

Snow flurries ending, followed by clearing and continued cold today. Wednesday fair and somewhat warmer. Low today, 28; high, 46.

True friendship is based upon service to others, not upon favors received.



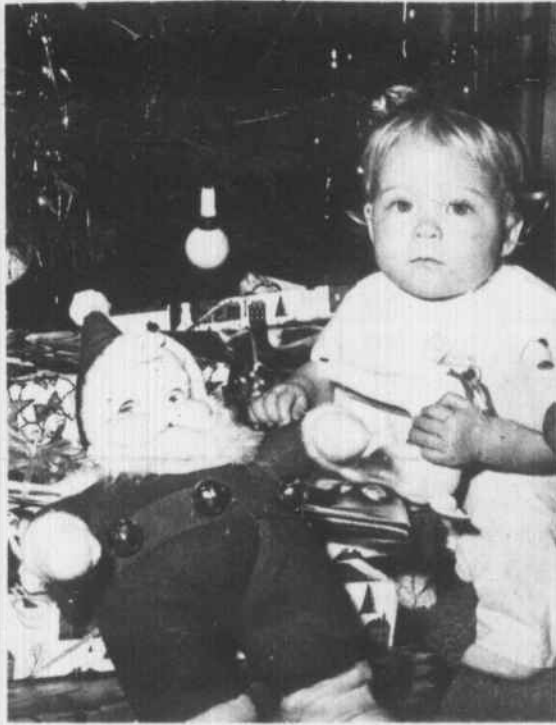
"You Can't See Me"



"I'll try this one"



"Hi, Ma. I didn't see you coming"



"But, it's my birthday"

Finding It Hard To Wait

LITTLE MISS ALLESON MARTIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin of Louisburg, is shown above, busy as any youngster is right now with the waiting for Santa Claus.

Alleison has more reason to be impatient. She celebrates her first birthday on Christmas Day.

-Times Staff Photos.

County School Funds Threatened

A hearing officer from the Office of Education, Washington, is expected to arrive in Louisburg today to confer with the attorney for the Franklin County Board of Education on discontinuance of federal funds for the school system.

Continued federal aid to the county is doubtful, in light of a letter received from Francis Keppel, Commissioner of Education, this week, one Board member said. Keppel has threatened to take away the money because of complaints by several local Negroes that the Board did not grant lateral transfers of their children to previously all-white schools.

Times Editor Clint Fuller, vice chairman of the Board of Education, said, "This Negro group has jeopardized over \$600,000 in federal funds, all of which were slated by Washington to go to Negro schools except some N.D.E.A. funds, cafeteria aid and vocational ag assistance. The Negro schools will lose these funds also."

Fuller added, "Superintendent Warren Smith has said that under the present ratio for underprivileged children, as set by Washington, every penny of the money from the Secondary Education Act will go to Negro schools in Franklin County." Mr. Smith and the entire Board recognizes the need for these funds, and it seems a shame that they may be lost to the Negro children because some parents could not wait until the Freedom of Choice plan was extended to all grades next year.

borough, Smith and Fuller made two trips to Washington earlier this year in attempts to solve the dispute. Jones Winston of Youngsville, a Board member, accompanied the group on one of the trips.

The Office of Education approved the local plan last August. The plan called for desegregation of grades 1, 2, 9, and 12 for this school year. The other eight grades were slated to be desegregated next fall, under a requirement by the Education officials.

The point of contention by local Negro parents is the lateral transfer provision of the plan. They have entered suit in Federal Eastern District Court seeking an injunction against the Board of Education continuing to deny the transfer of twenty Negro students to the grades of their choice. "The lateral transfer provision," Fuller said, "was not meant to be a means of desegregating every grade in the schools. It was

placed in the plan because Washington required it. They set the criteria. The only reason to grant a lateral, according to Washington guidelines, was to allow a student to gain a subject in another school not being taught in the school

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deHart In Who's Who



Allen de Hart

Allen de Hart of Louisburg College has been included in the 1965-66 edition of WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.

The biographical dictionary sketches the lives and careers of meritorious individuals who may be of intra-sectional or of national reference importance. Selection, made by the editors, is based on occupational stature or achievement in one or more fields affecting the development of the United States.

County, Virginia, has been a resident of Louisburg for the past eight years. He is Director of Testing and Guidance, Director of Cultural Activities, and professor of Psychology at Louisburg College. Previously he served as an officer in the United States Army. In 1957 he authored the Colonial History of Prince George County, Virginia for the Hopewell Historical Society, and was guest columnist for the Danville Commercial Appeal.

His M.A. degree is from the University of Virginia, with additional graduate study at Duke and Florida State. He is married to Flora Ballows of Farmville, Virginia, who is a faculty member of the Louisburg College English Department.

De Hart was the founder of the German-American Arts Union in 1952, an organization dedicated to the cultural exchange of young artists. He is a member of the North Carolina Psychological Association and the American Personnel and Guidance Association. He was elected Chairman of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission in 1964; he is one of the two southerners elected this year to the national nonprofit, College Concert Foundation.

The de Harts live on the Raleigh Road.

Board Ends Dog Warden Program

The Franklin County Commissioners voted the Dog Warden Program out of existence in a special meeting last Friday afternoon. The action becomes effective March 1, 1966.

Chairman Claude Arnold, stepping down temporarily to make the motion to abolish the program, gained a second from Commissioner E. M. Sykes and a unanimous vote of approval from the Board. Alex Wood, clerk to the Board, was instructed to notify County Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster of the action.

Arnold said, this morning, that the county would go back to the old plan. He explained the old plan as the appointment of someone in each township to administer the rabies program each year. He said there was "nothing behind" the move, that after much discussion "we decided it was the best thing to do."

The Board heard a discussion of the recently adopted Food Stamp Program by a Mr. Kirby, director of the program for the State Board of Welfare. He informed the Board that approval was almost certain, but that nothing could be done until Washington gave its OK. He indicated that he would make the start of the program as soon as possible, even mentioning the latter part of January or the first of February as the kick-off dates. It had been believed earlier that it would require more time to get the program

underway.

The special meeting, held in the courthouse at 2 p.m. Friday, also heard a discussion by Richard E. Timberlake, Technical Assistant to the State Planning Task Force, on the various federal sponsored aid programs. Timberlake told the Board of the formation of Community Action Groups to head up these programs and recommended that Franklin County join with Vance and Granville in the formation of such a group. He said the three-county system would get more

funds than a single county plan.

The Board heard a report from Sheriff Joseph W. Champion on recommendations made by Leslie D. Smith of the State Correctional Institution Division that no women be lodged in the local jail. The Board authorized the Sheriff to place two women prisoners in Vance County Jail. The Commissioners adopted a new regulation governing the sale of beer. The regulation says that no beer may be sold in the county between the hours of 11:45 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Mondays.

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Body Of Missing Charlotte Man Found In County Farm Pond

The Louisburg Rescue Service recovered the body of a Charlotte man, missing since last Wednesday, last night around 8:45 p.m. from a farm pond, five miles northwest of Franklinton.

The body of Everett Mullis, 58, Mecklenburg County well-drilling operator, was found in a farm pond just off State Rural road 1203 in Franklin County, about one mile from Mt. Olivet Church where his 1965 automobile was found Sunday.

Mullis' clothing, including his shoes, billfold and rings were found along the bank of the small pond Monday afternoon. The Rescue Service began searching for the missing man around 3:30 p.m. Unsuccessful, the Service returned to Louis-

burg but resumed the search, after draining off some of the water later Monday night.

Mullis reportedly left his home in Charlotte last Wednesday. The last time he was heard from was Wednesday night when he called home from Wrightsville Beach saying he was going to Florida. His relatives, who were summoned after his car was identified as that found in the church yard, could give no reason for the man having been in Franklin County.

Leonard Scott, Rt. 2, Franklinton Negro reported that a man answering to Mullis' description came to his home late Wednesday night and told Scott that the Lord had sent him to take Scott's family to church. Scott lives a short distance

from the scene of the drowning.

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards and Franklin County Sheriff's deputies Dave Batten and Tom Powell are investigating the death. Footprints at the scene led from the pile of clothing into the icy water and it is believed that Mullis committed suicide by drowning.

Edwards and T. H. Pearce, free lance newsman, spotted the clothing while conducting a search of the area from the air Monday afternoon. A son and brother-in-law of the victim were in Franklinton assisting in the search Monday.

Mullis was the father of six children according to reports, the oldest of which is seventeen and he is survived by his widow.

Yarborough Named Man Of The Year

Louisburg Attorney Edward F. Yarborough has been named "Man Of The Year" by the Louisburg Rotary Club. The selection was announced at the club's annual Christmas meeting held last Thursday night at the Louisburg College Cafeteria.

Yarborough was cited for his work as attorney to the County Board of Education in the past several months and his aid in the location of industry here. The presentation, made by Selection Committee Chairman James A. Weathers, noted Yarborough's "Guidance of the members of the Franklin County Board of Education in the drafting and submission of a plan for compliance under the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

The presentation noted the numerous trips taken by Yarborough in the job as attorney to the Board and in referring to the Plan of Compliance efforts said, "Realizing the implications of Franklin County's failure to comply and with a full awareness of the impact of such a plan, (he) went about the task of completing it and labored untiringly in seeking federal approval, which came on August 31, 1965."

The attorney is the eighth man to be so honored since the practice of naming an outstanding man was begun by the local club in 1958.

Yarborough has served as President of the Louisburg Lions Club; he is a Mason, a past President of the Franklin County Shrine Club, member of the Chef De Gare of the 40 & 8, past President of Green Hill Country Club, past President of the Seventh Judicial District, Chairman of the Morehead Scholarship Committee for the county, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and a lay leader.

He represented Franklin County in the N. C. Legislature from 1951 to 1959 and served on the Pearsall Committee. He is at present a Trustee of Louisburg College, and has been honored as the "Tar Heel of the Week" by the News and Observer.

He is a native of Louisburg, having been educated here in the public schools and at Wood-

berry Forest, Va. Later he attended the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College Law School. He served in the Pacific in World War II, retiring with the rank of Captain. He retired a few years ago from the N. C. National Guard as a Lt. Colonel.

He has practiced law here since 1940 with time out for military service. He is presently associated with W. M. Jolly in a law partnership. Yarborough is married to the

former Nancy Hayes, daughter of the late Mr. Hugh Hayes and Mrs. Hayes. They have one son, Will Henry, age 10, a student in the fifth grade at Louisburg.

Others receiving the "Man of the Year" awards in the past are: 1958, H. C. Taylor, Jr., for his work in the Louisburg School; 1959, A. F. Johnson, Jr., for his work in forming the Louisburg Rescue Service; 1960, W. J. Benton, for his work in industrial development; 1961,

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, for his leadership at Louisburg College; 1962, Bland B. Pruitt, for his leadership in locating a sewing plant here; 1963, Willis W. Nash, for his work in schools, recreation and church, and 1964, J. Harold Talton, for his direction in locating the Gay Products plant here.

C. Ray Pruette, Louisburg College faculty member, was the featured speaker at the ladies' night Christmas party.



Man Of The Year

EDWARD F. YARBOROUGH, local attorney, is pictured above, right, holding the "Man of the Year" award plaque, which was given him by James A. Weathers, left, in the name of the Louisburg Rotary Club, last Thursday night. Weathers, a past president of the club, was Selection Committee Chairman. Yarborough was cited for his work with the County Board of Education. -Times Staff Photo.