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Memorial Day Wreath

A Memorial wreath was placed at the foot of the Confederate monument of Main Street here Wednesday in commemoration of Confederate Memorial Day, by the Joseph J. Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Services were also held at the Confederate monument at Justice and wreaths were placed on graves of Confederate dead at Justice, Maple Springs and Cypress Chapel Churches.

Franklin Ranks Sixth In Food Stamp Recipients

A release by the USDA Consumer and Marketing Service discloses that 2,156 persons participated in the federal Food Stamp Program in Franklin County during the month of March. Of the 22 counties taking part in the program, Franklin ranks sixth in the number of persons benefiting from it.

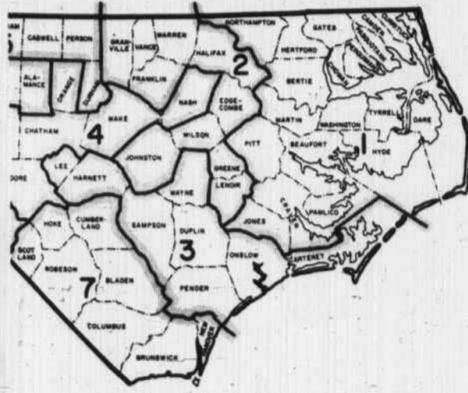
The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Consumer and Marketing Service reports that 185,889 needy North Carolina residents in 85 counties received food assistance during March through its commodity distribution and food stamp programs.

This was 644 persons less than the number that partici-

pated in the two programs during February.

The commodity distribution program in North Carolina is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the State Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Those persons receiving USDA food assistance during March included 145,695 persons in 63 counties who received donated foods and 40,194 persons in 22 counties who took part in the food stamp program for low-income families.



Present



Proposed

Proposed Redistricting Bill Would Leave Franklin In Second District

A redistricting bill, approved by a Senate committee, 10-2 Tuesday would leave Franklin County in Congressman L. H. Fountain's Second District. The proposal would add Nash and Person counties to the District and take Lenoir County out.

This would be the second change in district alignments in the past two years. In 1966, the Second was made up of Franklin, Granville, Edge-

combe, Greene, Halifax, Warren, Johnston, Wilson, Lenoir and Vance. This is the makeup of the District today.

Prior to 1966, Granville was in the Fifth District, Johnston was in the Fourth and Northampton was in the Second. All the others have been a part of the Second District since 1961 when Franklin was moved from the Fourth into the Second.

The proposed bill, which seems to be gaining in support, but which must travel through the Senate and then the House before becoming law, has been called the best solution by many.

Franklin County would remain in the Second where it has been for the past six years and where, if one reads the vote, Franklin seems satisfied to remain.

Many observers in the area express interest in what, if anything, the newest realignment proposal might do to Congressman Fountain. Based on the 1966 voting record of each county, Mr. Fountain seems to be getting the best of the deal.

In 1966, Congressman Fountain, Democrat defeated Reese Gardner of Winston, Republican, 36,849 to 19,888. Taking away Lenoir County's vote in 1966 and adding the vote of Nash and Person, there were 41,600 votes cast for the Democratic candidate for Congress against 23,533 Republican votes cast. Keeping in mind that Republican James Gardner lived in Nash County as did his opponent Harold Cooley. Without the native son element, Nash could be expected to better the Democratic margin of 6,860 to the Republican's 5,425 as shown in 1966.

The bill also makes an obvious attempt to hit Rep. Gardner by placing heavily Democratic Durham County into the

Fourth District. Gardner has said he would move to Raleigh or Randolph County if Nash were placed in the Second District. This would pit him against Democratic Congressman Nick Galifianakis of Durham.

Checking the 1966 vote in the Congressional races, the Democrats would gain ground, but Gardner would continue to be safe. Taking away the Republican majority in both Moore and Montgomery Counties, the Democratic Nash County vote and adding the Galifianakis Durham County vote, there were 55,776 votes cast for Republicans in 1966 in the counties now proposed for the Fourth District against 48,172 Democratic votes. In the present Fourth, Mr. Gardner defeated Mr. Cooley 60,686 to 46,673 in 1966.

The bill will pit strong Republican incumbents against strong Democrats in some districts. This, undoubtedly will draw some opposition to the bill.

However, this latest attempt to comply with the U. S. Supreme Court's one man-one vote mandate, has been favorably met in Franklin County.

Louisburg Contractor Passes

Johnnie Burt Hight, 61, Louisburg building contractor, died early this morning in Franklin Memorial Hospital where he was taken following a heart attack suffered at his home here.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a. m. from the Lancaster Funeral Home Chapel, conducted by Rev. Norwood Jones, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, of which Mr. Hight was a member. Burial will follow in Highland Memory Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ludie Bailey Hight; three daughters, Mrs. Bruce Harris of Asheville, Mrs. John Rorie of Laurinburg and Mrs. L. H. Dickens, Jr. of Louisburg; four sisters, Mrs. Owen Bragg, Mrs. Fred Cooke and Mrs. Arthur Evans, all of Franklinton and Mrs. John Coa of Durham; one brother, Sam Hight of Louisburg and six grandsons.

Legislative News

Rep. James D. Speed

Raleigh - Two of the most unnecessary, poorly timed and, in my opinion, worst pieces of legislation of the 1967 session were introduced this week. I am strongly opposed to both of these bills and predict they will be defeated or killed in committee whenever they come up for a vote.

One of these bills is a Congressional redistricting plan by Rep. Thomas Bunn of Wake County which of all the redistricting bills introduced so far I consider to be the worst. This bill, H. B. 946, would put Warren County in the First District with 19 other counties stretching up and down the coast with Warren the easternmost county in this very large area. Obviously this is not desirable.

Franklin and Vance counties would go into the Fourth District with Caswell, Nash, Orange, Person, Rockingham and Durham counties, resulting in a district dominated by one big county, Durham, which would be out of proportion.

While opposing Mr. Bunn's plan, a Congressional redistricting plan approved this week by a Senate committee will have my support as a realistic and workable answer to this difficult problem. The bill I will support puts Warren, Franklin and Vance counties in the Second District along with Edgecombe, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Nash, Northampton, Person and Wilson counties.

The second of these bills I oppose is HB. 939 by Rep. Baugh of Mecklenburg County to impose a five cents per pack tax on cigarettes.

I strongly believe that imposing any additional taxes on tobacco products would be unwise, harmful and possibly disastrous to the farmers of North Carolina, the tobacco industry and our agricultural economy. The results of over-taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products may be seen in the experience in New York and other states where

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May Cold, But Not The Coldest

Talk about the short spring if you must. The first ten days of May have been cold, but not the coldest. And, if tradition follows, it will be getting warmer now that the first ten days have passed.

This information comes from Mr. G. O. Kennedy, the official Louisburg weatherman. Wednesday's low was 36 and the high was a cool 66. Monday's low was 38 with a high of 79.

Cool temperature readings for the month of May? Yes, but not yet have we seen anything equal to the 29 degree low of May 11 last year when the highest the mercury could rise was to 59 degrees. The 28-degree reading May 2, 1963 was the coldest in May in at least seven years.

Except for May 28, 1961 when the low was 34 and the high reached 62, temperatures in May have ranged from the forties to the fifties at the coolest part of the day once the

first ten days occurred in 1960 on May 3 at 35 degrees; 34 on May 3, 1961 and May 28, 1961. It dipped to 28 degrees on May 2, 1963 and rose only to 30 degrees on May 3 that year.

Rainfall for the first four months this year is below normal, according to Mr. Kennedy. January had 2.01 inches; February 4.41, March 1.26 and April 2.77 for a total of 10.45 inches for the four-month period. In 1966 13.17 inches of rainfall was recorded in the area and was considered somewhat above the normal, which Mr. Kennedy says is around 13 inches for the four month period.

The wettest first four months since Mr. Kennedy took over the reigns of the local weather station in March of 1960, was in 1962 when the area experienced 19.31 inches with a banner January showering down 7.44 inches.

Grady Is Jaycee President



GRADY

James R. Grady, manager of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. here, was named President of the Louisburg Jaycees in installation ceremonies held in the Louisburg College cafeteria Monday night. Grady succeeds Bill O'Neal, who was named State Director for the organization.

Other officers named for the coming year were: Bill Nagle, 1st vice president; Larry Griffin, 2nd vice president; Ben Parrish, secretary and Dick Lucas, treasurer.

Named to the Board of Directors were: Jimmy Hill, Gene Pleasants, Bobby Gup-ton and David Smith, Jr.

Louisburg Tobacco Market Has Increase In 1966

The Louisburg Tobacco Market showed a sizable increase in volume sales in 1966 over sales of 1965, according to the United States Department of Agriculture's "Tobacco Market Review" released recently. Gross sales on the local market reached 10,269,147 pounds and brought \$6,573,101 for an average in 1966 of \$64.01 to place near the top in the Middle Belt markets.

This was an increase over the 8,380,060 pounds sold in 1965 which brought \$5,159,520 for an average of \$61.57.

Reports on producer sales are equally pleasing to market officials. These show that 9,630,421 pounds were sold for \$6,174,197 which brought an average of \$64.11. In 1965 producer sales reached 7,984,244 pounds for \$4,932,879 and an average of \$61.78. The difference in producer sales and gross represent resales.

The Middle Belt as a whole, sold 143,394,974 pounds in 1966 for a total price of \$92,214,964 and an average of \$64.31 just slightly higher than the local average. The Louisburg market sold more tobacco than markets in Aberdeen, Carthage and Ellerbe in the Middle Belt and Ahoskie, Dunn, Washington, Wendell, Williamson and Windsor in the Eastern Belt.

The \$61.78 average for Louisburg compares favorably with Durham's \$63.82 with Durham being the largest market in the Middle Belt. Rocky Mount bested the local average only 51 cents and Smithfield only 61 cents per hundred pounds. Both are in the Eastern Belt.

The Louisburg market ranks 33rd out of the 93 markets in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, in pounds sold last year.

Some of the larger towns and cities listed below Louisburg are: Martinsville, Va., Reidsville, Mt. Airy, Tabor City, Clarkton, Fayetteville, Tifton, Ga., Valdosta, Ga., Waycross, Ga. and many others.

The local market with three warehouses held 49 sales days in 1966, opening on September 8 and closing the season on November 22. Henderson, Fuquay and Oxford has more sales days in the Middle Belt than Louisburg last season. Wilson, ranked number 1 in size had 56 sales days in the Eastern Belt. Durham had the largest number of sales days in the Middle Belt with 59.

In 1965, Louisburg had only 35 sales days. There are 50 warehouses in the Middle Belt and 15 sets of buyers. One set of buyers work the local market.

Sales Drop, But Still Above 1966 In Franklin

Gross retail sales in Franklin County during the month of February totaled \$2,117,754, an increase of \$97,753 or .04 percent over the total of \$2,020,001 in February, 1966.

The February amount was a decrease from the January, 1967 total of \$2,167,148. January sales were \$49,394 better than February.

Retail sales for the entire state of North Carolina during February were \$662,080,735 as compared with February, 1966 sales which reached \$647,632,169.

The February figures for the whole state was somewhat lower than January, 1967 which reached a total of \$678,026,001. Franklin County continues to increase sales month by month over the same period the year before. However, as in the case of the state as a whole, sales in the shortest month of the year dropped from the usually sales laden month of January.

The latest figures are total taxable and non-taxable sales as reported to the N. C. Department of Revenue and published in the May issue of "The Retailer," monthly publication of the N. C. Merchants Association.

CAP Promotions Announced

Joseph W. Shearon, recently named commander of the local Civil Air Patrol, has been promoted to rank of Major in the organization, according to an announcement today. Rev. Gordon Allen, Jr., who has the distinction of being the 1000th applicant for the post of Chaplain in the CAP was also named Major. Rev. Allen is a Methodist minister in the Bob-bitt community.

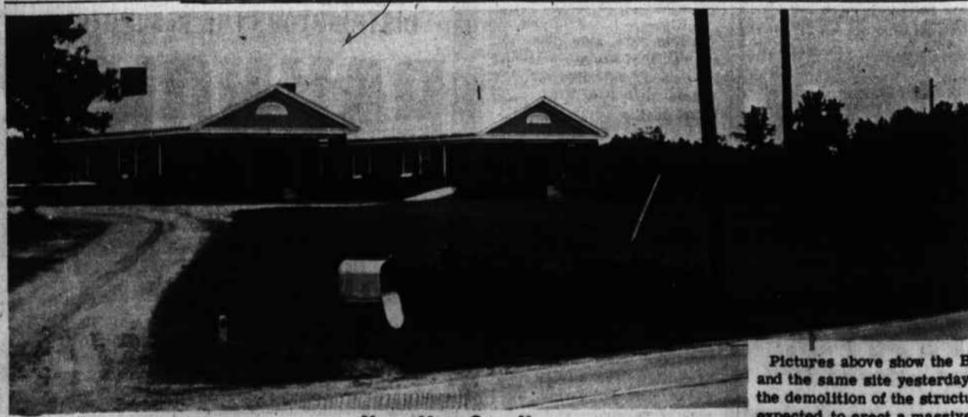
It was also announced that three flyers have completed their check out work and others were urged to do so. Those completing the work are: 1st Lt. Talmadge Fuller, Capt. J. Linwood Gupton and S/M Wil-ton Faulkner.

Shearon reported that identification and Emergency Service cards are being held for Joe Ball, Al Perkins, M. T. Ball, Al Perkins, M. T. Ball, William Finch, John Godfrey and James Payne and requested these men to come by and pick them up.

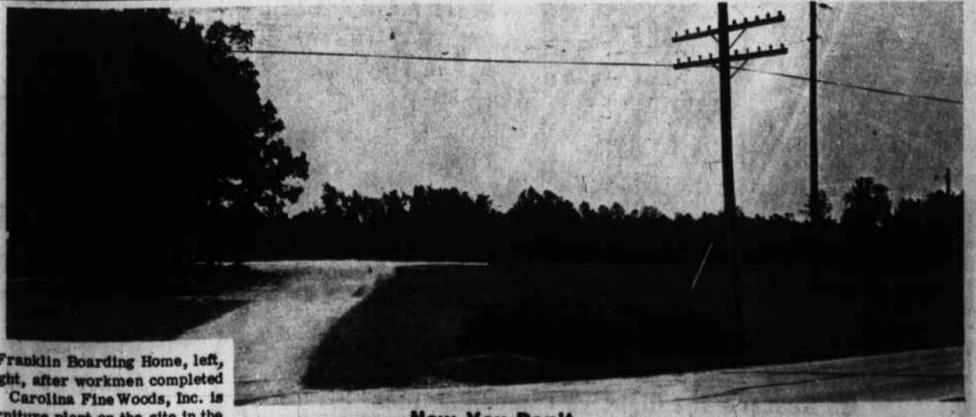
The next meeting of the organization is scheduled for tonight.

Weather

Variable cloudiness today and Friday, with scattered thundershowers Friday. Low today, 45; high, near 80.



Now You See It - - -



Now You Don't

Pictures above show the Ben Franklin Boarding Home, left, and the same site yesterday, right, after workmen completed the demolition of the structure. Carolina Fine Woods, Inc. is expected to erect a massive furniture plant on the site in the next few months.