

Partly cloudy and warm with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers today and Wednesday. Today's low, 62; high, near 80.

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## Former County Man Named To State Post

A former Franklin County native has been named to an important post by Governor Dan Moore.

Wilton R. Duke of Farmville, owner of Duke Buick-Pontiac Company, has been named by Governor Moore to serve on the Emergency Planning Task Force Transportation committee.

Duke has been active for a number of years in political, church and civic groups, as well as professional business associations. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, a member of the Farmville Lions Club and an active member of the First Baptist Church.

Currently he serves as a member of the Board of Pitt County Memorial Hospital and is also a member of the Board of the First National Bank.

In addition to his automobile business, he has established himself in the real estate business and has other similar interests.

During the 1964 gubernatorial primaries and November election, Duke was a strong supporter of Governor Moore in his successful bid for governor.

Duke married the former Hilda Griffin of Centerville, and they have three children.

The Emergency Planning Commission is designed to give aid to the citizens of the state in the event of any disaster and its planning and correlating both economic and human resources during a period of difficulty is considered by State officials as important and significant to the welfare of North Carolina.

## Fuller Praised By Committee

Former Democratic Executive Committee chairman, Walter Fuller, who recently resigned as party treasurer, was sent a letter of praise and appreciation by the Committee following the party convention here Saturday.

The letter, signed by outgoing chairman A. E. Pearce and secretary Joe Lane, states that "the Committee regretfully accepts your resignation as Treasurer. Your untiring efforts in committee functions will long be remembered."

"Many of the contributions of the committee to good government come about as a result of your foresight and interest in efficient and effective government. . . the letter continues.

Fuller is now residing in Washington, D. C. where he holds a responsible position with the Rural Electrification Agency.

"Franklin County shall long be indebted to you for the many years of faithful service you have rendered," the letter concludes.

## Number Of Cases Heard In Superior Court

The following cases were disposed of during the term of Franklin County Superior Criminal Court last week, and which were not reported in Thursday's edition:

Willie Andrew, assault with deadly weapon. The appeal of which notice was given earlier in the week, was withdrawn. Judgment of the court is that defendant serve a sentence of 18 months, to run concurrently with sentence in prior case.

Leonard McCray Jackson, assault. Motion to quash is allowed by the Court and defendant is discharged.

Arthur Thomas Clopton, violation of G. S. 14-225. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

R. C. James, (alias R. J. James), breaking and entering; larceny. 4 years in prison, with recommendation that defendant be given option of serving sentence under the Work Release Plan, on first charge.

On second charge, defendant is sentenced to one year in prison, to run concurrently, with sentence imposed in first count.



Early Sunday Morning Fire

Scene above shows early Sunday morning fire which destroyed the home of B. C. (Buck) McDonald in Pruitt Town. Justice Fire Department answered the call around 4:30 a.m. and the Louisburg water tanker stood by. Neighbors and firemen are shown removing furnishings, most of which were saved. The entire inside of the new dwelling was destroyed. McDonald, who reportedly lives alone, was not at home when the blaze started. One fireman reported the blaze apparently started inside a closet in a bed room, but no official report was given as to the suspected cause and no estimate of the total damage was available. Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Solicitor Answers Federal Court Removal Petition

W. H. Taylor, Solicitor of Franklin County Recorder's Court said today that he has filed an answer to the petition for removal and also a motion to remand back to the local court the case of Alphonzo Terrell, 30-year-old Elizabeth, N. J. Negro charged with assault on an Epsom white merchant.

Terrell filed, through his attorneys a petition in Eastern District Federal Court, seeking to have his case moved to the federal jurisdiction claiming that he could not get a fair trial in Franklin County.

Taylor's answer states "There is no right of removal under the statute where the alleged denial of, or inability to enforce, any such right results from the corrupt, illegal or unauthorized administration of a State constitution or laws which are not discriminatory and apply to all citizens alike."

The answer further states, "That the District Court of the United States does not have jurisdiction of this proceeding" and quotes the applicable USCA statutes.

The Solicitor also states, "... it is specifically denied that the

Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Louisburg Police Department, and other community officials, have separately or collectively done any act or deed to deprive the Petitioner of equal protection of the laws or of equal civil rights."

The case arose from an incident at the store in Epsom, of Harold Ayscue on April 9, 1966. According to reports, Terrell entered the store seeking to use the bathroom and became angry when told there were no facilities there.

Terrell is alleged to have obtained a pistol from his parked car and fired it several times in the Ayscue store. Returning later, Terrell was shot at from inside the store as he left, one bullet hitting him in the shoulder according to the Sheriff's Department. Ayscue filed a warrant charging Terrell with assault.

Terrell, in seeking to have his case moved from local Recorder's Court to Federal Court, charges, among other things, that "... That while my friends were getting out of the automobile, I heard a rescue siren (this is an obvious

reference to the Epsom Fire siren) sound. This siren is near Ayscue's Store. I am informed and believe that this siren is used by the White people of the Community as an alarm or notice to White men to assemble with weapons whenever there is a disturbance between whites and negroes."

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Terrell's petition also says, "... that within minutes after I was shot in the store a large number of White men arrived at the store with weapons."

The basic claim in the petition of removal is contained in the third paragraph of the document. Where it is claimed, "... that he (Terrell) cannot receive a fair trial in Franklin County. . . for the reason that he is a Negro and the prosecuting witness is a well known and influential White citizen. . ."

Solicitor Taylor asks in his answer, (1) That the District Court . . . dismiss this Petition and that said proceeding be remanded to the Recorder's Court of Franklin County . . . for trial or other disposition

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## Democrats Select New Leaders In Party Convention

Mrs. John Pernel, President of the Democratic Women of the County was elected Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee here Saturday as party faithful gathered for their biannual convention.

Other officers elected in the closed session of the Committee, which followed the general convention, were: Calvin W. Brown, Franklinton, vice chairman; Mrs. Jeanette Rowe, White Level, 2nd vice chairman; J. W. Perry, Jr., Pearce's, 3rd vice chairman; Joseph Lane, Louisburg, Secretary and A. F. Johnson, Jr., treasurer. All terms are for two years.

E. C. Bulluck, Louisburg attorney and Democratic nominee for Recorder's Court Judge delivered the keynote address, in which he said, "We are the branch-head boys and girls. We go to the grassroots." He also eulogized the late Governor and U. S. Senator W. Kerr Scott, referring to him as "One

of the greatest statesmen N. C. has seen since the turn of the century."

Bulluck said that the Democratic Party has meant "good

government" to North Carolina and listed a number of local and state leaders as proof of party leadership.

Louisburg Boy Scouts per-

formed the Flag Ceremony. Under the direction of Hoke Steelman, Scoutmaster, the following Scouts participated: Bobby Fuller, Ray Patterson, Woody Warren, Will Wilder, Daryl Evans, Bennett Steelman, Kirk House, Johnny Wilson and Jack Versteeg.

The county was allotted twenty-seven delegates to the State Convention which starts in Raleigh this week. Names of the delegates and alternates were not available at this writing.

A. E. Pearce, outgoing party chairman presided over the convention and the Executive meeting. Rev. Kelly Wilson gave the invocation and Mayor V. A. Peoples welcomed the delegates to Louisburg. Mrs. Pernel spoke on behalf of the Democratic organization and Garland Mustian, who succeeded Charles Davis as president of the YDC spoke for his organization. Pearce introduced Mr. Bulluck.



Mrs. John Pernel  
-----Chairman



Mr. Calvin Brown  
-----Vice Chairman

## On "Quiet Crisis"

# National Wire Service Series Causes Stir

The first two articles in what is expected to be a series, by United Press International, a world-wide news wire service, has caused a stir in Franklin County, according to reports being circulated.

The articles deal with what is referred to as the "Quiet Crisis in Franklin County" and make reference to racial tensions here.

The series is written by Richard W. Hatch, State News Manager for UPI with headquarters in Raleigh. In the "Editor Note"

which accompanies the series, Hatch says the "entire staff of the Raleigh office was assigned to get the story."

The story was sent over UPI wires to all subscribing newspapers and radio stations. The local station is a member of the UPI organization but the local newspaper is not. Members are entitled to use the UPI story and non-members are prohibited from its use through copyright laws.

It has been reported that the

series is being sent over the wire to five states.

Contents of the article cannot be used here since special permission would have to be obtained; but several names of local citizens were mentioned in the article, some were alleged to be Klan leaders.

Comments throughout the county area late Monday and early this morning ranged from indignation to pleasure. "Some folks took offense at the series, voicing their disapproval at "another article putting Franklin County in a poor light." One observer noted that it (the article on Monday) might "wake some folks up."

At least one person phoned The Franklin Times office asking if the article was written here. This, of course, was readily denied and the caller was reminded that articles written by Times personnel appear only in The Times. "Occasionally, when some article appears of general interest, in-

cluding editorials, other newspapers will reprint them, but always with credits given to the writer or to this newspaper," Clint Fuller, managing editor stated.

It has been general knowledge throughout the area that UPI reporters were in the county, checking out some allegations and interviewing some county officials and private citizens.

The extent of the series and just how many articles are yet to come is unknown. It is known that interviews with County Health Director Dr. J. B. Wheelless, County Welfare Director Mrs. Jane M. York, County Industrial Director W. J. Benton and others have not been fully covered in the series thus far and some observers think these will be mentioned in later articles.

Meanwhile, local officials are remaining quiet and refraining from comment, perhaps waiting until the entire series has been run.

## County Demo Precinct Committees Announced

Precinct officials, selected earlier this month, were announced today, following Saturday's county Democratic convention. Chairmen, vice chairmen, secretaries and treasurers were noted as follows:

Cypress Creek--J. S. Collier, chairman; Miss Carolyn Fisher, vice chairman; Mrs. G. L. McGregor, secretary; A. C. Stallings, treasurer; T. S. Wilder.

Harris--Charles Richardson, chairman; Helen Johnson, vice chairman; Lucille Winstead, secretary; B. T. Bonn, treasurer; Carl Harris.

Pearce--J. W. Perry, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Hilda Perdus, vice chairman; Mrs. Fran Perry, secretary and treasurer; Miss Louvenia Ray, Lawrence Perry.

Dunn--James B. Alford, chairman; Mrs. Ruth B. Andrews, vice chairman; M. E. Pearce, secretary and treasurer; M. Z. Morris, Olean B. Mullen.

Louisburg--Hill Yarborough, chairman; Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, vice chairman; Betsy S. Lavender, secretary and treasurer; Russell W. Boyd, Garland E. Mustian.

Gold Mine--Joe Denton, chairman; Mrs. H. B. Shearin, Jr., vice chairman; Mrs. Esley Manning, secretary and treasurer; T. M. Lancaster, Bryant Leonard.

Youngsville--J. A. Green, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Cheatham, vice chairman; Mrs. A. E. Hall, E. J. Pearce, N. A. Brown. Franklinton--Calvin W. Brown, chairman; Mrs. Bobby Winstead, vice chairman; Mrs. J. Howard Conyers, secretary; Willard Kearney, W. R. Pearce, Jr.

Hayesville--John P. Ayscue, chairman; Mrs. R. G. Winn, Jr., vice chairman; Gerald Wil-

son, secretary.

Cedar Rock--Q. T. Murphy, chairman; Mrs. L. H. Dickens, Jr., vice chairman; Mrs. Jerry

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## One Doubtful But

# Most Candidates To Appear On Thursday Night Program

Mrs. Jane House of the League of Women Voters announced this morning that practically all the candidates for office to be voted on in the Democratic Primary this month, have accepted invitations to appear on the Louisburg College Auditorium stage Thursday night for the "Meet the Candidates" program sponsored by the League and the Louisburg Jaycees.

Mrs. House said that she has been unable to contact one County Commissioner candidate who did not indicate his plans in the questionnaire sent out earlier and does not know whether or not he will attend. All others, she stated having opposition in the races, have said they will be present.

The program, which proved so popular in 1964, will have Mr. I. D. Moon of Louisburg College acting as Moderator. Each candidate present, including those with opposition, will be introduced. Candidates for non-policy making positions will be introduced and allowed to speak for two minutes, if they desire, according to Mrs. House.

Candidates for the House of Representatives, County Commissioners and Board of Edu-

cation will be allotted three minutes to speak to the gathering and these candidates will be subjected to questions from the audience following this part of the program. Candidates for non-policy making positions will not be called on to answer questions, says Mrs. House. Announcement was also made

that additional booklets on the candidates, some of which were distributed last week, are now being assembled and will be available to the public.

The program Thursday night will begin at 8 p.m. admission is free and the public is urged to attend.

## Youngsville Goes Over The Top In Fund Drive

James T. (Joe) Moss, president of the Youngsville Development Corporation and W. J. Benton, county Industrial Director, issued an announcement today that Youngsville had passed their goal of \$40,000 in pledges in the fund raising campaign for a new industry. Archie Brown, secretary of the Development group reported that pledges totaling \$45,700.00 have been received and others are still coming in.

Moss said, "I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Corporation for their untiring efforts in

solliciting the pledges and to the people for their cooperation and their pledges." He added that over 80 percent of the money came from within the Youngsville community. The successful drive for funds assures the start of construction on the \$180,000 plant to house Tre'Jay, Inc. manufacturers of infant wear. The structure is to be located in the heart of Youngsville and is to employ from 75 to 225 persons within the next couple of years. John Emery of Portland, Oregon is president of the company.