

# Weather

Considerable cloudiness today and Wednesday with scattered thundershowers late today or tonight. Turning cooler Wednesday. Low today, 65; high, 84.

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## Steelman Wins PTA Award

H. H. Steelman, vice president of the Louisburg Parent Teacher Association has been awarded an Oak Leaf Certificate of Honor by the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. Steelman was cited for his service in establishing a Safety Patrol at the local school.

He is one of thirty outstanding public spirited people chosen from throughout the state and will attend the Awards Commission dinner in Raleigh on May 16 and a reception at the Governor's Mansion following the awards presentation.

Steelman was sponsored by the local PTA with endorsements from his church and other groups. The award, signed by Mrs. Riley S. Mondis, State President, reads, "In appreciation of outstanding service for the welfare of children and youth and recognized by the Oak Leaf Committee of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers".

In addition to his work with the safety patrol, Steelman was Scoutmaster of the Year in 1966 in the Saponi District for his work with Louisburg Troop 555. He is a steward in the Louisburg Methodist Church, a veteran of World War II, a graduate of UNC and manager of Franklin Tire and Appliance Co. Here.

Steelman and his wife have one son, Bennett, a student in the seventh grade at Louisburg.

## Board Holds Routine Meet

The Board of Education held a short regular session here Monday, handling items of routine business. Teacher allotments for the coming year were discussed and the new teacher contract as required by the state was studied. Since the General Assembly has not acted on the education bill and thus no teacher allotments have been approved by the state, the Board could take no action in either item of business.

Supt. Warren Smith was authorized to take bids on termite control at Youngsville and Gold Sand gyms and the Board approved continuing its membership in the North Carolina State School Boards Association.

At Franklinton, Louisburg, Centerville And Youngsville

# Citizens Elect Town Officials Today



Early Voters At Louisburg

Staff Photos by Clint Fuller

Voting was light at the Louisburg precinct early today as hundreds of county citizens are expected to go to the polls to select town officials for the next two years.

Ten candidates are in the race for six seats on the Louisburg Town Council while Mayor V. A. Peoples is unopposed for reelection. Five of the council hopefuls are incumbents. Speculation has been almost nonexistent in the various races and most will await tonight's tallies with uncertainty.

At Franklinton, eight candidates are running for five council seats and three are in the race for Mayor. Ten men are running for three seats on the Franklinton City Board of Education. One of the ten is an incumbent. Five incumbents are in the council race and Mayor Joe Pearce is opposed by Frank Collins and Calvin Brown.

Focus is on the Education Board race where three Negroes are running for the three

seats. The Board has been a point of controversy since last fall when attempts to comply with the federal guidelines on desegregation of schools, caused a stir in the Franklinton community.

Incumbent Centerville Mayor John Neal is opposed by Ed Radford for that post and six are in the running for the three council seats in the county's newest municipality. This is the first election ever held by the town of Center-

ville. Officials were originally appointed by the legislature when the town charter was granted in 1965.

At Youngsville, only the write-ins will have any activity today. Mayor Marvin Roberts and the five incumbents of the town council are unopposed.

The town of Bunn will hold its off-year elections the last Tuesday in May and today's races will hold only passing interest for citizens in that

area. By 7:30 a. m. Louisburg had voted only 19, however many more had cast their ballots by shortly after 8 a. m. In many elections, as many as fifty vote in the first hour. Louisburg set a record in 1965 when some over 600 citizens took part. Around fifty new registrations were made for today's elections and it is possible a new record could be set.

## As Deadline Passed

# Local Pay Raise Bill Not Introduced Monday

The bill to increase salaries of Franklin County officeholders and employees was not introduced in the N. C. House of Representatives Monday night as the deadline for local bill introductions passed.

Sixteenth District Rep. James D. Speed of Franklin, who, according to reports, was to have introduced the pay raise bill on April 17, told The Franklin Times then that changes in the proposed

bill prevented his having the measure in order for introduction on schedule.

Rep. Speed last week, voiced his displeasure at The Times for what he termed "premature disclosure" of the bill and The Times' reference to the amount of increase proposed for the Register of Deeds office. The Deeds office was scheduled to receive the smallest increase.

In an article published in the Durham Morning Herald last Saturday Rep. Speed reportedly stated, "He would probably go ahead and introduce in its original form a bill which would revise salary schedules for county employees, despite criticism from some sources in Franklin County that the bill 'discriminates' against the Register of Deeds".

Local officials were at a loss Monday as to Rep. Speed's plans for the bill. Some expressed confidence that the bill would be introduced Monday night. Others expressed some doubts.

Ninety-one local bills were introduced by the House members in the Monday night session but a check revealed that the Franklin bill was not among them. Rep. John Church of Henderson, also from the Sixteenth District introduced a pay raise bill for Vance County officeholders last week.

In the 1963 session of the legislature, the Franklin pay bill was introduced on the final day of the assembly, June 27 after becoming a point of controversy when the Register of Deeds office was left out of the bill calling for a 5 percent increase. There was no pay raise bill introduced in the 1965 session.

## County To Get Two Road Projects

The State Highway Commission called for bids Monday on 35 projects in 22 counties, including two projects in Franklin County.

The two local projects are listed as: FRANKLIN - VANCE - WARREN -- 21.106 miles of bituminous concrete surface on US-401 and NC-561 in resurfacing two sections of primary roads and three sections of secondary roads.

FRANKLIN -- 2.046 miles of grading, coarse aggregate base course, bituminous concrete surface and curb and gutter to improvements on Justice Street and resurfacing on Main and Nash streets in Louisburg.

## College Library To Be Named For Dr. Robbins

The Louisburg College library building completed in 1965 will be named for President Cecil W. Robbins, it was decided here on Friday by the Institutions' Board of Trustees.

The regular Spring meeting of the Board was the occasion of expressed unanimous sentiment by trustees, alumni, students and faculty that the modern structure be named for the one who, since 1955, had led the College to new heights in student enrollment, physical improvements, quality academic programs, and increased support.

Dr. Robbins, a native of Mississippi, was Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate prior to his coming to Louisburg. He is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College, the Duke Divinity

School, and has received honorary degrees from High Point College and Birmingham Southern College. He has been prominent in church and civic affairs, locally and nationally. Official naming of the Cecil W. Robbins Library will take place on June 4, immediately following graduation exercises.

Other Board action included the adoption of the 1967-68 operating budget totaling over \$1,200,000; the election of new trustees, and the election of faculty. New trustees are: The Reverend W. M. Howard, Jr., pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham; The Reverend Dr. Barney L. Jones, Duke University, Durham; The Reverend Paul Caruth, pastor of Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh; Mr. Edmund S. Swindell, County Manager of Durham

County; and Mr. J. Harold Talton, Vice-President of First Citizens Bank Company, Louisburg.

The Long-Range Planning Committee of the Board presented capital projections through 1972 totaling approximately \$700,000. The immediate capital project to begin in late summer is a new women's dormitory and infirmary.

Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh, President of the Board of Trustees, presided at the meeting.

## Murray Speaks To Bunn Lions

Lee Murray, Treasurer of Wake County and former county accountant for Franklin County spoke to the Bunn Lions Club last Thursday night at the regular meeting of the organization held in the Bunn School cafeteria.

Murray, who plans to move to Zebulon soon, explained the general operation of county government and discussed some of the major problems facing the area in the years ahead.

He also told of comparisons between operations in Franklin and in Wake County.

The pride of the rich makes the labor of the poor. -Nicholas Breton.

## Mother Fourth Fatality Of Year

A 25-year-old mother, Mrs. Jo Anne Mitchell McLamb, died last Wednesday in Duke Hospital from injuries received in a grinding head-on crash between a 1967 pickup truck, in which she was riding and a 1960 automobile on U. S. 1-A one mile south of Franklinton April 15.

Mrs. Mitchell, according to reports, never regained consciousness.

She was a passenger in the truck driven by her brother Clarence Mitchell, who was also injured. Mrs. McLamb's 3-year old daughter escaped without serious injury and Bobby Council, a passenger in the rear of the vehicle suffered minor injuries.

The truck was struck by a 1960 Chevrolet, reportedly

driven by Raymond Fogg, a 25-year old Negro soldier stationed at Ft. Bragg. State Trooper W. S. Etheridge reported that the Fogg car was three feet across the center line at the point of impact. Fogg, Edward Teasley, Carolyn Teasley and James Muldrow, passengers in the Fogg car were all injured, some

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## Mrs. Hill Yarborough Passes

Mrs. Alice McLean Yarborough died at her home in Louisburg Sunday, April 30, 1967. She was the wife of Hill Yarborough, attorney, and a daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. Neill Archibald McLean of Lumberton. Mrs. Yarborough was a graduate of Peace College, Raleigh, and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg. Mrs. Yarborough is survived by her husband, her son Charles Hill Yarborough, Jr., three sisters, Mrs. John Walter Priddy, and Mrs. Alexander Torrey McLean, Sr. of Lumberton, and Mrs. Paul Henry North, Sr., and one brother, Mr. Patrick Murphy McLean of Columbus, Ohio.

Graveside services were conducted by the Reverend Frank E. Pulley at Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg at 2:30 p. m. Monday, May 1st.



Neighbors & Firemen Remove Furnishings

## Fire Destroys Sykes Home In Cedar Rock

A fire, believed to have started in the kitchen, destroyed the new one-story home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. (Buck) Sykes this morning around 8:30 a. m. in Cedar Rock. Mr. Sykes is Chairman of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners. The modern home was gutted by the blaze and smoke and water damage is expected to result in a total loss of the dwelling, located about 12 miles east of Louisburg on Highway 56.

Mr. Sykes reported that he was working about a mile and a half from the house when the blaze struck. He said Mrs. Sykes was in the yard and reported hearing a "crackling" noise in the kitchen and sighting the fire. Firemen from the Justice, Centerville and Castalia rural volunteer departments

answered the call and a water tanker was dispatched from Louisburg. Scores of neighbors aided in removing personal belongings from the burning building.

Firemen managed to extinguish the flames, but not before severe damage had been done to the interior and roof of the house.

Friends came from as far away as Louisburg to offer aid and to assist firemen. No other buildings on the Sykes farm were damaged, although a live wire threatened for a time as firemen attempted to keep spectators away from the potential hazard. There were no injuries reported and traffic jammed the narrow highway for some distance on both sides of the Sykes home.

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Junior Garden Club

Members of the Parental Garden Club, recipient of the Cardinal Silver Bowl which was awarded during the Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of N. C., are shown above. They are, left to right, 1st row: Beth Johnson, Susan Pleasants,

Betsy May, Georgia Griffin, Betty Jo Tippett; 2nd row: Lou Roberson, Anita Tillotson, Mrs. Marvin Pleasants, sponsor, Rita Patterson, Marilyn Stewart and Vickie Wrenn. (See article on Page 2). Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.