

Increasing cloudiness and mild today. Chance of scattered showers tonight and Wednesday. Low today, 40; high, 70.

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An open mind is a good asset, but don't let it become so open that nothing stays in it.

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## Louisburg College Gets \$5,000 Plus Valuable Paintings

President Cecil W. Robbins announced the \$5,000 gift, plus valuable paintings, bequeathed to the College by Mrs. Martha E. Conway of St. Petersburg, Florida, the former Martha Mann of Lenoir, who passed away recently, at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting. President Robbins also announced an additional grant of \$10,000 by the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation of New York City to be used for the recently completed library.

## Heart Assoc. Names New Officers

Alfred Goodwin, President of the Franklin County Heart Association, has recently announced the officers for the coming year. The officers and their positions in the community are as follows: President-Elect, Retired Navy Captain and presently Louisburg College Professor James Brown; Treasurer, John Collins, Vice President of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company; Publicity Chairman, Sally Versteeg, Production Assistant of the Louisburg Players; Rheumatic Fever Chairman, Jane Saunders, a nurse at Franklin Memorial Hospital; Medical Representative, Cary J. Perry of Perry-Medders Clinic, Heart Fund Chairman, David Daniel, Director of College Relations at Louisburg College.

## Directors Approve REA Loan

The Board of Directors of Wake Electric Membership Corporation approved loan documents at their recent meeting providing for the borrowing and repayment of \$310,000 to Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., according to J. L. Shearon, Wake's Manager.

Shearon stated the Cooperative's total utility plant is now valued at \$2,978,000. "We shall continue to need construction funds from time to time as our system expands in response to the demands for service by our members," he said.

An electric system "never stops growing", according to Shearon. He said that Wake Electric expects abnormal growth with the coming of new industry, the growing research triangle, the construction of the Neuse River Reservoir, and an expanding agricultural economy in the seven-county area.

According to Shearon, North Carolina's 33 electric cooperatives as a whole have borrowed \$154,345,903 from REA and none of them is in default on loan repayments. These 33 electric cooperatives have repaid REA \$38,853,627 on principal and \$22,037,156 in interest since the program began in 1935, with \$10,966,311 paid in advance of due date.



Honored

Miss Ruth Merritt, Louisburg College English Professor, is shown above, center, receiving plaudits from friends and students in ceremonies naming the new girls' dormitory in her honor here last Friday night. Others pictured, left to right:

President Cecil W. Robbins, Mrs. Tommy Patterson, Mr. Patterson and Miss Diane Jones of Durham, President of the Women's Student Council and Vice President of the Student Body.

-Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.

## Building Named For College Professor

The Board of Trustees of Louisburg College met November 12 in the new Trustee Conference Room to hear a delegation of students request that the new Women's Dormitory, erected in 1963, be named for and in honor of Miss Ruth Merritt, English Professor at Louisburg since 1941.

Miss Merritt, a native of Winfall, North Carolina, attended secondary and high schools in Winsor, Mount Olive and Rich

Square. She attended Littleton Junior College in Littleton, North Carolina, and later received the A.B. from Duke University and the M.A. degree from Scarritt College. She has done further graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Duke, Peabody University and Peabody College.

Since coming to Louisburg College in 1941, she has been active in virtually every phase of the college program. Initially she organized the framework for the publication of the student newspaper, Columbus, which was first published October 24, 1942. Miss Merritt

has always been interested in religious drama, directing many plays which have been presented at the college and in various churches.

At special ceremonies Friday evening, President Cecil W. Robbins stated, "The primary concern of Ruth Merritt is her students. She has spent her life for them, giving extra help and wise counsel through every waking hour of the day. The students of Louisburg College are to be commended for choosing so noble and deserving a servant as Ruth Merritt, whose name will forever be carried at the institution she

loves."

Miss Diane Jones of Durham, president of the Women's Council, was spokesman for the group who told the Trustees of Miss Merritt's love and devotion to the college, and particularly, of her consideration of students. Miss Merritt formerly served as High School English teacher and as a missionary in Brazil before coming to Louisburg. After hearing the request and the many testimonials for Miss Merritt, the Board of Trustees passed unanimously that hereafter the new Women's Dormitory be known as Ruth Merritt Hall.

## Man In Critical Condition Following Shooting Here

A 25-year-old Rt. 2, Louisburg Negro man is in critical condition in Duke Hospital as a result of a shooting on Main Street here Saturday.

Joe Raymond Smith, n/m/25, has been placed in an iron lung at Duke, according to a report this morning, with chest wounds suffered when he was allegedly shot Saturday afternoon around 4 p.m. by Wilbert Bert Davis, 16-year-old, Rt. 2, Louisburg Negro.

The incident occurred near the south end of the river bridge following a fight over a bottle of beer, according to Louisburg Police Chief William Dement. Chief Dement reported that four Negroes bought one quart bottle

of beer from a nearby cafe. When Davis spilled some of the contents, an argument followed.

Smith reportedly struck Davis before the younger man pulled a .22 caliber pistol from his pocket and fired, hitting Smith in the left chest.

The Louisburg Rescue Service administered first aid and transported the victim to Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was later transferred to Duke Hospital in Durham, where he remains in an unconscious condition today.

Chief Dement reported he is holding Davis under \$2,000.00 bond pending the outcome of Smith's condition.

## Governor Asks Fuller's Resignation

Walter Fuller, 53-year-old former Franklin County resident, has been asked by Governor Dan Moore to resign from his state office of Director of Water Resources, according to a disclosure made last Friday in Raleigh.

The report notes that Fuller "admitted he will be leaving the water resources job soon." He stated, according to the news report, "However, I would rather the announcement come from either the Governor or the board chairman."

Board Chairman James R. Townsend of Durham said he had nothing to say "at this time" about Fuller's resignation. Governor Moore reportedly asked that the resignation take effect on November 30. Fuller has been employed by the state for 28 years in various posts. He was appointed to his present position on January 11, 1964 after serving as State Personnel Director from July 1, 1962 until December, 1963.

Fuller, who has held the reins of political power in



Walter E. Fuller

Franklin County for many years, even though living in Raleigh, was a supporter of former governor Terry Sanford in 1960 and Sanford's chosen successor L. Richardson Peyer in the 1964 race for governor.

Some efforts had been made locally to influence Governor Moore to retain Fuller in his present capacity. Fuller is presently treasurer of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee. He was chairman of the Committee from 1952 to 1960 and was precinct chairman of Sandy Creek for the same period.

He is a former County Farm Agent, and has held the positions of Assistant Director, Department of Conservation and Development, Director of Rural Telephone Service, N. C. Rural Electrification Authority and the Personnel post in Raleigh. No announcement was made of Fuller's future plans.

## Seven County Meet Here Wednesday

Awards to communities in the seven-county area will be presented to winners at the annual meeting and dinner of the Capital Area Development Association to be held in Louisburg next Wednesday night. Vance County will be represented and will be in competition for some of the awards to be distributed.

The dinner will be held in the Louisburg College cafeteria, and an attendance of about 300 is anticipated. The hour is 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the event will be W. Reid Thompson, vice-president of the Carolina Power & Light Company, and entertainment will be by students of Louisburg College. The Capital Area Development Association is composed of the seven counties of Wake,

Johnston, Vance, Granville, Warren, Franklin, and Harnett. All entitled to enter the competition for awards for the best community development projects of the year. These have been judged, and the report will be made at the meeting Wednesday night.

## Franklin Chamber Of Commerce To Meet

(Frk. B.W.) The organizational meeting of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 22, at the City Hall instead of November 15. All interested citizens, business and professional people are urged to attend.

## Local PTA To Hear Dave Daniel

David Daniel, Director of Public Relations, Louisburg College, will be the featured speaker at Thursday night's Louisburg P.T.A. meeting, according to an announcement by Mrs. Vernon Stone, Publicity Chairman, and G. M. Beam, Jr., Program Chairman.

Daniel will speak on the subject, "To Love To Serve." Beam stated, "This is a most appropriate program for our parents and teachers." The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

## Recorder's Court Jury Trials

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court Jury Trials November 8-11.

Dan Yeargin, w/m/24, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs. Leon Winston Kearney, w/m/38, operating auto intoxicated, unlawful possession of whiskey. Verdict: guilty of OAI; not guilty of UPW. \$100.00 fine and costs. Notice of appeal to Superior Court. Bond set at \$250.00.

William Stuart Murphy, c/m/28, operating auto intoxicated. \$25.00 fine and costs.

James Edward Ray, w/m/26, non support. State takes a nol pros.

Hugh Spivey, c/m/45, operating auto intoxicated. Court orders juror withdrawn and mistrial declared.

Troy Wilbert Vaughan, Jr., w/m/19, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Badger Glenn Jones, w/m/21, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Claude Lee Wrenn, w/m/69, operating auto intoxicated. \$100.00 fine and costs. Notice of appeal; bond fixed at \$300.00.

Matthew Rochelle Batchelor, c/m/27, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Forest Johnson, c/m/55, motor vehicle violation. To pay costs.

John Clinton Fogg, c/m/46, operating auto intoxicated; resisting arrest. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

Coy Lee Medlin, w/m/27, careless and reckless driving. Court orders juror withdrawn and mistrial ordered.

Dock Robert Ray, Jr., speeding, w/m/31. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Otha Chambliss, c/m/53, operating auto intoxicated. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Joe Teasley, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. State takes a nol pros.

Otis Richardson, c/m/33, careless and reckless driving; no operator's license. State takes a nol pros on motion by Solicitor.

James Darrell Dement, w/m/20, motor vehicle violation. \$25.00 fine and costs.

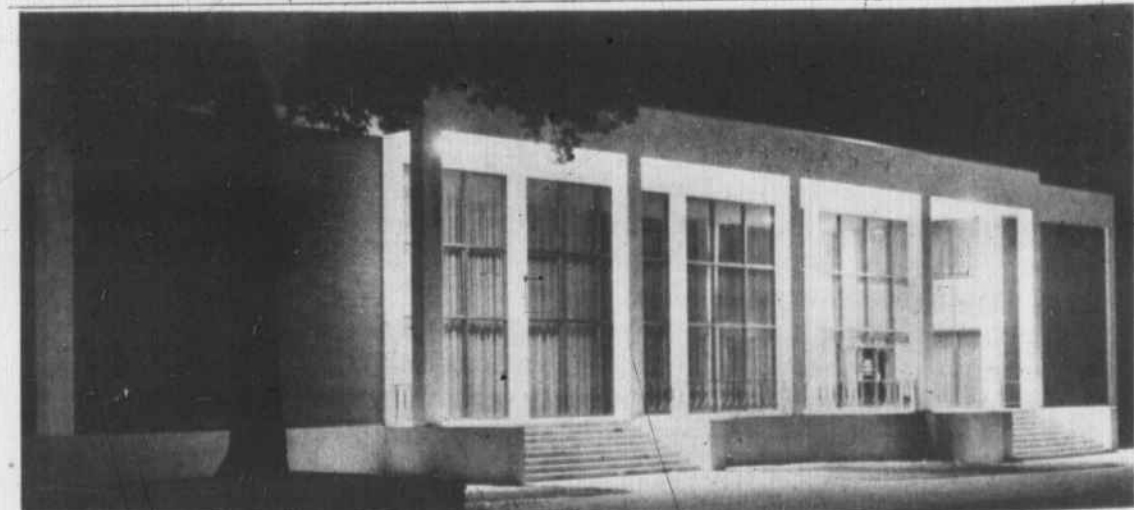
Edward Russell Place, w/m/56, operating auto intoxicated.

(2 cases) \$100.00 fine and costs in both cases. Court recommends that defendant's operator's license be revoked for three years.

Louis Todd Kermoh, Jr., w/m, careless and reckless driving. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Fred Lee Mabry, c/m/54, operating auto intoxicated. \$25.

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## Open House

The new library at Louisburg College will be opened for public inspection Sunday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Elsa Yarborough, librarian; and her staff and other college officials will be on hand to greet visitors and assist in tours of the building. Dr.

C. W. Robbins, President of the College, has stated that the \$380,000 structure is one of the finest library buildings in this area. All interested persons are invited to the Open House.

-Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.



## Three Hurt

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell views the wrecked car near Jackson's Pond last Thursday afternoon in which three Negroes were injured. State Trooper Dwight Hinton conducted the investigation. The unidentified driver and two passengers identified as Noah and Nora Silvers were

hospitalized when the car ran off the road and uprooted a large tree. The driver was unconscious in the woods about a quarter of a mile from the wreckage, where officers theorized he had walked following the impact. The Louisburg Rescue Service answered the call. -Times Staff Photo.