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Paula Justice Clayton, N. C. David Miller Lexington, N. C.

## Homecoming Queen & Escort

### Hundreds Attend Homecoming Day At Louisburg College

Hundreds of alumni and friends attended the annual Homecoming Day events here at Louisburg College Saturday. A release from the college states that it was one of the largest groups in many years.

The visitors were kept busy touring the campus, including the new library facilities, and dined in the College Cafeteria Saturday evening.

Miss Paula Justice of Clayton was chosen Homecoming Queen by the panel of select judges. Her escort was David Miller of Lexington, N. C. Miss Justice was selected from a field of eleven contestants. The Queen and her court were presented to the crowd at halftime of the basketball game.

Two basketball games followed the dinner meeting. The first pitted former players of the 1956-60 era against the "Dixie Classic Champions," a group which won the intramural championship at the college. The oldtimers lost in a close contest, 49-46.

The varsity Hurricanes walloped Danville Technical Institute 85-65 to the delight of the capacity crowd of partisan rooters. This was the tenth win out of the last twelve games for the Hurricanes.

A dance for students and alumni followed the basketball games and was held in the Benjamin Duke Student Union Building.

### Vance Representative Not To Run, Speed, Drake Silent On Race

One of the three expected candidates for the two seats in the N. C. House of Representatives from the 16th District of Franklin, Vance and Warren counties announced last week that he would not seek the office.

A. A. Zolltcoffer, Jr., Henderson attorney, who has served in the House for five terms as the Vance County representative, gave no reason for his decision not to seek reelection to the office.

Zolltcoffer's announcement leaves two incumbent members of the House, Rep. James D. Speed of Franklin County and W. R. Drake of Warren County, as likely candidates to fill the two seats. Most observers believe, however, that others will run, including some Vance County aspirants.

Under the recent House re-districting plan, Franklin, Vance and Warren were allotted two representatives for the three counties. This means that in the absence of a rotation system, every candidate will be voted on from the entire

district, and anyone seeking the office may run, regardless of his residence within the district.

Zolltcoffer's resignation may strengthen the chances of Speed and Drake should they make another bid for reelection. Neither has made any statement on his intentions, even though the primary is little more than three months away.

### Scholarship Hopefuls To Be Interviewed

Chapel Hill—Finalists for the Alston-Pleasants Scholarship to the University of North Carolina will be interviewed in the law office of Hill Yarborough in Louisburg March 5 (not Feb. 5) as previously announced.

Young men and women who plan to be freshmen here in the fall may still apply for the four-year scholarship which is restricted to residents of

m/16, breaking and entering. State takes a nol pro with leave. Clyde Abbott, w/m, assault on female. Upon payment of costs, defendant is discharged.

Bob N. Leonard, w/m, worthless check. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs and check and being of good behavior for five years.

Robby Nelson Leonard, operating auto intoxicated. 6 months, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs and to be of good behavior for five years.

Grover Gupton, c/m/42, operating auto intoxicated; imprisoned on probation for 5 years.

Harrell Jackson Pearsall, w/

### Hearing In Clinton Today

Members of the Franklin County Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Warren W. Smith, and Board Attorneys E. F. Yarborough of Lenoir and Irvin Tucker of Raleigh are in Clinton, N. C., today for a hearing on a preliminary injunction motion brought against the Board by the U. S. Department of Justice. The hearing, scheduled to begin this morning at 10:30 a. m. before U. S. Eastern District Judge Algernon Butler, relates to a request by the Justice Department to have the Court enjoin the Board from continuing to deny admission of 20 Negro children to schools of their choice under the lateral transfer provisions of the Board's Plan of Compliance to the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

The Board has contended that the children did not meet criteria set down for such transfers involving grades other than those planned to be desegregated under the Compliance document.

The Justice Department and local Negro parents are seeking to have the children admitted at once in the middle of the school year by means of a temporary injunction. The hearing on this is being attended today by Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education, and Board members, Horace Baker, Lloyd West, Jones Winston and Clint Fuller.

### Hungarian-Born Artist To Teach Here

John Fogarassy-Wallner, popular Wake Forest painter and talented portrait artist, will teach the fine art of portrait painting at Louisburg College, it was announced today.

Mr. Wallner will instruct in pastels, black and white work, and oils, offering a general three months' course to interested adults.

Several residents in Louisburg heard of Mr. Wallner some time ago, took his course in another city, and now want the course to be offered here.

A demonstration meeting will be held on Thursday morning, February 10, at 10:00 in the Art Department on East Campus. The following Thursday, classes will begin and will continue each Thursday from 10:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m.

No prior training in art is required. All persons interested in the program should be present for the demonstration meeting on Thursday, February 10. For further information, contact the Office of College Relations at Louisburg College.

Franklin, Halifax and Warren Counties. Information concerning the \$1100 a year scholarship is available from the Office of Student Aid at UNC.

All finalists will receive at least tuition scholarships.

Mrs. Missouri A. Pleasants, who was born in Warren County, established the trust fund for the scholarships in 1958 in memory of Willis Alston.

Finalists will be interviewed by four members of the University Scholarship Committee.

Students currently holding Alston-Pleasants scholarships include Dennis Wayne Organ of Roanoke Rapids, senior; Joseph A. Pearce, Jr., of Louisburg, junior; Jacob Leon Dickens of Halifax, sophomore; and Helen S. Nethercutt of Roanoke Rapids, freshman.

### Boxscore

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, February 7:

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Meet Dr. John Vassey

Pictured above is Dr. John Vassey, Radiologist, who has just assumed his position with Franklin Memorial Hospital here. Dr. Vassey, a native of Fiveland, N. C., now resides in Garner, N. C. He is 40 years old.

Dr. Vassey is married to the former Lorraine Johnson of Durham. He received his A. B. degree in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina in 1952 and his M. D. from the U. N. C. School of Medicine in 1956.

He served his internship at City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem, was a general practitioner in Garner for 5 1/2 years and was in residence at N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Vassey, who plans to move to Louisburg in the near future, will work in the field of radio active isotopes, x-rays and eventually in x-ray therapy. He expressed his pleasure at being associated with the local medical facility and his interest in the new facilities to be built this year. Hospital Administrator M. M. Perkin, Jr. himself a patient, stated a short while ago that he and the Board of Trustees felt the hospital was fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Dr. Vassey.

### County Board Of Education Sets Snow Make-up Days

The Franklin County Board of Education, meeting in special session last Thursday afternoon, set the schedule for making up lost school days due to the recent inclement weather.

County school students attended reopened schools last Friday and made up one lost day last Saturday. The Board approved a short day schedule on all Saturdays, with schools closing at 2 p. m.

Seven days were lost due to the weather, and the Board announced the following schedule of make-up days: Saturday, February 5; Saturday, March 5; and Saturday, April 2. Three days originally set for Easter Holidays were canceled, but Easter Monday remains a holiday. A four-day vacation was originally set for Easter, conditional upon no lost days. The seventh make-up day comes at the end of the original school closing. This will put the last day of school on Wednesday, June 8, and will allow teachers, who are required to work two days following the close of school, to finish the year on Friday, June 10.

The Board's regular monthly meeting, scheduled for Monday, was canceled because of the special session and the fact that Board members are to be in Clinton, N. C., this morning for a hearing in U. S. Eastern District Court. The hearing is on a preliminary injunction motion made by the Justice Department asking the court to enjoin the Board from preventing thirty Negro students from attending schools of their choice under the lateral transfer provisions of the Board's Plan of Compliance to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

### Tax Listing Notice

Kenneth Braswell, Franklin County Tax Supervisor, announced Monday that this is the final week for listing taxes in the county. Braswell urged everyone, not having already done so, to list before the weekend and avoid the penalties.

accepted the resignation of Durwood Pegram, who has been on a six-months leave from military service as attendance officer.

### Times Writer Scholarship Candidate

Mary Ann Fleming, daughter of Mrs. George M. Fleming and the late Mr. Fleming of 119 Person Street here, is a candidate for one of the Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarships, worth \$4,800. Miss Fleming writes, the popular "Teenage Chat" column in The Franklin Times.

From 212 candidates nominated by their high schools throughout the state, 12 young women will be chosen on March 4 and 5 at University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarships, each with a \$4,800 four-year value. The scholarship central committee met at UNC-G Wednesday with district chairmen to receive the information folders on the nominees. The nominees will now be screened to select two from each district for interviews at the March meeting of the central committee.

Miss Sadye Dunn, UNC-G dean of women, is chairman of the central committee.

In addition to the 11 district scholars to be chosen, one will be a chemistry scholar from Forsyth, Stokes, or Surry county.

The scholarships were established in 1962 by the Zachary Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem in honor of the wife of the founder of the Reynolds Tobacco Company. Mrs. Reynolds was an alumna of Woman's College, predecessor to UNC-G.

Each scholarship is for \$1,200 annually and is renewable. There are now 36 Reynolds scholars at UNC-G, 12 in each class. The March selections will increase the 1966-67 holders to 48.

W. R. Collie, who has been serving in a temporary capacity as counselor, was made the permanent attendance officer.

Mitchell Electric and Plumbing Service of Bunn was granted the contract for toilet installations at Gettsmanee School at a cost of \$1,300. The Board approved a request for 10 placements in the Vocational Education Program for next school year.

Mr. E. F. Yarborough, attorney to the Board, appeared and briefly explained the status of the suit now pending against the Board by a group of local Negro parents and the federal Justice Department.

### On Food Stamp Program

## Official To Hold Meetings With Area Grocers

County Commissioner Chairman Norwood Faulkner stated that he had been informed by Mr. Sam Pope, representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp Program, that two meetings will be held here to inform grocers of the Food Stamp program soon to be started in Franklin County. Faulkner said earlier that a number of grocery store operators had inquired about participation in the program and said, "I certainly would like for all store operators to have a chance to participate in the program."

The meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 14, in the courtroom of the Franklin County Courthouse. Meetings

### Snow Cost Town \$1,000

The cost to the Town of Louisburg of the recent snow was estimated Monday at \$1,000 by Town Administrator E. S. Ford.

Ford said the town was lucky that the cost was not higher. He added, "We got along pretty good," referring to snow removal.

Ford estimated the loss of \$400 in parking meter revenue due to the meters not having been read from January 26 until Monday of this week.

The balance of \$600 was estimated as the cost of overtime and other aspects of the giant task of removing the snow from the streets.

The loss in revenue to local businesses cannot be estimated, but a sizable loss was experienced as shoppers were unable to come to town and movement was slowed in the entire area.

### Car Tag Warning

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement issued a reminder today to all local motorists that town tags must be displayed on all cars within town not later than February 15.

Dement said anyone not displaying tags after that date would be issued a citation. Tags may be obtained from the Town Office on West Nash Street.

will be held at 2 p. m. in the afternoon and at 7:30 p. m. Monday night.

Food store operators will be told at the meetings what they must do to qualify for participation in the program and will be given application blanks.

Certification of applicants for the stamps began yesterday here by the Welfare Department, and a long line appeared early Monday morning at the local office. Mrs. Jane York, director of the department, said earlier that her department would process thirty applicants a day Monday through Friday.

The sale of the stamps is slated to begin on March 1 and will be handled through local banks. Authorization and identification papers must be shown before stamps can be purchased. Stamps may be used to purchase food items from any participating merchant in the area.

Chairman Faulkner urged all grocers to attend one of the two meetings with Mr. Pope and expressed his desire to have as many as possible throughout the county as co-operating merchants in the stamp project.

### Another Police Officer Resigns

Kyle Prince, veteran Louisburg Police Officer, is resigning from the force, effective Saturday, February 19, according to reports. Prince, it was reported, is resigning to accept a position with Dean Farms, a local egg distributing concern.

Prince has been a member of the department for just over four years. His action follows the resignation a few weeks ago of Charlie Lambert, another experienced officer. Lambert also accepted a position with Dean Farms.

Chief William Dement could not be reached for comment at press time. It was reliably reported, however, that Prince's resignation was due to an increase in pay afforded by the change, and it is believed that Lambert resigned for the same reason.

### Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today. Chance of scattered showers and mild Wednesdays. Low, 36; high, 61.



"Express" Derailed

Unidentified Seaboard Railway personnel are shown above as they took turns working to get the "crack" Louisburg-To-Franklin Express back on the rails after the train jumped the tracks last Thursday near Allen's Gin in Louisburg. The incident occurred around 4 p. m. and was back in action around 10 p. m. Thursday night. Cause of the accident was believed to have been ice and snow on the tracks. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

### Criminal Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of during a term of Franklin County Criminal Court last week. Judge E. Maurice Braswell of Fayetteville presided, and W. G. Ransdell, Jr., prosecuted for the State.

Charles Kearney, c/m/25, assault with deadly weapon. Nol pro with leave.

Arthur Alston, c/m/30, murder. State accepts a plea of guilty of manslaughter. 3 years in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs and placed on probation for 5 years.

Harrell Jackson Pearsall, w/

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