

Fair and continued cool Tuesday. Wednesday, cloudy and a little warmer. Low, 36; high, 65.

It is surprising how much work our friends think we can, and should do.

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Appointment Declined Commissioners Usurp Election Board Powers

A letter addressed to the Franklin County Commissioners last Friday discloses a difference of opinion between the Commissioners and the County Board of Elections as to which body has the authority to hire secretarial help for the Elections Board.

Mrs. Ida M. Latta, who was named by the Commissioners to the post of secretary to the Board of Elections sent the Commissioners a letter declining the appointment. Mrs. Latta thanked the Commissioners for the appointment and stated, "Considering Mr. Boone's (Elections Board Chairman, Taylor Boone) attitude and also the embarrassing publicity endured by the last Clerk, I feel that I have already been embarrassed enough and that it would be in the best interest of my sanity for me to refuse this appointment."

The letter stated Mr. Boone as having told Mrs. Latta, "You can have any kind of arrangements you want with the County Commissioners, but the Board of Elections has not yet appointed a clerk." Mrs. Latta states in her letter of resignation, "I've had a very unpleasant telephone conversation with Mr. Taylor W. Boone."

An unconfirmed report said that Mrs. Latta had not applied for the position, which pays \$150.00 for Primary Elections and \$75.00 for Second Primaries, and was not aware of being considered for the position until after the appointment.

The Primary and General Election Law and Procedure manual from the N. C. Institute of Government says: "Reasoning from references found in G. S. 163-14 (4) and G. S. 163-14 (15), the Attorney General has taken the position that the county board of elections has authority to appoint whatever clerks and employees it finds necessary to perform the clerical work of the board. Within the limits of the appropriations made for this purpose by the board of county commissioners, the county board of elections has authority to fix compensation paid its employees."

An unconfirmed report that the Commissioners had made an agreement with the Elections Board to rescind their original motion, did not materialize in Monday's meeting. The Commissioners accepted Mrs. Latta's resignation and took no further action in the matter. Presumably this leaves the Board of Elections free to choose their own clerk although no such declaration was made.

A similar misunderstanding arose several months ago between the Elections Board and the Commissioners which included the Industrial Development Commission. The Clerk for the Industrial Development Commission was also acting as secretary to the Board of Elections. When it was disclosed that the clerk had received a raise in salary from the Commission while also receiving a salary from the Elections Board, the Commissioners stepped in to separate the two jobs and to question the salary increase.

Since that time, the Elections Board has been without a clerk and the Industrial Commission was finally given the authority to handle their own employees.



Now In Full Swing

Part of the midway at the Franklin County Fair is shown above Monday afternoon as preparations were being made for last night's opening. The annual show runs all week with Wednesday and Saturday designated as school children days.

Notice

A large number of subscribers, who renewed or took initial subscriptions last October during the campaign conducted by high school students in the county, will have their subscriptions running out in the next few days.

The Times does not plan a subscription campaign at this time, and therefore would like to remind subscribers they can renew at The Times office or by mailing their checks. Subscription rates are listed on page 2 of today's issue.

Wake Electric Gets REA Loan

The following wire communication was received Monday from Congressman L. H. Fountain pertaining to REA which serves this area:

"Rural electrification administration has approved \$310,000 loan Wake Electric Membership Corporation to build 30 miles of line and for system improvements serving 350 new consumers."

No further details as to what types of improvements are planned by Wake Electric were immediately available.

Complaints Aired In Education Board Meeting

Committee Staged 1963 Boycott

The Franklin County Board of Education heard a list of complaints from a Steering Committee from Riverside School in its regular monthly meeting held here Monday.

The Committee, which sponsored a school boycott in 1963, presented the Board with a list of nine grievances against the operation of Riverside School here in Louisburg.

The list was presented by Otis Gill, chairman of the group. Joseph Strickland was the spokesman for the Committee. Listed among the grievances were: a revision

of the present Advisory Committee for the school, delay in issuance of books to students, additional classrooms, assistant principal and guidance counselor teaching in the classroom, the lack of a speech therapist, water in two buildings and the hiring of teachers of retirement age.

The group also stated they felt the present principal, C. A. Harris, was "incapable of holding his present position."

The Board ordered books to be issued today to every child having paid book fees for whom a book is available and an explanation to all for whom there are no books, if such a case exists. It was also ordered that the teachers in question remain in their classrooms unless relieved by a qualified substitute.

The Board is studying the new North Carolina on Advisory Councils for the schools of the county and informed the group that this would, in all probability, take care of their complaint in this matter.

In the matter of a speech therapist it was explained that one was under contract, but that the Board did not hold her to the agreement when it was discovered that her husband was to teach in Virginia and that the teacher under contract desired to join him there. No qualified teacher in speech has

been found to fill the position.

In the instance of hiring of retired teachers, the "young" teacher referred to by the Committee had not applied for a position in Franklin County, and to fill existing vacancies, the district committee recommended the use of retired teachers, which the Board approved.

The Steering Committee said the local Advisory Committee, composed of three parents of children in Riverside School, had failed to keep them informed of what was going on in the school.

In other actions by the Board, the three days lost in the delaying of school opening last month were scheduled for the end of the school year, changing the closing day of school from May 30 to Thursday, June 2. No holidays previously set were changed, and the Board indicated they would not be unless bad weather caused more missed days.

The Board heard reports on the heating project at Perry's School and a new well being dug at Gethsemane Schools and approved the free-milk programs for Mapleville, Cedar Street, Perry's and Gethsemane Schools. Under the program, children designated by their teacher or principal as needy may receive free milk.



Dr. James B. King, Jr.

Receives National Honor

Mr. and Mrs. James B. King have received word that their son, Dr. James B. King, Jr., of Rochester, New York, has been awarded the Outstanding National Award of the Year by the National Academy of Pediatric Dentistry for his research in children's dentistry.

To accept the award he will present a half hour summary of his thesis at the National Academy meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later at the National Convention in Nevada he will give a series of lectures in children's dentistry.

No Action On Appeals Court Commissioners Endorse Bonds, Waccamaw Appeal

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners endorsed the upcoming \$300 million Highway Bond Issue and the application of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. of Whiteville to locate a branch here, in their regular monthly meeting Monday.

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The endorsement of the Waccamaw Bank's application now before the state Banking Commission states: "It will be greatly beneficial and is necessary for the convenience of the citizens of Franklin County and is in the best interest of the growth and development of said county that said bank be so established." It urged approval as soon as possible of the application.

A Committee from the Franklin County Historical Society, composed of T. H. Pearce, Lindley Butler and W. J. Shearin appeared before the board seeking a donation to aid in the restoration of the Franklin Academy Building, on the campus of Louisburg College. The Committee was informed they would have to present a request for an appropriation for such purposes.

Mrs. Maggie F. Denton, 107 Elm St., Louisburg, presented a request to lease the Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home, under terms now existing with Mr. Rufus Place. No action was taken, pending the outcome of a public auction of the property scheduled for later this month.

In other actions, the Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Ida Latta as Clerk to the county Board of Elections. Actually, Mrs. Latta declined the appointment, after a telephone conversation with Election's Board Chairman Taylor W. Boone.

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Society Makes Gift

The Franklin County Historical Society held its first meeting of the 1965-66 season on the Louisburg College Campus Thursday night and voted to send a donation of \$100 to the Franklin Academy Restoration Committee.

The Academy Restoration Committee, composed of Louisburg College administration, college faculty, college alumni, and interested citizens of Franklin County, met in January. See ACADEMY page 8

Date Cleared Firemen To Stage Parade Wednesday

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Scout Fair Exhibit

The Cub Scout (Boy Scouts) Fair this week. Others include exhibit shown above is one of several outstanding exhibits on display at the Franklin County

Fair this week. Others include farm products, 4-H Clubs and home canning.

-Times Staff Photo.

College Alumni Day Slated Here Saturday

Alumni Day at Louisburg College will be held Saturday, October 9, 1965. Highlight of the day will be a tour of the new library facilities. The library, now nearing completion, is the newest addition to the Louisburg campus.

Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the new library lobby, where tours of the library will be originated.

From 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. alumni will have an opportunity to meet with administration of the college to discuss Louisburg College's role in the complex system of higher education. This meeting will be held in the library auditorium.

Reunion classes for every fifth year from 1900 through 1965 will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served in the college cafeteria, followed by a short business session, conducted by President of the Alumni Association, J. Floyd Ammons, Fayetteville. For the first time the Alumni Association will make an award of the Alumnus of the Year. A committee headed by Duffy Paul of Raleigh will present the award at the business session. After the business session, President C. W. Robbins will address the group briefly about the college program.

Market On Four Hour Day

The Louisburg Tobacco Market goes on a shortened 4 hour sales schedule today, under the program of limiting selling time in order to ease congestion at company redrying plants. Monday's full 5 1/2 hour sales day produced a total of 445,654 pounds sold at an average of \$60.97, a rise from last Thursday's low for the season of \$59.69.

Mr. William Boone, Sales Supervisor of the local market reports sales last week totaled 974,730 pounds for the two-day average of \$61.04. It brought \$594,978.02.

Four hour selling time will be observed through Thursday of this week with another market holiday scheduled for Friday.

The only plan that counts for much is one that is carried out.