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Clint Fuller

Times Editor Is "Man Of The Year"

Clint Fuller, managing editor of The Franklin Times, was named Louisburg's 1966 Man of the Year, at the annual Rotary Club ladies night meeting last Thursday at Louisburg College.

Fuller, the ninth man to be honored by the local civic organization, was cited for his work as a member of the Board of Education and more recently, his efforts to gain road improvements for Franklin County.

The presentation of the bronze and wooden plaque was made by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, himself, the Man of the Year in 1961.

Robbins said, "Our 1966 Man of the Year has an outstanding record in civic and community service. For the past six years he has been vice chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education in which capacity he has worked indefatigably and courageously to bring order and stability to our public schools in a time of great stress and change. He has given his time and talent, along with other educational leaders, to improve our entire public educational system, and has traveled extensively in the interest of our school system."

"As editor of The Franklin Times he has taken his stand against strong forces that would undermine confidence in our schools. He has made a signal contribution in calling attention to the critical need for improvements in the highways and roads of Franklin County. He has promoted new and expanding industries in Franklin County. He has been a staunch friend of Louisburg College and higher education."

Dr. Robbins pointed out that Fuller was a veteran of U. S. Air Force in World War II, serving overseas; attended N. C. State University, graduated from Henderson High School and was past president of the Louisburg Athletic Association, Louisburg Business Association and the Louisburg Rotary Club. He also disclosed that Fuller was the first to appoint an industrial committee in 1955-56 as president of Rotary and that from that appointment the present Industrial Commission grew.

Fuller came to Louisburg in 1946. He is married to the former Louise Burnette of Franklin County and they have one son, Larry, 12 years old. The Fullers are members of the Louisburg Baptist Church.

The Man of the Year is a former member of the Louisburg Lions Club, the Jaycees, a member of the Board of Directors of Green Hill Country Club and head of the Heart Fund.

"In every cause concerning the welfare of Franklin County and its people Louisburg's 1966 Man of the Year has been in the forefront," Dr. Robbins stated. "He has irritated the reactionary; he has disturbed the complacent; and he has given great inspiration to those who are working to build a greater Louisburg and Franklin County. Possessing quiet determination, retiring, modest, this Man of the Year is an esteemed and valuable citizen of our community."

Dr. Robbins concluded with, "Rotary is proud and is honored to name Albert Clinton Fuller, known to all of us as 'Clint' as Louisburg's Man of the Year for 1966."

The plaque reads, "Presented for Outstanding Achievement". Other Men of the Year have been: 1965, E. F. Yarborough; 1964, J. H. Talton; 1963, Willis W. Nash; 1962, Bland B. Pruitt; 1961, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins; 1960, W. J. Benton; 1959, A. F. Johnson, Jr. and 1958, the first year of the award, H. C. Taylor, Jr.

Rotary Hears Strother

Robert E. Strother, Superintendent of Green County Schools told the Louisburg Rotary Club and their ladies, last Thursday night, "Education is faced with three problems": (1) Lack of educational leadership (2) How to get maximum efforts from our teachers and (3) How to improve morals of students. He also pointed to federal interference as a major problem.

Strother, who kept the group entertained with his humorous stories, said the three most pressing problems facing education are: (1) Lack of educational leadership (2) How to get maximum efforts from our teachers and (3) How to improve morals of students. He also pointed to federal interference as a major problem.

The Superintendent was introduced by a long-time friend of his, Al Goodwin, Program Chairman.

Special guests included widows of former Rotarians, other civic club heads and new industry officials. Mrs. Mildred Malone was presented a gift from the club by Rotarian James Brown for her service as club sponsor. Dr. Marvin Pleasants, presented W. J. (Bill) Benton with a gift, in his name, to Louisburg College by the club. Benton was cited for his leadership in the field of industrial development.

Misses Jean Perry, a student and Sarah Foster, faculty member, of Louisburg College entertained the group with Christmas music. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins presented the Man of the Year award to Clint Fuller, managing editor of The Franklin Times for service in the field of education and efforts to gain road improvements for the county.

Ex-Fire Chief Passes At Franklinton

FRANKLINTON -- John J. Collins, 76, died Friday. He was a former fire chief and town commissioner.

He was a retired representative of Carolina Power and Light Co., a member of the Franklinton Methodist Church, Franklinton Masonic Lodge and a Shriner.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Franklinton Methodist Church by Rev. Arnold Pope and Rev. T. N. Daughtry. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Fowler Collins; six sons, John Collins, Jr. of Hamlet, Norris, Frank and Joe Collins, all of Franklinton, Sam Collins of Smithfield and Sidney Collins of Charleston, S. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Curtis Laughler of Franklinton and Mrs. Joe Choplin of Raleigh; 16 grandchildren; one brother, R. D. Collins of Franklinton; and two sisters, Mrs. Pricilla Winston of Franklinton and Mrs. Jim May of Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. A. S. Tomlinson Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Margaret Tomlinson, wife of Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church, died suddenly this morning around 6:30 A. M. in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mrs. Tomlinson was discovered around 3 A. M. by her husband. She was suffering from what proved to be a cerebral hemorrhage. She was rushed to Rex where she died a short time later.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Louisburg Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Norfleet Gardner of Henderson and Rev. R. E. Link of Warrenton. Burial will follow at Laurinburg, where graveside services will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Price, pastor

of Laurinburg Baptist Church. Active pallbearers will be the deacons of Louisburg Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Tomlinson is survived by a daughter, Miss Peggy Tomlinson of the home and one son, Aubrey S. (Pete) Tomlinson, Jr., a student at Wake Forest College and her mother, Mrs. Ruby McKay Barrett of Laurinburg; one sister, Mrs. John B. Graham of Chapel Hill; two brothers, W. Charles Barrett of Laurinburg and Dr. John G. Barrett of Lexington, Va.

The Tomlinsons have resided in Louisburg since 1946 where Mrs. Tomlinson has been very active in her church.

No Restraining Actions Ordered By Commissioners

E. M. Sykes, Chairman of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners and County attorney Charles M. Davis denied Monday a report by United Press International last Friday that the Commissioners would seek a restraining order against the State Highway Commission.

The UPI report, stated the Commissioners planned to seek such an order to stop the use of any of the \$300 million road bond money. The dispatch quoted Davis as saying he had "not been requested to seek any action against the Commission". It also said Davis would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Chairman Sykes said, "The Board has taken no official actions in the matter. However, we are looking into every possibility which might help Franklin County obtain

this much needed road improvements".

Sykes said he was not happy with the county's road allocations in the past and a number of people had expressed a similar feeling to him.

Three members of the Board discussed the road situation at length in the regular monthly meeting here December 5, with Times editor Clint Fuller who spearheaded a drive for road improvements through newspaper editorials, and attorney Davis. Fuller was invited to appear before the Board and was asked to bring his records.

No actions were taken at that meeting and the discussions, according to reports, were confined for the most part to trying to decide what action, if any, the Board might now take. Fuller told the Board that his newspaper had

done about as much as it could in bringing to light the situation and any further actions would have to come from the Board.

Fuller suggested that the Board seek a meeting with the Highway Commission and through their attorney, present Franklin County's case. "It seems to me", Fuller told the Board, "you can do no less". "The Commission is not going to answer the newspaper, but they will have to answer an official delegation from this Board", Fuller added.

Fuller admits the subject of an injunction came up, but said, most of the conversation was on the meeting of the Commissioners and the Commission.

County Gets \$30,000 For Property

Franklin County will receive around \$30,000 for the Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home property, including furnishings and out-buildings, according to reports.

The county sold the land to a local unnamed corporation, which in turn sold it to Carolina Pine Woods Corporation for \$25,400. The sale a few weeks ago of out-buildings and the sale, Saturday of furnishings is expected to bring the total to around \$30,000.

Saturday's sale, conducted in Ford's Warehouse on Industry Drive here lasted from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p.m. with practically all of the items being disposed of. Among the things sold were storm windows and doors, refrigerators, freezers, chairs, tables, bedding and utensils.



An End And A Beginning

Scene above shows workmen tearing down the old Boarding Home on NC 56 making way for the construction of a 130,000 sq. ft. building to house the new Carolina Pine Woods Corporation plant. The County sold windows, doors

and furnishings at public auction last Saturday. The total of the land, furnishings and outbuildings is expected to reach \$30,000. -Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Funeral Home Robbed

Chief Leo Edwards of the Franklinton Police, assisted by agents of the State Bureau of investigation are continuing their investigation today into the 1:30 a.m. Monday robbery of the Sandling Funeral Home on East Mason Street in Franklinton.

Mr. J. A. Sandling, owner of the establishment, reported that an unidentified person called in a report of a serious accident near the Tar River bridge on US 1 north of Franklinton and requested that all available help be dispatched at once.

Two ambulances were sent to the scene and searched as far as five miles for the accident. When the search was finally given up and the attendants returned to the Funeral Home, they discovered the office had been ransacked and a strong box, belonging to Ralph Griffin, who lives on the premises was missing. Officers believe the intruders gained entry through rear door and theorize that the robbers waited until the place was unoccupied before breaking in. Sandling reported about \$400 was missing, all in cash and nothing else was stolen.

He also reported the fake call was made from a pay station.

Decorations Judging Set

Judging for the "Light Up and Decorate for Christmas" contest is set for Thursday Night, December 22. The Louisburg Garden club says according to an announcement today, be sure to have your Christmas lights and spot lights on that night and your decorating completed.

The Garden Club is sponsoring the contest but will have out of town judges. Three top prizes will be awarded.

Commissioners OK New Constable

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session last Thursday, gave approval of \$3500, previously committed to aid the Town of Youngsville in the expense of establishing a new plant and appointed Howard Lee Griffin Constable of Gold Mine Township. Griffin replaces Lloyd Gupton who recently resigned to become Deputy Sheriff.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Cheatham, Town Clerk of Youngsville, presented the Board with an itemized statement for \$4,175.45 for materials and labor. The Board had earlier

approved the payment of \$3500 as the county's share in the expense.

Contracts to audit the books of the county's accountant's office and the Sheriff's department were awarded to N. M. Perry and Company, CPAs of Raleigh and Louisburg and Lonnie R. Shuping, Louisburg CPA, was given the contract to audit the books of the Tax Department and the Register of Deeds. Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. and First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. were named County Treasurers by the Board.

Charles Davis, county attorney, reported on a joint meeting of a committee of the Board and the Louisburg Town Council on certain agreements pertaining to the water line which is to be run to the new Carolina Pine Woods plant here. Such items as tap on fees, maintenance and sewer line installations were agreed on by the two bodies.

Rev. Cobey Passes

HAMLET, N. C.--The Rev. Harry S. Cobey, retired Episcopal minister of Hamlet, N. C., passed away at the age of 76 on December 17th at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte after a lingering illness. He had an interesting and very fruitful ministry.

A native of Southern Maryland, he graduated from Emerson Institute, the University of Maryland, and the Berkeley Divinity School. He was ordained by Bishop Harding of the Diocese of Washington in the National Cathedral, and began his ministry as assistant

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Stranger things might have been seen in this neck of the woods, but the scenes above caused some raised eyebrows here Monday afternoon as a five-room house, formerly situated on the Boarding Home property on NC 56, was



A House Looking A Home

moved to a new location on the Hickory Rock road east of Louisburg. The dwelling, purchased by T. T. Kemp at public auction was being moved to the Crowell Strickland home site, a distance of about three miles. It was a narrow



squeeze on the river bridge on Bickett Blvd., and a tough pull up the steep incline as the huge rig bypassed the intersection congestion and traveled behind the county office buildings to NC 56.