



Dr. Johnson

Mrs. Royster

Dr. Sadie Johnson Chosen College Alumnus Of Year

Dr. Sadie C. Johnson, Henderson Chiropractor, a native of Lousburg, and a 1930 graduate of Lousburg College, was named "Alumnus of the Year" at the Alumni Day banquet Saturday evening in the college cafeteria.

In presenting the Alumnus of the Year Award, Mrs. Kathryn Bullock Royster of Bullock, N. C. recalled the services that Dr. Johnson has rendered the college in serving as president of the Alumni Association, writer of a pageant depicting the history of the college, a worker in the movement to keep Lousburg College open in the late 20's, and a continuous donor to the Loyalty Fund.

"As a Lousburg College graduate, she has distinguished herself in her profession, having practiced in Lousburg and Henderson since her graduation from the National College of Chiropractic, Chicago, Illinois. She has served her Association as editor of its state magazine and as secretary-treasurer for several terms."

"Dr. Johnson is president of the Franklin Times, Inc., Lousburg, publishers of the Franklin Times and commercial printers. She resides in Henderson and is past president of the Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the daughter of the late Sarah Norman Thomas and Asher Frank Johnson, Sr. and the granddaughter of "Dolly" Thomas, former editor of the Franklin Times, all of Lousburg."

Mr. C. Ray Pruette, professor of Science at Lousburg College, was guest speaker for the dinner. Pursuing the progress that science has made over the years and with it the changes in ways of living, the changes in language, the changes in mathematics and the realization that these are all man-made changes, Mr. Pruette stated in conclusion that faith in God must be stronger now than ever.

Mr. Pruette, introduced by Mrs. Russell Frazier of the college science department, delighted his audience with humorous illustrations throughout his talk.

The annual Harvest Festival will be observed at Lousburg High School on Thursday, October 13. Mrs. Edgerton L. Watson, chairman, announced that the festivities will begin at 11:00 with luncheon served in the Home Economics department. Arrangements may be made for lunches to be "taken out" by contacting Mrs. Edgerton Watson.

The "Country Store" will be open all day and into the evening for the home-cooked, home-canned, home-baked goods and other useful articles for the early Christmas shoppers.

The hot dog and other refreshment stands will be open in the afternoon and evening. The evening entertainment will be highlighted by a group known as "The Franklin Ramblers." Other phases of entertainment will include a comedy act, and the "Popularity Contest" in which Mr. and Miss Lousburg will be chosen.

The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the different phases of fun and festivities.

Mr. Floyd Ammons of Fayetteville, president, presided and recognized the distinguished guests and every fifth year class.

Miss Julia Mulligan and the Greenebriar Singers entertained with several folk songs. Walter Williamson and Bill Barret gave a comical skit picturing a noted professor and his famous students.

Mrs. Betty Smith, chairman of the nominating committee composed of Mr. John Hodges and Mr. William Moon, presented the following slate of officers which was unanimously accepted: President, Duffy Paul, '50, of Raleigh; Vice-president, Dr. Thomas Manning Daniel, '40, Smithfield; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Zelda Coor; members-at-large, for a two-year term, Graham Kennedy,

Rocky Mount. Mrs. J. Clarence Myrick, Raleigh, Linwood Finch, Zebulon; and four-year term, Mrs. Edith Boone Hill, Raleigh, Mrs. Eleanor P. Alston, Lousburg, Norwood L. Jones, Lousburg.

Drawings for door prizes, given by Lousburg Merchants, were made by Director David Daniel.

Professor I. D. Moon led the closing song, the college Alma Mater. Prior to the dinner served buffet style by Mr. Crumpler of the Slater Service, a social hour and registration period were held in the Social Hall of Main Building. Miss Rachael Modlin of the Business Department was chairman of the committee of arrangements for the event. She was assisted by faculty members.

Louisburg Area To Get Cable Television Service

The Louisburg area is to get Community Antenna Television service at some time in the future. The Town Council approved a permit and contract for the Jefferson-Carolina Corporation to establish the service in the area, in a meeting here Friday night.

Off To The Fair

School attending predominantly white schools in the county are enjoying a holiday today. Schools are closed in order that teachers may attend the annual NCEA meeting.

Many of the youngsters will take the opportunity to visit the N. C. State Fair. A group of 37 youngsters left this morning from Lousburg by bus to spend the day browsing around the fair grounds, seeing the sights and making money disappear.

School children are granted free admission with tickets distributed through their schools.

All youngsters may obtain an excused absence from school any day this week to attend the fair, provided they have a written excuse from home. The Board of Education passed this policy earlier this month.

Thugs Hit Local Farm Business

Louisburg Police officer Larry Gilliam discovered a rear office door open at Farmer's Tractor and Truck Company here on Bickett Blvd. Sunday night around 9:30 P.M. Investigation disclosed that someone had broken a window and reached inside and unlatched the door.

Wallace Tippet, manager of the farm equipment firm, reported he had missed two chain saws and one skill saw, plus some petty cash from his outer office.

Police officers are continuing their investigation today following fingerprinting the area Monday.

In order to comply with N. C. General Statute GS 160-270, the Council must execute a second approval at their November meeting. This is expected to be routine and the permit is expected to become effective shortly thereafter.

The contract calls for the company to use townpoles and rights-of-way in running lines throughout the area. In return the company agrees to pay the Town of Lousburg five percent of its gross take each year or a minimum of \$500 and to repair to the Town's satisfaction any disruptions of property in their installations. It is reported that the company will build a tower in the vicinity to serve the area.

Reliable sources say that the company will make a charge of around \$15 for installation of its services in a home and a charge of around \$4.75 per month for the service. The service will eliminate the need for outside television antennas and will enable homeowners to receive clear reception from all stations in the area. The contract calls for the installation to be operational within 24 months following the issuance of the permit.

In other actions, the Council accepted Terrell Place and Terrell Street into the town street system from Mr. Sam Allen and ordered "No Parking" signs to be erected on the south side of River Road from Main Street to the eastern

Still No Word

Officials are still mum on that industrial prospect which has been considering locating in the Lousburg area for the past several weeks. It is fast becoming somewhat of a joke around the area that local development officials are so quiet they aren't even greeting friends on the street.

One of the best kept secrets in the history of the county has many of the curious and interested citizens pulling their hair in attempts to discover what is going on.

Usually reliable sources, often quoted in these pages, seemingly know nothing more than the general public as to the plans of the industry officials.

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Justice Dept. Asks End To Disparities In Schools

The U. S. Department of Justice has filed a motion in U. S. Eastern District Court seeking to "Require Defendants (The Franklin County Board of Education) to Eliminate Educational Disparities" in the county school system. The action was filed last Thursday.

The Justice Department brought the motion in the name of the United States of America by Ramsey Clark, Acting Attorney General and seeks an "order preliminarily and permanently enjoining the defendants, from failing or refusing to take all necessary and reasonable steps to eliminate educational and other disparities between the predominantly white and the predominantly Negro schools in the Franklin County system."

The latest request to be filed by the government in the two-year-old Franklin School suit notes that "Negro schools remain all-Negro and the formerly white schools remain predominantly or wholly white."

The action points out, "All of the high schools in Franklin County are accredited, but the predominantly white high schools have been accredited for a longer time than the Negro schools." The suit also notes that value of school property for predominantly

white schools is \$913.44 per pupil and \$285.18 per pupil in Negro schools.

The motion states that across per pupil for whites is .04 and for Negro pupils is .01 and that classroom ratio is 22.8 to 1 among whites and 34.9 among Negroes. Teacher to class ratio is said to be 22.9 among whites and 26 among Negroes.

The brief also points out there are 44 buses serving white schools and 37 serving Negro schools.

The motion was signed by Frank E. Schwebel and Francis H. Kennedy for Department of Justice and Robert H. Cowen, U. S. Attorney.

Local school officials declined comment on this latest action on the part of the Justice Department with the original plaintiffs, a group of local Negro parents. The County system is under court order and filed last month reports of the progress in desegregation this year, with the court.

The Justice Department and local plaintiffs filed response to the Board of Education's

"Standards for Employment of Teachers" last August. No date has been set for a hearing on this request or the latest one.

Judge Algernon Butler ordered a new free choice period last August for all Negro pupils in the county system. This resulted in over fifty Negro pupils requesting and being assigned to predominantly white schools.

Assault cases against Franklin Schools Superintendent Fred W. Rogers were continued here in Mayor's Court Monday night until next Monday, October 17. The continuance came at the request of defense attorney Hill Yarborough, who stated he needed more time to prepare the defense.

Hubert Senter, Franklin attorney for the plaintiffs, asked for a prompt trial, but did not oppose Yarborough's request for at least a one-week postponement.

A crowd, estimated at nearly one hundred persons, mostly from Franklin, were on hand to witness the trial. The small court room could not

accommodate but a small number. One reason given by Mayor Judge V. A. Peoples for the continuance was an error in the warrants, which made them returnable today instead of last night, as it should have been. Rogers is charged with simple assault against Charles D. Smith, 15, and Melvin D. Hayes, 17, both Franklin High School students. The incident reportedly occurred in the parking lot at Lousburg High School during the Franklin-Lousburg football game two weeks ago.

Case Continued Until October 17

At Weekly News Conference:

Governor Comments On County Roads

Governor Dan Moore commented on Franklin County's road situation in his regular weekly news conference last Thursday. In answer to a question posed by WPTF radio-newsmen Bob Farrington, inquiring about a front-page editorial in the Franklin

Times, which claimed that Wake and Durham counties were haggling over which was to get Fifth Division funds while Franklin County received none, the Governor stated, "I believe that I will have to admit that is true."

"Franklin County does deserve consideration and in due time I am sure they will get their proper share of highway funds", the Governor added. "I have discussed this with Mr. Brame (Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame and Mr. Hunt (Chairman Joe Hunt) and I have informed the newspaper there", Governor Moore said, in reference to his recent letter to

Times Editor Clint Fuller. The Governor's letter disclosed that a "primary project was underway to widen and make general improvements to U. S. 401 from Ingle side to Lousburg." The Governor also wrote Fuller that the county is to receive \$735,000 in secondary road money from the bond funds plus \$123,300 for improvements to Lousburg streets.

Front page editorials have been published weekly by the newspaper since last June pointing out the fact that Franklin County had not shared equally in the allocation of highway funds over the past number of years.

entrance of Riverside School. The Council also granted a request from Industrial Development Director W. J. Benton to allow the County Commissioners to tap onto the Town of Lousburg water line to serve the new industrial prospect should the decision to locate here materialize.

In further action, the Council ordered that advertisements be placed for a new Police car to replace the 1964 model now in use and approved the payment of September invoices in the amount of \$13,390.19.

In Retail Sales:

County Shows Increase

Franklin County, mostly on the rising cost of food, showed a .95 percent increase in retail sales in 1965-66 over the previous years, according to a report released this week by the N. C. Merchants Association on Sales and Use taxes collected by the State.

Franklin's sales for the year just ended totaled \$28,140,695 or just under a one percent increase over the \$26,824,383.00 reported in 1964-65.

Franklin County drew praise along with Lousburg in 1965 when it was disclosed that the county had shown a five-year increase in retail sales of 60.7 percent. Lousburg had the highest percent of increase in the entire state, registering a record 112.7 jump for the five years, 1958-63.

The latest figures show that the county fell behind in such areas as taxable retail sales, apparel, and general merchandise. Slight increases were noted in such areas as auto and planes; automotive; furniture and building materials.

The greatest increase was shown in the jump from \$5,443,780.00 for food in 1964-65 to \$5,957,348 in the latest report. There was some over a \$500,000 increase in the automotive category. Building materials showed an increase of just under \$300,000 for the year.

Shooting Victim In Critical Condition

A carnival worker, identified first as John Pinotte of Hot Spring, Ark. and later as B. J. Mulkey 31, of Oklahoma, remains in critical condition today in a recovery room at Duke Hospital, following a shooting spree at the county fairgrounds last Thursday afternoon.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell reported he had not questioned the suspect being held in the shooting, Herbert Gene Earl, 37 year old white man, address unknown. Earl is being held without bond in the county jail charged with firing four shots into the stomach and chest of Mulkey.

No reason was given for the shooting. Fair officials stated Thursday that Earl was not connected with the carnival which played here. He was reported to have been associated with another show, presumably the one playing Henderson's fair last week.

Mulkey was taken to Duke when it was discovered that his blood type could not be matched at the local hospital. Powell said that Lousburg attorney John F. Matthews had been appointed to represent Earl. The suspect was picked up on South Main Street by Powell and fair manager George T. Bunn shortly after the shooting around 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

County Records Eighth Road Fatality

Franklin County recorded its eighth highway fatality of the year Sunday night, the second in the past nineteen days. Q. W. Wilkins, c/m/21, Route 1, Castalia, reported to have been the driver of a 1955 four-door Ford, died instantly when his car overturned around 9 p.m. Sunday night on State Rural Road No. 1624, at the Nash County line.

Wilkins had reportedly stopped a short distance from the scene of the accident to let a friend out of the car. The unidentified Negro told members of the Lousburg Rescue Service and State Trooper W. S. Etheridge that a passenger was also in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

A two-hour search of the area by Rescuers, officers and volunteers failed to reveal the whereabouts of the reported passenger, Leon Strickland. Strickland later showed up at Franklin Memorial Hospital where he received treatment for undisclosed injuries.

Trooper Etheridge reportedly said that high speed was the cause of the accident, which completely demolished the vehicle, stripping off the doors and hood. The car traveled several hundred yards down the rural road, finally jumping a ditch and coming to rest in a nearby field. Wilkins was thrown from the car and is believed to have died instantly.

This brings the total killed on county highways to date to eight. This is two more than met death in the entire twelve months of 1965. The death of

Assistant Clerk Resigns

Mrs. Edith Murray, wife of County Accountant Lee Murray, has resigned her position as an assistant in the Clerk of Court's office, according to an announcement Monday by Murray.

The Accountant, who recently resigned to accept a position as Treasurer-Finance Officer in Wake County, said the reason for his wife's resignation had nothing to do with the fact they were to move later to Wake County.

Murray stated that his wife resigned for "personal reasons" and indicated the decision was her own.

Mrs. Carolyn Pearce, former assistant in Murray's office has been hired in the Clerk's office. Mrs. Pearce was an unsuccessful applicant for the position of Accountant being vacated by Murray.

Market Average \$66.89

The Lousburg tobacco market, opening Monday following a week's recess showed an average of \$66.89 for the one-day sales. The three local warehouses moved 316,070 pounds of leaf for a total of \$211,410.40, according to Mr. William Boone, Sales Supervisor.

Attends Meeting

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Lousburg Business Association is attending a two-state meeting of the Associated Credit Bureaus this week at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. Pleasants, who is in charge of the local business organization office is also in charge of credit reporting for the association. The meeting, being held in the Blockade Runner Hotel, began on October 9 and will conclude today.

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