

Fair and warmer today. Wednesday fair and a little cooler. Low today, 32; high, 70.

No man is so ignorant as the man who is positive that he knows all the answers.

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## Parents Day Set Wednesday

Parents Day at Louisburg College is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, Dean of Students, Thomas A. Patterson, has announced. Over 450 parents of Louisburg students are registered for the annual event which will familiarize them with the college program as well as offer them an opportunity to visit with each member of the faculty who teaches their sons and daughters. Tours of the recently completed library and the entire Louisburg campus will be conducted. The schedule of events includes: Registration from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Parents Meeting, 10:30 to 11:00; Chapel, 11:00 to 11:45; Lunch, 11:45 to 1:45. Tours of the campus begin at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the program will be concluded with the Parents-Faculty Tea from 3:00 to 5:00.

## WWI Vets Caravan To Stop Here

An automobile caravan sponsored by veterans of World War I and known as "Operation Buddy," will travel across the State beginning November 1, it was learned today from Raymond J. Jeffreys of Raleigh. Objective of the tour is understood to be to contact World War I veterans.

The caravan will move from Manteo and Elizabeth City in the east, beginning Monday, November 1, and arriving in Murphy Friday, November 12. In most instances, stops will be made at newspaper offices in the cities and towns included on the itinerary.

The group will be in Louisburg, Thursday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. and will make their brief stop at the office of The Franklin Times. The caravan will come here following stops at Roanoke Rapids and Henderson. The group will go to Selma and Smithfield from Louisburg. Dozens of cities and towns will be visited, with only brief stops except where the party puts up for the night.

## Fuller To Attend REA Meeting

W. O. Fuller, Sr., Franklin County resident, will be among fourteen directors and employees of Wake Electric Membership Corporation attending the Region I meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 27-29.

Four hundred representatives of rural electric cooperatives in the Region I states of North Carolina, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Virginia are expected to be present.

Other Wake Electric directors and employees participating in the meeting will be J. L. Shearson, Manager, L. K. Stephenson, Director of Member Education and Public Relations; Directors N. C. Brummitt, H. L. O'Brien, J. P. Bailey, E. C. Hunt and J. M. Ferrell; office employees Mrs. Ruth Denton, Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, Mrs. Doris Forbes, Mrs. Bobbie Stroud, Mrs. Ann Curren and Mrs. Julia Fuller.

Some of the topics that will be discussed during the three-day event are future financing for rural electric systems, exporting the rural electric pattern to foreign countries, and the woman's place in community activities.

Nearly a half million rural electric consumers will be represented at the meeting by members of the 79 rural electric systems serving the nine Region I states.



Tough On Escapees

Franklin County Jailer Walter L. Falkner is shown above standing beside the cell door where he stopped an attempted jailbreak Saturday night. Falkner shot two Negro prisoners, and a third Negro and a white trustee were hit by ricocheting bullets. The two would-be escapees pinned Falkner behind the cell door in their attempt to escape while the trustee was preparing to move a mattress into the cell. Staff Photo.

## Jailer Wounds Four In Attempted Jail Break

Two Negro prisoners face trial in Recorder's Court today for an attempted jailbreak Saturday-night in which they, a third Negro inmate and a white trustee were injured. Jailer Walter L. (Hawk) Falkner, who singlehandedly stopped the attempted break around 7:30 p.m. when he fired three shots from his .32 caliber service revolver, said one of the prisoners claims he was lying on his bed when hit by the pistol fire and was not attempting to escape. Falkner says he could not say for sure whether this is true.

The incident occurred when the Negro prisoners requested a mattress for their cell. Falkner instructed Robert H. Morgan, w/m/53, a trustee at the jail, to obtain a mattress. As Falkner unlocked the cell door to allow Morgan to enter, two prisoners jammed Morgan against the wall and pinned Falkner between the wall and the cell door. At this point, the jailer drew his pistol and fired at the escapees. Edward Perry, n/m/22, charged with assault to kill and wanted in at least one other county for crimes allegedly committed there, led the escape and was struck in his left arm. Jesse Lee Durham, n/m/30, Rt. 1, Henderson, confined for driving without proper operator's license and hit and run, was struck in the mouth with a .32 slug.

Morgan was hit by the ricocheting bullets, receiving chest wounds. A third unidentified Negro prisoner was struck in the stomach by one of the rebounding slugs but was not injured. Bullets also ricocheted off the jail walls near Falkner. Perry and Durham were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital for treatment and later returned to jail. Morgan was transported to Duke, where his condition has been reported satisfactory. Falkner said, "I certainly hate Mr. Morgan got hit, and I hope he will be alright." Morgan is serving a 9-month term for conviction of an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

Falkner, after returning the prisoners to the cell and locking them up, called the Louisburg Rescue Service to administer first aid to the victims. This is the third attempted jailbreak here in the past several years. Prisoners overpowered former jailer Jesse Moon and locked him in a cell a few years ago, and the late Halbert Spencer, while jailer, was also overpowered in a break attempt.

## Court Hears Heavy Docket

The following cases were disposed of in a one week term of Franklin County Criminal Superior Court last week: Nick Gupton, fraud. Defendant having complied with judgment, he is ordered discharged. Mary Louise Radford, breaking, entering and larceny. Defendant pleads guilty through counsel and is sentenced to twelve months in Woman's Prison, suspended on condition that defendant be of good behavior and not violate any criminal laws of the State for period of 12 months. Phil Nelson Radford, breaking, entering and larceny. Pleads guilty. 12 months in prison, suspended on condition that defendant be placed on probation for 12 months under the usual terms and conditions and further to pay into office of CSC \$330.00 for use and benefit of Mr. Jack Collins and costs of court. Timothy L. Pritchette, escape from prison. 6 months in prison, to begin at expiration of sentence he is now serving from Edgecombe Co. Jerry Eugene Smith, escape from prison. 6 months in prison, to begin at expiration of sentence he is now serving from Granville Co. L. G. Wilson, escape from prison. 6 months in prison, to commence at the expiration of the sentence he is now serving from Wake County. William Ray Carroll, escape from prison. 6 months in jail, to commence at the expiration of sentence imposed on him in Wake County. P. G. Pace, forgery. State takes a nolle prosequi with leave. Henry Lewis Alston, assault with deadly weapon. Jury verdict: Guilty. 6 months in jail and assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept. John Kearney, Jr., operating auto intoxicated; temporary larceny of auto. 90 days in jail, execution not to issue and defendant to be placed on probation for 2 years on condition that defendant pay into office of CSC a fine of \$100.00 and the costs; not to violate any laws of State of North Carolina for 2 years and that he abide by the rules and regulations as explained by Probation Officer. Gerald Dwain Finch, careless and reckless driving. \$25.00 fine and costs. Earnest Hockaday, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. 12 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Prison Dept. Marion B. Jeffreys, III, breaking, entering and larceny. 2 years in prison, assigned to a Youth Offenders Camp. Execution suspended and defendant placed on probation for five years and to pay \$20.00 into court for use and benefit of J. D. Alford and the costs of court. Carl Hackney, breaking, entering and larceny. 12 months in jail, suspended on 5 years probation and to pay a fine of \$100.00; pay costs of court; not violate any laws of State for 5 years and live under the supervision of State Probation Department during that period of time. Henry Lewis Alston, assault on female. Defendant having violated criminal laws of State of N. C. during the term of his probation, sentence imposed on defendant of 6 months in jail is hereby invoked and commuted to 30 days in jail.

## Senter Files Quarter Million Dollar Suit Against Judge

A Franklin attorney, charged last week with contempt of court by Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood in the criminal session held here, has filed suit for \$250,000.00 against the Judge, charging that the court was illegal. Hubert H. Senter, who was jailed for around four hours and later fined \$100 when found in contempt of court, claims in papers filed with the Clerk of Superior Court's Office here, that Hobgood "did illegally preside over the October 18, 1965 term of Superior Court." Senter's contention, according to the complaint, is that the exchange between Judge Hobgood and Superior Court Judge Raymond Mallard is illegal. Mallard was originally scheduled to have presided over the October 18th term. The Clerk's office reports, however, that notification of the switch in Jurists was made at least thirty days in advance of the term and that such exchanges between Superior Court Judges were not uncommon. Senter was cited for contempt following the calling of a case against Clyde Abbott for assault on a female on Monday and Tuesday of last week, and the defendant being absent from court. On Wednesday, after two warnings from the court that Senter produce his client

in court, Senter was absent when the case was called. Judge Hobgood allowed the case to be tried without counsel, and Senter arrived in court as the trial was closing. The Franklin attorney and real estate developer reportedly told Judge Hobgood that Abbott had not made proper financial arrangements with him and that, "I don't have to be here, and nobody can make me." It was at this point, according to reports, that Senter was ordered taken to the Franklin County jail for contempt of court. Released around four hours later, at 4 p.m., Senter was given a hearing before Judge Hobgood and fined \$100. The Abbott case ended in a hung jury, and a mistrial was called. Senter's suit charges, "On October 18, about 10:45 a.m. the defendant (Judge Hobgood) attempted to hold a 'kangaroo or moot' meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association without first notifying members of said Bar, and particularly the plaintiff (Mr. Senter), at which time certain unreasonable, illegal and unlawful rules by which he would 'run' his court were issued." The charge also asserts that the President of the Bar Association (Recorder's Court Judge G. M. Beam, Sr.) was not present and, therefore, the meeting was illegal.

Mr. Senter also states in his suit that at least two defendants were allowed to call their attorneys when said attorneys were not in court when the cases were called and that this privilege was not extended him. A jury case. The attorney also charges in his suit that he suffered embarrassment in being escorted by armed deputies through the crowded courthouse and on the public streets to the local jail, about a block from the courthouse. One new point brought to light in the suit is the charge by Senter that Hobgood said, during the hearing, that he acted in anger in citing him for contempt. The charges read, "The defendant made certain findings of fact of which he attempted to justify his said unlawful order holding plaintiff in contempt of court, whereupon the defendant admitted in open court that he acted in a fit of anger." Charging that his "reputation has been immeasurably damaged," Senter asks prayer for judgment against the defendant in the sum of \$200,000 actual damage and \$50,000.00 exemplary or punitive damages. The action was filed last Friday. Judge Hobgood, when asked to comment on the suit, said, "I prefer not to make any comment. What occurred will appear in the official record of the Court Reporter and not in the complaint."



Hubert H. Senter

In an interview with The Franklin Times last Thursday morning, Senter stated that he was detained in his office in Franklin on urgent business. The suit states that he told Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten he did not feel well enough to try

## Approve Secondary Roads County Commissioners Meet With Highway Officials

The County Commissioners, in an unannounced special meeting Wednesday, adopted the 1965-66 Secondary Road Program for the county, as recommended by the State Highway Commission. Meeting with Fifth District highway officials, J. B. Brame, Commissioner, M. T. Adkins, F. W. Atkins and James Alford, the Commissioners approved an allotment of \$155,190.00 for secondary roads. The program calls for the expenditure of \$16,000 for additional roads and \$139,200.00 for the 1965-66 road program. Projects, as set up in the proposal, are as follows: Priority No. 2, State Rural 1256, 1257 and 1258, 0.7 miles Jeffreys Drive from SR-1232 to N. C. 39 and 401, cost: \$7,700; Priority No. 4, SR-1616 3.5 miles; Stallings Mill Road, from SR-1639 to N. C. 56, cost \$55,200.00; Priority No. 5, SR-1467, 3.0 miles Fishing Rock Road from NC-56 to SR-1425, cost \$47,100.00; Priority No. 6, SR-1656, 1.2 miles Bern Wilder Road (Part #1) from NC-39 to SR-1607, cost \$16,500.00; and Priority No. 7, SR-1401, 1.0 miles Mamay Mash Road from US-401 east for 1.0 mile, cost \$12,700.00. The projects represent a total of 9.4 miles and \$139,200.00. Other road needs were discussed at the meeting, but no announcements were made of the outcome of these discussions. In other actions, Mrs. Jane York, Superintendent of the Franklin County Welfare Department, appeared before the Board to discuss the surplus food commodity program. No action was taken by the Board on this matter. The Commissioners received a report from

the Franklin County Grand Jury, but action on the Grand Jury requests were not announced, if any were taken.

## Honors Employees

Louisburg -- Carolina Telephone this month will honor two Louisburg employees for long service. A total of 30 years of combined telephone service will be represented by the awards. Each of them will receive a miniature gold emblem signifying the number of years of service. They are Ray E. Weatherington, a cable repairman with 20 years of service, and Cecil W. Alston, an installer-repairman with 10 years of service, both in the Plant Department.

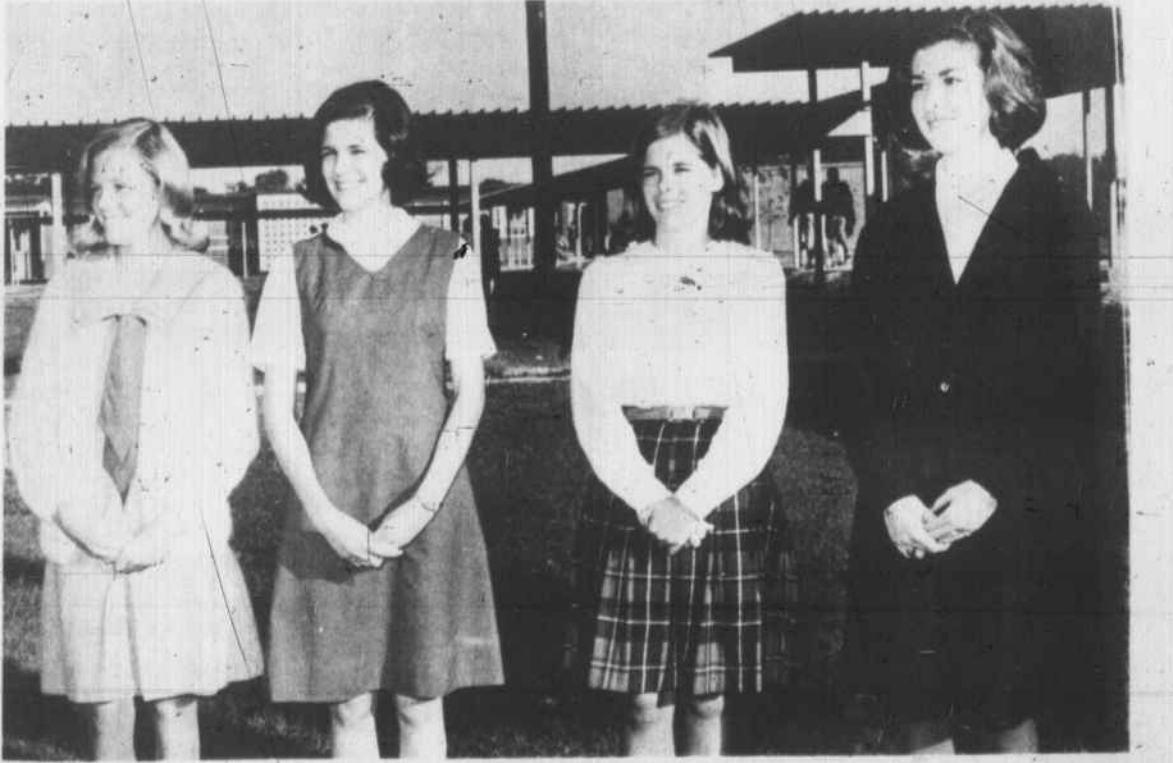
## September Road Work Listed

Raleigh--State Highway Commission forces completed work on more than 28 miles of roads in the Fifth Division during the month of September according to Commissioner J. B. Brame and Division Engineer M. T. Adkins.

State Forces completed work in the following counties: Franklin, Durham, Granville and Person. In Franklin County: 1.0 mile of the extension of SR-1450 from dead end to SR-1449 about 1.4 miles southeast of Wood was improved with grade and stabilize; 2.8 miles of SR-1454 from SR-1425 to SR-1426 about 2.5 miles west of Dickens was graded and paved.

## Partnership

Washington, D. C.--President Johnson's announcement to make Panama a partner in the administration, management and operations of the canal, was met with general agreement in Congress. It is hoped this will end the quarrel over the Panama Canal.



Homecoming Contestants

Louisburg High School Homecoming Queen contestants are pictured above, posing prettily, in front of the school. Pictured left to right are: Anita Tillotson, Freshman Class; Josephine Medlin, Sophomore Class; Ann Avent, Junior Class, and Jane McKinne, Senior Class. The Queen will be named at halftime Friday night at the Benvenue-Louisburg football game here. -Times Staff Photo.