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Boy Scout Kick-off Meet Held

The Boy Scout drive got underway this week in the area with a kick-off breakfast Tuesday morning at a local restaurant. About thirty local supporters attended the affair and heard Oconeechee Council Field Director John Bush explain the advantages of scouting. Tom Wainwright, local Scout executive, told the group there are 74 units in the district boasting of 1358 members. Capt. James H. Brown, a member of the Louisburg College faculty, is local chairman of the annual drive. He told the group that due to advance gifts, the drive was off to a good start, having reached the half-way point. Ten local captains were chosen to lead the drive for contributions. They are: Charlie Smith, Lewis Word, William Dement, Louis Wheelless, Jr., Mrs. Page Hicks, J. L. Ivey, Wade Foster, D. C. Phillips, James H. Duke and James Williams. Wainwright urged the public to support the drive, stating that this is the only way the Scouts have to support their program.

Whitfield Talks To Lions Club

The Louisburg Lions Club met at the Murphy House Tuesday evening. Dr. Richard Whitfield, local optometrist, delivered a brief address on the idea that some children are retarded because of some eye defect. A retarded child, according to Dr. Whitfield, is one who has lost his learning ability. He is a non-achiever even though his I. Q. may be high. Perhaps through carelessness or neglect his parents have not had his eyes examined. He may be having difficulty distinguishing between objects, words, or even letters because of poor eyesight. Every parent should allow optometry to enter into his care program for his child. Each child must learn and reach his highest potential. During the meeting Lion Galtner Beam, Sr., inducted two new members: Michael Palmer, English instructor at Louisburg College, and Lloyd West, co-owner of Town 'N' Campus.

Students Observe Historical Event

that molded our nation. Sponsored by the history department, the service was attended by faculty and students of the college and has become an annual occasion. The commemoration, dedicated to those who have fallen in the defense of our liberty, consisted of readings from the works of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Paine, and amid a volley of musket fire a thirteen star flag of the American Revolution was raised. The service concluded with a reading of Washington's prayer for the nation.

Contempt Of Court

Judge Jails Attorney

Franklin County Attorney Hubert H. Senter spent several hours in the Franklin County jail Wednesday afternoon following a contempt of court citation issued by Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood. The incident occurred shortly before the noon recess in the week-long term of criminal court being held here. The charges came when a case on which Senter was the attorney of record was called for the third time this week, and Senter was absent from the courtroom. Case Number 3640, an assault on a female charge against Clyde Abbott, was docketed for trial Monday. Abbott failed to show up, and Senter told the court that he had advised Abbott that the case would not be heard until Friday. Abbott had two additional cases, charging the same offense, docketed for Friday. On Monday, Judge Hobgood ordered Senter to produce his client in court Tuesday. Mrs. Abbott, a witness in the case, was present; and the fact she had been forced to miss her work was brought out by Solicitor William G. Ransdell, Jr. When the case was called Tuesday, Abbott was again absent, and Judge Hobgood emphatically instructed Senter the case would be heard Wednesday. The Solicitor objected to the delay, but the trial was put off until Wednesday.



JUDGE HOBGOOD

...a tight court?

He added, "I called the Superior Court room Wednesday morning and talked to Mr. Batten (Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten) and he told me the Court was still trying the same case it was on Tuesday afternoon. I told Mr. Batten I would be over shortly. Senter lives and has an office in Franklin County, 10 miles from Louisburg. The attorney also stated that he was in court all day Monday and all day Tuesday from the time it started and when he left Tuesday another case was being heard. He said he had some urgent business in his office Wednesday morning. In referring to his confinement, Senter said, "He (Judge Hobgood) had me placed into custody without allowing me the privilege of speaking to him and making an explanation." Senter also stated, "At least two defendants were allowed to leave the courtroom earlier in the week to call their attorneys who were not in court, in order to get them there. Both attorneys were from out of town. I am from out of town, too." He summed up his feelings on the matter by saying, "I made

no apology to the Court for the reason I felt none was necessary. I had not shown any discourtesy to the Court." Judge Hobgood, in court today, was not available for comment.

Fined

Senter was reportedly released a little after 4 o'clock and brought before the Judge for a hearing. When the Judge slapped a \$100 fine on the lawyer, Senter is reported to have said, "What alternative do I have if I refuse to pay the fine?" "Five days in jail," the Judge is reported to have replied. Senter paid the fine.

The Abbott case, tried Wednesday, ended in a mistrial after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

The contempt order and the reasons for the Judge's actions were being made a part of the court minutes this morning and were not available for detailed study.

A veteran court observer remarked, "He (Senter) said, so much what he (Senter) said, as the way he said it." He added that he felt the Judge was justified in the action. It was explained that once an attorney becomes the attorney of record on the court docket, he cannot be relieved of the case without permission. In this case, according to reliable reports, Senter had not been relieved.

Tight Court

One attorney had said of Judge Hobgood earlier this week, "He runs a tight court, but he is an excellent judge." The Judge had earlier shown he would operate the court as he felt appropriate. He had on occasion ordered the blinds drawn on all windows, at least two crying babies removed from the courthouse and ordered spectators around the rear courtroom entrance removed. Court is expected to be completed today, due to the Judge having a meeting out of town Friday. Today's proceedings are expected to consist of pleas and hearings. All Senter cases were continued and will not be heard at this term of court.

Jury List Announced

The following Jurors were drawn by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, N. C., with the assistance of the Sheriff for a one-week Civil term of Franklin County Superior Court beginning the 29th day of November 1965. The Jurors were drawn according to G. S. 9-1.

- DUNN -- Andrew Whitley, Yates P. Johnson, D. A. Flood, R. H. Johnson, Wallace B. Stallings.
- HARRIS--James R. Perry, Haywood Frazier, Dan. C. Pearce, Sandy Purvis.
- YOUNGSVILLE -- Fred O. Preddy, J. P. Herring, Charlie Dickens.
- FRANKLINTON -- Eli Woodhief, Raymond M. Dement, Jesse Ray Bolden, Jake J. Hayes, D. Watson Mitchner, Johnnie Jackson, Robert L. Conyers, Herman J. Holder, Ronald Lee Perry, Clarence Person.
- HAYESVILLE--J. H. Smith, C. D. Eaves, James LeMay, Mary Ebbitt.
- SANDY CREEK--J. W. Perdue, Roy W. Gupton.
- GOLD MINE--L. S. Neal.
- CEDAR ROCK--Robert Alston, O. B. Parker, Mrs. Mariah H. Wheelless.
- CYPRESS CREEK--None.
- LOUISBURG--Eugene C. Underhill, Leo Fuller, Leamon Davis, W. H. Horthon, Jr.

Weather

Variable cloudiness and mild through Friday with scattered rain or showers. Low today, 60; high, middle 70's.



Working In Water

State Highway personnel are pictured above, working beneath the Bickett Blvd. bridge this week. The workmen are clearing away debris which has caught against the bridge pil-

ings, including several large trees and limbs. Working in hip-deep water, the men are sawing and chopping away at the fallen trees and floating them downstream. -Times Photo

Grand Jury Reports

Judge Hobgood Orders Repairs To County Jail

Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood, presiding over this week's criminal session of Superior Court here, ordered the County Commissioners to "see that proper plumbing is installed in the Franklin County jail." The order came after the Grand Jury had again recommended the work.

The report stated that "We

understand that the shower has been out of order for some time."

Judge Hobgood also requested that action be taken to repair the roof of the Ben Franklin Boarding Home and to make additional space available for the Clerk of Court Office, including more vault space. The jail repairs, Item 5 of

the Grand Jury report, is to be compiled with by the January 31st term of Superior Court.

In the matter of the Boarding Home and the Clerk's Office, the Commissioners are to "take such steps as they deem advisable" to initiate a program to take care of these needs.

The Grand Jury reported finding the Bunn Prison Camp and the Franklin jail to be in good condition and recommended the support of the Intermediate Court of Appeals to be voted on in the general elections on November 2.

James L. Ivey is foreman of the Grand Jury and signed the report.

Area Development Group To Hold Banquet Here

The Capital Area Development Association announced following their meeting in Raleigh last week that the annual Association Banquet would be held in the Louisburg College Cafeteria Wednesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The Association, which includes among its member counties, Wake, Warren, Vance, Harnett, Granville and Franklin, will conduct its area judging for the best communities on November 8 and 9, according to the announcement.

Justus M. Ammons, president of the organization, urged each county to complete its judging by the end of October and that each county hold its annual banquet and elections and report the results to him not later than November 10.

Announcements of the newly-elected officers and community winners are to be made at the November 17th meeting here.

On October 19, 1781, the allied armies of France and the United States received the surrender of the British forces at Yorktown, Virginia. This momentous event, which virtually ended the hostilities of the American Revolution, was commemorated at Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina, on the one hundred eighty-fourth anniversary. The surrender, which is not often celebrated, is most significant, for it was the toll and bloodshed of the American Revolution

College Has 676 Students Enrolled

Official registration closed at Louisburg College for the fall semester with an enrollment of 676 students. Of this number 501 live on campus, 100 commute, and 75 live in private homes in Louisburg.

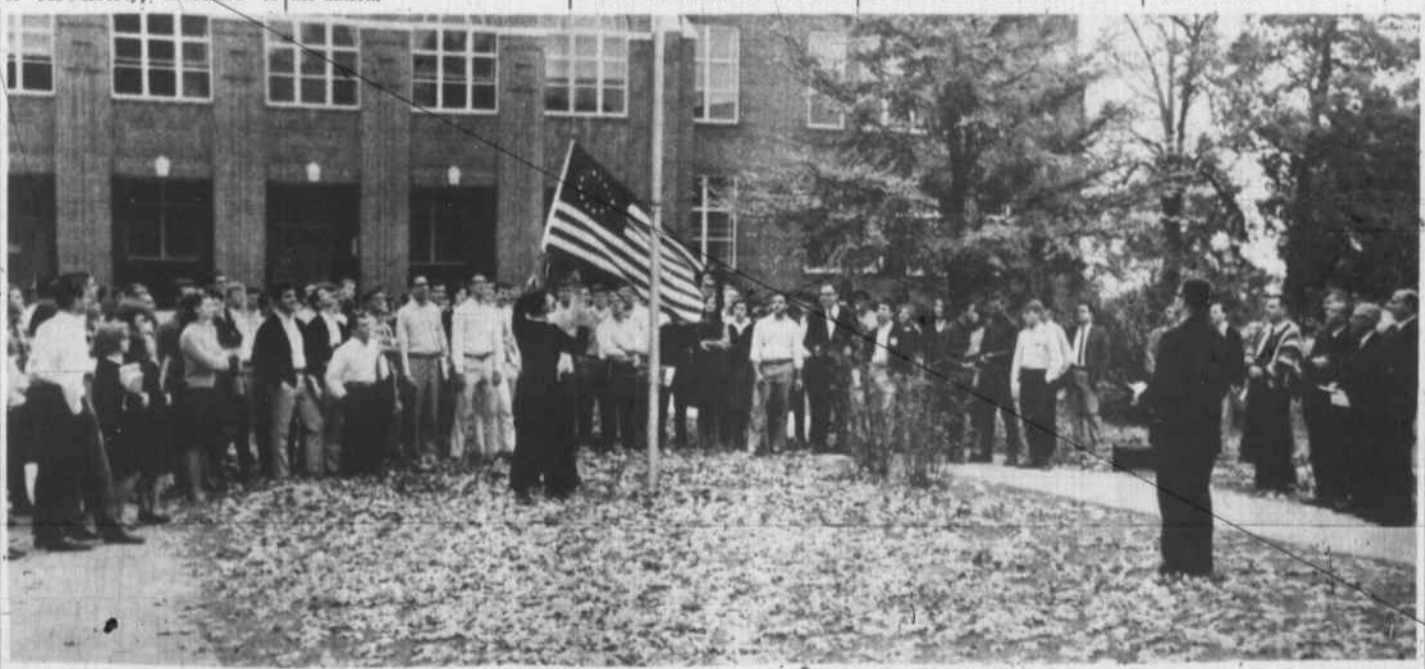
The liberal arts and general college curriculum students comprise 478 of the total. There are 109 enrolled in the business curriculum, 14 in the general science emphasis curriculum, 63 in the pre-professional, including full-time church work, and 11 supply pastors. There are 12 special students.

Louisburg and Franklin County students lead in number from any one area in North Carolina with 71. Wake County with 46, Durham with 44, and Vance

with 34, follow. Counties with 10 or more students include: Pitt, 18; Edgecombe, 15; Granville, 14; Wilson, 12; Person and Wayne, 11; and Johnston, 10. The remaining students are from 47 counties.

There are 169 students from Virginia with 14 other states and 2 foreign countries represented.

Church membership or preference runs as follows: Methodists, 282; Baptists, 208; Presbyterians, 62; Episcopalians, 60; Christians, 19; Lutherans, 11; Catholics, 10; Church of Christ, 8; Jewish, 5; Holiness, 3; Moslems, 2; Friends, Mosaic, Unitarian, Greek Orthodox, Evangelical Reformed, and no preference, 1 each.



Local College Students In Patriotic Ceremonies

Louisburg College students and faculty members are pictured above during ceremonies Tuesday commemorating the 104th anniversary of the Surrender of Cornwallis. "This," according to Lindley Butler, faculty member, "was the actual beginning of this country." Ceremonies consisted of readings

from speeches of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, plus the raising of the thirteen-star flag accompanied by a salute from early vintage musket rifles and pistols.

-Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.