

Weather

Fair and warmer today. Variable cloudiness and mild Friday. Low today, 23; high, upper 50's.

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Appraisals Over, Squawks Light

The long, tedious job of re-valuing property throughout the county is over. Notices of appraisals have gone out to all property owners and final hearings have been held by officials of Carroll & Phelps Co., the revaluing firm.

"This is the quietest one I ever attended," says Mr. Otis Harvell, Field Supervisor for the company, in referring to the reappraisal of property and the subsequent hearings.

Harvell estimated that less than 1% of property owners had appeared for the announced hearings being held to correct any errors that might have arisen. The hearings, generally two to three days for each township grouping began early in November and ended Tuesday with Louisburg Township.

The field supervisor stated that there remained a few of the larger property owners yet to be heard. These had made previous calls to the office, located in the old Welfare building on Market Street, and had been asked to return later. Harvell said most of these would require more time than the average and therefore could not have been handled in the regular time allotted.

There appears, however, to be some property owners who are dissatisfied with the values placed on their property by the appraisers. One Louisburg

homeowner stated he would sell his house for the appraised value, which he felt was "out of line." However, Harvell made mention of one local homeowner as "owning the second highest price home here" as having been "sent away smiling" from the appraisers office.

A county farm owner, told the appraisers "I'll sell my farm if any one offers this price for it," referring to the appraised value. A few days later he sold it and reportedly for that price. He reportedly said, "I'll not pay these Franklin County taxes." He is said to have later purchased a farm outside the county.

Property value notices were sent out listing the property for tax purposes at 50% of the assessed value.

Mr. Harvell said his office would be closed now in a matter of a few weeks. He added that the county tax office has authority to correct any clerical errors and noted that his office did not have the final word on any appraisal. "It's up to the Board of Equalization, now," Harvell observed.

He expressed his appreciation for the "wonderful cooperation" he and his associates had received in Franklin County and was enthusiastic over the smoothness of the entire operation.

Franklinton Group Elects Officers

(Frk. B.W.) On Monday evening, the business and professional people in Franklinton Township elected the Board of Directors for the newly organized Chamber of Commerce.

W. L. (Bill) Johnson was elected president; James S. Joyner, vice president; Sidney Johnson, secretary; and Johnnie Callahan, treasurer.

The other four members of the Board of Directors are Bruce Honeycutt, Ralph McGhee, Arthur Hall and Hubert Senter.

To date, fifty-two businesses and individuals have signed membership pledges. Twelve additional verbal pledges have been received.

Following the general meeting, the Board of Directors met

Operation Christmas Star Starts Today

OPERATION CHRISTMAS STAR BEGINS TODAY WITH A RALLY AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE FOLLOWED BY A DEMONSTRATION PARADE BY THE COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE EVENT IS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE DRIVE, HEADED BY THE STUDENTS, TO OBTAIN GIFTS FOR SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM.

GIFTS MAY BE DEPOSITED AT THE LOUISBURG ARMORY, IN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEMBER STORES, OR GIVEN TO A STUDENT AT LOUISBURG COLLEGE.

THE OPERATION LASTS THROUGH SATURDAY.

Welfare Dept. Gets Letter

"May God Bless You"

The Christmas season has long been the season of giving. The Franklin County Welfare Department hopes this year will be no exception. Mrs. Jane M. York, director of the department, has pointed to the following letter, which she recently received as typical:

"Dear Welfare Lady
How are you getting along these days. I am well and getting along just fine. I would like for you to please send me some money for to spend for Christmas. May God Bless you and keep you in His tender care. I would like to meet you sometime.
With love to you"

This letter was received from a native of Franklin County who has been in a mental institution for many years. She has no relatives and will never be well enough to leave the hospital, but she still remembers Christmas.

Mrs. York says, "Something of her very own to buy a gift for one of her friends in the institution would mean so much to her. This is just one of many letters that the Welfare Department receives each year as the yuletide season approaches."

Cash donations are being requested by the department in order to help bring "cheer to those people, mentioned above, as well as to all county children who are in foster homes, child caring institutions and schools for the mentally and physically handicapped."

The department is urging those sending cash donations to do so right away since gifts have to be purchased for the children and may have to be mailed out of the county.

There will be a worker available at all times (8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday) to receive telephone calls with regard to those needy families in the county for whom they might like to provide.

Mrs. York stated that she was confident that the community wants to help as she feels that she knows Franklin County people from past experiences. Crops were short this year and the need for a cheerful greeting and knowing that someone cares will be a blessing to many. "No prepared Christmas boxes will be given to persons coming to the office, and the agency will be unable to receive gifts for distribution." This is your opportunity to get to know the needs of Franklin County and its people," Mrs. York added.

4-H Banquet Held Here

The Franklin County Extension staff presented the adult 4-H leaders with their annual Leaders Banquet on November 29 at the Murphy House. There were twenty-three members present for this event.

Attending the banquet from N. C. State University were Dr. W. G. Andrews, District Extension Chairman, and Lyndon B. Dixon, 4-H Specialist for the East Central District. The group enjoyed a talk given by Dr. Andrews on "4-H—An Opportunity." He told us that 4-H is providing a greater opportunity today than ever before. He advised us to get out and work for a better 4-H Program State-wide. He also stated that we, as Extension workers, need the help of adults such as our adult leaders and the boys and girls parents. Entertainment was presented

Louisburg Christmas Parade 4 P.M. Monday, Franklinton 7 P.M. Thursday

The annual Louisburg Business Association Christmas Parade will be staged Monday afternoon at 4 p.m., December 6, according to an announcement made today by the Association office.

The parade will assemble on Justice Avenue, as it has done in past years, at 3:15 and will proceed south on Main Street to Kenmore Avenue.

There are thirty entries thus far scheduled to participate in the annual event, with others likely to be added before parade time.

Ten commercial floats are slated to appear, and a number of individual organizational floats are listed. Four bands are to appear in the parade, all from the Louisburg area except one from South Granville High School at Creedmore. The Louisburg High School Band and the Louisburg Junior Band are to march, and the Riverside Band is also scheduled to appear in the parade.

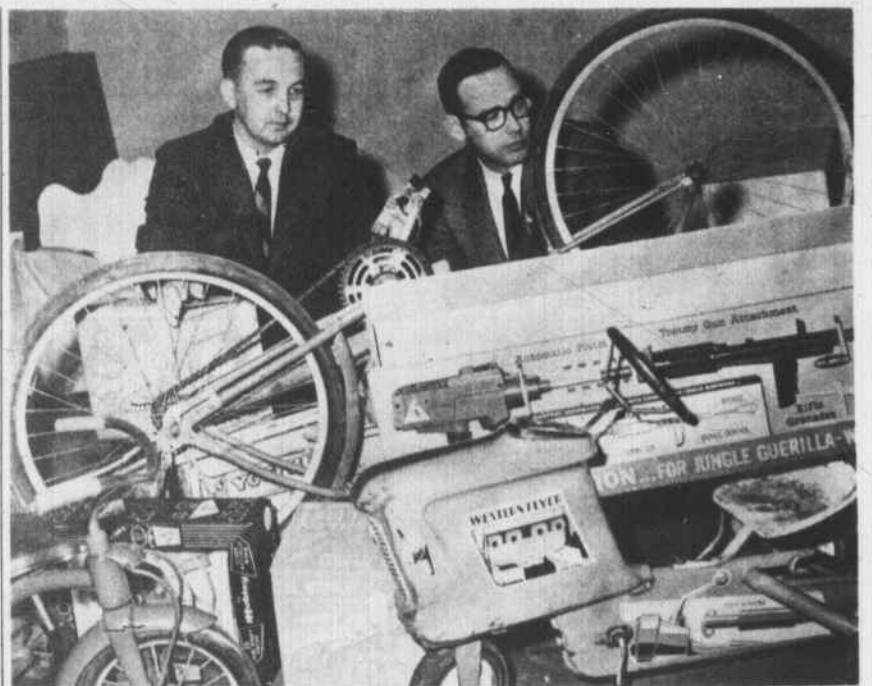
The total listing of floats and entries is as follows: Louisburg High School Band, Franklin County School League, Rowe Chevrolet-Buick Co., Junior Woman's Club, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, South Granville Band, Rowe's Men's Shop, Allen Oil Co., Louisburg Motors, Johnny King, First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Tonkel's Dept. Store, Pine State Dairy, Louisburg Junior Band, and Johnson Stores, Inc.

The second half of the parade will include: Fire Department, Rotary Club, Pepsi-Cola, Mr. McFarland and Calyope, Town 'N' Campus-Triangle Realty, Lion's Club, Walnut Grove Church, D. & Pontiac-Olds, Murphy's Super Market-Pope's Inc., Riverside Band, Louisburg Tractor-Franklin Times, Rose Lee, Lynn Patterson, Martha Beasley and horses, Little River Fuel-Farmers Tractor, Horses and finally Santa Claus.

Rain date for the parade is set for Tuesday afternoon, December 7.

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton Christmas Parade will be on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m.

Bill Forsythe, parade chairman, announces that the floats and entries will assemble at B. F. Person-Aiblon School Gym.



More Toys Needed

LOUISBURG JAYCEE TOY CHAIRMAN RALPH KNOTT, LEFT, AND JAYCEE PRESIDENT CHARLES DAVIS look over the collection of new and used toys local citizens have donated to the Jaycees for repair and distribution to needy children this Christmas. Knott says the local organization has more requests for toys and fewer toys this year than ever before. Davis urges everybody to gather their used toys right away and contact Knott or any member of the local Jaycees. Both men issued their thanks for a sizable donation of new toys by Louisburg merchant R. W. Knott and asked other merchants to join in their project to aid these needy children. -Times Staff Photo.

Group To Seek Road Committee

A group of local citizens are scheduled to appear before the Board of County Commissioners Monday, to petition the Board to appoint a planning committee for roads in Franklin County.

Wallace Tippet, one of the leaders of the movement, said he expects around fifty local businessmen and civil leaders to attend the meeting.

Tippet and some other local citizens have been working on plans for such a meeting for several weeks. Most of the members of the Board of Commissioners have been advised

of the group's intent. The planning committee, which the group hopes to have formed, will be expected to formulate a long range plan for road improvements to be presented to highway officials in Raleigh. It will deal, for the most part, with primary roads.

The idea for such a planning committee was first aired on a visit here by First District Commissioner J. B. Brame and Tippet had begun planning such a group before the recent road bond vote, in which Franklin County joined Greene as the only two opponents of the issue in the state.

With N. C. Highway 56 already promised, the number one priority now in the county is the joining of N. C. Highway 39 with the new improved portion from Henderson to the county line. The Henderson project is already in the making. No plans have been made for the Franklin County portion.

Gifts Due Now

Members of the Louisburg Junior Woman's Club are asked to get their Christmas gifts for children and adults in institutions for the retarded to Mrs. Fred Johnson, at once.

Harmless toys, clothing and toilet articles are among the things suggested. These are due to be sent the first of next week, and all members are urged to get their gifts in now so that the club may have 100 percent participation in this project.

ALA To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Friday, December 3, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. James Johnson on the Raleigh Road. All members are urged to attend.

Notice

William B. Barrow Chapter 39 OES will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock. All Eastern Star members are urged to attend.

The group is to meet at 2 p.m. Monday in the Commissioners room of the courthouse.

Veteran Rescuer Resigns

Robert M. Hicks, local machinist and former Mayor Pro-tem has resigned from the Louisburg Rescue Service after 17 years of service with the unit. No reason was given.

Hicks along with Asher Johnson, Jr., both former members of the Louisburg Fire Department, served on the Fire Department Committee which organized the Rescue unit in 1948.

Both of these men were awarded Appreciation Certificates in 1961 for their "Outstanding and untiring efforts in promotion of First Aid Programs" throughout Franklin County by the American Red Cross.

Hicks has just completed 16 hours of teaching First Aid to a group in Wake Forest who have organized a Rescue Unit for their town.

Hicks is now serving the Town of Louisburg as Civil Defense Director. He is a member of the Louisburg Methodist Church, where he is Church School Superintendent, a Lay Speaker, and member of the Official Board.

He is married to the former Page Bunn and they have two children, Mrs. H. C. Lane of Louisburg and Bob of the home.

Masonic Notice

According to James A. Johnson, District Deputy Grand Master, the 21st Masonic District will hold a school of instruction on Wednesday, December 8, starting at 3 p.m. in the Louisburg Lodge Masonic Temple.

The Eastern Star Chapter will serve a dutch covered dish supper at 6:30. All Master Masons are urged to be present.



Chamber Of Commerce Officials

Officials of the newly formed Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce are shown above. Seated left to right: J. S. Joyner, vice president, (First-Citizens Bank); W. J. Johnson, president, (Corner Drug); Sidney Johnson, secretary, (Leggett's Dept. Store); Standing: 1 to r: Director A. E. Hall

(Hall Furniture), Ralph McGhee (Town & Country Auto Parts), B. W. Honeycutt (Henderson's Pharmacy), and Johnnie Callahan, treasurer, (City Service Station). Hubert H. Senter, Franklinton attorney, fourth director, was not present when picture was made.

-Times Staff Photo.