E. Pearce

Smithfield. The Board of Directors of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company has announced the promotion of Henry E. Pearce and James A. Weathers to the Louisburg Office of the statewide banking firm. The announcement was made by Board Chairman Robert P. Holding, Jr.

Weathers, a Franklin County native, was elevated to the position of Cashier in the Louisburg operation. He joined the banking firm in 1955 as a teller and in 1962 was elevated to loan responsibilities as an assistant cashier. His new position encompasses administration and operations assignments in addition to loan functions.

Before joining First-Citizens he was with the Seaboard Airline Railway for two years. Weathers is active in many civic and church affairs in Franklin County. He is in the Louisburg Rotary Club and presently serving as past president and a member of the Board of Directors. He is a Mason and treasurer of Franklin Building Corporation. He served for eight years in the National Guard. Weathers is presently a

church usher and an officer in the Louisburg Baptist Church Sunday School. He is married to the former Joyce Knott and has three children. He is the son of the late Robert S. Weathers, Sr., and Mary Pearce Weathers of Franklinton.

Pearce, who was promoted to Assistant Cashier, joined First-Citizens in 1948 in the commercial department, serving in bank operations. He has been engaged in teller operations since 1959.

A native of Franklin County, Pearce is a graduate of N. C. State College. Before entering the banking field he was employed with Jewel Tea Company, Vamco Mills and with two governmental agencies. He is a past Town Commissioner of Franklinton, where he resides with his wife, the former Edna Davenport of Greenville, North Carolina.

Pearce is a charter member of the Franklinton Lions Club and a Past Commander of his local American Legion Post. He served four years during World War II, being discharged as an Officer. Pearce is an usher and member of the Board of Stewards.

New Feature Coming

Beginning in next Tuesday's issue of The Times, a new feature will be carried on the front page. Franklin County's Representative James D. Speed has consented to write a weekly column, reporting on happenings in the Legislature.

It is the feelings of The Times and Mr. Speed that there is a need for an avenue of information between the representative and the people. To inform the people of what is going on in the present session of the General Assembly is the purpose of this new series. Reader comment will be welcomed.

Moss Returns From Convention

Youngsville--James T. Moss, who was recently elected as First Vice President of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts, returned Sunday from the Meeting of the United States Soil and Water Conservation Field in Portland, Oregon.

The convention opened on Sunday, February 7, and lasted through Wednesday, February 10. All representatives discussed existing problems and solutions in soil and water conservation. While in Oregon, the representatives visited the large canneries of fruit and vegetables in Vancouver, Washington. These canneries are considered to be the largest in the country.

At the conclusion of the convention, Mr. Moss and other members of the North Carolina Delegation flew to San Francisco and visited the fruit and vegetable growing areas there. While in California, they toured Disneyland and returned home via Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, February 14.

Teachers Visit Raleigh

The beginning of an inter-school visitation program for teachers of the Franklin County Schools was initiated Tuesday when a group of high school teachers from six schools visited Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh.

Greeted by Mr. Joseph Q. Holliday, Principal of the school, the group were assigned in pairs to visit classes according to their interests. Included in the visits were classes in English, dramatics, social studies, and physical education and a tour of the library.

Mr. Holliday had the group as his guests for lunch in a special room of the school cafeteria and answered their questions about the school program. Those participating in this first visit were Mr. Jerry Morris of Bunn High School, Mrs. Jewell Bartholomew of Louisburg High School, Mrs. Virginia Journigan and Mrs. Mary East of Epsom High School, Mrs. Joann C. Cohen of Gold Sand High School, Mr. Johnny Alford of Edward Best High School, Mrs. Betty Timberlake of the Franklinton High School, and Mrs. Mamie Clayton of the County Educational Office.

Acreeage-Poundage Bill:

Locals Attend Hearings, Dean Explains Program

A delegation numbering around 25 from Franklin County attended the acreage-poundage bill hearings in Raleigh Wednesday. C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman and ASCS Office Manager John R. Davis were among local farm officials present at the hearings.

Dean said he felt that about 90% of those present favored the Ervin-Jordan bill, but that there was some opposition voiced. "I believe that growers will get an opportunity to vote in a referendum within the next few weeks," Dean added. Dean also pointed out that the surplus of tobacco and the loss of export trade made some change necessary. Asked his

Mayor Ill

Louisburg Mayor Louis A. Wheelless is confined in Franklin Memorial Hospital here following a slight coronary attack suffered Saturday. He is reported to be comfortably and to be improving.

River Basin Meet Scheduled Friday, Tues. Report Given

It was disclosed in the Tar River Basin Development meeting Tuesday in Greenville, N. C., that Congress passed a bill in 1963 for a dredging operation of the Tar River from the ocean to Washington, N. C., with some dredging as far inland as Greenville, N. C.

W. P. Childers, Franklin County Basin Development Chairman, and Joe Edwards of Louisburg, Vice-Chairman, attended the meeting, representing Franklin County.

Edwards said that it was stated at the Greenville meeting that money was never appropriated by the Congress to carry out the project which had received congressional approval.

It was pointed out at the meeting that there are actually two organizations interested in the development of the Tar River. One is the Basin Development organization itself and the other is the group interested in the development of the Pamlico Sound, which incorporates both the Pamlico River and the Tar River.

On Food Sale Ban

Washington, D. C.--The Johnson administration has launched an all-out drive in the Senate to reverse the ban on the sale of surplus food to the United Arab Republic which was recently voted by the House. The administration contends that the ban would limit President Johnson's flexibility in dealing with UAR President Gamal Abdel-Nasser.

Politics

Washington, D. C.-- Barry Goldwater, former Republican Senator from Arizona, has announced that he was seriously considering a return to active politics. He has not decided whether he will bid for a Senate or House seat. The defeated GOP Presidential nominee said he did not want another Presidential nomination.

The trouble with some religionists is that they are solely worried by the mistakes of other people.

opinion of the acreage-poundage proposal, Dean said, "I think it is a decision each individual farmer will have to make and vote his convictions. The farmer will be notified of his acreage and poundage before any referendum is held."

Under the acreage-poundage proposal, Dean explained, 1959 through 1963 would constitute the five-year basic period. Poundage under the proposal could not exceed 30% above or below this average. The average for the five-year period, according to the Farm Agent, was 1737 pounds. This would give a top of 2258 pounds and a low of 1216 pounds for Franklin County.

There is a National Average Factor contained in the bill as introduced in the Senate by North Carolina's two Senators of .935 which would adjust the Franklin County figures to a high of 2111 pounds and a low of 1137. All these figures, Dean stressed, are estimates and nothing official has as yet been released.

The Ervin-Jordan proposal, which is the subject of the hearings being held throughout the

tobacco growing states this week, would probably lessen the value of land owned by small farmers, inasmuch as their poundage allotment would be small. Some have proposed making the adjustment percentage 20% instead of the 30% now contained in the bill. This would be expected to aid the smaller grower.

Dean also asserted that even though the tobacco growers overwhelmingly approved acreage control in the recent referendum, the Congress was not obligated to appropriate funds with which to carry such a program out. In effect, Dean's statement means that should pressure be put on Congress to discontinue the control program, the tobacco grower could be left with no program at all.

Agriculture Commissioner Speaks Here

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham will visit Louisburg today and be the principal speaker at the Rotary Club meeting tonight.

The Commissioner, who was appointed to the Agriculture post following the death of L. Y. Ballentine last fall by Governor Sanford, was elected in his own right last November. This will be his first trip to the area since the elections.

The Rotary program is in charge of Rotarian Al Goodwin, a personal friend of the Commissioner. Goodwin is manager of Johnson Cotton Company here and currently chairman of the Heart Fund Campaign for Franklin County.

Attendance at the Rotary meeting is by invitation of the club members and is not open to the public. Graham's address is slated for broadcast Friday on the local radio station, Goodwin said.

This action by Congress is unlikely, but recent health problems which some have related to tobacco and actions taken by some governmental agencies against advertising and other usage of tobacco products have caused this question to arise.

To apply the proposed acreage-poundage program, should the bill pass in Congress and gain approval of the growers, Franklin County farmers would need to get their average pounds sold over the five-year period of 1959-1963. Then it would be necessary to take the three best years of these five and determine an average. Based on the present 30% increase or decrease, the poundage could not exceed the county average of 2258 or be less than the low figure of 1216. The National Average Factor would change these figures slightly.

Under the present proposal, growers would get back 14 1/2% of their acreage cut scheduled for this year. In effect, this would mean a loss of acreage of only 5% instead of the expected 19 1/2% approved in the recent control program voting.

Also under the bill, a grower could carry over poundage from one year until the next in case of a crop failure, such as hail or fire. A grower could sell 5% more poundage this fall than his allotment; however, this amount would be deducted from his 1966 poundage allotment. Franklin County experienced its best year in 1964 with a record crop which yielded an average of 2342 pounds per acre and an income of \$13 1/2 million. Dean estimated that this year's income would be cut around 25% under the 19 1/2% acreage cut, plus the fact that last year's weather conditions were unusually good and this cannot be anticipated again this year.

Figures are not yet available on what effect, if any, the new poundage proposal would have on the local economy.

New Bank Building Under Construction

Work is underway on the new First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. building on the corner of Nash Street and Bickett Blvd. here. The two-story structure is expected to be completed in July.

The completed building is expected to cost around \$175,000, according to J. Harold Talton, local bank manager. It will house the present installment Loan Department which is now located on Market Street, plus the entire bookkeeping departments of the present Main Street

branch and the loan offices. Also contained in the new building when it is completed will be a number of tellers; a drive-in window, a trust office, a night depository and safe deposit boxes.

Talton said that one of the outstanding features of the new structure will be a community meeting room. This room will accommodate 50 to 75 people and may be used by all civic, agriculture and other groups. The modernistic new building will have off-street parking for bank personnel and the public.



New Bank Building Construction