

Fair and warmer today. Wednesday, cloudy with a chance of showers. High today, 63; low, 34.

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## Legislative News

by Representative James D. Speed

A very busy week has passed since my last article was published and much important legislation has been considered in committees as well as on the House and Senate floors. The bills are too numerous to explain in this column; however, I shall try to briefly summarize some of the most important ones or at least some that are of more interest to our county or area of the state.

Governor Moore's budget message was delivered to both houses of the General Assembly last Friday and was the highlight of the weekly activities. It was especially good to learn that more than seventy-two million dollars (\$72,000,000) of badly needed additional money could be found within the range of present revenues and without the necessity of increasing taxes. The surplus was made possible by the growing economy of North Carolina. Revenues have been steadily climbing for a long period of time and this is more reason why we should balance the budget and halt the practice of issuing bonds (going into deeper debt is inviting unnecessary troubles for the future). I commend Governor Moore for the wise decision of spending only within our present reach. The present bond load already includes the \$100,000,000 school issue, about \$200,000,000 in issues by local governments and, if the voters approve, a \$300,000,000 issue for highway construction.

He also deserves praise for the recommendations for distributing the present surplus. Moore's recommendations for spending the surplus or the available amount in excess of the \$2 billion state original budget that was prepared by Governor Sanford and the Advisory Budget Commission: Forty-one million to be spent for public education (would provide a reduction in certain class sizes, hiring of 85 new remedial teachers, extending terms of principals' employment, eliminating textbook fees for elementary pupils and providing free lunches for those who would otherwise go hungry in school.) It is entirely proper that the approximately 58% of the total be spent for public education. About 27% of the total is recommended for the salary increase to State Employees that was promised by Moore during his campaign for office. Many of the legislators seem to favor more consideration for the State workers in the lower income brackets (any percentage raise straight across the board would favor the upper bracket groups.) Your representative

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## Mrs. Beasley Elected District Head



Mrs. Ralph Beasley

Mrs. Nancy Beasley, Specialist with the Aging, of the Franklin County Welfare Department was elected Chairman of District, in a meeting held last week in Wilson, of the N. C. Association of Caseworkers. Mrs. Beasley will head the North Central District of the organization. She formerly held the Editorial Chairmanship. She is the former Nancy Holden of Youngsville and a graduate of Meredith College.

Mrs. Beasley has been employed with the local Welfare Department since November, 1962. The program discussed at Wilson was "Developing Competence in the Family," conducted by Dr. Leslie Syron of Meredith College and Miss Frances Jordan of the N. C. Extension Service.

Other local caseworkers attending the district meeting were: Miss Ellen Mackintosh, Mrs. Kathy Arnold and Mrs. Beaufort Harris, who is Vice Chairman of the district.

## Heart Head Issues Statement

Mr. Alfred Goodwin, chairman of the Franklin County Heart Fund Campaign this year, expressed his appreciation today to all those who worked in the campaign and to all those who contributed to it. Goodwin said, "Most of the money has been turned in and we feel that the drive is about concluded. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the fine people who worked so hard to make the campaign a success. I wish to thank, also, everyone who contributed to this most worthwhile cause."

# Typewriter Thieves Hit Again

Gold Sand High School, near Centerville, was the latest victim of what appears to be a ring of business machines

thieves working in the area. The school was entered sometime Saturday night through a seventh grade classroom win-

dow and robbed of six typewriters and an overhead projector. This is the second school break in in the county within

the past two weeks. The Epsom school was entered during the weekend, two weeks ago and thieves took over \$2000 in type-

writers, an adding machine and a projector.

The Gold Sand entry was discovered by the school janitor early Sunday morning when he went to the school to fire the boiler. Locks were broken off the seventh grade classroom door, apparently from the inside, leading officers to theorize that entry was made through the windows in that particular room.

The lock was broken on the office of Principal James Marshall, and the new projector was taken from this office. Several other machines were also kept in the office and some had been moved, but only the projector was taken.

The lock on the typing classroom was also broken and a number of machines in the room were not moved. Some new machines were left while some of the missing machines were several years old.

Sheriff's deputy Dave Batton is investigating the crime with the assistance of Lyn Harton, of the State Bureau of Investigation.

This is the fourth theft of business machines in the area since last December. The local radio station was entered and a typewriter was stolen and other machines appeared to have been moved ready to take when station owner, Joe Lane, apparently frightened the thieves off when he returned to the station unexpectedly. This robbery occurred last December. A few months ago burglars broke in to Gethsamane School near Bunn and took a record player, an adding machine and other items.

The loss at Gold Sand, as the loss at Epsom, was not covered by insurance. Ironically, school officials have just completed a study of coverage and some schools have already taken out the insurance, while some others had not. The loss at Gold Sand was estimated at around \$1000 by Marshall. He said that the typewriters list at around \$225 each, but that replacement cost would be around \$125. "The projector costs around \$150.95," said Marshall, "and was purchased with matching N. D. E. A. funds". The typewriters were purchased by local school funds. These items are not financed by county tax.



Case Of The Missing Typewriters

Typing classroom at Gold Sand School is pictured above Sunday morning following the discovery of the robbery of six typewriters and a new projector. Thieves entered the building through a seventh grade

classroom window and forced the lock on the typing room. This is the fourth theft of business machines in the area in recent months.

-Times Staff Photo.

## Local Youths Escape Injury In Accident

Two Louisburg boys and two teenage girls from Raleigh escaped without serious injury when the car in which they were riding overturned on the River Road a few miles west of Louisburg Sunday afternoon.

Roger Kornegay, Jr., reportedly was the driver of the late model Mustang which overturned around 2:30 p.m. Sunday on the old River Road. Kornegay, C. B. Patterson, Louisburg youth and Janet Biggs of Raleigh, passengers in the car were not injured. Linda Radford of Raleigh suffered severe facial cuts and was admitted to a Raleigh hospital. Her condition was not believed to be serious.

Extensive damage was done to the car.

## Patrol Equipment Check Starts Here

The State Highway Patrol will begin Operation Equipment Perfecto in this area tomorrow, according to an announcement today by Trooper W. S. Ethridge of Franklin. The move is designed to correct faulty equipment on automobiles throughout the county.

Participating in the program will be Troopers: D.C. Day, J. E. Byrd, D.M. Hinton and E. M. Roberts in addition to Ethridge. "When a vehicle is stopped and faulty equipment is found, a card will be issued to the driver," says Ethridge. "The card will list the faults

## Bloodshed Boxcare

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, March 22:

Killed to Date	272
Killed to Date Last Year	311

## Justice Department Reports: Literacy Tests Here To Be Suspended If Bill Passes

Franklin County would be among 34 North Carolina counties in which state literacy tests for voters would be suspended under the proposed federal voting rights law.

The law would suspend application of literacy tests in any county where less than 50 per cent of the people of voting age voted in the 1964 election. The U. S. Attorney General,

in addition, could name federal voter registration officials in any of the counties if as many as 20 prospective voters complained that they were unfairly denied registration by state registrars.

The list of Tar Heel counties was released by the Department of Justice last Thursday. Counties with permanent registration systems would be immediately affected by the proposed law.

## Power Off In Some Areas

All members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation in Johnston and Nash Counties, in the Zebulon and Hopkins sections of Wake County, and a small section near the Hopkins Community in Franklin County, will have their electric power cut off from 4:30 to 7:30, Sunday morning, March 28.

This power interruption is necessary for Carolina Power and Light Company, Wake Electric's Wholesale power supplier, to install new equipment in their transmission lines at Zebulon, N. C.

## Historical Society To Meet

On Thursday, March 25, 1965, at 7:30 p.m., the Franklin County Historical Society will meet on the campus of Louisburg College in the Main social parlor. Final plans for the historical tour, scheduled for May 2, will be made, and a slide program "Colonial Homes of Eastern North Carolina" will be given by Mrs. Elsa C. Yarborough. The public is invited.

## Wake Electric To Hold Meet

Wake Forest--Something new is on tap for Wake Electric Membership Corporation members who will be attending their annual meeting here Friday night.

First, the co-op will be holding its meeting at a new location--the Wake Forest High School Gymnasium. But more importantly--at least to the co-op members who were also members during the years 1950-52--will be the passing out of capital credit checks.

Leonard Shearon, Wake EMC Manager, says the co-op's staff will be on hand at 6 p.m. at the high school gym to pass out checks to those who were members in those years. The meeting itself will start at 7:30 p.m.

Shearon said a total of \$44,000, representing the difference between what it actually cost the local cooperative to provide service and the amount its members paid the co-op in 1950, 1951, and 1952, will be refunded. "Some checks will be as high as \$100," he noted. Those members who don't pick

their checks up at the annual meeting will receive them by mail later, Shearon said. This will be the first general retirement of capital credits by the cooperative, although retirements totaling \$47,277.73 have been made to estates of deceased members.

Featured on the program will be Robert W. "Bob" Scott, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, who will bring a message of interest to all Wake Electric members.

The business meeting will begin right on time at 7:30, and three directors will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a period of three years. Nominated for reelection to the Board are C. E. Young, Ben L. Husketh,

and J. M. Ferrell. The members of the cooperative will also hear reports of the officers of the co-op's operations during the past year, and its plans for the coming year.

Shearon also noted that a total of \$700 in prizes will be given to members attending this meeting.

All members of the Cooperative are urged to attend the meeting and participate in the business of the Cooperative.

## Frightened By Horse

Toronto--A 69-year-old woman is suing the owner of a horse that reared in front of her car and frightened her so much that she is unable to watch TV westerns.



Wake Electric To Meet

Left to right: Wake Director W. O. Fuller, Rt. 1, Louisburg, N. C. and J. L. Shearon, Manager, Wake Electric, hold a capital credit check, just one of 4300 checks to be given out at the annual meeting of members on March 26, 1965.



Cubs Tour Times Plant

Cub Scouts pictured above toured The Franklin Times plant last week and were shown the procedures of getting out a newspaper. Shown left to right: Woody Smith, Will Yarborough,

Charles Harris, Gary Clay, Brad Person, Ray Hodges, Bob Hicks, Johnny King and Meade Bunn. Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mrs. John Hodges accompanied the boys. -Times Staff Photo.