

Weather

Mostly cloudy and rather cool today and Friday, with scattered rain or drizzle. Low today, near 50; high, lower 60's.

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Last Week



Last Night



This Morning

The "Little Acorn A-Go-Go" Goes Up In Smoke

The Little Acorn, a Negro nightspot on NC-56 about two miles east of Louisburg, finally succumbed early this morning after a series of blows. Fire finally accomplished what fights, murder and a bombing failed to do. Even then, there were two fires before the old building finally gave up the ghost. The first report came last night at 10:35 p.m. when an unidentified Negro man reported the blaze to Louisburg Police Officer Gerald Eury. The Justice Rural

Volunteer fire department answered the call. Quick response and efficient fire-fighting brought the blaze under control shortly after 11 p.m. The east end of the building was heavily damaged by the fire which Justice Fire Chief William Taylor Boone reported could have started at a faulty switch near the entrance. No sooner had the firemen retired to their homes than the second alarm sounded. This one, reportedly around

1 a.m. this morning. This time, the firemen arrived too late. The building was completely destroyed. The go-go establishment had been the scene of a shot-gun slaying of Lewis Melvin Alston, 28-year-old Baltimore Negro on Sunday morning, May 14. Following the shooting around 2:30 a.m., Thomas Earl Dean, a 20-year-old Rt. 2 Louisburg Negro gave himself up to Sheriff William T. Dement in the shooting. The place was the scene of a fire-bomb attempt last

Wednesday night. The blast, heard miles away, reportedly was set off around 10:30 p.m. Damage was confined to a front window. For the third time in as many weeks the nightspot has been in the news. Now, with it gone local news hounds will have to go back to work, searching out the stories. But, that's the way it is. The Little Acorn A-Go-Go is gone. It's gonna be missed.

Edward Best Grad Gets Franklinton School Post

The Franklinton City Board of Education has elected Mr. R. B. Gordon to the Franklinton City School Superintendent's position for a two year term beginning July 1, 1967. Mr. Gordon is a graduate of Edward Best High School in Franklin County. He earned his B. S. degree at Wake Forest College in 1936. His graduate and post-graduate work was done at the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill where he was awarded his M. Ed. degree in 1954 and his Advanced Principal's and Advanced Superintendent's certificate in 1963. Mr. Gordon was a teacher of Mathematics and Science at Swansboro High School in Swansboro, North Carolina before accepting a similar teaching position at the Benvenue High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He has served as principal of Ben-

venue High School since 1942. Mr. Gordon will assume his duties in Franklinton on July 1, 1967, and his wife and two children are expected to move into Franklinton sometime during the summer. Mr. Gordon succeeds Fred W. Rogers, who has been Superintendent since 1963. Rogers, who became a center of controversy during the recent school year, did not reapply for the position.

Dean Heads Wake Forest Alumni Here

Jackson Dean, local eggplant operator, was elected President of Franklin County's Wake Forest Alumni in a meeting held here Monday night. Dean succeeds Dr. Marvin Pleasants in the position. Also named were G. M. Beam, Jr., Vice President; Mrs. Harold Talton, Secretary and Bill Huggins, Treasurer. The alumni group heard a speech by Gold Sand graduate and Wake Forest Public Relations official, Donnie Griffin, on the progress the Baptist institution has made and of future plans. Griffin also briefed the group on the Deacons football prospects. He told of the naming of a new president, Dr. James Ralph Scales, formerly of Oklahoma

State University, who will take office on June 12. He also reminded the alumni that Wake becomes a University today. Griffin said that Wake Forest University, valued at \$10 million when moved to Winston-Salem is now worth \$90 million and told of a drive to raise \$72 million more by 1975. Griffin introduced Jack McCloskey, head basketball coach of the Deacons, who told of several humorous experiences he had since moving to North Carolina. Coach McCloskey spoke highly of the basketball squad and said, "We'll have a better team this year than we had last year." The former University of Pennsylvania coach said, "Wake Forest is the greatest

school in the county for young men and women to attend and have an opportunity to succeed." He also praised the morals of the students at Wake Forest. Following McCloskey's speech, the group voted unanimously to be placed on record as recommending the liberalization of the policy pertaining to members of the Wake Board of Trustees. The local group favored allowing out-of-state people to serve on the Board.



Wake Alumni Meet

Principals at the recent meeting of the local unit of Wake Forest Alumni are shown above. Pictured left to right, Donald Griffin, county native and Public Relations official for the college; Jack McCloskey, head basketball coach of the Baptist institution; Mrs. Harold Talton, recently elected Secretary of the local group; W. A. (Bill) Huggins, Treasurer, and J. Jackson Dean, President. G. M. Beam, Jr. was named vice president, but was not present when the picture was taken.

Louisburg College Commencement Weekend Program

Saturday, June 3, 1967 6 P.M.

THE FORMAL NAMING OF THE WALTER PATTEN HALL
Dr. James E. Hillman, Presiding

Saturday, June 3, 1967 7 P.M.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET College Cafeteria

Sunday, June 4, 1967 11 A.M.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON College Auditorium
Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., Speaker

Sunday, June 4, 1967 2 P.M. College Auditorium

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, Presiding
Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Speaker

Sunday, June 4, 1967 3:30 P.M.

THE FORMAL NAMING OF THE CECIL W. ROBBINS LIBRARY
Dr. James E. Hillman, Presiding

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, May 30th:

Irvin Whisnant, w/m/35, operating auto intoxicated; leaving scene of accident. State takes nol pros with leave.
Glenn Eugene Cassidy, Jr., w/m/18, careless and reckless driving; improper lights; improper muffler. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Shady Bazel Thompson, w/m/48, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Allen Walker, c/m, assault on female. State takes nol pros on payment of costs.
James Plummer Smith, c/m, driving while license suspended; careless and reckless driving; unlawful possession of whiskey. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$200 fine and costs.
Tommy Tucker, c/m/27, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.
Thomas Earl Dean, c/m/20, murder. To be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.
Michael Wayne Hobgood, w/m/18, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Lawrence Augustus Denton, w/m/20, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Donald Sidney Murphy, w/m/34, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Tyree Coley, c/m/28, speeding. Speeding and motor

vehicle violation. \$20.00 fine and costs.
Elvas G. Boyd, c/m/30, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.
Richard Robert Mann, w/m/45, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Luther Dowdy Baldwin, c/ See COURT Page 8

Sets Up Summer School

The Board of Education, meeting in special session here Tuesday night set up the traditional summer school, naming Louisburg Principal Al Fox as principal of the summer session. Mrs. Joyce Griffin and Mrs. Betsy Timberlake were appointed teachers in the six-week term. The Board discussed teacher contracts at length and studied vacancies in some positions. A new position, named Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, was established and Supt. Warren W. Smith was authorized to fill the position. The move was described as an effort to get the county system in a position comparable with other school units in preventive maintenance with one man being in charge

311 Graduate From County System

School's Out For Thousands, Over For Hundreds Here

For 311 Franklin County School system students, Wednesday marked the end to public school education. The nine high schools in the system awarded diplomas to the 311 in commencement exercises Wednesday night. For thousands of others, the day marked the end of classes and the beginning of the summer vacation. Between now and August 31, when the bell rings again for the first of another 180-day session, youngster, for the most part, will be leaving books behind with thoughts aimed at leisure and relaxation.

Some, however, will be attending summer school planned to be held at Louisburg over a period of six weeks. Some seniors will take up further studies right away in summer classes at colleges of their choice. Others will begin looking either summer or permanent jobs.

Riverside High School in Louisburg graduated the largest number, granting diplomas to 68 students Wednesday night. Bunn followed with 45. Perry's High School presented 40 and Louisburg High school marched 38 seniors across the stage for the final time.

Gethsemane High School graduated 33 and Youngsville High School presented 25 diplomas. Edward Best has 23 graduates, Gold Sand has 21

and Epsom, with the smallest number of seniors, presented 18 diplomas.

Figures on the Franklin and B. F. Person schools, both in the Franklinton City School system were not readily available.

Louisburg College is expected to graduate its largest class in history here Sunday afternoon, bringing to a close commencement exercises in the county area.

Mother & Son



MRS. JANET WESTER
Mrs. Wester Gets NCSU Honor

Raleigh - A Franklin County woman who does double duty as a housewife and a student has won a top award in North Carolina State University's School of Liberal Arts.

Mrs. Janet Wester, an English major who received her baccalaureate degree at NCSU on May 27, was presented the Liberal Arts Scholastic Award during commencement ceremonies. She earned the award on the basis of a near-perfect 3.9 grade average at NCSU.

The wife of William D. Wester, Mrs. Wester does her domestic housework and her scholastic homework at their residence on Route 4 when she is not attending classes in the English department at NCSU.

She is one of four chosen from the 1,379 liberal arts students for awards.

Other winners are William Roy Colquitt, Jr. of Concord and Raleigh, who won the Liberal Arts Service Award;



BARRY WESTER
Serves As Page In NC House

Barry Wester, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wester, Rt. 4, Louisburg, served as a page in the N. C. House of Representatives last week. Young Wester is a 9th grader at Edward Best High School.

He was appointed by House Speaker David Britt upon recommendation of Sixteenth District Rep. James D. Speed of Franklin.

Mrs. Patricia Donohoe Beamer of Roanoke, Va., who won the B. F. Brown Award for excellence in liberal arts; and Bryan Leslie Boulter of Raleigh, who won the Ralph E. Freund Award for excellence in social studies.

Mrs. Wester, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Leonard of Route 2, Louisburg, will teach at the Edward Best High School after her graduation. Later she will return to NCSU to study for her masters degree.