

# On-again, Off-again Market Open Today, Closed Friday

The now-they're-open, now-they-aren't-flue-cured tobacco markets, including the Lousburg market, are open today, following a one-week holiday and the second opening day of the season Wednesday.

All together, including today, local markets have operated ten days since the official opening on September 8. Most of these days have been on a curtailed selling time.

Latest in a long line of confusing decisions affecting selling time for local markets came this week from the Sales Committee of the Warehouse Association. These newest restrictions call for no sales for the next three Fridays, a five-hour sale Monday, and four-hour sales each day through Thursday, October 14.

Sales were unusually heavy on the local market Wednesday, with Robert Allen of the ASC Office here reporting 504,160 pounds being sold. The average fell just below

that of the original opening day, but was higher than any day since September 8, registering \$62.30 Wednesday. Opening day average was \$62.60.

A number of growers had expressed their dissatisfaction with prices on the last day of sales, Tuesday, September 21, with many refusing to let their leaf go for the prices offered.

A number of local growers and tobacconists alike are expressing fear of what the confused state of the markets this year might do to the Middle Belt and the Lousburg Market in the future. Many farmers have already expressed their plans for next year by asserting that they intend to sell early on the Border and Eastern Belts before congestion at the re-drying plants causes lower prices and longer waiting periods on the later opening markets.

Company representatives reportedly told the committee that

anything above 100 million pounds of leaf per week was more than they could handle. Sales for Wednesday and today are expected to reach almost 80 million pounds on all flue-cured belts.

The slowdown in selling time for the next few weeks is another effort to ease congestion at re-drying plants.

Most growers are privately expressing their dissatisfaction with the way the situation is being handled but warehousemen are not making any comment.

The local market opened on

Wednesday, September 8, operated Thursday and closed Friday. The two days were cut back from 5 1/2 hours to 4 1/2 hours. The warehouses re-opened on Monday, September 13, and operated four days, closing at the end of Thursday's sales.

The market was open two days last week, Monday and Tuesday, on curtailed selling time and then closed for the five-day holiday. Long lines of trucks waiting to be unloaded at local warehouses can be seen every day along the busy Bickett Blvd. and downtown.

## Firemen To Have Fair Booth

Franklin County volunteer firemen will man a booth at the fair which starts here Monday, according to an announcement today. The Lousburg Department is in charge of obtaining necessary supplies for the operation, the statement says.

The schedule for other county fire units is as follows: Monday, Justice firemen will man the booth; Tuesday, Epsom; Wednesday, Youngsville; Thursday, Franklinton; Friday, Centerville; and Saturday, the Bunn department will be in charge.



Hauling It Away.

## Weather

Fair and warm today. Friday, partly cloudy and warm with chance of afternoon showers. Low, 54; high, 77.

## Comment

People who work too hard, trying to get leisure time, often die before they get leisure time.

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## Bruton Ruling

# Santa Claus In September

Santa Claus came early this year for public school officials throughout the state in the form of Attorney General Wade Bruton. The Attorney General's Department, through assistant Ralph Moody, had passed the death sentence on most extra-curricular school functions last week when it was ruled that sales in school and at athletic contests were in violation of North Carolina laws.

The ruling handed down Wednesday by Bruton counteracted the one made earlier by Moody. Bruton stated in a letter to School Superintendent Charles F. Carroll, "My staff and I have restudied the entire matter and even though the law is far from clear, I have concluded that certain observations expressed in the opinions heretofore are too restrictive in practical application."

Thus, the monumental bear which for several days threatened athletics in local schools and across the state, was suddenly removed.

Local school officials had expressed concern for many activities financed by money raised through subscriptions, school stores and concessions at games.

Threatened for a while was the annual Lousburg PTA Harvest Festival, one of the largest and most successful fund raising projects in the county school system. Other PTA and Booster Club activities were also placed in doubt by Moody's ruling last week.

Bruton indicated that he felt the 1967 General Assembly might be forced to clarify the

law, but for the time being, school officials are breathing easier, somewhat like the man who walking the last mile when he suddenly received word of a pardon.

## Burning Permits Required

Mr. Joe Smith, Franklin County Forest Ranger, reminds all persons doing any burning within 500 feet of the woods, that beginning October 1, they must have a burning permit. This permit is required by State Law for anyone doing trash, debris, field, or other burning after 4:00 p.m. In order that you can burn trash in your yard, this law does not apply to burning done within 100 feet of an occupied house.

Burning permits are free and may be gotten from the following issuing agents:

T. H. Wynne Store, Lousburg; Joe Perry, Fire Dept., Lousburg; Mrs. Davis Perry, County Agents Office; L. D. Baldwin, Negro County Agents Office; George Lloyd, Royal; Louis Dorsey Store, Mitchiners Cross Road; Mrs. Ormond Collins, Town Hall, Franklinton; Mrs. C. C. Holmes, Pocomoke; N. A. Brown Furniture Co., See FIRE page 8



## Youth Injured In Noon Accident

Curtis Champion, young Lousburg farm implement mechanic, is shown above, right, lying on the ground awaiting the Lousburg Rescue Service, which had been summoned to his aid following a car-motor bike collision on Bickett Blvd. around 12:30 p.m. today. The Service arrived moments after the picture was taken and transported young Champion to Franklin Memorial Hospital

with what appeared to be minor injuries. A car, reportedly driven by William Henry Williams, n/m/55, of Lousburg, was making a right turn off Bickett Blvd. onto a side dirt road when the accident occurred. Lousburg Police Officer Charlie Lambert, above center, is conducting the investigation.

-Times Staff Photo.

## Louisburg Growth Part VIII

# Trucks, Trains, Utilities Vital To Progress

Consideration must be given, in the reasons behind the phenomenal growth of retail sales in the town of Lousburg, to such seldom thought of local resources as truck lines, railroads, telephone and electric power companies.

The average citizen can easily visualize such apparent contributors to the local economy as in-county industries, taxation, and retail sales outlets.

But, in the true realization of the accomplishment of this town of under 2,500 population in the five-year period, 1958-1963, in leading every other community, regardless of size, in the state with a 112.7 percent increase in retail sales growth, one must consider the economic contributions from every source.

The North Carolina Motor Carriers Association states that direct trucking wages and salaries for the Franklin County area, including Lousburg, are \$6,584,057. These figures seem high, but they are not broken down into any specific areas. Regardless, the 18 trucking lines which come into our area offer a big boost to the local growth.

The two railroads that serve the area are Seaboard in the Franklinton - Lousburg - Youngsville area sections and Atlantic Coastline in the Dunn-Cypress Creek Townships.

No figures are available of total expenditures of these two railroads, but Seaboard paid the town of Lousburg \$273.50 in excess valuation taxes on property valued at \$19,536.00 in 1964. The company paid the County \$14,390.36 for the same period. Atlantic Coastline, serving the Bunn area, paid the County \$6,757.96 in taxes in 1964.

In addition to these contributions through taxes, these companies, especially, Seaboard, employ local personnel, whose salaries enter the local economy. Other amounts are spent for local utilities and miscellaneous expenses by both firms.

Carolina Power and Light Co. supplies the Town of Lousburg with electric current, which is, in turn, sold to local citizens at a profit, helping to ease the tax load and provide additional services to the community. CP&L paid the town \$838.60 in taxes on \$59,900.00 property valuation in 1964 and a small additional amount on excess valuation on property valued at \$250.00.

The power company paid the county \$31,973.41 in taxes in 1964. This is money which eventually finds its way into the local overall economy. Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. is another large contributor to the local economic welfare. In 1964 Carolina Tel and Tel paid \$1612.13 in taxes to the Town of Lousburg plus a lesser amount on real estate. At the same time, the telephone company paid Franklin County \$10,812.34.

It is impossible to measure the contribution of these firms to the five year growth of Lousburg. Aside from the money spent locally by the companies, their presence in the community means a great deal. Each of these firms maintains special

offices to aid communities in attracting new industries, improving their services to the people.

These four and perhaps many others are making an outstanding display of public service in the assistance they offer this and other communities. Lousburg could not have become number one in the state without them.

## Parade Planned

The Franklin County Volunteer Firemen's Association will hold a parade in Lousburg Saturday, October 9, in observance of Fire Prevention Week, which begins next Monday.

The Parade will form on Kenmore Ave. here and will proceed up Main Street through the downtown business district. The time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

In addition to the firemen and their units, Rescue Services have also been invited to participate, according to the announcement. Washington, D. C.--With the President's signature, a new post was created in the Cabinet to take effect in two months. A head for the Housing and Urban Dept. was not named at this time.

## Two-Day Manhunt Ends On Local Street

A two-day search by a three-county police force ended on the streets of Lousburg around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday with the arrest of William Ray Carroll, w/m/39, home address unknown.

Carroll had been the object of a wide search in the area, where Vance, Franklin and Granville Counties meet, following his escape from a road gang near Wilton Monday.

A car, reportedly stolen in Franklinton, was found near Riverside School here Wednesday morning and is believed to have been the means

by which the escapee traveled to Lousburg. Officers, however, have not charged the man with the car theft.

Carroll, who was serving time for "common law robbery," according to Vance County officials, was apprehended near the intersection of Franklin and Main Streets in Lousburg by police officials Hubert Shearin and Earl Tharrington, when he was discovered to be wearing prison clothes.

The Sheriff's office reports that he is being held at the Bunn Prison Camp.

## Intangible Tax Nets County \$32,960.06

Disclosure Wednesday by County Accountant Lee Murray of figures received from the State Board of Assessment, shows that Franklin County received a total of \$32,960.06 in 1964 intangible taxes.

The figure includes \$115.26 for Bunn, \$1,893.72 for Franklinton, \$464.47 for Youngsville and \$2,456.58 for Lousburg. The balance of the total or \$28,030.03 goes to Franklin County.

Of the total figures, Franklin County received \$8,452.14 from tax on Money on Deposit; \$116.11 on Money on Hand; \$5,280.46 on Accounts Receivable; \$3,229.02 on Notes, Bonds, Mortgages and other Evidences of Debt; \$11,948.03 on Shares of Stock; \$2.51 on Funds on Deposit with Insurance Companies; and \$148.85 on Penalties and Interest.

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## Jury Lists Announced

The Board of County Commissioners with the assistance of the Sheriff drew the following jurors, according to G-S 9-1 for a one-week term of Franklin County Criminal Term of Court beginning the 18th day of October, 1965:

Franklin County Criminal Term of Superior Court jury list beginning October 18, 1965.

DUNN--W. F. Collins, Robert M. Dorsey, Dallas Leo Horton, David C. Pearce, Tyree Driver, Charles E. Pearce, Robert Lee Jones, W. J. Braswell, Bennie L. Perry. HARRIS--W. R. Moore, R. R. Carpenter. YOUNGVILLE--James A. Woodard, Marshall Kinton. FRANKLINTON--N. A. Black, James B. Brown, Annie E. Morton, Earlean Allen, C. B. Cheatham, R. W. Pace, Jr., Shem P. Kearney, Henry T. Goswick. HAYESVILLE--J. C. Finch, Newell Dement, C. J. Wynne, J. Kenneth Edwards, J. A. Hedgepeth. SANDY CREEK -- L. T. Perdue, S. F. Hight, Dennis Hawkins, George Foster Ball. GOLD MINE -- Ben Gupton, H. B. Shearin, Jr., Bland Burnett, J. A. Thomas, Bert Marshall. CEDAR ROCK--W. D. Rowe, R. H. Jones, Ernest Moore, E. N. Smith. CYPRESS CREEK -- Buddie Rogers, C. E. Vick. LOUISBURG--Fletcher Yarborough, Wilbur Southall, John Y. Jones.

Counties surrounding Franklin collected varying amounts, all larger than the local benefits. Vance County received \$108,194.68, Warren, \$43,792.40, Wake, \$715,901.46, Nash, \$140,053.21 and Granville, \$57,559.36.

The intangible tax is placed on money not in circulation and is collected by the state. After deducting the expense of collection, the money is returned to the local county and municipal governments for their use.

The tax, which reached \$10,159,579.11 in 1961 has grown to \$15,193,061.64 at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1965.

The tax is assessed at the rate of 10¢ per \$100 on deposit or on hand funds and 25¢ per \$100 on other funds listed.

The money is returned to the local areas, based on population figures for Money on Deposit and in Insurance Companies funds. All other is allotted based on the total ad valorem levy on property in the particular jurisdiction.

The reason truth makes such slow progress in the world is that it is in competition with pretense.



## Fair Opens Monday

A new concession booth is shown above, waiting the hundreds expected to flock to the annual Franklin County Fair which opens here Monday.

Last-minute preparations are underway at the fairgrounds today, getting things in order for the annual show.

-Times Staff Photo.