



Football Drills Start At Louisburg High School
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Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm today and Wednesday. Day's low, 70; high, 90.

Comment

Sincerity is a great virtue, rarely exhibited and seldom appreciated.

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Middle Belt Opening To Be Set Today

Members of the sales committee of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association meet at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh today at 5 p.m. to set the date for start of the auction season in the belt, it was stated by Fred S. Royster, managing director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association.

There are ten flue-cured markets in the Middle Belt, located at Durham, Henderson, Fuquay-Varina, Oxford, Louisburg, Warrenton, Sanford, Carthage, Aberdeen and Ellerbe.

Eastern North Carolina Warehousemen, headed by Carl Renfro of Wilson as president, decided at a meeting in New Bern Tuesday night to start the auction season in that belt on Wednesday, August 25. Last year that belt began its season on Thursday, August 27. Some warehousemen at the New Bern meeting favored the comparable date this season, which would have been Thursday, August 26, while others held out for Tuesday, August 24. The date finally agreed upon was a compromise between the two.

If precedent is followed, Middle Belt markets will start about two weeks after Eastern Carolina. Speculation is that the date will be either Wednesday, September 8, or September 9. The belt last year began sales on Thursday, September 10. Royster predicted a price average this season of ten to fifteen percent above last year. Royster said the improvement in prices is due almost entirely to effectiveness of the poundage limitation on grower sales, which was approved by farmers in a referendum last May 4 by a majority of a little over 73 percent of the vote. Net income to farmers this year may approximate last year's high figure, after expenses, and despite the reduction in acreage, under the acreage control phase of the tobacco program, which is still operative along with poundage restrictions.

Crop prospects in this area of the Middle Belt are considered satisfactory, with quality very good, tobacco men say. Over-all, Stabilization is received less leaf this year than last. Deliveries by growers declined noticeably in the South Carolina and Border North Carolina Belts this week, following the opening of the season on August 5. Only a little more than one percent of farmer offerings is going to the price support agency in the Georgia-Florida Belt, where sales began July 28.

Buyers who will staff Middle Belt markets will move in from South Carolina and Border North Carolina Belts after the bulk of the crop in that belt has been sold. Buyers for Eastern North Carolina will transfer from Georgia and Florida at the end of the auction season there.

In 1964, the Louisburg market sold a total of 13,792,966 pounds of leaf for \$7,933,940.39, and an average of \$57.52 for the season.

Cross Burning

Sheriff Joseph W. Champion reported today, that his department is investigating a cross-burning in the Edward Best area sometime Monday night. The cross was located about 75 yards from the home of Luther Coppedge, Rt. 4, Louisburg negro, beside a road leading to the Coppedge home.

Sheriff Champion stated the cross was about six feet high and four feet wide, made of small pine poles. He said the burning took place sometime after 12:30 a.m., according to Coppedge.

Franklinton Court

(Frk. B.W.) Only eight speeders were tried before Mayor Joe W. Pearce in Franklinton on Monday, August 9.

Elonza Lynch--45 mph in a 35 mi. zone. Cost paid.

Albert Journigan, Jr.--60 mph in a 50 mi. zone. Cost paid.

Douglas W. Shackett--69 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Cost paid.

Robert G. Blish--70 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Fine and cost paid.

Sterling Gray Gilliam--75 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Pleads guilty to exceeding safe speed. To pay cost.

John P. Williamson--47 mph in a 35 mi. zone. State takes a Nol pros.

Maureen Hayes--60 mph in a 35 mi. zone. To sign waiver to exceeding a safe speed.

Hubert Lee Bennett--90 mph in a 60 mi. zone and improper registration. Pleads guilty. To pay fine and cost.

Other cases were:

James M. Journigan--Reckless driving. Pleads not guilty. Found guilty. To pay fine and cost.

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Negro Man Struck By Car Sunday

A 55-year-old Negro man escaped serious injury when struck by a car, reportedly driven by Furman Colbert, in Louisburg Sunday night around 8:45 p.m. The accident occurred at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Nash Street.

Ollie Williams was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service, following the accident. He received head injuries and was treated in the emergency room and later released.

Chief William Dement said the accident was unavoidable and no charges were filed. Williams apparently stepped in front of the Colbert car near the stoplight at the intersection.

Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, August 16:

KILLED TO DATE 878

KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 944



Locals On European Tour

IN ITALY--The Marsh European Tour Group is shown in Florence, Italy, just after the completion of a tour of the Pitti Palace. From left to right are: Front row - Delores Reynolds, San Antonio, Texas; the guide for the palace tour; Adelaide Johnson. Second row - Gerry Ingiliz, Germany, Marsh Tour courier; Evelyn Nelms; Dianne Gibson, of Whiteville; Sarah Richardson; Caroline Murphy; Laura Peikert,

San Antonio, Texas; Eleanor Grogan, Morganton; Lucy Perry Burt; Edith Jackson, Franklinton; Hilda James, Statesville; Mary Exum (Burt) Veazey, Raleigh; Genevieve Perry. Back row - Jack Idzinsa, Holland, bus driver, and co-interpreter and advisor with the courier; Lillye Payne, Clayton. The travelers returned to the U. S. on August 10 after a sojourn of 63 days abroad.

Return From 63 Day Tour Of Europe

by Adelaide Johnson

"Bon Voyage!" were the words of family and of friends ringing in the ears of members of the Marsh European Tour as they watched with mixed emotions the disappearance of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and turned their faces eastward to new friends, new experiences, and the wonders of the lands across the sea.

Gradually these folk are now returning home, having, after 63 days, around 7000 land miles, and 14 countries, watched longingly and excitedly for that first glimpse of the famous lady who greets both native and visitor as they near the shores she guards.

Leaving New York on Wednesday, June 9, the fourteen members of the tour, North Carolinians and Texans, met their courier in London and their bus and driver in Ostend, Belgium, to continue what had already started out in England to be a wonderful journey.

The use of this 30-odd passenger bus for the small group proved to be just fine--no cramped feeling, no unpleasantness of enduring the heat of the sun, the secure feeling of a "home away from home," although many and varied were the overnight stops.

Many, many folk have traveled in Europe, and to other lands, and have brought back their own impressions. The experiences of the travels of this group are too many, of course, to relate.

Suffice it to say that there are general impressions one

gets and these must be recounted with care and discretion, the traveler realizing completely that he has often--and truly in this case--only touched the high spots and seen only very small sections of the different countries visited.

Persons seeing the same things, places, and events often do not react to them in the same way and therefore might have differences of opinion; but, perhaps the folk on this tour might agree on certain aspects of the trip.

The Europeans in general are lovers of flowers. There are colorful flowers all over--in gardens, in boxes, in pots--yes, even in little containers in cars and buses, the Marsh Tour bus included.

These folk are not generally drinkers of ordinary water. A pitcher of water on a hotel table spelled "American Tourist" for sure--and, by the way, there were many of them.

And traffic regulations--practically nil. It seems the poor pedestrian takes his life in his hands when he crosses the street, for even at crosswalks the traffic zooms up so swiftly that one hesitates to venture forth.

In some locales, bicycles and motorcycles seem as numerous as cars, which, by the way, are almost entirely of the small-make variety. Reason--high cost of gas, it is said.

Trees appear in rows--dividing fields, down city streets, throughout gardens and parks, and along private driveways and public highways.

Around cities and across countries there is a big building boom in progress--the building of highways, bridges, dams, apartment and business buildings.

Paris was found to be in its fifth year of a ten-year "face-lifting" program. The people, a guide related, were very much opposed at first to getting rid of the "old" look; but finally they agreed.

Hotel accommodations were generally adequate; food, more than ample; and weather con-

Rescue Calls

The Louisburg Rescue Service answered three calls for assistance over the weekend, including a Sunday night accident involving a 55-year-old negro, Ollie Williams, who was struck by a car on Bickett Blvd. Williams was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital where he was later released.

Later Sunday night, around 10 p.m. the Service answered a call to the Hickory Rock community to aid an unidentified negro man, suffering from what was described as "stomach pains." The victim was taken to the local hospital. Monday morning around 6 a.m. the Service went to the aid of an unidentified white woman about a mile and a half below Bunn. She was transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Issues Request

Franklin County Sheriff Joseph W. Champion has issued a request to all magazine salesmen, wishing to solicit business in the area, to report to his office before starting their canvases of homes.

Sheriff Champion said that while no permit was necessary, his department did want to know when such salesmen were in the area.

County School Teachers Listed

The Franklin County Board of Education, meeting in special session Monday afternoon, announced principal-teacher appointments for the coming school year. Superintendent Warren W. Smith said all positions were filled or would be within the next few days.

The Board again marked Wednesday, September 1, as the day students are to report to school. This is to be Teacher-Pupil Orientation day and students will attend at 1:30 p.m. The first full day of school is set for Thursday, September 2.

No word was given on the status of the Plan of Compliance to the Civil Rights Act. Several amendments had been made earlier this month at the request of Washington officials and optimism has been expressed that the plan would receive federal approval in the immediate future. The Board took no action on the more than fifty assignment requests now pending.

Henry Baker Heating Co. of Wilson, was awarded contracts for heating systems to be installed in Gethsemane and Perry's schools. The Wilson firm was low bidder. The Gethsemane project was bid at \$10,536 and the Perry's job, at \$15,165. Superintendent Smith was authorized to have constructed a boiler room at both locations. This was not included in the bids.

The matter of fees was discussed and the Board was informed that action by the General Assembly eliminated supplementary book fees, which amounted to about sixty cents per child in certain lower grades. All other fees were See TEACHERS Page 6

FEES	
ELEMENTARY	
Supply	\$2.00
N.D.E.A.	2.00
Insurance (optional)	2.00
HIGH SCHOOL	
Supply	\$2.00
N.D.E.A.	2.00
Insurance	2.00
Home Ec.	2.00
Agriculture	2.50
Science	1.00
Book Rental	5.00
Typing	13.50

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR	
ORIENTATION:	August 30, 31
TEACHER-PUPIL DAY:	September 1, 1:30 p.m.
FIRST FULL DAY:	September 2
HOLIDAYS:	
Labor Day	September 6
Teacher's Meeting	October -
Thanksgiving:	November 25, 26
Christmas	December 22 thru 28
Easter	April 6, 7, 8, 11
FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL:	May 30, 1966

Barn Fires Reported

Tobacco barn fires, a plague of the farmer at this time of year, have struck in at least nine localities in recent weeks. Beginning on July 31, the Bunn Fire Department answered a call, the location of which was not immediately available, to start the run of rural fires which are for the most part taking near 100% toll in tobacco, but due to efficient fire fighters, are taking very few barns.

The Justice Department extinguished a blaze August 1 around 1:40 p.m. on the Charlie Johnson farm in Cedar Rock. The barn was being used by P. E. Dean, and damage estimates were placed at \$125.00. The Department fought a blaze on August 4 near Ollie Layton's Store, involving a bread truck. Damage was held to the engine and windshield, it was reported.

Bunn--The Bunn Rural Fire Department answered a call to the farm of Arthur Howell on Highway 39, north of Bunn early Saturday night. The fire had progressed too far for the barn to be saved, but the volunteer firemen succeeded in preventing its spreading to nearby buildings.

Ronnie Tant, Assistant Fire Chief, reports that this was only the third call this season to a burning tobacco barn.