

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy with little temperature change today. Considerable cloudiness and moderate temperatures with a chance of rain Friday. Low today, 44; high, 69.

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Neighbors Came To Help

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“What Are Neighbors For?”

by Clint Fuller Times Managing Editor

Britain's Queen Elizabeth said to parliament in 1586. "I have had good experience of this world. . . Good neighbours I have had. . ." E. M. (Buck) Sykes, Chairman of the Franklin County Commissioners put it differently Wednesday morning. "I didn't know I had so many friends", he told us as together we watched a host of his neighbors clearing away the ruins of a disastrous fire which all but totally destroyed his modern brick home at Cedar Rock Tuesday morning. "What are neighbors for?", said one just as though his actions were commonplace. . . just as though there was nothing unusual about his being there. In his mind and in the minds of about twenty others there was, indeed, nothing unusual about their being perched on top of a fire scarred roof; knee-deep in burned debris. Their feelings were not for themselves but for their neighbor. The Sykes home was severely damaged Tuesday morning around 8:30 from a fire, originating in the kitchen, but of undetermined cause. Neighbors gathered at the scene and risked injury to themselves in their attempts to save some of the belongings of their neighbor. They came back Wednesday. They brought tools, trucks and busy hands. And they began clearing up the mess. Several climbed on top of the precarious roof to start tearing down the damaged portions. Others hurried inside to attack the scorched walls, ceilings and to gather what could be salvaged. Still others were found in the basement, washing windows. Mrs. Sykes sat with her husband in the family car at the rear of the house. Both hands were heavily bandaged. She had attempted to fight the fire with a scatter rug. Both she and her husband were visibly affected by the generosity of their "friends". During the early morning, George Champion and Ralph Knott arrived representing a number of county employees in the courthouse, the agriculture building and the welfare department. They brought \$136.00. "This is small", said Champion, Veteran's Officer, "But it will help and we wanted him to know how all of us felt". He knew. "People in Franklin County will certainly come to you when you need help", we said. "They sure will", Mr. Sykes replied and we thought we saw a little moisture fall from his eyes. Perhaps he had gotten something in them. A long-time friend from Louisburg pulled up. Mr. Sykes took him into the basement to show him some of the damage. A couple drove up from Justice. They talked to Mrs. Sykes and soon drove away. The driver, we recognized was a member of the Justice Fire department, one of the units which prevented the blaze from spreading Tuesday. "We'd like to take a picture", we said repeatedly. The workers seemed not to hear. They were too busy with other things. None seemed willing to stop their work. Finally, we gathered some of them together. Even then, several continued to go about their work. They didn't care about any publicity. . . none of them did. They were there because they felt they should be. What's so unusual about being a good neighbor? Isn't everybody? We went away wishing that people everywhere were like people in our county.

Neal Elected Centerville Mayor

John Neal, first man to serve as Mayor of Centerville, won reelection in Tuesday's balloting over challenger Edward Radford. Neal, appointed Mayor when the town was chartered in 1965, polled 52 votes to Radford's 20. Incumbent council member Mrs. Agnes Leonard led the vote getter for the three town council seats, collecting 53 votes. Newcomer L. S. Ward polled 50 and incumbent councilman John Pleasant received 42. Howard Lee Griffin and Stanley Lancaster each polled 27 votes and Willard Leonard received 17 to finish out the slate of six candidates for the three seats. Of the 74 eligible voters in the Town of Centerville, 73 voted in Tuesday's elections, which probably sets some sort of record in Franklin County.

Youngsville Incumbents Returned

Mayor Marvin Roberts and five town councilmen were unopposed in Tuesday's election at Youngsville and all were returned for another term. Forty-three voters cast their ballots in the elections here according to unofficial returns. Roberts received 41 votes and there were two writens for the Mayor's post. Council members W. T. Moss, J. T. Allen, D. H. Cyrus, Sr., M. D. Hoyle and E. J. Pearce all won reelection. Ballots cast for each were not reported. There was one written vote cast for the council.

Vandals Hit Area

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reports that vandals struck in the Louisburg area last night with Louisburg College being the hardest hit. According to Chief Tharrington, rocks were thrown through two glass doors at the new College library, the rear window of an automobile belonging to Mr. Tommy Patterson, Dean of Students, and a plate glass front at Louisburg Dry Cleaners on Church Street here. Other reports say that glass was broken in automobiles belonging to Mr. Whit Shearin, Adviser to Men Students at the college, and Miss Sarah Richardson, associate professor of English, and an unidentified student's car. Chief Tharrington said he is considering asking the State Bureau of Investigation to come into the case.

Peoples Is Mayor, Three Incumbents, Three Newcomers Elected

Mrs. O'Neal Leads Louisburg Ticket

In the lightest turnout in years, Louisburg voters returned three incumbent town council members and named three newcomers Tuesday. Mayor V. A. Peoples, seeking his second term, was unopposed for reelection. Council woman Mrs. Breattie O'Neal led the vote getters with 423, seventy more than second place winner, Jonah C. Taylor who polled 353. Both were incumbents. W. J. (Pete) Shearin, former council member placed third with 336 over incumbent H. D. (Tommie) Jeffreys who polled 322. Fourth place went to George T. (Jolly) Bunn, who missed out in his bid for a seat in 1965 and newcomer Grover C. Harris, Jr. won the sixth seat with 286 votes.

Lumpkin 516 to 414. In 1965, Taylor led the balloting with 511 and Mrs. O'Neal placed second with 506 and Thomas polled 505. Mrs. O'Neal was named Mayor pro-tem at Wednesday's meeting as the new council convened. As the votes

were canvassed, with Registrar Lee Bell and pollholders James Berger and Earle Tillotson attesting to the results, it was revealed that there were ten scattered write in votes for Mayor and twenty for the council. Louisburg Wheelless, Jr., re-

ting councilman who did not seek reelection, attended the session as the old council met briefly. E. F. Thomas, a member of the old council who works with the State Legislature in Raleigh, was absent as was outgoing council member S. C. Foster.



New Louisburg Town Officials

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

Members of the new Louisburg Town Council pose for a picture here Wednesday immediately after being sworn to new two-year terms. Shown left to right, seated: Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal, Mayor V. A. Peoples, W. J. Shearin; standing left to right: George T. Bunn, Jonah Taylor, H. D. Jeffreys and Grover C. Harris, Jr.

Four Incumbents Returned To Council, School Board

Pearce Edges Collins For Franklinton Mayor

Incumbent Mayor Joe Pearce edged challenger Frank Collins in a three-way race for the top town post at Franklinton in Tuesday's election. Pearce polled 227 votes to Collins' 212. Calvin W. Brown placed third with 118 votes.

Incumbent council members James Joyner, Henry Holmes and Charlie Hight, Jr. were returned and two newcomers were elected to the town council. Hight led the vote getters with 433 followed by former councilman John F. Green with 386, Joyner with 367, Holmes with 356 and newcomer John H. House with 299. Two incumbents failed to make the list. They were C. A. Payne with 241 and Willie Shearin with 271. Douglas Carter received 118 votes for the council.

B. B. Burgess received 68 to complete the field. All counts are unofficial and it was reported that 556 votes were cast in the Mayor's race as an indication of the number turning out for Tuesday's election at Franklinton.

Board Draws Praise

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners drew a letter of praise from Alex K. Brock, Executive Secretary of the State Elections Board, it was disclosed in the Monday meeting held here. The State official expressed his "gratitude for the cooperation you have shown". His reference was to the efforts to maintain office and storage space for the county Board of Elections here. The Commissioners received routine monthly reports from the various county agencies, discussed the courthouse alterations and received the Welfare Department budget for 1967-68 year.

The two new members of the Board are Bruce Honeycutt who polled 460 votes and Hubert H. Senter with 368. Rev. John P. Mangrum led the vote getters among the three Negro candidates for the Board, receiving 229. Sherwood Perry polled 208 and Thomas O. Perry received 193. Clifton Conyers placed fourth in the race with 284. Larry Robbins received 235, J. W. Dickerson, Jr., 186 and

Franklinton Lions Hear Pearce

(Frk.B.W.) The Franklinton Lions Club met at the Community House on Monday evening with Lion President Tom Poole presiding. Plans were made for a Broom Sale on Friday, May 12, with John Henry House as chairman. An invitation, to the 25th Anniversary of the Youngsville Lions Club on May 9, was extended to the club. Lion Bill Johnson introduced W. P. Pearce, Jr., attorney for the Franklinton Township Board of Education. Mr. Pearce related briefly the local Board of Education appearance before the Examiner of the Health, Education and Welfare Department in Washington, D. C. As yet there is no solution to the local school problem. A question-answer period concluded the program for the evening.



Viewing New Planters

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

Members of the Louisburg Garden Club's Civic Committee are shown above here Wednesday as attractive brick and mortar planters were being placed in key spots in the downtown business area. Shown, left to right, are: Mrs. Mary Lumpkin, chairman; Mrs. Juanita Pleasants and Mrs. Breattie O'Neal. The Garden Club in cooperation with the Town of Louisburg and with assistance from the Town and Country Garden Club is sponsoring the project which will result in thirty of the planters being installed at a cost of \$250 each. "Our purpose is to beautify the town," said Mrs. Lumpkin, "and we hope others will become interested enough to join in this project." Mrs. John Mills, Club president and other members of the committee were not present when the picture was taken. Plants are expected to be placed in the planters within the next few weeks.

Speed Introduces Controversial Bill

Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed introduced that controversial pay raise bill in the House of Representatives Wednesday

without making any change in the original increases. The bill was changed in one respect. Instead of leaving the hiring of an additional deputy sheriff to the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners as first proposed, the new version gives this authority to the Sheriff. The new section reads, "The Sheriff of Franklin County is hereby authorized in his discretion, to appoint one or more deputy sheriffs in addition to those listed above (referring to three present positions)". The bill also limits the total cost of the one or more deputies' salaries at \$4000 as was contained in the original version. Pay increases remain the same in the bill introduced Wednesday although Rep. Speed had said privately that he would adjust some salaries.

The bill calls for the Clerk of Court's salary to move from \$6450 to \$7000; Register of Deeds, from \$5800 to \$6200 and the Sheriff from \$5800 to \$6400. Also included in the measure are increases for the assistant Clerk from \$3750 to \$4150; first assistant Register of Deeds from \$3500 to \$3650 and the chief deputy Sheriff from \$4350 to \$4800. The second position in the Clerk's office goes from \$3550 to \$3600; Deeds office from \$3120 to \$3350 and the second and third deputies from \$4000 and \$3900 to \$4400. Recorder's Court Judge receives an increase from \$3800 to \$4000 and the Solicitor gets a jump from \$3400 to \$3600. The coroner gets an increase from \$870 to \$950. The only change in the new bill other than that pertaining See BILL Page 5

College Speaker Tells Of Space Program

Dr. John E. Duberg, Assistant Director of Langley Research Center for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, spoke to a Louisburg College audience Tuesday night, the sixth in a series of special events commemorating the 180th anniversary of the College. Dr. Duberg, associated with NASA since 1958, presented slides and a narrative report on the space program in general and the research program carried by Langley field, in particular. He stated: "We still expect to land a man on the moon and return him to the earth in the 1960s." When asked of the possibility of delay in

the Apollo manned flight series as a result of the recent tragedy, Dr. Duberg commented that "The Apollo series will not be delayed as much as one year. Corrective measures are being taken." The Langley research field is located in Hampton, Virginia where it occupies one square mile of land and employs some 4,300 people. Dr. Duberg indicated that research continues on transport aircraft which will fly some 5,000 miles per hour. Also research is being conducted on a life support system in spacecraft in which man can live up to one year due to various See COLLEGE Page 5