

WEATHER
Partly cloudy and mild with rain or showers today. Friday, partly cloudy and warmer with a chance of evening showers. Low today, 70; high, upper 70's.

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Area Gets Near 5 Inches Of Rain Since Monday

Rain we have had. This is said just in case some might not have looked outside in the past few days. According to Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy, the rainfall measures 4.08 inches since Monday's reading. A quick look out the dust-covered windows reveals we are, at the moment, getting more of the same.

The scene above depicts a minor collision here Monday afternoon around 6 P.M. during a deluge of rain, at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and the Bunn Road. Three persons were injured, none believed seriously, in the two-car smashup. Sylvester Bryant, a New York Negro, driver of the car at right, has been charged with falling to yield the right of way, by

Louisburg police. Two unidentified women passengers were injured. The car, at left was driven by James H. Gilliam, 29 year old Rt. 2 Louisburg man, who was also injured.

Kennedy reports reading thus far this week as follows: Monday 7 A.M. .39 inches; Tuesday 7 A.M. 1.2 inches; Wednesday 7 A.M. 1.02 inches; Thursday 7 A.M. 1.25 inches and one hour later, this morning .22 more inches for a total thus far of 4.08. Since 8 A.M. this morning an almost steady downpour has been experienced here and undoubtedly precipitation will reach above 5 inches by nightfall today.

Thus far there has been no reports of flooding in the county area and no reports of water damage.

No White Students Involved

School Board To Assign Negro Students Tonight

The Franklin County Board of Education will meet again tonight to continue its study of the federal court order issued last week which tore down the system's freedom of choice method of school desegregation.

The Board, taking first things first, is working to comply with the order while attorneys prepare an appeal to the Fourth Circuit in Richmond. Work, thus far, has centered around finding and assigning 282 Negro pupils to predominantly white schools. Another 46 have already been assigned under the freedom of choice system.

The completion of this portion of the court order is expected tonight. Each of the five Board members, representing a particular district in the county is handling the problem in his respective district, with the aid of school principals and school office personnel. Some areas will accomplish compliance by drawing in certain bus routes while some others are assigning pupils nearest to the particular school.

Under the court order, no white children are required to be assigned to Negro schools. Rumors to this effect have disturbed a number of parents in the county resulting in numerous phone calls to school officials.

Parents of Negro children to be reassigned to predominantly white schools will be informed by letter within the next few days. School office personnel are already busy reading the letters as fast as students are selected by the respective Board members.

Meanwhile, at least one mobile classroom has arrived on the Louisburg High School campus, with a possible second unit to come. Two mobile units are to be stationed at Bunn School. Louisburg and Bunn Schools are to get the largest number of transfer students under the court order.

Teacher assignments will get prime attention once the Board completes the task of assigning the 282 Negro students to schools. Some teacher positions are expected to be filled by late arrivals as principals are searching for those willing to cross racial lines. The court ordered that at least two white teachers be assigned to each Negro school and at least two Negro teachers be assigned to predominantly white schools. Attorneys for the Board are ex-

pected to file within the week, a petition for a stay of the order along with notice of appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court. Chief Attorney E. F. Yarborough has said that the Board will exhaust every legal avenue to save the freedom of choice plan of assignment in the county system.

Meanwhile, the U. S. Office of Education is requiring Franklinton City Schools to advertise for transfer students from the all Negro B. F. Person-Albion School to attend Franklinton High School, predominantly white.

Union Seeks Election At Louisburg Sportswear Plant

A hearing by an officer of the National Labor Relations Board was held here Wednesday morning on a petition by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America seeking a vote to represent workers at the Louisburg Sportswear plant here.

Miss Clara Whiteside, hearing officer from Winston-Salem, presided. She stated the hearing was being held because of a petition by the ACW asking to represent production and maintenance employees of the local plant.

Most of the proceedings were taken up by questions aimed at determining which plant employees are to be eligible to vote in the election, once one is ordered. Of employees discussed by Sportswear attorney Richard Keenan of Kullman and Lang, law firm of New Orleans, La., and Miss Patricia Eames, of New York representing the Union, only four remained in contention as the hearing ended shortly before noon.

The hearing was attended by plant manager Sam Vick and manufacturing manager Jerry Costa, representing the plant.

Efforts to unionize the local plant, which located here in 1962, have been rumored for the past several weeks. According to reports, the ACW representative was sent here by request of some employees of the plant. Thirty signatures were needed to call the hearing which took place Wednesday. There are approximately 200 employees at Sportswear expected to be eligible to vote if the NLRB rules that a vote is to be held.

Time-honored traditions will mingle with modern innovations when students arrive here Sunday to mark the 181st opening of Louisburg College. Freshmen, ninety percent of whom have been pre-registered will move onto the college campus Sunday to begin another year at the local Methodist institution, oldest Junior College in the country. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 31, after second-year students arrive on Wednesday, August 30.

EARLY SEMESTER PLAN

The opening marks the beginning of what is popularly termed the Early Semester Plan. For the first time in its history, Louisburg College will operate on this plan. The opening date is two weeks earlier than usual and the first semester will be ended on December 19. Students will not be faced with a holiday followed by exams this year. All exams and, indeed all work, will be completed before the end comes on the 19th. The second semester will start on January 14.

Dean John York said the new plan has several advantages. He named two. "First", he stated, "It eliminates two weeks of classes followed by exams after the Christmas holidays and second, it gives the administration time to take stock and efficiently plan for the second semester." The new system also moves Commencement date up to May 19, 1968 and will consist of five days of classes instead of the five and a half day week as before. There will be no Thanksgiving holiday. "Turkey will be served here", says David Daniel, College Director of Public Affairs.

York reports there will be two breaks of semester vacations. The first will come on October 25 and the second will come on March 16. Each will afford students and faculty two and a half days plus a weekend in which to rest in mid-term.

FIVE-DAY SCHEDULE

The five-day schedule, which eliminates Saturday morning classes, will have 50 minute classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, and 75 minute classes on Tuesday and Thursday. The days will be longer but the week will be shorter, it was explained. "This will give us a better balanced schedule for both faculty and students," said Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, College President.

OTHER INNOVATIONS

Daniel announced other unique innovations. He said the formation of the Inter-Club Council (ICC) was one. This organization is to be made up of student leaders and will bring to

Pamphlets and leaflets have been passed out to plant employees on several occasions, according to reports. Company officials say they will oppose any efforts to unionize the plant. Local business and civic leaders have also privately voiced opposition to union efforts here.

A motion by Sportswear attorney to have the petition dismissed is to be taken under consideration, according to Miss Whiteside, and the plant attorney was granted a delay in order that he could file a brief with the NLRB. He was given until September 5 in which to do so.

Miss Whiteside said the final decision would be made by the Region 11 Director and would probably be forthcoming in one to two weeks after the September 5 deadline for filing company briefs. It is understood that a sixty day period would be allowed before an election. Reporters were led to believe that it is already a certainty that an election will be ordered.

It is also understood that union representatives will launch a vigorous campaign prior to any elections. Many citizens are voicing concern over the situation recalling union and labor troubles in neighboring Henderson a few years ago. In that controversy, homes were fired upon, rocks were thrown and a number of workers were thrown out of jobs. The union finally disbanded, with some leaders being jailed and a number of workers left without jobs and union support.



Staff Photo by Clint Fuller

Begins Another Year

the campus popular artists, some in residence for as much as a week, in a series dubbed "The Coffee-House Series". Activities will also include foreign and domestic films and lecture programs.

Dr. Robbins and Daniel explained, "This is not to be compared with the College Cultural Program headed by Mr. Allen deHart which is for the College and the public. ICC is for the entertainment and social activities of the students only".

York, with his fingers crossed, said he felt that the pre-registration would eliminate the mad rush usually experienced on the first day. Students and parents have visited the campus this summer to attend to the things usually left for the opening day arri-

vals. York explained that students living great distances away were not required to pre-register.

"Thursday morning we want to be in class in business", York commented.

Other new additions, as announced by Daniel include Sophomore Seminars, which was explained as being for a se-

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Beckham To Head Stickley Draft

William T. (Bill) Beckham of Louisburg has been named Franklin County Chairman of the Draft Stickley for Governor Committee. Beckham, an active Republican, is Food Services manager at Louisburg College.

William E. Cobb of Morganton, in making the announcement, quoted Beckham as saying, "I know Jack Stickley

and I want him to run for Governor". Beckham served as manager of Slater Food Service here for two years before moving away. He returned with his wife and five children last June to take over the operations at Louisburg College.

Stickley, a Charlotte yarn broker, was principal speaker here last Friday night at the Beckham managed college cafeteria. The occasion was installation of C. Ray Pruett of Franklinton as District Governor of Lions. Stickley is a past president of Lions International.

He has been quoted as saying, last week, that it would depend on finances, whether or not he would be a candidate for Governor in 1968. It had also been widely reported that Congressman James Gardner of Rocky Mount would seek the nomination. If both men run, it will mean a Republican primary, an unusual occurrence in North Carolina.

Franklinton Schools To Operate Short Schedule

(Frk. B.W.) R. B. Gordon, superintendent of Franklinton City Schools, announced Wednesday that Franklinton High School and B. F. Person-Albion School will operate on a short schedule for the first two weeks of school. Exact time of each day's schedule was not announced and parents are urged to check with the school for further details.

Teachers in the Franklinton City Schools will begin work on Monday August 28. A teacher's meeting has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on August 28 in the Franklinton High School Auditorium.

Pupils will attend school from 8:20 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, for orientation, placement, registration, and organization. No lunch will be served on Wednesday.

Bus drivers will meet with their principals on Tuesday, August 29, at 10:45 a.m. at their respective school. After the meeting, the bus drivers will go to the Franklin County Garage to get their buses. Drivers will be expected to furnish their own transportation to Louisburg. Except for necessary changes, the bus routes will be the same as they were the last week of school last spring.

Supt. R. B. Gordon has released the following personnel for the Franklinton City Schools: Mr. Wesley Jackson, principal of Franklinton High School; Mr. O. W. Burrell, principal of B. F. Person-Albion School; and Mrs. Cornelia Gordon, Director of ESEA, which is a new position.

Teachers are Mrs. O. P. Alston, Bettye Beamon, Mrs. Helen Benton, Charles Blackwelder, Mrs. Elizabeth Blount, Mrs. Cora Brodie, Miss P. A. Brodie, G. J. Bussey, Mrs. Lucy M. Bussey, Mrs. Sandra P. Butler, Mr. Boling, Mrs. Julia Carr, Mrs. Lucy Cannady, Mrs. Rosemary Champion, Miss N. B. Cheatham, Edward Chester, Mrs. R. D. Collins, Mrs. Lillie M. Clemons;

Mrs. Sarah Daniel, Richard Durwood Edwards, J. E. Foster, Hiram Geudalia, Willie C. Gibbs, Carl Grad, Mrs. Eleanor R. Greene, Mrs. Lucy Green, Mrs.

Mary Long Green, Mrs. Barbara Harris, Mrs. Elsie Harris, James O. Harris, Miss Mabel D. Hill, Mrs. B. M.

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New College Faculty And Staff Members

New faculty and staff members at Louisburg College were announced here Wednesday by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, College president. Newcomers listed are:

SIDNEY EARL STAFFORD--Director of Religious Activities and Instructor in Bible; BA, University of Southern Mississippi, BD Duke University Divinity School, married, one son, Methodist minister, resides 207 Ford Circle.

PATRICIA GREEN PALMER--Instructor in Biology; BS Appalachian State University, AA Gardner-Webb Junior College, MAT Duke University, wife of Mike Palmer, member of English faculty, one son, Baptist, resides 106 South Elm Street.

ARNOLD LEE WRIGHT--Assistant Professor of English, AB UNC Chapel Hill, MA UNC Chapel Hill, completed residence requirements at UNC Chapel Hill for Ph D, single, Methodist, resides 410 Church St.

KENNETH WAYNE BURRIS--Instructor in Biology; AA Louisburg College, BS High Point College, MA East Carolina University, married former Peggy Whitl of Roxboro, former student Louisburg College, one son, Methodist, taught at Mitchell College, Statesville (N.C.), resides faculty apartments on campus.

DONALD R. RICHARDSON--Associate Librarian; AB Guilford College, MA George Peabody College, MS in Science from Library School, UNC Chapel Hill, member Church of the

Nazarene; single, taught English several years, on library staff of U. S. Naval Academy for 3 1/2 years; resides Noble Street.

DR. JAMES I. WARREN, JR.--Assistant Professor of Religion; AB Duke University, Ph D University of Glasgow, Scotland, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Raleigh.

WALTER B. JONES--Director of Alumni Affairs; AA Louisburg College, completing AB at College of William and Mary, married, one daughter, Baptist, resides 304 Ford Circle.

MISS CLARA BASS--House Counselor for Wright Dormitory, from Black Creek, N. C. AB Atlantic Christian College, Methodist, public school teacher.

MRS. ILA PIERCE--House Counselor of Main Dormitory, Baptist.

MRS. PEGGY SMITH of Louisburg--Secretary in the business office.

MRS. LENA PLACE of Louisburg--Secretary to the Director of Alumni Affairs.

WILLIAM T. BECKHAM--Manager Food Services (began June), married, five children, resides Franklinton Road. Previously managed Food Services for two years here.

DR. RICHMOND P. BOND--Professor in Residence. Keenan Professor of English and visiting lecturer.

On Leave: WILLIAM F. ROSE--member of biology faculty on leave for graduate study at the University of Georgia.