

"The 100 Club" Holds Meeting

A group of nearly two hundred local College supporters were feted Wednesday night in the annual banquet of "The 100" Club, held in the Louisburg College cafeteria. The group is composed of members who contributed a minimum of \$100 in support of the college this year.



Harold Talton, Chairman of the group, reported that fifty merchants, businessmen and professionals had contributed at least \$100 this year. Talton stated collections to date were \$8,341.66 with an additional \$2,075 pledged. He also disclosed that faculty members had contributed in excess of \$7,000 to the college year. Talton referred to the "100 Club" as the "brainchild of David Daniel, College Relations Director."

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of the College, spoke briefly, informing the group of how expenses are met at the local Methodist associated institution. He named the Methodist Conference, endowments, the N. C. Foundation of Church Related Colleges, the "100 Club", alumni and parents of students as major sources of support.

In his speech, Dr. Robbins said, "Education is no longer a luxury." He pointed out the need for improvements and

hinted at future plans for the local college when he referred to a cost of between \$4 and \$5 million dollars.

Daniel, in his address to the group, listed the accomplishments of the college under Dr. Robbins' direction since 1955. "The budget, ten years ago was \$154,870," said Daniel, "and today it is \$1 million. There were 17 faculty members then and today there are 45," Daniel continued.

He, too, touched on future plans for the college and presented a challenge to the group to join in the continued support of the college. One major point, Daniel brought out was the need for additional land by the College, for future expansion.

The group was entertained by the College Chapel Choir, rendering several Christmas songs and the "Whiskey Hill Trio," a folk singing group. The trio led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Robbins, who Daniel had pointed out was celebrating his birthday Wednesday.



First Meeting

"THE 100 CLUB" Chairman J. Harold Talton, above right, presides at the first annual banquet meeting of the organization held at the College last night. Others pictured are, left to right, David Daniel, originator of the club, Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Talton. The organization is composed of members who have contributed a minimum of \$100 in support of Louisburg College this year. -Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.

Jaycees Launch Tree Sale

LOUISBURG JAYCEE CHRISTMAS TREE sale is underway in the Friendly Four Warehouse on Main Street here. Mrs. Edith Murray and Mrs. Kay Hunt are shown one of the vast selections by Jesse Moon, who is handling the sales for the local organization. Jaycee Ralph Knott pointed out that proceeds from the sale of the trees go to local Jaycee charitable projects. -Times Staff Photo.

Farm Bureau Endorses Cut In Valuation

The Franklin County Farm Bureau Directors requested changes in County tax values, made changes in the Farm Bureau Blue Cross Program, and discussed new sources of revenue for the county government in their meeting Monday night at the Murphy House. Commissioners N. E. Faulkner and E. M. Sykes, guest of Farm Bureau, explained the method of evaluation of county property and the alternatives the commissioners had in setting tax values and tax rates in the county. On a motion by Simon Collier the Farm Bureau directors voted to request "that the County Commissioners make a substantial cut in the presently proposed value of real estate in order to bring the tax value more nearly in line with true value."

Bennie Ray Gupton, President

of Franklin County Farm Bureau, said he thought the people were disturbed by the high values placed on property in the county and would approve an across-the-board cut of all values.

James D. Speed, Franklin County Representative to the General Assembly, stated, "Other counties nearby have realized their mistake in setting values too high and that Franklin County should profit by their mistakes rather than fall into the same pitfalls." In other business the Directors approved a rate adjustment on the Blue Cross program, and made changes in the benefits to members who subscribe to Blue Cross through the group.

Other tax matters discussed included plans and suggestions for providing tax revenue for

county government from sources other than property taxes. Plans and suggestions along these lines have been requested by the N. C. Farm Bureau to be presented to a tax study commission, appointed by the General Assembly. The tax study commission meets early next year.

Tax Listers Named

The County Commissioners have announced the appointment of tax listers for the coming year. Listing will begin on January 3, according to the announcement.

Listers, their townships and addresses are as follows:

- Dunn Township - M. G. Pearce, Route 2, Zebulon, N. C.
- Harris Township - William Wrenn, Route 1, Louisburg, N. C.
- Youngsville Township - Robert Allen, Routed, Youngsville, N. C.
- Franklin Township - H. G. Jones, Route 2, Franklin, N. C.
- Assistant - Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Franklin, N. C.
- Hayesville Township - Mrs. C. N. Woodard, Route 1, Henderson, N. C.
- Sandy Creek Township - Carey C. Perry, Route 3, Louisburg, N. C.
- Gold Mine Township - Mrs. Rea Manning, Route 2, Louisburg, N. C.
- Cedar Rock Township - W. S. Boone, Route 1, Castalia, N. C.
- Cypress Creek Township - Mrs. A. C. Stallings, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
- Louisburg Township - Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Route 2, Louisburg, N. C.
- Assistant - Mrs. C. T. Dean, Jr., Louisburg, N. C.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, December 7th:

- Alvin Jeans, w/m/32, non support. Prayer for commitment continued on payment of costs today and \$10.00 per week to C. S. C. for support of children.
- Donald Ray Abrams, w/m/22, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.
- Fletcher Spencer Copeland, Jr., c/m, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.
- Wilbert Forte, c/m/19, careless and reckless driving. Case abates. Defendant deceased.
- Harold Roberts Murphy, w/m/57, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.
- John Davis, assault on female. Nol pros with leave.
- Johnnie Lee Moore, c/m/29, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.
- John Davis c/m/48, assault with deadly weapon. Nol Pros with leave.
- Rollin Main Ransom, Jr., speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Raymond Scott Johnson, w/m/23, escape from prison. Bound over to Superior Court under \$500.00 bond.
- Gilvry E. Harris, w/m/43, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Robert Ray Tucker, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.
- Bennett P. Abbott, w/m/35, See COURT page 4

On Cut, Food, Committee

Board Fails To Reach Decision

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in special session Wednesday, failed to reach a decision on any of the three major items under consideration. Another meeting

is slated for Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Under discussion were the matters of an across-the-board cut in property valuation, reinstatement of the surplus food

program and the appointment of a Better Roads Committee. The property valuation problem posed the largest dilemma. Several measures were discussed, including one to grant

a 10% across-the-board cut in property valuation, bringing the taxable property down from the 50% originally set. No decision was reached, after the Commissioners were informed that such a cut in real property would necessitate a similar cut in personal property.

After spending several hours in discussion, the Board decided to contact Mr. Henry Lewis, assistant director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, for information on the legality and advisability of such a cut.

No action was taken in the reinstatement of the surplus food program, but some interest was expressed in the food stamp program. Mrs. Jane M. York, Director of Welfare, was requested to bring information to Friday's meeting. Mrs. York informed the Board that the stamp program might be had for Franklin County in light of recent additional federal funds for the project.

A committee, appointed Monday to select members of the Better Roads Committee, presented six names for consideration by the Board. No action was taken on these appointments.

A delegation of around 200 county property owners attended a special hearing Monday afternoon, at which time an across-the-board cut in property valuation was requested. A delegation of around twenty county leaders appeared before the Board prior to the tax meeting to request a committee be appointed to make long-range road plans for the county. A group, estimated to number around 300 Negroes, appeared at the courthouse Monday morning while their delegation met with the Board to request reinstatement of the food program.



Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr.

Civic Leader Passes

Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr., 71, Louisburg civic and church leader, died Wednesday in Duke Hospital, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Person was a lifelong resident of Franklin County.

She was a member of the Louisburg Methodist Church where she participated actively for many years in church work. Mrs. Person served as District Secretary of Membership Cultivation and was a Past President of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and a number of Home Demonstration Clubs. She was listed in the first edition of Who's Who in American Women.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Louisburg Methodist Church Friday at 3 p.m. by the Rev. Kelly Wilson and the Rev. N. W. Grant. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Emily Burt Person of Warrenton, Mrs. John W. Grant of Snow Hill and Mrs. Charles L. Revelle, Jr. of Murfreesboro; one son Maurice Person, Jr. of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Cook of Franklin, and Mrs. G. L. Pitt of Enfield; one brother, A. B. Alston of Louisburg and six grandchildren.

Fire Contracts To Expire

Louisburg Fire Chief W. J. Shearin has issued a reminder to holders of fire protection contracts, that the contracts expire December 31. New contracts may be obtained at the Town office at the usual \$10 fee.

A number of property owners, residing outside the Louisburg town limits buy the protection each year, Shearin stated.

Fair and mild today and Friday. Low, 29; high, 60.



New Officers

NEW LOUISBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, elected last Monday night, are shown above, left to right, James A. Johnson, Secretary; R. G. Person, Chief; and Wyatt Freeman, Assistant Chief. Person succeeds W. J. (Pete) Shearon, who is retiring from the position.

Person Elected Fire Chief

R. G. Person, Louisburg machinist and veteran member of the Louisburg Fire Department was elected Chief of the volunteer organization, in its regular monthly meeting held here Monday night. Person succeeds W. J. (Pete) Shearin who

is retiring. Wyatt Freeman, local National Guardsman and Rescue Service member was named as assistant Chief to fill the vacancy left by Person's election to the top post and James A. Johnson

was reelected to the position of secretary-treasurer of the department. Johnson has held this post for the past 25 years.

Person defeated full-time fireman Karl Pernell, for the Chief's job, in the close voting. The new officers will be sworn in on January 3, at the department's regular meeting.

Person stated, "The department will continue with the reputation of one of the best up-to-date fire departments in the state with the hope of being the best." The new officers, representing a total of 45 years service with the department issued a joint statement, "During the past year the men have had considerably more training than in the past and this will be carried on in the same manner."

Named Heart Treasurer

John Collins of Louisburg will serve as treasurer of the Franklin County Heart Association, it was announced today by Al Goodwin, president of the group.

In addition to banking and accounting for money raised during the annual February Heart Fund campaign, the new treasurer will handle memorial gifts, which are acceptable throughout the year, according

to Goodwin. Collins explained that memorial gifts are acknowledged immediately on receipt. Two notices are sent: one to the giver, as receipt for income tax deduction purposes, the other to the family of the deceased person in whose name the gift is made. The latter notice mentions the name of the giver, but not the amount of the gift.

Lumber Yard Has Fire

A fire destroyed a storage house at the Alford Brothers Lumber Co., near Bunn Monday afternoon with damages estimated at around \$2500.00. The house was formerly a corn mill and was being used to store scrap metal, according to Randy Alford.

Bunn and Justice Fire departments answered the call early Monday afternoon. Alford stated the building was a total loss. Situated around 20 feet from the lumber mill, it was feared for a time that the blaze might cross over and do considerably more damage, due to the scarcity of water with which to fight the blaze.



No Halt To Cotton Pickers

FOREST FIRE rages near Franklinton Wednesday morning as cotton pickers continue their work in a nearby field. The fire, just off State Rural 1141, seven miles west of Franklinton near the Granville County line, was reported around 10:30 a.m. The Franklinton Fire Department answered the call. All burning permits in the area have been cancelled due to dangerous forest fire conditions. -Times Staff Photo.