

Local Shoppers Show Little Concern

A limited survey by the Franklin Times of grocer shoppers in the area this week

reveals that local shoppers are seemingly unconcerned with the national hullabaloo

going on about rising food costs. Shoppers were asked three

questions. First, Who do you blame for the high cost of food; second, What are you

doing to hold your food bill down; and third, What do you think of the lady boycotts?

Seven out of ten questioned, said they didn't think anything much of the boycotts. All

agreed the high cost of food was not the fault of the grocer. Some placed the blame

on the national administration, some on the "middle men" and some said they just didn't know where to place it.

There were a number of ways given by which those questioned were attempting to hold down the food bill. Some frankly answered that they were not even trying. Others said they raised fruits and vegetables, used freezers and canning, and some said they bought specials in quantities.

Some sampling of replies received to the three questions were: Mrs. R. W. Knott, Bickett Blvd., Louisburg: "I blame the jobbers, the middle men; the farmer sure isn't getting it," Mrs. Knott said in answer to the first question. She said she didn't really hold her food bill down. "I just spend more," she said. "I think the boycotters should go to Washington and march around the White House," she added in answer to the boycott question.

Rev. Buford Raffield, pastor of Maple Springs Baptist Church, said he blamed the high costs on "The National Inflationary conditions, certainly not on the grocer." "I shop like I always did. I haven't changed my pattern of shopping much. I take advantage of the specials." In answer to what he thought of the boycott, Rev. Raffield said, "I think the ladies are attacking the symptoms rather than the roots."

Mrs. B. T. Rowe, Highway 561, Louisburg, said, "I think it's the national administration. I am trying to buy less and I think the boycott is a good idea as a way of expressing one's opinion."

Mrs. Phillip McKinne, Director of Nurses, Franklin Memorial Hospital, said, "I think labor has a lot to do with the cost of anything. I'm not holding my food bill down. I just go ahead and buy. I

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Mrs. Roger Kornegay
Louisburg
"Buying in quantities."



Rev. Buford Raffield
Mopleville
"Certainly not the grocerman."



Mrs. Mamie Williamson
Louisburg
"... more and more every day."



Mrs. P. B. Wilson
Louisburg
"... food has to go with it."



Mrs. B. T. Rowe, Sr.
Louisburg
"... the national administration."



Mr. R. C. Beck
Louisburg
"... making more gravy."



Mrs. Dave Batten
Bunn
"... housewives just as much."

Shriners To Aid Hospital

Members of the Franklin County Shrine Club are sponsoring a fish fry Friday at Ford's Warehouse in Louisburg. The affair is scheduled to last from 11 A. M. until 8 P. M.

Proceeds from the project will go to benefit the Crippled Childrens Hospital. The first such hospital opened in Shreveport, La. in 1922 and today there are 17 such institutions, 14 of which are in the United States. Over 5,000 children are being aided annually and over 140,000 have received treatment since the hospital began.

The average stay for each patient is 85 days and cost is set at \$1,400. To date over \$103 million has been spent for hospital operating expenses.

Treating children suffering from crippling burns is a specialty of these institutions. The one being supported by local Shriners is located in Greenville, S. C.

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Twister Hits Gay Products Plant

Freak storms, called by some "tornadoes," hit the county area Wednesday afternoon causing considerable damage to the Gay Products company building on N. C. 56 west of Louisburg and doing minor damage in the Rocky Ford area.

The storm which struck around 1 p.m. in the Rocky Ford community destroyed a car shed and a chicken house at the home of W. B. McGhee

and tore the front porch off the house at the Ballard Mitchell place. No injuries or further damage was reported in that area.

A storm sucked out the south side of the Gay Products building around 3:10 p.m. Wednesday doing considerable damage to the building and the contents. An untold number of aluminum chairs were blown several hundred yards north of the building. Hun-

dreds of chairs, loaded for shipping were torn from their cartons and were destroyed by falling brick.

Ed Pittman, plant manager, said, "I am so thankful that no one was hurt. We were lucky. The entire plant could

have gone." Pittman explained the storm cut off power to the plant when a chair became entangled in a high voltage

power line at the rear of the structure. He stated, "We cut off all power, gas and the See TWISTER Page 5



Where Tornado Struck Part of the damage to the Gay Products plant can be seen above, following the 3:10 p.m. tornado which tore out the south wall of the one-story building. Aluminum chairs were strewn over a wide area by the storm and power was disrupted at the plant on N. C. 56 west of Louisburg. There were no injuries reported, but damage was heavy.

Light Vote Forcast Tuesday

Voters will be handed one of the longest State ballots in years when they show up at the polls Tuesday. The Franklin County ballot, too, is longer than in many years. While there are a number of candidates on the two ballots, a light turnout is predicted for the county.

Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to Elections Board secretary John King. THE FRANKLIN TIMES will again act as election returns head-

quarters and registrars have been requested to phone in the results of their precinct as soon as possible Tuesday night.

The only opposition locally is between incumbent Democratic County Commissioner Norwood E. Faulkner and Republican Willis Dupree. Democrats have been noticeably quiet in the county, while the Young Republican Club at Louisburg College has been working feverishly in behalf of Dupree, Second Congress-

sional candidate Reese Gardner and Senatorial candidate John Shallicross. Gardner is opposing incumbent Democrat L. H. Fountain a veteran of 12 years in Congress and Shallicross is running for the seat now held by Senator B. Everett Jordan. Fountain's campaign in the county has been headed by Louisburg attorney Hill Yarborough and Jordan's campaign has been headed by attorney E. F. Yarborough.

It was pointed out after the ballots were printed that Democratic nominees William T. Boone and Clint Fuller, for the County Board of Education, were placed on the ballot in error. Both are expected to be elected by the General Assembly to six year terms. Both were nominated in the Democratic primary in May and are not required to run in the General Election. However, neither have any op-

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Norwood Faulkner



Willis Dupree



Rep. L. H. Fountain



Reese Gardner

Franklin Fatality Suit May Be Heard Again

A suit for \$50,000 filed by a Henderson woman in the death of her 13-year-old son near the Ben Franklin Boarding Home in Franklin County on Sunday, July 26, 1965, may come to trial again. The North Carolina Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the non-suiting of the case by Judge E. M. Braswell in Vance Superior Court last June was improper. Mrs. Jean Galtner Champion had entered suit against Joseph J. Waller, 54-year-old Durham, Negro, in the fatal injuries to her son, William Stewart Champion as he rode a bicycle along N. C. 56 near the Boarding Home in mid-afternoon.

The youth reportedly turned his bike into the path of the car driven by Waller. Witnesses said Waller was driving 45 miles per hour when the accident occurred. Young Champion was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital with severe head injuries and was later taken to Duke Hospital in Durham where he died a short time later. Officials had some difficulty in identifying the youth following the accident. His parents were reportedly living in Franklin at the time and young Champion was riding his bike from Franklin to Louisburg to visit his grandmother, according to reports.

The action by the Supreme Court leaves open another opportunity for Mrs. Champion to sue. Justice I. Beverly Lake said there was enough evidence of negligence by Wal-

Whatever Happened To That Plant?

Remember a few weeks ago when the conversation around the area concerned the possible location of a major industrial plant here? What ever happened to it? The answer is not clear. Industrial development leaders, and other so-called informed sources, continue to indicate that the possibility for the plant locating here still exists. One source says "we" have done all we can and the decision now rests with company officials.

The name of the company has been a closely guarded secret for many months, although some say they know what it is. One local government official said this week he understood the plant was looking at a location in another county. Another source said the company is still interested in the Boarding Home property here. One fellow said a new survey of the property has been ordered. A survey was just recently completed, leading to speculation that things had been decided in favor of the location here.

It is known that state highway officials have agreed to changes in the highway in the area of the proposed plant location. The railroad people have also agreed to accomplish whatever is required of them. The County Commissioners have agreed to make the property available should the plant be located here.

Managers of other plants in the area have said they have been contacted in recent weeks by company officials concerning local attitudes and the labor situation. A massive labor survey was completed a few weeks ago which indicated an ample labor supply would be available should the plant be built in the Louisburg area. Rumors have spread almost daily concerning the acquisition or the loss of the prospect. Local leaders have lived in fear that some leak would be made of confidential information leading to the loss of the plant. The latest unconfirmed report says a pilot operation is to get underway shortly to train personnel for work in the plant.

Another unconfirmed report said a company official on a visit here showed surprise that the announcement had not already been made that the;

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Dance Same As Usual

The Louisburg Woman's Club fall dance is scheduled for Saturday night at the Louisburg Armory. Mrs. Nancy Beasley, clubpresident said today, "We're looking forward to another wonderful dance. The music and all the festivities will be done in the same enjoyable manner we have experienced in past years".

"The Kays" Combo is slated to supply the music and the hours are from 8 P.M. to 12 midnight.

Election Returns

THE FRANKLIN TIMES will again act as Election Return Headquarters Tuesday night. All registrars are requested to phone in returns from their precincts as promptly as possible.

Persons not calling in returns are asked not to call for results as this only ties up the telephone, hampering efforts to get the count quickly. Out of town registrars are authorized to call collect. Result will be posted as rapidly as received. The telephone number is Gy 5-3283.

Registration Light Board of Elections secretary John King reported today that registrations were very light in the county during the three-week period when the books were open. King said there were "eighteen to twenty to register at Franklinton, five or six in Louisburg, seven in Dunn Township, one in Sandy Creek and none in Gold Mine." While other precincts were not reported, King said the new registrations were very light. The county has around 11,000 voters on the registration books and 5,000 is considered a large vote.

Tuesday Is Election Day -- Your Vote Counts