



Little Goblins Get Ready

Dike 6, Ashley 7, and Travis Hinton 5, children of State Trooper and Mrs. Dwight Hinton, of Louisburg, are shown above preparing for "Children's Delight Night—

Halloween," which is just around the corner. The youngsters will join thousands more in the area in the traditional "trick or treat" activities this weekend.

Halloween Trick Or Treat An Ancient Custom

By Clint Fuller

When the young goblins make their appointed rounds on Halloween, armed with such devious weapons as soap, bubble gum and balls of twine, homeowners will be the better off for arranging the traditional treat. By all means, stay away from the meaningful trick.

Although tricks nowadays are somewhat more sophisticated than in mom and pop's time, it is still quite a chore to remove soap from windows or bubble gum from door knobs, not to mention falling out the front door over a network of twine. We can well remember what it was "the thing to do" to take the swings off the porches of one home and hang them on porches a couple of blocks away. (For the benefit of the real young, swings are what your mama caught your daddy in long before you were born.)

Another favorite back in ancient times was the knock-knock tied to a door knob. This consisted of a small rock to a string. The string was looped around the door knob (you had to be extremely quiet when accomplishing this little feat). Then you would retire to the nearest hiding place, letting out the string. A slight jerk on the cord would make a knocking effect on the door, bringing the occupant to answer. Seldom, indeed, did the answerer

ever see the attachment on the door.

If you were lucky and the string didn't break, you could make life miserable for a non-treater practically all night.

There are any number of other tricks. It wouldn't do to expose them all here, so near Halloween. Most present day youngsters will think enough on their own.

As is true in all of life's little endeavors, Halloween,

too, has changed in the past several hundred years. The National Geographic reports that 400 years ago in England and Wales, soul cakes were baked about October 28 for distribution to the poor to be eaten on All Soul's Day. Beggars went about singing, "A soul cake, a soul cake, have mercy on all Christian souls for a soul cake." In exchange for the gifts, beggars promised to pray for the donors.

Soon, "Soulers" gave way to the children eager for apples, nuts, and other goodies. But households were still roused with the old song:

"Soul, soul, an apple or two, If you haven't an apple, a pear will do.

One for Peter, two for Paul, And three for the Man Who made us all."

Many American communities, including our own, have long See HALLOWEEN Page 6

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Judge May Be Liable

An article appearing in The Raleigh Times Thursday quoted the N. C. Attorney General's Office as saying that a Superior Court Judge could be held liable in a civil suit. The inquiry, apparently by the newspaper, was in light of the disclosure of a \$250,000 civil suit by Franklinton attorney Hubert H. Senter against Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg.

The suit followed Hobgood's citing of Senter for contempt of court last week. Senter was jailed and later fined \$100. Two days later, the attorney filed the suit in the Clerk of Court's Office here, claiming his reputation had been "immeasurably damaged." He also charged that the entire session of criminal court was held illegally because of an exchange of locations by Judge Hobgood and Judge Raymond Mallard.

The attorney general's office said it had never been called on to rule on the matter of a judge's liability but indicated he would be liable only if "malice and a misuse of his discretion were involved," according to the article.

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Tar River Churches Denounce Klan

The Tar River Baptist Association, representing 38 Baptist Churches in this area, passed a resolution denouncing the Ku Klux Klan as "preachers of hate, violence, lying and murder" in their annual meeting held at Corinth Baptist Church Monday.

The resolution states that in the face of confusion and uncertainty "many of our people are turning to organized groups." "Some of these groups are godless, materialistic and totalitarian," the resolution continued, making reference to both the Klan and Communists.

The statement denounced the Klan's use of the cross, saying, "Klansmen abuse and despise it by using it as a means of frightening people who do not agree with them."

The resolution continues, "In view of these things the Tar River Baptist Association urges its people...to withdraw their influence from the Klan and its violent distortion of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us avoid even the appearance

of evil as it is represented by Communism and Klansmen in our midst."

The vote on the resolution was described by Rev. Elmer L. Joyner, pastor of Pearce's Baptist Church and Secretary of the Pastor's Conference, as being passed by "an overwhelming majority of the registered messengers." Representatives to the Associational meetings are referred to as messengers. Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson of the Louisburg Baptist Church reported the vote was 95-11 favoring the action.

The Association represents all but a few of the denomination's churches in Franklin County and several in neighboring Nash County.

Mr. Joe E. Savage of Spring Hope was moderator or chairman of the meeting, attended by a total of 280 visitors and messengers in an afternoon and night session. The Messengers represented a total church enrollment of 10,575 people. New officers elected at the Fall session were: Rev. Lloyd F. Jackson of Franklinton, Moderator; Mr. J. Melvin Nelms of Justice, Vice Chairman; Mrs. W. R. Warren of Spring Hope, Clerk, and Mrs. Joseph E. Smith of Cedar Rock, Treasurer.

The group adopted a record budget of \$7,550.00 for the coming year and were told that total church property worth represented by the 35 churches reporting was \$2,211,430.00.

The annual Spring meeting of the Association is to be held on April 18, 1966 at the Castalia Baptist Church. The principal speaker Monday evening was Dr. Garland A. Hendricks of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, who spoke on "Changing Rural Life and Its Effect on Tar River Congregations."

Officials Set Tax Percentage

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting with officials of the county's five municipalities recently, set 50 percent as the appraisal value of all property in the county.

The meeting, held to establish a "uniform percentage," was attended by the five Commissioners and the following municipal officials: Wayne Winstead, Bunn; Marvin Roberts, W. T. Moss, J. A. Green, M. D. Hoyle and David Cyrus, Youngsville; John Neal and Buck Denton, Centerville; C. A. Payne and James S. Joyner, Franklinton, and E. S. Ford of Louisburg.

The group made a study of the percentage of appraisal value to be used as a tax ratio and approved the 50 percent figure. The Commissioners passed on the figure following the approval of the group.

Dement Issues Reminder

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement issued a reminder to the public today of the ordinance pertaining to Halloween activities passed by the Town Council last year.

Dement, who said he did not expect any trouble in connection with the traditional "Trick or Treat" activities, warned, however, that the ordinance would get strict enforcement. Basically the law states that only youngsters 13 years old and under may wear masks and limits the time of the house-to-house activities from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Chief stated this applies to both Friday and Saturday nights. He said he expected some activity Friday night, even though Halloween is not until Saturday.

Dement asked for cooperation from both the youngsters and parents in making this an orderly and enjoyable event for all. Dement's department drew town-wide praise for their enforcement of the ordinance last year. There were no incidents.

The ordinance was prompted by some events occurring in 1963. Officials are also urging the youngsters to stay in their own neighborhoods and not roam too far from home. Safety officials also urge the carrying of flashlights and the wearing of bright clothing to aid in prevention of accidents.

Franklinton Chief Gives Warning

Leo Edwards, Chief of the Franklinton Police Department, has requested the cooperation of the public in the annual Halloween observance Saturday night in Franklinton.

Chief Edwards announced that only youngsters 12 years old and under participate in the "Trick or Treat" activities. He also said that there would be none allowed after 9 p.m.

Edwards also said that masks could not be worn by anyone over the 12-year age limit. The Chief said he did not believe that Franklinton had an ordinance such as Louisburg, but he did expect to enforce the rules governing the traditional house-to-house canvassing.

For safety's sake, Edwards urged extra care during the hours mentioned.

Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, October 25:

KILLED TO DATE	1244
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	1259

Highway Commission Says

Highway 56 Project On Schedule, Bond Money Not To Be Used In Work

State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt said today that the Highway 56 project for Franklin County will not be

financed from the upcoming \$300 million bond money, should the issue pass in November 2nd elections.

Hunt, in a letter to Times Editor Clint Fuller said, "I have checked with our people and find this project is an

approved Federal-aid project and that the location surveys have been completed. It is now in process of design and in the not too distant future should go out for the acquisition of rights of way."

Hunt's letter was in reply to an inquiry from the newspaper as to the status of the long-delayed project.

The letter continues, "This particular project will not be financed from the County's share of the Bond money and will be financed from regular Federal-aid and State Matching Funds."

This is the first public assurance that Highway 56 was still in the works for Franklin County. The Board of Commissioners met last week with Fifth District Commissioner J. B. Brame, but no assurance was given on the matter at that time.

Hunt wrote Fuller, "I can assure you this project will become a reality and that it is moving along on schedule."

Copies of the Fuller letter were sent to Commissioner Brame and Wallace Tippet, local Highway Bond Chairman. The Commissioners also received a copy of Hunt's reply.

Road Bonds, Courts Big Issues In Tuesday Election

Franklin County voters will join their fellow North Carolinians Tuesday in trucking to the polls to cast their ballots on two major statewide issues.

The most publicized, the \$300 million Road Bond Election, has the local endorsement of the County Commissioners, Louisburg Town Council and several civic organizations, as well as a number of individual community leaders.

Statewide the Ku Klux Klan is opposing the issue, but there has been no reported local open opposition by the organization.

The second issue, the Constitutional Amendment giving the General Assembly authority to establish Intermediate Courts of Appeal, has the support of the legal profession as

well as the local Town Council, the Grand Jury and a number of local leaders.

Wallace Tippet, local farm implement dealer, is County Manager for the Road Bond campaign. He said he was well pleased with the reception the issue was receiving among the people of the county wherever he has been. "We are convinced that Franklin County will support it overwhelmingly," Tippet stated.

Should the Road Bond Election gain voter approval, Franklin County will receive a total, including funds to the four municipalities, of \$943,200.00. The county will get \$735,300, and the remainder is divided among the four municipalities as follows: Louisburg, \$112,-

200; Franklinton, \$59,300; Bunn, \$13,000; and Youngsville, \$23,400.00.

An issue in local consideration of the Road Bonds was the status of N. C. 56 running from Nash County to Louisburg. The status was cleared up this week in a letter from State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt to Clint Fuller, managing editor of The Franklin Times. Hunt assured Fuller that the Highway 56 project would be accomplished and that funds would not be used from the Bond money for the purpose. In short, the county is to get the long-promised project plus the benefits of the Bond money, if the vote is favorable on Tuesday.

Voter Registration Light In Area

With the first elections since the passage of the Voter Rights Law by the 89th Congress this year, coming up on Tuesday, scattered reports from Franklin County registrars show very few new registrations during the three weeks while the books were open.

Louisburg had the largest number of Negroes to register with 53 reported. There were 16 white voters registering. Franklinton reported 18 Negro registrants and no white registrations. Cedar Rock precinct had a total of twenty new names placed on the books, evenly divided at ten Negro and ten white registrants.

In Harris, Sandy Creek and Hayesville precincts there were no Negro registrations. Harris and Sandy Creek had 9 whites to register each and Hayesville had only three whites.

Reports were not available from Cypress Creek, Youngsville, Dunn and Pearce precincts.

Franklin County is one of the 26 counties affected by the Voter Rights law and Louisburg was the scene of a week-long Negro demonstration on voting rights several weeks ago, which ended with the arrest of two white persons and an out-of-town Southern Christian Leadership Conference civil rights worker.

Court Dockets

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, October 26:

Roy Rankin Varner, w/m/28, speeding; motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

C. James David, c/m/55, motor vehicle violation. To pay costs.

Guy Dean, c/m/43, operating auto intoxicated. 6 months in jail, assigned to work under State Prison Dept., suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

James Thomas Fields, c/m/40, manslaughter. Probable cause found. Bound over to Superior Court under \$1500.00 bond.

Samuel Jones Gay, Jr., c/m/38, speeding; motor vehicle violation. Nol Prox with leave. Arthur Brodie, c/m/35, no

operator's license, speeding. State takes nol pros as to no operator's license. Not guilty of speeding.

Roger Williams, c/m/14, breaking and entering; larceny. Remanded to Juvenile Court.

Ralph Brodie, false pretense. Remanded to J. P.

James Thomas Hargrove, w/m/28, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver state. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Aleaze Medlin, w/m, bad check. Nol pros upon payment of costs.

Thomas Perry, c/m, motor vehicle violation; no operator's license. Not guilty.

Jessie Lee Dyrham, c/m/19, hit and run; no operator's license. 12 months in jail assigned to work under State Prison. See COURT Page 6



Louisburg College Parents Day

Some of the 400 parents of Louisburg College students are shown above as they visited the campus Wednesday, meeting faculty members, viewing the facilities and chatting with their children and friends.

Some came from as far away as New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland, but most were from nearby Virginia and North Carolina. A Parents-Faculty tea climaxed the day-long activity.