

Variable cloudiness today through Friday, with scattered mostly evening thundershowers. A little warmer today. Low, 70; high, near 90.

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Franklinton Friday, County Wednesday

It's Back To School For 7700 Students

SCHOOL DATES

Dates to be noted for the beginning of the Franklin County Schools are as follows:

- Tuesday - August 31 - - Teacher-Parent Orientation 2:00-3:30
- Wednesday - September 1 - - Teacher-Pupil Orientation 1:30-3:30
- Thursday - September 2 - - First full day of school. School Lunchrooms will be in operation.

School bells will ring out in Franklin County beginning tomorrow, Friday, for children in the Franklinton City schools and next Wednesday in the County System schools.

Around 6200 pupils are expected to meet the bell next Wednesday in the county units and another 1500 in the Franklinton City schools.

Warren W. Smith, County Superintendent, announced that all teachers in the county system have an "A" Certificate or better. Smith explained that this was an outstanding fact inasmuch as teachers are scarce and some difficulty has been experienced in nearby systems in finding placements, even with lowered teaching certificates. This is the second year in succession the county system has employed all "A" Certificate holders. A ruling by the County Board of Education prohibits the employment of teachers holding a certificate below an "A" except in an emergency.

The county system employs 220 teachers and Franklinton City schools employ around 57. Friday will be Teacher-Pupil Orientation Day at Franklinton, with the first full day of the required 180 starting on Monday. In the other schools in the county, next Tuesday, August 31, will be Teacher-Parent Orientation Day, and Wednesday will be Teacher-Pupil Orientation Day. School buses will

operate in the county system, picking up children in time to get to school by 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday, September 2, is to be the first of the 180 full school days in the county system. Buses will run that day and the lunchrooms will be in operation.

Neither the Franklinton City administrative unit nor the Franklin County unit has had its Plan of Compliance to the Civil Rights Act approved by Washington. A report a few weeks ago indicated that Franklinton City schools would have around 19 negro pupils in the previously all-white Franklinton High School.

There has been no word from the County Board of Education on the number of negro children expected to attend white schools in the system this year. An announcement last month revealed around 60 applications for transfer to different schools. Some of these involved normal white-to-white-school transfers and negro-to-negro changes.

The Franklinton unit proposed a twelve-grade desegregation plan to Washington and the county unit has proposed a four-grade plan. Neither, as of this morning, has received approval. The County Board held a lengthy meeting here Monday night, presumably mapping plans for opening schools with or without an approved plan.

Kittrell Postmaster Exams Set

An examination for Postmaster at Kittrell, N. C., will be open for acceptance of applications until September 21, 1965, the Commission announced today. The position pays \$5,735 annually.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy in this city must have at least one year of experience (education above high school level may be substituted for 6 months of experience) showing that they have the ability to maintain simple records of accounts or that it has given them a knowledge of postal procedures.

Competitors must also show that they are of good reputation and that they can meet and deal with the public agreeably and effectively. Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test and on their experience, and fitness for the position. They must have resided within the delivery of the post office for one year immediately preceding the closing date of the examination. In addition, they must have reached their 18th birthday on the closing date for acceptance of applications. Persons over 70 years of age cannot be appointed.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office for which this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filled with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. 20415, and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

President gets bill curbing sale of stimulants.

Middle Belt Next In Line For Opening

With auctions now underway in the sprawling Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco belt, the ten markets in the Middle Belt await their turn at starting the selling season. Wednesday, September 8, is the date fixed for growers to start the trek to market.

Producers have been encouraged by high prices that have prevailed where sales have begun, or, as in the Georgia-Florida Belt, have been virtually completed. South Carolina and Border North Carolina centers are well on toward completion of their season, though a great deal of leaf remains to be disposed of there.

The Middle Belt crop has been variously described as from good to excellent. There are spots where too much rain has hampered maturity, while elsewhere and generally the rains have been helpful and high quality leaf has been produced.

Harvest of the Middle Belt crop is half finished or more, and in another week or two will be virtually completed.

As in all other flue-cured areas, there will be less tobacco for sale because of the reduction in acreage allotments and restrictions on marketings under the new poundage limitation program. Higher prices will in a measure offset the difference, though cash income from tobacco this year is not expected to equal the record production and revenue realized by growers in 1964.

Closings End

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Louisburg Business Association, announced today that most businesses in Louisburg will be open Wednesday afternoons beginning next week.

The announcement also stated that most businesses would be closed on Monday, September 6, Labor Day.



Louisburg Police

Members of the Louisburg Police Department pose for their annual picture above with the Town of Louisburg as the backdrop. Shown, standing, left to right, are: Earl Tharrington, Charlie Lambert, Ned Lloyd, Chief William Dement. Seated, Hubert Shearin, Kyle Prince and Thurston Bottoms. -Photo by Dick Burnette.

Coin Shortage Termed Critical Here

Money is scarce in the Louisburg area--the hard kind, that is. The shortage of coins which plagued local merchants last fall has again reached the "critical" stage, according to J. Harold Talton, manager of the local bank.

Talton said, "We're out of money; we can't get any quarters. Soon we will be forced to take two dimes and a nickel in change, and we might have to give five nickels."

He issued an appeal to all merchants in the area to exchange paper money with vending machine operators who come around and empty their machines. "Much of this change is being taken back by the vendors to banks in their own hometowns," said Talton.

Manufacture of the so-called synthetic coins, recently ordered by the government, is scheduled to begin right away. Talton says, "These coins will not be in circulation before January." And, meantime, the supply gets smaller.

The apparent shortage of half dollars has been noted in the various stores in town for some time. The lack of the fifty-cent pieces, of course, places a double burden on the quarters. This adds to the shortage of these and so on down the line.

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Louisburg Flier In Emergency Landing

Commander Douglas Joyner, U. S. Naval Air Reserve of Goldsboro and son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joyner of 513 Kenmore Ave., Louisburg, made an emergency landing at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico while returning on a flight from

Antigua, British West Indies to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Naval Air Station.

CDR. Joyner and two other pilots had flown ten girls of the "Nonette" Special Services Show group of Norfolk, Virginia, from Guantanamo to

Antigua for their next performance. Their HU-16C, twin-engine Gruman Amphibian plane lost the starboard engine on the return flight the following day 100 miles out of San Juan, Puerto Rico. They immediately turned their plane around and headed for Ramey AFB, the nearest land and airfield. They were picked up by another plane the next day and flown back to Cuba.

CDR. Joyner is on two weeks training duty in Cuba with Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron VS-864 from Norfolk, Virginia. In June CDR. Joyner was on two weeks special training duty at NAS, Norfolk and in July had another tour of special duty, this time operating out of Norfolk aboard the Navy's nuclear powered aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Enterprise, CVA (N) 65. He is squadron Administrative Officer for VS-864.

In civilian life CDR. Joyner is math teacher and assistant principal at Charles B. Aycock High School, Pikeville, N. C. His wife, the former Edna Moye of Goldsboro, teaches 7th grade at Greenwood Junior High School, Goldsboro. They have one daughter, Debra Lynn, three and a half years old.

U. S. urged to buy food to aid needy nations.

L. A. Howes, former Epsom Principal, and E. A. Stallings, Safety Education Supervisors for the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles issued a joint reminder yesterday to the motoring public to drive especially carefully now that school buses are again on the highways.

The two men were in Louis-

Safety Urged

burg to attend a meeting of school principals and supervisory personnel and to stress the importance of safety in the schools transportation system.

Franklin County will have 92 buses on the highways beginning tomorrow, Friday when the Franklinton City schools

Investigation Launched In Epsom Fire Cases

The Franklin County Sheriff's Department reports that an unidentified suspect in the arson cases in the Epsom Community was taken into custody today around noon. No further details were made available.

Sheriff Joseph W. Champion reports that his department and Mr. A. E. Pearce of the N. C. Insurance Department are investigating suspected arson in three fires near the Warren County line on Highway 401. The latest fires in the area were discovered Wednesday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. and while members of the Centerville and Epsom Fire Departments were fighting a blaze at one house, another was discovered nearby.

The dwellings involved Wednesday reportedly belong to Claude Goodson, an Epsom Community white man. Both houses are occupied by negro tenants.

About ten days ago, on a Sunday afternoon, a tenant house, reportedly belonging to a Mrs. Kearney in the area, was destroyed by fire.

The first house to burn was occupied by the family of John Daniel Davis, negro, and was reported a total loss. Wednesday, the first fire was reported at the home of Davis' son, John Daniel Davis, Jr. While firemen were busy fighting this fire, another blaze was sighted at the nearby home of young Davis' mother, the estranged wife of the elder Davis.

Sheriff Champion said that arson is definitely suspected and the investigation is continuing into the cause of the three blazes.

Bureau Head Hits Farm Bill

Raleigh, N. C.--The president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau today took a verbal slap at a congressional bill which, he said, would force farmers for the first time to pay unemployment compensation.

Farm leader B. C. Mangum said the legislation, now being considered by the House Ways and Means Committee, would affect an estimated 9,000 North Carolina farmers at the outset, should it become law.

The bill, H. R. 8262, would become effective in 1966. Under its provisions, any farmer employing 300 man-days of labor in any quarter would be subjected to payment of unemployment insurance taxes of

3.25 per cent on wages up to \$5,700 paid to each worker. The North Carolina Employment Security Commission estimates that Tar Heel farm payrolls of approximately \$54.5 million would be taxed.

Mangum said that H.R. 8262 would thus impose an additional tax burden of some \$1,770,000 on North Carolina farm employers.

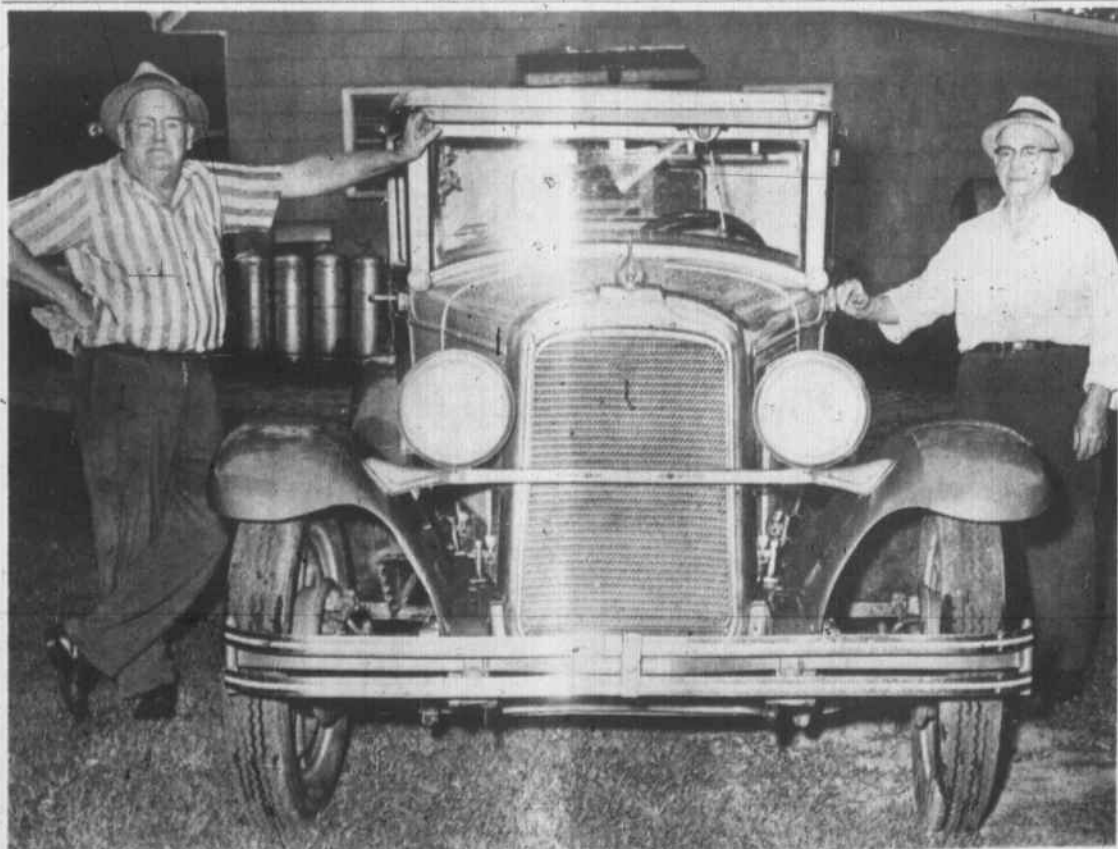
"Farmers are already struggling in a mire of record production costs," he said. "This wage bill would make the going even rougher. There is no semblance of fairness in it." The bill, according to Mangum, provides that the federal government retain 55 per cent of the additional funds to administer the U. S. employment security program.

"This would federalize our unemployment security program," he charged.

Franklinton Trooper Is Transferred

State Trooper E. M. Roberts of Franklinton is being transferred to Raeford, according to an announcement today. Roberts, a native of Broadway, N. C., has served in Franklin County for the past four and a half years.

Roberts reported a new trooper would be sent to the area to replace him, but he did not know the details. The transfer becomes effective September 1. Trooper Roberts is married to the former Maude Harrington of Broadway. They have four children.



1927 Pontiac

E. H. McFarland of Louisburg, left, and Capt. C. F. Farley of High Point are shown above with Farley's 1927 Pontiac which he drove from High Point this week for a visit with McFarland. Farley, 88 years old,

said it took about three hours to make the trip. He has been displaying the car in the area and has taken some youngsters for a ride in the rumble seat.

-Times Staff Photo.