



What Do You Do On The First Day Of Spring?



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May Elections: The Moment To Decide

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Note: This is the first in a series of ten articles dealing with the elections this year. One of the series will appear weekly in The Times. The series is designed to better acquaint the public with the duties of elective offices and the obligation of the citizen to be informed on the candidates.

James Russell Lowell wrote in his poem, The Present Crisis: "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide." The "moment" or one of them will come on Saturday May 28, when the people vote in the Democratic Primary.

Election in this primary is tantamount to a full victory, since seldom is there opposition in the November General Election to those chosen in the primaries.

"The right of election is the very essence of the constitution," wrote Junius in a Letter, April, 1769.

It is the obligation of a citizen to participate in his government. The most feasible method of doing this is to inform himself of the issues and personalities involved and to cast his vote on election day.

At last count there were 11,827 registered voters in Franklin County. Of these, 6,638 cast their ballots in the May Primary in 1964. This represented 56.13% of those registered. There are 28,755 people living in Franklin County. There is no breakdown on the number who are of voting age.

Each vote is important. In the late forties, the Clerk of Court race in the county was decided by five votes. One candidate's family had traveled out-of-town for a holiday. This decided the issue in favor of his opponent. In 1960, a School Bond issue, involving hundreds of thousands of dollars was decided by four votes. In the 1962 primary, a seat on the Board of County Commissioners was locked in a tie vote. One more person participating in his government could have decided the issue without the expense of a second primary.

In 1960, the Presidential election was decided by 118,550 votes out of 68,335,642, and changed the history. John F. Kennedy defeated Richard M. Nixon by that margin. The victory cost Kennedy his life and set up today's administration by then Vice President Lyndon Johnson.

If 2,371 more people in each of the fifty states had bothered to participate in their government, history would have been changed. In theory, this means 24 more people in Franklin County, followed by others in the critical states, could have swung the election.

Most of us fail to realize how important our vote is. Even cast in a lost cause, it is never lost. As Junius puts it: "An injustice done to an individual is sometimes of service to the public." More aptly put, even though your candidate loses, his lost show others serving just what the people want of them.

Generally more interest is created in Franklin County elections when there are a host of local races. Such is the case, this year. Ten local offices, plus a Congressman, a Senator and two State Representatives and a State Senator are involved in the Primary. This does not include the usual number of candidates for the various Township Constable posts.

Future articles in this series will deal with the responsibilities of these offices, the compensations and the qualifications. They will not deal with individual candidates. It will be up to you the voter to acquaint yourself with the individual qualifications of those seeking office.

Daniel Webster referred to it as: "The people's government, made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people." The Moment to Decide nears. It is up to the people. And we, the people have an obligation to participate in the decision.

Next: A United Senator and A Congressman. The Moment To Decide.

To Saturday Closing: Bank Hearing Airs Some Opposition

Application of First-Citizens Banks in Franklin County to close on Saturdays drew some opposition from Louisburg businesses at a hearing held here Monday afternoon.

The hearing was held by acting State Bank Commissioner Frank Harrelson in the meeting room of the local bank building on Bickett Blvd. Jimmy Weathers, local bank official, stated this morning that "several spoke in favor of the closing and three or four were opposed." He said there was no opposition to the application by the banks at Franklin and Bunn.

The application, which requests permission to begin Saturday closings on April 23, coincides with similar applications by Henderson banks, and a hearing there earlier Monday brought forth no opposition to the proposal.

The Louisburg Business Association, on action of its Board of Directors earlier this month, voted to stay out of the controversy when it was disclosed that 17 members polled favored the closing and 17 opposed it.

Harrelson is expected to announce his decision on the application within the next few days, it was announced.

Falkner, Taylor, Mrs. Dickens, Boone, Enter County Races



NORWOOD FAULKNER

County Commissioner Norwood Faulkner filed Monday for reelection to the post from District 5, Louisburg-Cypress Creek. Faulkner, now serving as Chairman, is opposed by



MRS. T. H. DICKENS

J. Harold Talton, local bank executive who announced last week.

Mrs. T. H. Dickens, chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education, filed last Friday for reelection. Her filing followed by minutes the entry into the race by William Taylor Boone, 40-year-old Louisburg, Rt. 4, farmer. Both are opposed for the District 4 seat by the first Negro to file,

Joseph L. Strickland of Mapleville. Mrs. Dickens has served on the Board for 38 years and has been Chairman since 1961.

W. H. (Jack) Taylor filed last Friday for reelection to the post of County Solicitor, a post he has held for several terms. Thus far he is unopposed.

Joseph Joyner filed for reelection as Constable of Harris Township. He, too, is unopposed at present.

Others filing or announcing for the various county posts include H. Derrell Mitchell, G. Frank Hinson and Brooks W. Young for the County Commissioner seat from District 1 (Harris-Dunn Townships); George Harris for reelection to the Board from District 3 (Hayesville - Sandy Creek); Walter E. Ball for Board of Education from Louisburg-Cypress Creek; James H. Edwards for reelection as Coroner; and Gus Stroud, Jr., for Constable of Franklinton Township.

One race already underway is the Sheriff's contest between incumbent Joseph W. Champion and Louisburg Police Chief William T. Dement.

Emergency Farm Loans Available

The Department of Agriculture has authorized the making of Emergency loans pursuant to Section 321 of Public Law 87-128, through December 31, 1966, to eligible farmers in Franklin County.

This action was taken because of substantial damage and losses in the 1965 tobacco and cotton crops as the result of excessive rainfall during June and July.

And farmer in Franklin County desiring information about Emergency loans or other types of assistance available through the Farmers Home Administration should get in touch with the County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, Mr. Thomas B. Marshall, Jr., Perry Building, North Main Street, Louisburg.

Monday Night Fire Call

Firemen quickly extinguished a burning mattress at the home of Mrs. Ida Latta on North Main Street last night around 9:15 p.m. The alarm drew a large number of sightseers, but quick action by the local department prevented any damage other than to the bedding.

Sets Interrogation Policy

Board Buys 15 Mobile Classrooms

The Franklin County Board of Education, in special session here Monday, let bids for 15 mobile classrooms, ok'd a preliminary budget for the coming year, studied the new desegregation guidelines and set a firm policy on interrogation in schools by outside agencies.

Rites Held For Assistant Court Clerk

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a.m. from the home for Mrs. Anna Fuller Sinclair, assistant Clerk of Superior Court, who died in the local hospital early Saturday night.

Mrs. Sinclair, who had been in poor health recently, was a patient in the local hospital, having been admitted there Thursday.

A graduate of Louisburg College, Mrs. Sinclair is survived by a brother, Jones Parham of Louisburg. Burial was held in Oakwood Cemetery.

Weather

Generally fair today. Partly cloudy with chance of showers Wednesday. Rather warm. Low today, 45; high, 77.

Native Gets Gov't Post

John H. Finlator, 54, former Louisburg native, has been named to a newly-created post in the Food and Drug Administration in Washington. He took over on March 7 as head of the Drug Abuse Control section of the FDA.

Finlator lived here on Church Street in 1917. His family moved to Franklinton shortly afterwards. His father was a conductor on the Louisburg-Franklinton Railroad. Later the Finlators moved to Raleigh, where a brother, Rev. William Finlator, now serves as pastor of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. An uncle, Mr. Charles F. Best, resides in Franklinton.

Democratic Women To Meet

Mrs. Louis F. Oxnevad, president of the Franklin County Democratic Women, announced today there will be a business meeting of the organization at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26.

The meeting is to be held in the Community Room of the new bank building on Bickett Blvd. Mrs. Oxnevad urged all members to be present.

Prices Going Up At Post Office

Increases in money orders, insurance, registry, certified mail and C.O.D. rates will become effective March 26, 1966 the Postmasters of offices in Franklin County said today.

The cost of operating these five special services now exceeds revenues by \$60 million annually. The fee increases will narrow the cost-revenue gap by \$37 million, based on business handled in Fiscal Year 1965.

Fees for money orders, registry and C.O.D. were last changed in 1961; insurance and certified mail in 1957.

The fee changes, announced in the January 11th Federal Register and confirmed in the register on February 25, are put into effect under existing administrative authority of the Postmaster General.

The increases include: Money Order Fees: Domestic and international money order fees will be increased by 5 cents.

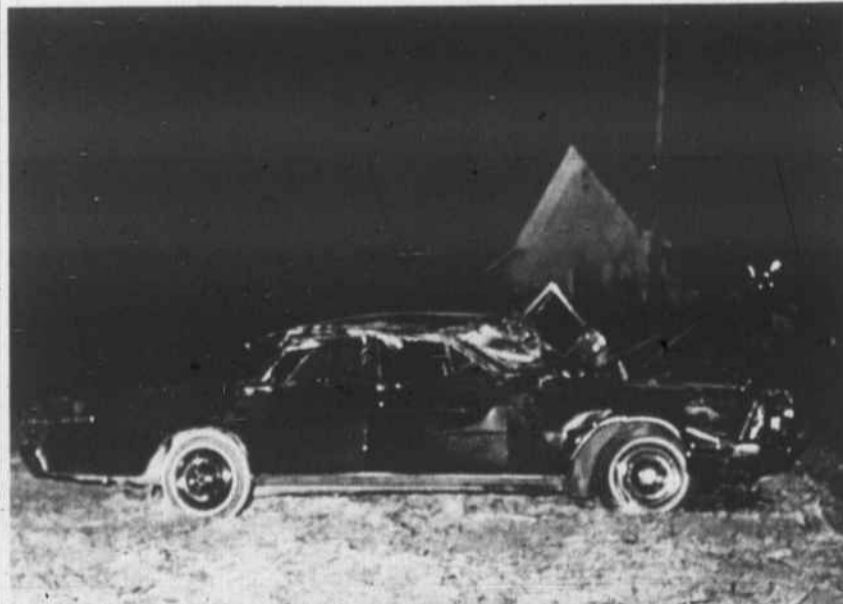
Insurance Fees: The minimum fee bracket will be increased from \$10 to \$15 and the minimum fee will be 20 cents instead of 10 cents. The revised insurance fees will be as follows:

\$ 0.01 - \$ 15.....	20 cents
15.01 - 50.....	30 cents
50.01 - 100.....	40 cents
100.01 - 150.....	50 cents
150.01 - 200.....	60 cents

Registry Fees: The present 60 cents and 75 cents fees will be combined into a single fee at 75 cents for values up to \$100. Registry fees for articles valued in excess of \$100 will remain unchanged.

C.O.D. Fees: The present 40 cents and 50 cents fee brackets

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Brevard Man Killed 'At Bunn, Second Road Fatality

Franklin County recorded its second highway fatality of the year last night as a 57-year-old Brevard, N. C., man died instantly in an accident near Bunn.

Leslie Victoria Dail of 106 Allison Road, Brevard, N. C., failed to stop at the intersection of N. C. 98 and N. C. 39 south of Bunn around 11:30 p.m. Monday night, ran across the road, into a ditch and rolled several hundred yards through a freshly plowed field. The 1966 Ford, registered in his brother's name, Daniel Gaston Dail, same address, was demolished.

Louisburg Rescue Service members extracted the victim's body from the wreckage. Dail reportedly lived with his brother in Brevard. Both are bachelors according to reports. Identification papers found at the wreck also gave Dail's address as St. Charles Hotel, Norton, Virginia.

State Trooper William Ethridge of Franklinton conducted the investigation. There have been three auto-connected deaths in the county thus far this year. Twenty-two year old Kurt H. Roth was killed March 13 on an unfinished race track at Franklinton. This was not listed as a highway fatality. The only other highway death this year occurred near Jackson's Pond five miles east of Louisburg when William Richardson, 27-year-old Negro, was killed when the car he was driving hit another head-on. The county did not experience its second road death last year until May 7.

Trooper Ethridge reported that the victim was not wearing seat belts, although the vehicle was equipped with them. He was thrown from the car. Ethridge said had he been wearing the seat belts it might well have saved his life.