



Easter Is Here

The pretty little miss pictured above, all dressed for Easter, is 6-year-old Cathy Shearin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Shearin, Louisburg, Rt. 1. Little Cathy posed for the Easter picture in the garden of the Hckett Blvd. branch of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. here. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Businesses Report Sales Up As Easter Holiday Nears

Even though the weatherman still delivers chilly mornings, it appears mildy is going to ignore the cool weather and be decked out in the traditional Easter-finery come Sunday. According to local dress shops and department stores, business is better than a year ago. Much of the increase is scattered among boys and girls and the ladies. Some of the men are getting into the clothing act, but apparently not to the extent of the children and wives. One leading merchant said, "Our business week by week is better than last year. We had a tremendous day yesterday (Wednesday), and Tuesday was good. Easter week is certainly up, although the year is a little behind last year." Others said, "Business is better than usual." Drug stores, which normally get the larger part of the holiday candy business nearer to the day, report that their business is better than usual. One store owner stated, "We are staying busy.

I think business is a little better than last year." Most businesses will be closed Monday in observance of the traditional Easter Monday holiday. Schools will be closed throughout the county. Local churches will hold special services Sunday in observance of the Christian holiday. Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Louisburg Business Association, said a recent poll showed 25 local merchants indicating they would be closed Easter Monday. As has been the practice in past years, most businesses close, but no announcement is made by many as to their plans. Florists say their rush is yet to come as the heavy orders for corsages and other floral arrangements will come at week's end. Many variety stores in the area have reported increases in the sale of normal spring seasonal items, such as garden

tools and lawn mowers. The stage seems to be set for an enjoyable holiday in this area. All that's left is for the weatherman to deliver a pleasant day. **Franklinton, Bunn Set Bank Hours** First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. branches in Franklinton and Bunn have announced they will begin observing the new hours, announced Tuesday, on Monday, April 18. The new hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m., will be in effect each weekday except Friday, when all branches, including Louisburg, will remain open until 6 p.m. The new hours were set in light of the recent approval by the State Banking Commission of the banks' request to close all day on Saturdays. Louisburg is already observing the new hours, except the extra hour on Fridays. The Saturday closings start on April 23.



Dorothy Irene McGhee

Franklinton Brunette Fourth Contestant

Dorothy Irene McGhee, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. McGhee of Franklinton, is the fourth contestant in the Jaycee Miss Louisburg Pageant scheduled for Saturday, April 23, in the college auditorium. Miss McGhee, a senior at Franklinton High School, will do a pantomime as her talent. She has been or is now a member of the basketball team, a cheerleader Monogram Club, Annual staff, F. H. A., Halloween Queen, Homescoming attendant, Class Vice President in 1964. Her favorite sport is horseback riding, she likes all kinds of music and her favorite food is sea food. She has hazel eyes and brown hair.

Fuller Files For Board Of Education

Clint Fuller, Vice Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education, filed here Wednesday for reelection. Fuller, who was appointed to the post in 1961 by the Democratic Executive Committee to fill the unexpired short term and a full six-year term of the late Paul W. Elam, is managing editor of The Franklin Times. In making his formal announcement, Fuller stated: "The past twelve months have been the most trying time in the history of Franklin County schools. All indications point to the months ahead as being even more so. We are faced with a court suit, increased federal interference, and a growing need for consolidation. In making the decision to run for another term, I feel that the people should have a choice in this important office. "I also feel that this is the best way to allow the people an opportunity to relay their feelings to the entire board. The outcome of my candidacy will act as a guideline for the Board, however constituted, in the months ahead. As one of the five-member Board, I stand on the record, the accomplishments and the actions taken by this group. If the people feel that this Board has done what



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it could, this will give them an opportunity to voice that support. If, on the other hand, the people feel that I or the Board have not followed their wishes, this will allow them an opportunity to voice their dissent. "While both these reasons had great bearing upon my decision to run for reelection, neither constitutes the prime reason. The number one reason I am offering my services for another six years is the same that prompted me to accept the position in the first place. That is my interest in

the young people of Franklin County. The educational future of our children is far too important to leave to chance." Fuller, 45, is a veteran of 3 1/2 years of overseas service in World War II, a former sportscaster for the local radio station, and for eleven years was a super market operator in Louisburg. He is past president of the Louisburg Rotary Club and a recipient of the club's Outstanding Service Award in 1955-56. He is past president of the Louisburg Business Association and presently a member of the Board of Directors. He is founder and first president of the Louisburg Athletic Association, forerunner of the Louisburg High School Boosters. He received an Outstanding Service to Sports award from the coaches and principals of the county in 1956. Fuller, a graduate of Henderson High School, attended N. C. State University. He has lived in Louisburg for the past 21 years. He is married to the former Louise Burnette, of Franklin County, and they have one son, Larry, 11, a sixth grader at Louisburg. Fuller is a member of the Louisburg Baptist Church.

Motor Club Predicts Twenty-Three To Meet Death On N. C. Highways

Two Franklin County men were seriously injured in a car-truck accident Wednesday afternoon just off Highway 401 six miles north of Louisburg. Their condition has not been reported on this morning. The exact cause of the accident has not been determined at this writing. Franklin County has already recorded three highway fatalities plus another automobile death off the public highways. The three alone are half the fatalities the county experienced all twelve months of last year. The N. C. State Motor Club predicts 23 persons will die on the State's highways this Easter Holiday. Last year, dubbed North Carolina's "Bloody Easter," took 25 lives and injured 601 persons in 920 accidents. Twelve of the twenty-five were killed on Easter Sunday. Franklin County has not recorded an Easter Holiday death in recent years. Several years ago, five persons were killed just across the Warren County line on Easter Sunday. Traffic accidents killed a record of 1,631 people last year in our state. That figure equalled the number of U. S. servicemen killed in action in Viet Nam during the five-year period, Jan. 1, 1961 to Jan. 1, 1966. The 1,631 traffic fatalities would have completely wiped out Bunn, Youngsville, Centerville and parts of Louisburg or Franklinton and other towns such as Aberdeen, Black Mountain, China Grove, Pineville, Elizabethtown, Hillsboro, Wendell or Zebulon. There were 290 pedestrians killed last year; 73% or 212 of these met death on rural highways. U. S. and N. C. numbered highways accounted for 51% of the total killed on rural highways; 93% of the total killed occurred on straight roads. The three-hour period, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., accounted for 37% of the fatalities. Friday, Saturday and Sunday accounted for 58% of the total dead. Men killed made up 77% of the fatalities, and 22% were children five to nine. These are statistics that do not make pleasant reading. With the approach of the Easter Holidays and the ever-growing concern for highway safety, the traffic safety organizations are urging everyone to be especially careful. In the past ten years there have been 100 persons killed on Franklin County highways. This does not include the three killed to date this year. This is a third of the people living in the Centerville Community, just under a third of those living in Bunn. There have been 18,316 killed in North Carolina since 1950, excluding those killed to date this year. This number would completely wipe out 16 cities

in North Carolina with over 10,000 population. This is nearly half the 36 such municipalities in the state. Included in these would be the entire population of Henderson, Roanoke Rapids, New Bern, Sanford and Chapel Hill. Franklin County's fourth highway fatality is around the corner. It did not occur until July 26 last year and June 24 in 1964, but the third fatality, which happened this year on March 27, did not take place in 1965 until May 20 and in 1964 until May 29. Drive carefully during the Easter Holiday and every day thereafter.

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and a little warmer today and Friday. Low today, 32; high, 63.

Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, April 5:

- Robert Ed Parrish, c/m, motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Linda Insoce Sherian, w/f, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Robert Thomas Moss, Jr., w/m, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- John Wilbert Crews, c/m, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Dorothy Ann Tony, c/f/19, assault with deadly weapon. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Emelius Dunston, c/m/27, larceny (2 cases). To be held for Franklin County Superior Court under \$5,000.00 bond in each case.
- Julius Moore, Jr., w/m/41, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Ralph Elwood Winstead, w/m/27, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Everette Gelno Patton, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Bobby Mitchell Rowland, w/m/36, speeding. Pleds guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- James Edward Lyons, c/m/38, speeding; no operator's license. State takes nol pro as to no operator's license. Guilty of speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
- Frank Junior Fogg, c/m/28, non support. Prayer for judgment continued on payment into C.S.C. of \$5.00 per month for support of child and costs of court.
- Wilbur Williams, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. To pay \$6.80 to Franklin Memorial Hospital and \$5.00 for use and benefit of St. Clarence Arrington and costs of court.
- Willard Odis Manning, w/m, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.
- Richard Glenn Slaughter, w/m, speeding. Defendant discharged on payment of costs.

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All Paid Out County Retires Final Road Bonds

County Accountant Lee Murray and assistant Mrs. Kay Hunt are shown above Wednesday viewing a check for \$4,051.62 being readied for mailing to Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, as the final payment on county township bond debts. With this payment, all townships in Franklin County are free of road indebtedness for the first time since at least the beginning of this century. The payment, made Wednesday, finishes the Cypress Creek and Harris Township bonds. Sandy Creek and Gold Mine Townships retired their bonds in 1965. All other townships had done so several years ago. The bonds were originally issued in 1919 and earlier. When the state took over the highway system many years ago, it did not take over the indebtedness. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.



Two Seriously Injured In Wednesday Accident

Two Epsom men were seriously injured in the Wednesday afternoon accident, scene of which is pictured above. Arthur James (Buck) Dement, 21, and William A. Carter, 68, both of Rt. 1, Henderson, were injured just off U. S. Highway 401 on a rural paved road near Ingleside, when the 1957 Ford, reportedly driven by Carter, ran into an Allen transfer truck loaded with fertilizer. The entire left side of the vehicle was ripped off. Carter was thrown from the car and Dement was trapped beneath it. A Carolina Telephone Company crew working nearby probably saved Dement by using the company lift to raise the car off the youth. Louisburg Rescue Service administered first aid to Dement and transported him to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Carter was brought in by private ambulance. The hospital declined comment on the condition of the two men this morning. McKinley Pope, N/m/49, of 804 Kenmore Ave., Louisburg, driver of the truck, escaped injury. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.