

# Louisburg Holds Christmas Parade

Several thousands braved a cold windy afternoon to witness what was termed, "a most successful" Christmas Parade in Louisburg Monday. Sponsored by the Louisburg Business Association and financed by members and other contributors, the annual event brought forth a number of youngsters and adults

to see the arrival of Santa Claus. The Association announced the winners in its non-commercial float contest. Walnut Grove Church captured first place and a prize of \$25; the Civil Air Patrol won second place and \$15 and the Junior Woman's Club took third place and \$10. The 30-odd entries made an

impressive array as they traveled south from Justice Avenue through the downtown section and across the river to Kenmore Ave. Louisburg High School entered both the senior and junior bands. Bands from South Granville School at Creedmore and the local Riverside School also participated.

One of the entries, most pleasing to the youngsters was the group of riding horses which marched near the end of the parade. In addition to the number of decorative commercial floats, adorned by local young ladies and Louisburg College coeds, there were several outstanding entries totally prepared by individual organizations. Traditionally, the Business Association float bringing Santa Claus was the last to appear. The parade officially opens the Christmas season in Louisburg.



The Old Boy Arrives In Louisburg

## Boarding Home Lease Renewed

# Arnold Named Board Chairman

Louisburg businessman Claude Arnold, representing the Dunn-Harris Townships District, was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in Monday's meeting.

Retiring chairman George Harris presided over the session until the noon recess, when all old business had been handled. Under the reorganization, the following committees were named by Chairman Arnold: Commissioner E. M. Sykes, Boarding Home and Fire Commissioner; Commissioner N. E. Falkner, Courthouse and grounds and Finance; Commissioner Rich Cash, Welfare and Library and Commissioner Harris, Agriculture and Jail.

First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Louisburg was named official treasury and depository and Franklin Savings and Loan and Central Carolina Bank and Trust Co. of Youngsville were named depositories.

In other actions, the Board renewed for one year its lease with Mr. Rufus Place to operate the Ben Franklin Boarding Home at the same rate as last year, \$23 per month per room. Chairman Arnold presented a motion to sell the Boarding Home for \$30,000 which failed to receive a second. Arnold, requested however, that his motion be made a part of the minutes.

Louisburg attorney W. L. Lumpkin had presented a request to purchase for a client, the property for \$30,000. The Board donated \$500 to the Franklin County Historical Society for restoration of the Old Academy Building at Louisburg College and granted a donation of \$10 to Caswell Training

## TB Seal Committee Reports

The Franklin County T.B. Committee reports that 285 people have already responded to their campaign by contributing \$718.60 in the Christmas Seal Campaign.

The Committee stated, "If you are one of the 2,000 who are waiting to send in your contribution, go on and use your Christmas Seals. Your contribution, even now, will help in the continuing work needed to destroy tuberculosis and save people now healthy from disease."

The Committee also expressed its appreciation for the "cordial response of our people to the invitation to assist in the never ending battle against tuberculosis and other crippling respiratory diseases."



Young Rider

Little Miss Lynn Patterson and others showed their horsemanship in the Christmas Parade held here Monday afternoon. Except for Santa Claus himself, the youngsters seemed to enjoy the horses best of the 30-odd entries. -Times Staff Photo.

School for Christmas. Leslie D. Smith, Inspector of Correctional Institutions, N. C. Dept. of Welfare, appeared before the Board and informed the Commissioners that the county jail was inadequate and recommended that no further funds be spent there, but instead that plans for a new jail be made.

Edward Boone was appointed to a six year term on the Hospital Board of Trustees, replacing the late R. Burt May and A. B. Allen was reappointed to a six year term. The Commissioners set December 17, 10 a.m. as the time for tax lists schooling and set January 3, 1966 as the start of tax listing.

## County Tobacco Meet Set

A county-wide tobacco meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Louisburg Wednesday afternoon, December 8, at 2:00 o'clock, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

R. R. Bennett, Extension Permits Canceled. Joseph Smith, County Forest Warden announced today that burning permits in Franklin County have been cancelled.

Tobacco Specialist at N. C. State University, will be guest speaker for the meeting. Two new varieties will be offered for planting the first time in 1966. These new varieties will be offered for planting for the first time in 1966. These new varieties, plus old varieties most commonly planted, will be discussed. Plenty of time will be allowed for questions. This meeting will be of interest to all tobacco farmers, said Dean.

## Franklinton Parade Thursday

(Frk. B.W.) There will be 70 entries in the Franklinton Christmas Parade on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. Among the bands will be Louisburg High and Cary High.

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# Board Of Education Acts To Defend Suit

## Negro Group Files In Federal Court

The Franklin County Board of Education authorized its attorney, E. F. Yarbrough, to "take whatever actions necessary, including the hiring of additional attorneys," to defend the suit entered in Eastern District Federal Court against the Board last week by a group of Franklin County Negroes.

The move came in the Board's regular meeting held here Monday. The suit filed December 1 with the Clerk of United States Eastern District Court by Conrad O. Pearson, Durham attorney, J. LeVonne Chambers of Charlotte, and Jack Greenberg and Derrick A. Bell, Jr., New York attorneys, charges the Board with discrimination

in denying twenty Negro applicants admission to previously all-white schools.

Named as plaintiffs in the suit were: Rev. Luther Coppedge, Booker T. Driver, Otis Gill, Ruffin Gill, Willie Pettiford, Henry Satterwhite, Paul Engram, Irene Arrington, Carrie H. Comer, Sandy Jones and Osceola Cogswell, all local Negroes, acting as parents or next friend to the students involved.

The suit asks an immediate

injunction to prohibit the Board from denying admission of the twenty children, and any other on the basis of race, from entering the white schools of their choice. It seeks to have the students enrolled in what the suit says, "the second semester," although Franklin County schools do not operate on the semester system.

The suit also calls for the Judge to order a unitary plan of assignment throughout the system, assigning all children without regard to race.

The suit attacks the Board's Civil Rights Act, a plan which has already received approval of officials in Washington.

One section of the complaint states, "Plaintiffs seek here, not only their transfer to previously all-white schools, but also the complete reorganization of the Franklin County School System into a unitary, nonracial system wherein the educational opportunities offered by the defendant are made available to all students without regard to race or color."

The Court is being asked to enjoin the Board from (1) refusing to permit plaintiffs to transfer to the school of their choice, (2) continuing to maintain a dual scheme or racially drawn school zone line, (3) making initial assignments of pupils on the basis of race, (4) continuing to administer a racially discriminatory transfer system, (5) assigning teachers, principals, and other professional personnel on basis of the schools based solely on race or color.

## West, Gregory Get Posts

George M. West, Louisburg Appraiser and Realtor, was elected Treasurer of the Eastern Carolina Chapter No. 190 of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers at its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 1, at Carolina Country Club in Raleigh, N. C.

Henry Gregory, Realtor and President of First Federal Savings and Loan of Rocky Mount, was elected President of the organization. First Federal has a branch in Louisburg.

Around forty members attended the chapter meeting, which represents the area from Durham, N. C. to the coast. W. H. Webb, Chief Right-of-Way Engineer for the North Carolina State Highway Commission was the featured speaker. Charles Bradshaw is the retiring President of the group.

West is a native of Franklin County and was employed by the state prior to the opening of his office here in 1963. He is married to the former Katherine Joyner of Louisburg.

## Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, December 6:

KILLED TO DATE	1459
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	1463

to all employees' children under 10 years of age. The 10-year to 12-year-old youngsters receive individual gifts. Approximately 1,200 persons, including children and parents, are expected to attend.

At 2 p.m. a delegation of county businessmen appeared before the Board asking that a Better Roads Committee be appointed to formulate long-range primary road plans for the county and to work with State officials in attempting to get improvements made in the county.

Wallace Tippet, spokesman for the group, told the Board, "I do not feel that the county has gotten its share of the highway money." In requesting the appointment of a Committee, Tippet added, "We've been told we aren't going to get anything unless we ask for it." "Appoint a Committee and study our needs. Then ask for something and perhaps we will get some," Tippet continued.

Commissioner Norwood Faulkner stated, "We've asked for something every year. They can't say we haven't asked for anything." "The Board should

be given credit for that," Faulkner added.

Tippet said, "The Board can't do it without the interest of the people." Louisburg businessman H. C. Taylor suggested the Commissioners name Tippet, Lonnie Shuping and Chairman Claude Arnold as a committee to select members of the permanent Better Roads Committee. The suggestion was accepted by the Board and the three men scheduled a meeting for this morning to select members.

Following close on the completion of the roads hearings, nearly 200 county property owners met in the courtroom, led by Franklin County Representative James D. Speed, to ask the Commissioners to grant a "horizontal across-the-board cut" in the recent appraisals of county property.

Speed said, "I am concerned with the valuation in our county. This is a most important issue. I am confident you will make a fair adjustment in the matter."

"It appears that it has practically doubled the valuation, and we are asking you to go into the matter thoroughly and reduce the values or bring it into an amount our people can pay." He cited the recent cut in farm income as a reason for taking such actions.

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set up by Washington and adopted by the local Board. Negotiations had been held several weeks ago with leaders of the Negro group in an attempt to work out the differences, including a hearing in Washington.

The Board instructed Mr. Yarbrough to answer the charges and to defend the case in its Monday meeting.

# Commissioners Hear Delegations On Food, Roads, Taxes

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners, holding a lengthy session here Monday, heard delegations with requests for reinstatement of the surplus food program, seeking appointment of a better roads committee, and a third group requesting a reduction in the recently revalued property in the county.

The first group to appear, led by a retired Franklin County minister, Rev. J. P. Mahgum, and numbering upwards to 300 Negroes, asked the Board to reinstate the Surplus Food Program, which was abandoned early last year after a test period of three months.

Several Negro leaders spoke at the meeting, including Rev. S. G. Dunston and Rev. E. L. Brodie, both of Louisburg, urging that the program be renewed. The Commissioners took the request under advisement for future actions.



Louisburg Band

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