

Weather

Mostly sunny and mild today and Friday. Fair and cool tonight. Low today, 35; high, 66.

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Franklin Is 153rd In School Support

Franklin County has the dubious honor of being in 153rd position among the state's 169 school units in the expenditure of local funds per school child. The Franklin County administrative unit records \$26.71 spent annually from local funds per school child and the Franklinton City unit has an average spent per child of \$15.31. The Franklinton unit figures do not reflect transportation and some other expenses borne by the county unit but for the benefit of the Franklinton system. This situation pulls the county figure down and raises the Franklinton expenditures, although neither would move from their low position within the state.

Of total expenditures per child, including state, federal and local funds, the county system ranks 147th in the state with an expenditure per child per year of \$338.02. The Franklinton system spends \$319.56.

The highest amount of local support given to schools is found in Southern Pines where a total of \$101.79 is spent from local funds per child as compared to Franklin's \$26.71. The lowest is found in Cumberland County Schools where local funds amount to \$12.62 per child. Fayetteville City Schools in Cumberland County, however, are much higher in the rankings.

Franklin County is tied for 148th place in percentage of local funds spent to the overall total. Most of the state's school systems, however, are in the \$300 to \$400 range in expenditures per child in average daily attendance.

The figures were disclosed in a release Tuesday by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The figures represent the 1965-66 school year. Franklin

County is listed as having received only \$110,828.16 in federal funds for this period, although ESEA funds were actually slightly over \$500,000. The local school office explained that these figures perhaps did not take in federal funds contracted for, but not spent at the end of the school year. It was also believed that these federal funds would be expressed in the next such release. The county unit's total of federal funds this year was originally set at \$471,634.00. An announcement here Monday disclosed an additional allocation of \$26,893.00 had been granted the county unit to bring the yearly total to \$498,527.00. The year ends on August 31.

The Franklinton City unit is listed as having received in 1965-66, \$26,794.72 in federal support. The county unit received \$1,564,046.03 in state money for the period and the Franklinton unit received \$371,475.00 for the period. North Carolina spent an average of \$368.79 per pupil in current expenses last year, an increase of \$47.15 per pupil over the \$321.64 spent during the 1964-65 year.

Total expenditures were \$406,403,177.56, an increase

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Forest Fires Threaten

Franklin County Ranger Joseph Smith reports that a number of fires have occurred in the county in the last several weeks. Most of these fires were caused by burning debris, with a large number of fires escaping from trash being burned in yards.

Ranger Smith reminds you to be very careful in burning trash and debris. Make sure grass and leaves are raked away from the area where your burning will be done. If a field is to be burned off, plow a clean line around the field edge. Do your burning late in the afternoon, when the wind usually abates and humidity is higher. When high winds and dry conditions occur, wait until a damper, less windy day to do your burning. If you see a woods fire, please report it to County Ranger Joseph Smith, telephone number GY-6-3665.

Masonic Notice

Hal Perry, Jr., Master, announces there will be a stated communication of Louisburg Lodge 413 on Tuesday evening March 28 at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. Work will be in the Fellowcraft degree and all Fellowcraft and Master Masons are fraternally invited. Also 25 year certificates will be presented.



Garden Club Gives \$1000 For Academy Restoration

Mrs. L. D. Moon, Treasurer of the Louisburg Garden Club, second from right, is shown above presenting the Garden Club's check for \$1,000 to Herman Spencer, Historical Society Treasurer, second from left, in ceremonies here Monday. Garden Club President, Mrs. John Mills, right and Society President, Gerald Shinn, left look on. The money is to be spent to aid in the restoration of the Franklin Academy building, in background, as a county museum. The project, begun last year by College students and faculty, has resulted in the renovation of the outside of the building, believed to have been constructed between 1787 and 1804. Dr. Shinn said "The project will probably take about five years to complete". He reported a number of historical pieces have already been offered for the museum. Dr. Shinn, one of the prime movers in the restoration project, expressed his personal gratitude and that of the Society to the Garden Club for "this wonderful gift".



Suddenly, It's Spring

The pretty little miss, swinging into the Easter season above is 2-year old Elizabeth Sharon Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest C. Harper, Jr., Hwy 561, Louisburg. Sharon seemingly enjoyed having her picture taken and joined into the swing of things. Her only comment: "I'm cold". Aren't we all?

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

Easter Comes Early This Year

Easter comes on March 26 this year. This is an early date for the religious holiday, although not the earliest. Unlike Christmas, Easter does not fall on the same date each year. It has a range of 35 days from March 22 until April 25.

Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox. This is when the sun crosses the equator into the Northern Hemisphere. March 21 has been set as the date of the equinox.

This is the earliest Easter has come since 1951 when it fell

Youngville Contributions Continue

Youngville -- Fire Chief J. T. Allen reports that the following people made contributions to the Youngville Fire Dept. during the past week for the replacement of the rural Fire Truck: E. M. Sykes, G. H. Harris, N. E. Faulkner, B. W. Young, Tillman B. Rice, A. E. Hall, Mrs. H. R. Preddy, James G. Lye, L. M. Tomlinson, H. A. Murphy, Charles Strickland, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, E. G. Turner, Jr., Luther Timberlake, Warren Oil Company, Elton White, J. P. Herring, Mrs. Florence S. Preddy, and Haywood Holmes.

All contributions are greatly appreciated. Additional funds are still needed.

on March 25. It will be this early only twice more in this century, in 1978 and in 1989. It will fall on March 23 in the year 2008. The last time it came on its earliest date of March 22 was in 1818. The next time will be in 2285. Easter fell on April 22 in 1962 and will reach its latest date of April 25 in 2038.

There have been, and are, moves to assign Easter a fixed date. Should this ever be done, it would mean the end of controversies and complications as old as Christendom itself.

The Gospels note that Christ celebrated the Passover on Thursday, although the priesthood of his day observed it on Friday, the day of the Crucifixion.

Jews who embraced Christianity linked the Easter festival with the traditional Passover and believed it should be observed on the 14th of Nisan, first month of the Jewish calendar, regardless of the day of the week. Christians from among the Gentiles wanted the observance on Sunday, day of the Resurrection.

The controversy raged into the fourth century. The Christian church in the East followed the Jewish tradition, that in the West the Gentile.

In 325 AD the Council of Nicea, first of the Christian ecumenical meetings, adopted the Nicene Creed, standardizing beliefs of the young faith. It also decreed that Easter be observed on the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox, the date when

the sun crosses the equator into the Northern Hemisphere.

The date of the equinox was to be fixed each year in Alexandria, Egypt, ancient center of astronomical science. The full moon was tied into the formula to give pilgrims the advantage of moonlight in their travels to shrines.

But disagreement persisted. The time of the equinox varied according to longitude. When March 21 was standardized as the date of the equinox, inaccuracies of the Julian calendar and the difficulty of reconciling the lunar calendar with the solar year brought more confusion.

Franklinton Lions Hear Principal

(Frk.B.W.) The Franklinton Lions Club met at Community House on Monday evening for their scheduled meeting.

Lion Tom Poole presided over the meeting. The club members voted to send a boy to Boys State in June. Plans were made to finish visiting the Lions Clubs in the district.

Lion Darwin Sowers introduced Mr. Ollie Burwell, principal of B. F. Person-Albion School, who spoke about Race Relations. The speaker emphasized the fact that there was a lack of communications between the races on all levels.

County Collects \$3.3 Million In Travel Expenditures Last Year

Travel-related business firms in Franklin County received a record total of more than \$3.3 million from local, in-state and out-of-state travelers, last year according to an annual survey of travel expenditures in North Carolina.

The survey, conducted by Dr. Lewis C. Copeland of the University of Tennessee, shows that travel receipts for Franklin County in 1966 climbed to \$3,350,000, an increase of \$219,000 over the same period in 1965 and \$553,000 over the 1964 expenditures.

The latest figures disclose that \$992,000 was spent by out-of-state travelers and \$2,358,000 was income from those traveling within the state. This ninth annual survey also disclosed that total travel expenditures for the entire state in 1966 was \$50 million more than the amount spent by travelers in 1965.

For the state as a whole, the total reached a record \$610,000,000 in 1966. Total receipts of firms engaged in serving and transporting travelers, including the expenditures of customers in their local trade areas, reached an all-time high of \$1.3 billion, the survey revealed. This is about 18 per cent of all retail trade and service receipts reported in North Carolina during 1966.

Spending by out-of-state travelers amounted to \$383 million last year, a gain of eleven per cent over the 1965 figure, and North Carolinians traveling within the State during 1966 spent \$227 million. Since 1954, the survey disclosed, expenditures by out-of-state travelers have increased 144 per cent. This represents a growth rate of 7.4 per cent annually, compared with the 5.7 per cent annual increase in all retail trade and consumer service receipts.

There were 33 million out-of-state travelers in North Carolina last year, according to the survey report.

The detailed report, prepared for the State and the Travel Council of North Carolina, also showed \$412 million personal income for the 99,200 persons employed in the tra-

vel-serving industry. There were 21,560 firms in travel-related businesses last year, representing 17 per cent of all business firms in the state.

Travel-related industries also contributed \$195 million to state finances in the form of gasoline, sales and other taxes, the report indicated. The amount was 26 per cent of the total state tax revenue collected in 1966.

"Travel is one of North Carolina's largest and most profi-

table industries," remarked Bill F. Hensley, director of the Travel and Promotion Division, State Department of Conservation and Development. "Expenditures by out-of-state travelers have more than doubled in the past decade, but we are still far short of realizing the full potential of this important industry."

"The national travel survey has shown that one of every

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Mayor Peoples To Seek Re-Election

Louisburg Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples announced today that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the coming May municipal elections. Peoples, a member of the town council 1963-65, is completing his first term as Mayor having been elected to the post in the May, 1965 balloting.

In his announcement, Peoples stated, "If it is the wishes of the voters, I shall be happy to continue to serve as Mayor of Louisburg. I have no so-called political promises to make. I only hope, if elected, to do what I can to continue the progress our town is making in the many fields of service to our people."

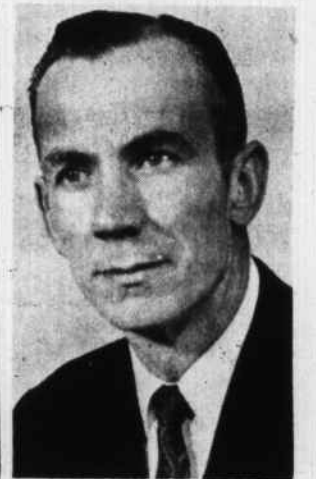
Peoples, 39, is a television-radio dealer here and is married to the former Joyce Strother of Louisburg. They have two sons, Al and Larry and three daughters, Vicki, Susan, and Deborah. All of the children will be attending the local school this year, the youngest entering the first grade.

Peoples, a senior member of the Louisburg Rescue Service and a former Chief, is also a member of the Louisburg Fire Department. He is an energetic worker in the Louisburg Baptist Church where he is a Sunday School teacher.

He spearheaded a drive among town officials to get new street lights during his administration, among a number of other improvements.

Mayor Peoples is the first to announce for the May 2 municipal elections here and there have been no announcements from other communities in the county.

Bunn Mayor Bill Andrews, Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce, Centerville Mayor John Neal and Youngsville Mayor Marvin Roberts are all subject to re-election this May. All town councils are also up for grabs as well as three seats on the Franklinton Board of Education.



V. A. PEOPLES

Joyner To Run At Franklinton

(Frk.B.W.) In Franklinton, Mrs. Margaret Payne Hardy has been named Registrar and H. S. Daniel and Phil Whitfield have been appointed judges for the election set for May 2.

April 18 has been set as the deadline for filing in the municipal election.

Contacts have been made with four of the town commissioners and only one of them gave a definite answer about plans for reelection. James S. Joyner, now completing his second term, plans to run for reelection. W. A. Shearon, who is completing 4-1/2 terms on the town board, hasn't yet made a decision about running for reelection.

Charlie Hight, Jr. and Henry Franklin Holmes, completing their first term on the town board, haven't decided yet whether they'll file for reelection.

C. A. Payne is the fifth incumbent and Joe W. Pearce is the mayor. Neither have been contacted as of this date by the Franklinton correspondent.

Saves Man's Life

A Louisburg farm implement dealer has been credited with saving the life of a 53-year old Louisburg, Rt. 3 man who was pinned in the wreckage of his burning car Tuesday night around 9 p. m.

Jack Hunt, manager of Louisburg Tractor and Truck Co. here happened to pass the scene of the accident, near Rocky Ford Tuesday night.

He spotted the overturned Falcon automobile of John Edgar Pendergrass overturned on the highway and ablaze. Pendergrass from the wreckage. Pendergrass, who wears an artificial left leg, was not believed seriously injured when his car ran off the road climbed an embankment and overturned back onto the highway. The artificial limb was burning when Hunt freed the man.

Louisburg Rescue Service members V. A. Peoples and Dean Holton, both of whom answered the call to the accident, said, without doubt the man would have perished had

he not been pulled from the burning vehicle.

The Epsom Fire Department was called to extinguish the blaze, but the car was a total loss.

Louisburg Lions Hear Students

The Louisburg Lions Club was entertained by a group of Louisburg College students at its Tuesday night meeting here.

Forrest Stein of Lynchburg, Va.; Boyd Kleeover of Durham; and John Antrim of Richmond, Va. sang five popular selections for the local organization, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

It was announced that the Lion's Horse Show, originally set for July has been changed to June 3. Charles Cooke of Louisburg was a guest of the club Tuesday night.