



1st Place
Merritt Hall

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TRICOLOR
Grand Winner

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Wright Dorm

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Winners Named In College Door Decorations

The Louisburg Garden Club sponsored a project of Christmas decorated doors in both of the dormitories for women at Louisburg College.

The decorations were judged on best suggestion of the true Christmas through simplicity and originality in either a serious or whimsical manner.

Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Chairman of the Civic Committee of the Garden Club, assisted by Mesdames Louis Wheelless, Sr., Wyatt Thayer and Willie Lee Lumpkin, judged the doors.

Blue, red and yellow ribbons, indicative of first, second and third places, were awarded in both Merritt Hall and Wright Dormitory. The Tricolor Award was given for the best door of all.

Awards received in Wright Dormitory were:

Tricolor: Maria Vargas, Bolivia, Santiago, Chile and Brenda Wester, Louisburg, N. C.; Blue Ribbon: Marcia Pierce, Virginia Beach, Va., and Barbara Temple, Four Oaks, N. C.; Red Ribbon: Pat Bowers, Wilson, N. C., and Susan Kurstner, Ingleside, Michigan; Yellow Ribbon: Brenda Pernell, Castalia, N. C., and Lois Incoe, Louisburg, N. C.; Honorable Mention: Mary Ferrell, Morrisville, N. C., Janice Evans, La Grange, N. C., Lorraine Howard, Ocracoke Island, N. C., and Judy Plenge, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Awards received in Merritt Hall were:

Blue Ribbon: Betsy May, Bailey, N. C., and Terry Ransom, Jacksonville, N. C.; Red Ribbon: Lauryn Byrd, Norfolk, Va., and Mary Lou Wilson, South Boston, Va.; Yellow Ribbon: Nancy Winn, Dinwiddie, Va., and Kathy Denny, Carthage, N. C.; Honorable Mention: Pat Richardson, Raleigh, N. C., Margaret Muller, Durham, N. C., and Frieda Paxton, Charlotte, N. C.

Guard Units Hold Practice Alert

The Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon National Guard units held a four-hour practice alert in the areas Tuesday night between the hours of 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The surprise alert, an annual requirement, sent 191 men scampering to their respective armories 2nd later to guard posts.

Lt. Col. Colin McKinnel of Louisburg, Commander of the units, called the alert Tuesday night without prior fanfare. The procedure, explained by one of the local guard officers, calls for the commander to call for the alert to the officer in charge. This officer, in turn, calls a sergeant who starts a pyramid telephone chain of calls, with each man being responsible for calling several others.

The drill is required once each year by all guard units and is called by the local commander.

The troops gather at their armories and are issued clothing and equipment. They are then transported to certain key posts in the area for guard duty. In the Louisburg area, guardsmen are dispatched to

stand guard at the local power plant, water towers, all main routes into town, and the various Civil Defense positions, such as schools.

Lt. Joel Worthington of the local unit said, "It was just like the real thing."



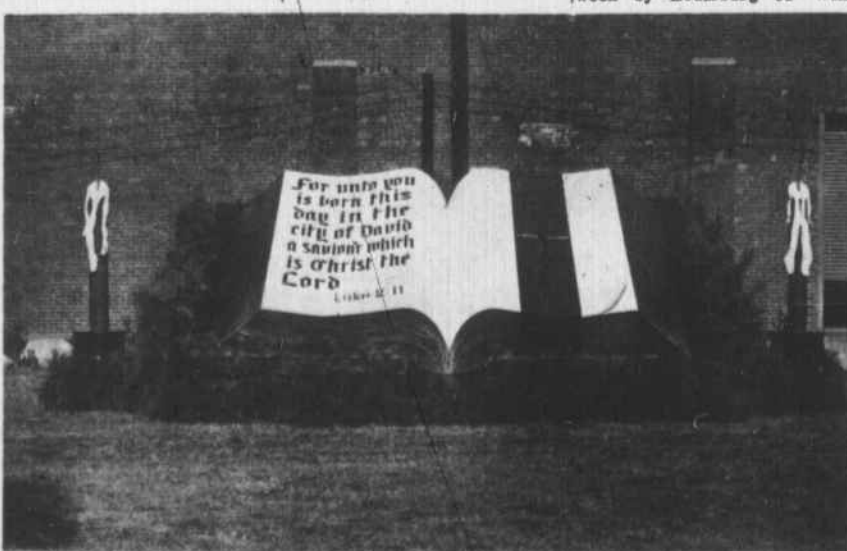
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Cloudy and cool with scattered rain or drizzle Thursday and Friday. Low, 47; high, 55.



Impressive Display

The picturesque Christmas scene above is the Franklinton Fabrics yard display depicting the true meaning of Christmas. The view is even more impressive at night when two flaming candles send flickers of shadows and light across the mammoth pages. -Times Staff Photo.

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Looking A Lot Like Christmas

Speed Charged With Burning Violation

Franklin County Representative James D. Speed had a warrant drawn against him, charging him with violation of the "no burning" ruling by the Forestry Service, this week.

The relatively minor incident became larger when a Times reporter was denied access to the warrant and was told by a Louisburg Justice of the Peace to ask Speed about it.

The alleged burning incident took place Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The warrant was issued Monday of this week by Louisburg JP Will

Pace, to whom the warrant was returnable.

When Times editor Clint Fuller asked Pace about the matter Wednesday afternoon, Pace denied any knowledge of the incident, saying, "I don't know anything about it." When Fuller asked, "Wasn't the warrant returnable to you?" Pace reportedly asked, "How did you find out about it?" Fuller said, "Everybody already knows it."

Pace then told the reporter, "Well, it's all been settled." When asked, "How?" Pace replied, "I'd rather not say." Fuller then asked, "Can you tell me what disposition was made of the case?" Pace answered, "Ask James; he'll tell you," referring to Rep. Speed.

Fuller says he reminded the Justice, "I'm asking you. You are the public official, and this is a matter of public record." To this Pace allegedly answered, "Ask James. If he doesn't tell you, I will."

Speed said he had no comment when contacted at his home, where he was suffering from a cold. He did say he had "paid it off."

County Forest Ranger Joseph Earl Smith gave this account of the incident. He said that Speed called him on Tuesday, December 7, to inform Smith that he, Speed, was going to "do some burning." Smith said he told Speed of the ruling against burning at this time. Later that day Smith, after conferring with superiors in Rocky Mount, called and read the ruling against any burning during the

period to Speed.

On Wednesday afternoon around 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Mary Baker, tower operator, called Smith to report smoke in the area of the county where Speed lives.

Smith says he and Equipment Operator W. C. Hunt and Assistant Ranger Willie Bartholomew went to investigate and found Speed burning "pushups" or bulldozer heaps. The Ranger said he told Speed, "You're putting us both on the spot, me on my job and you politically." Smith says that Speed replied, "I certainly didn't mean to put anybody on the spot. It was burning good and I have plenty of help here, so I wanted to finish; but I will stop if you want me to. I am sorry."

Smith said that Speed, who he referred to as "one of our best cooperators in forest work and participation," did stop the burning at that time. The burning, said Smith, was near the woods, less than the 500 feet required for normal periods when burning is allowed.

Smith stated the fire was reported to Rocky Mount, the district office, as is customary in all fires. District Forest Ranger S. M. Wooten came to investigate the matter Monday, and, with Smith, came to Louisburg and had Justice of the Peace Will Pace issue a warrant.

Smith also stated that he and Wooten "went back to Speed's to give him an oral citation, but that Speed was not home." Smith then called Pace and informed him that he "should handle the matter." Pace promised to inform Smith of the outcome, but Smith says he had heard nothing this morning. He did say, however, that in cases where the defendant does not contest, he is often not informed when the matter is closed.

The amount of the fine and costs, if any, remain a secret. So does the time of the settlement. Smith says he doesn't know, and Pace and Speed aren't talking.

Local P. O. Hours

Louisburg postmaster E. L. Best, announced today that the local post office will be open all day Saturday, with all services available. Opening hours were set from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Board Served

Justice Department Men Here On Investigation

Two members of the United States Department of Justice were in Franklin County Sunday and Monday, investigating matters involving local Negroes, according to reliable reports.

Another, a United States Marshall appeared in the office of the Superintendent of Schools Wednesday and served papers on Supt. Warren Smith, as Secretary to the County Board of Education, on the suit being filed in District Federal Court against the Board by a group of local Negro parents.

Harold L. Fink, Eastern Section, Civil Rights Division representative and a man identified as Mr. Ossea of the Justice department were here Sunday night and reportedly called Miss Peggy Tomlinson, County Child Welfare Director, at her home inquiring as to why three Johnston County children had been removed from a foster home, operated here by Rev. S. G. Dunston, a Negro leader.

Fink called on the Board of Education office Monday, seeking information on the current suit in federal court charging discrimination on the part of the Board against twenty Negro parents. He reportedly indicated that he was trying to determine if the Justice department should enter the case with the parents.

Mrs. Jane M. York, Director of the County Welfare Department, said she was not contacted by either Finks or Ossea and she added, "I do not appreciate the manner in which they acted." She said the children in question had been returned to Johnston County, after she conferred with Mrs. Edith Park, former Franklin County Director, now in Johnston County, and found that the mother of the children had returned to Johnston County. Mrs. York said it was a policy to try to make room here for Franklin

County children, some of whom are staying as far away as Elizabeth City because there is no room here for them. She also said there was some question about the water and sewage conditions at the Dunston home. She said this had nothing to do with the transfer of the children, but that the home was operating on a probationary basis until the matter was cleared up by the State department.

Ossea, reportedly phoned Miss Tomlinson from a public telephone near the courthouse here. Federal Marshal, identified as Mr. McGregor, served official papers on the Board of Education Wednesday morning. Board attorney E. F. Yarborough says the Board now has twenty days in which to answer the charges. Copies of the suit had been mailed to Yarborough earlier, but no official service had been made.

The Board of Education directed Yarborough to proceed with the defense of the case and authorized him to employ other legal assistance if he deemed it necessary.

The suit charges discrimination by the Board in not granting lateral transfer requests to twenty Negro children at the beginning of this school year. It asks an immediate injunction against this denial and permanent rulings in complete desegregation of the county school system. It was instigated by Rev. Luther Coppedge of Rt. 4, Louisburg and others.

Lions Club Hears Past District Head

The Louisburg Lions Club and their wives met at the Benjamin N. Duke Cafeteria last Tuesday evening at 7:30. Entertainment, both humorous and inspirational, was afforded by Louis Day, a member of the Rocky Mount Club and a former district governor.

Lion Day reminded the club of its continued responsibility. "To be big," he said, "the club must think big." Day expressed pleasure in the growth of the Louisburg Lions. He said he felt assured that the club was successful only because the members worked together. "To live, build, and work faithfully together, any group, whether it be an organization or a family, must be built of firm stuff," he commented.

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Rev. Pulley Urges Donations

The local Committee for the March of Dimes announced this week that contributions from business firms or professional people for the 1966 campaign would be welcome if received before the end of this year. Such funds would help achieve our goal for 1966, as well as establish deductions for income tax purposes for the current year, for the individuals.

The County Chairman, Rev. F. E. Pulley, stated that the main drive will be made in January, with a Mother's March

in each community in the county. This campaign is now in the planning stages.

Mr. Pulley also stated that the March of Dimes funds remain in the local treasury until such time as the Committee allocates them to various projects to benefit children with birth defects. The County Treasurer is Mr. Charles Davis, local attorney, or contributions may be mailed any time to March of Dimes, 602 N. Main St., Louisburg.