

## Six County Farmers Honored

Six Franklin County farmers were given special recognition Tuesday, December 13, for their role in the on-farm tobacco testing program in 1966.

Certificates were presented to the growers in recognition of their "valuable contributions in advancing knowledge, quality and net profit of tobacco in North Carolina."

Receiving certificates were N. E. Faulkner, Route 2, Louisburg; C. A. Tharrington, Route 2, Louisburg; Tommie Harris, Louisburg; Melvin A. Nelms, Route 2, Spring Hope; Drew Carroll, Route 1, Youngsville; and W. L. "Bud" Wall, Route 1, Youngsville. The awards were presented by C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

The on-farm testing program is a cooperative effort involving growers, county Extension Agents and Extension Specialists from North Carolina State University. The program is designed to demonstrate proven production practices and to supplement research findings.

In presenting the certificates, Dean said, "These on-farm tests are one of our best educational methods in promoting the adoption of new and improved production practices."

## Boarding Home Sale Set For Saturday

The County Commissioners have set Saturday, December 17 at 10 A. M. as the time for the sale of the furnishings and equipment contained in the Ben Franklin Boarding Home. The sale has been moved from the Home site to Ford's Warehouse on Industry Drive in case of inclement weather.

Workmen have been busy hauling the many items to the warehouse this week and are today, placing tags on each item in preparation for the sale.

Included in the items are refrigerators, stoves, chairs, tables, bedding, cooking utensils and other household articles.

Buildings at the Home site were sold last week and many have already been torn down. A condition of the sale slated for Saturday is that items bought must be moved by December 21. All sales are subject to confirmation by the Board of Commissioners.

All residents of the home have been moved to new quarters and the present building, while advertised as being for sale, is expected to have to be demolished to make room for a new plant.

The money obtained from the sales is expected to be used to help in the expense of erecting water lines to the site.

# College Students Play Santa Claus

A group of students at Louisburg College played Santa Claus Wednesday afternoon to fourteen area youngsters in the College parlor. Credit for the idea was given Miss Ruth Merritt of the English Department, but contributions and

planning was done by the students themselves.

The fourteen youngsters were treated to all the cookies, candy, chips and drinks they could consume. Mrs. Robert Butler played Christmas music on the accordion

as the students chatted with the youngsters and kept their cookie plates and soft drink cups filled.

Santa Claus came after a while and brought presents for all. The bright-eyed youngsters each received a brand new winter coat - miraculously, they all fitted - and toys and large bags of goodies.

Fire trucks, dolls, and other assorted toys were quickly exposed by the small-fry, who could not wait to open the packages.

While the youngsters were delighted and showed it, one could hardly overlook the apparent - the students were getting just as big a kick out of the proceedings. The faculty, which gathered in the corners to watch could also be seen with a Christmas smile brightening their faces.

It might have been a little early and Santa Claus could have been inconvenienced by the demand for his presence, but we've the feeling, it was wonderful . . . for the kids, young, medium and full grown. It was a wonderful way to say Merry Christmas.



Santa Came Early

## Educator To Address Rotary Meet

Robert Ed Strother, Superintendent of Greene County Schools is to be the principal speaker tonight when the Louisburg Rotary holds its annual Ladies Night Christmas meeting.

Strother, who addressed the local Business Association earlier this year, is a popular after dinner speaker. He is

a veteran educator, having begun his career in Granville County.

The meeting tonight is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the College cafeteria with D. R. Saunders, President of the club presiding. Al Goodwin is in charge of the program, which will feature the selection of the Man of the Year.

## Louisburg P. O. Open Saturday

According to an announcement today by Postmaster Edward L. Best, the Louisburg Post Office will be open all day Saturday, December 17. Hours of window service will be from 8:30 A. M. until 5:00 P. M.



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Contributes To Hospital Guild

Louisburg attorneys, W. M. Jolly, left and E. F. Yarborough, right, are shown above presenting a check to Mrs. B. L. Patterson for the Hospital Guild. The Guild is staging a drive locally to raise funds for a warming table to be used in the hospital when the new renovations are completed. Many have contributed, but more is needed, according to Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. John T. Lloyd, Guild president.

-Staff photo by Clint Fuller

## County Approves Cotton Quotas

Franklin County farmers, voting by mail in referendums, gave overwhelming approval to cotton marketing quotas for 1967 and to the research and promotion order proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture. On marketing quotas, the county voted 95.9% in favor of quotas and in North

Carolina, the favorable vote was 95.6% cast.

Franklin County producers voted 82% in favor of assessing themselves \$1.00 per bale for research and promotion purposes while the state's favorable vote was 84.5%.

The favorable vote on marketing quotas means that pro-

ducers can expect to receive price support loans, diversion, and price support payments if they elect to participate in the 1967 cotton domestic allotment program.

Livestock Feed Program: Government owned corn is now available through the ASCS Office in Louisburg for livestock producers who are eligible. The supply of corn on hand is limited. However, additional corn is expected to arrive in Franklin County within a few days. Corn is being handled by Youngsville Milling Co. of Youngsville and Franklin Milling Company of Louisburg, N. C.

Neither wealth nor position makes a man a gentleman; neither does poverty prevent a man from being a gentleman.

# Franklinton Board Files Answers, Asks Hearing

The Franklinton City Board of Education, through its attorneys Irvin B. Tucker of Raleigh and W. P. Pearce of

Franklinton, has filed answers to the 52 charges brought against the Board by U. S. Commissioner of Education, Har-

old Howe, II.

The answers and a request for an official hearing were filed Monday. The action by the Franklinton Board is in keeping with plans announced last week for seven North Carolina school systems to fight charges of inadequate desegregation efforts, by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The State of North Carolina, through Deputy Attorney General Ralph Moody, is leading the fight.

The Franklinton answers deny 25 of the charges as being "untrue" and agree that 25 more are "admitted". One charge was said to be not applicable and another was answered by saying it was neither denied or admitted. This one, Number 43 in the long list, dealt with "planned extra-curricular activities being planned for Negroes and whites separately".

Five of the charges denied. See FRANKLINTON Page 4

## Elderly Louisburg Negro Killed By Son

A 61-year-old Louisburg Negro is being held without bond, charged with murder in the shooting Wednesday night of his father, who claimed to be the oldest man in the county.

Thomas Louie Bullock reportedly shot his 96-year-old father in the right temple with a .22 caliber rifle around 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night following an argument. John Bullock, popular local Negro, died instantly.

According to reports, the argument took place between the two over the younger Bullock's little girl watching a television program. The grandfather reportedly objected to the child watching it and the father approved of it. This started an argument. At one point, according to reports, the older Bullock grabbed a fire poker and threatened his son. The son left the room and returned with the rifle. Somewhere in the argument, the elder Bullock grabbed a .12 gauge shotgun and was killed.

The shotgun was found beneath Bullock's body lying on the floor of a bedroom in the dwelling, located near the

Louisburg College baseball field in the northwestern part of town.

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reported that he is continuing his investigation this morning. Officer Gerald Eury was also at the scene last night. Coroner James Edwards and Louisburg physician J. B. Wheelless were summoned as was the Louisburg Rescue Service.

The elder Bullock was well known around the Louisburg area and often boasted of his long life, in recalling many happenings of the past. He often claimed he was the oldest man in town.

## Tippett Reports On Drive

Wallace Tippett, Chairman of the Red Cross fund drive to save the Franklin County chapter reported today that the efforts have resulted in about fifty percent of the goal being reached.

The goal was originally set at \$2163, according to Tippett and he reported that while some contributions are still out, he could account for about fifty percent of the total through Wednesday.

"I am real pleased with the results so far", Tippett said, "I would like to encourage anyone who has not contributed

already to do so as soon as possible". He said he had hoped to close out the drive Wednesday but was keeping it open for late contributors.

He praised the many people working on the project. Among those were community leaders, Mrs. Margaret Holmes, Bunn; Dr. Courtland Smith, Louisburg; Rev. Lloyd Jackson, Franklinton; Dick Collier, Cedar Rock; Arthur Hall, Youngsville and J. K. Weldon, Epsom. Warren Smith is chapter Chairman for the county.



HOME DESTROYED, DECEMBER 5

"I've just got to work a little harder". That's the answer a Rt. 2 Zebulon man gave Wednesday morning, to a question as to his plans after having lost his business one week after losing his home to fire.

Butler Brantley, in his thirties, father of two small boys, was viewing the ruins of his modern brick home, which was totally destroyed by fire Monday morning, December 5 around 9 o'clock. He talked of the loss early Wednesday morning of a grocery-service station business, owned by him but rented to a neighbor. The store building was owned by Jim Ray of Pearce's Community. Ray retired sometime ago and rented the business to Brantley.

"I built up the stock and I lost money for awhile, but I finally got it going," Brantley said. "After a few months I found that it took too much of my-time and I rented it to a friend, Cleveland Perry. He was doing real well with it for both of us."

The store caught from what appeared to be a kitchen

area in the rear sometime around midnight Tuesday. The Bunn Rural Fire Department answered the call, but could not save the building or any of the contents.

The Brantley home caught fire from an undiscovered origin early last Monday morning. Brantley's mother, Mrs. Ina Brantley, a widow in her seventies, lives next door. She was unable to get outside to sound the alarm and she found her party-line telephone continually tied up. When the phone was finally free, the phone lines had burned and the instrument was dead. A passer-by saw the blaze and alerted the fire department. Early arrivals were unable to even save one of the boy's bikes lying on the porch of the home. The blaze was that intense.

"We might have saved the utility room and some belongings, if the phone had not been tied up", Brantley said. He did not express any bitterness toward the unnamed users of the party line.

An unidentified man came up and offered any help he could

give and commented, "This is one of the hardest working boys I've ever seen. It looks like the whole world is against him".

Brantley said he told his wife after fire destroyed all their belongings, "You've always said you never had anything to wear. Now you haven't!". He said, "The only thing we saved was what we were wearing on our backs".

"The fire last night at the store didn't bother me so much. But, when you see your home burn and everything you own in it, that's different", the clean-cut young man said. "I'm waiting for the insurance people on the house. If they don't come soon, I'm just going to have to go back up on that hill and build me something. I have already cut the logs to start".

Brantley's home was located a few hundred yards from the store. Both are about two miles north of Bunn on Bunn and Pearce's.

The youngest of the two boys, about five, said Wednes-



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day, "Daddy, I could have rung that bell", indicating the time-honored practice of alarming the neighborhood to fires by ringing an outdoor bell. The youngster, about hip-high to his father, would have found it difficult to reach the rope. None of the Brantleys were home when the fire started.

After making his comments, the youngest Brantley was sent home to get his cap. Home now is with Brantley's mother.

As a testament to Brantley's work, the entire area around his mother's house and his former home are well kept. Outbuildings are in good repair. He keeps busy by looking after farms owned by Louisburg attorney W. L. Lumpkin and Zebulon dentist Dr. L. M. Massey in addition to doing plumbing work on the side.

With all this and looking after his interests in the store, his neighbor properly asked, "What more can you do?" Brantley's answer: "Work a little harder".

## County Man Has Answer For Misfortune "Work Harder"

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