

**WEATHER**  
Partly cloudy and warm with chance of scattered showers today. Friday continued warm with scattered showers and thundershowers. Low today, 66; high, 85.

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Completion By November 15th

Scene above, shows workmen busy on Justice Street here as the curb and guttering part of the project is in full swing. Wade Moore of the Wade Moore Construction Co., the firm responsible for the project, said here Wednesday that the project is scheduled for completion by November 15. He said the work was on schedule despite a delay and he felt the completion deadline would be met. The plans call for resurfacing the thoroughfare from Bickett Blvd. to Main St. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

## June Retail Sales Rise Almost 15 Per Cent

Gross retail sales in Franklin County during June totaled \$2,795,888 an increase of \$359,604 or nearly 15 per cent above the \$2,436,284 recorded in June of 1966.

The June 1967 amount was \$232,321 or .09 per cent above the total of \$2,563,567 for the previous month of May this year.

Franklin County retail sales have been growing at a respectable rate for the past several months. Increased industrial employment and improved farm incomes over the past few years have been given as the reasons for the growing trend in retail sales.

Franklin exceeds the average increase for the entire state. Retail sales in North Carolina in June amounted to \$798,130,271, an increase of \$28,780,150 or less than four per cent over the previous June total of \$769,350,121.

The state's June 1967 total was up \$25,204,072 or about three per cent over the May 1967 amount of \$772,926,199.

The figures are based on total taxable and non-taxable sales as reported to the North Carolina Department of Revenue and are compiled by the N. C. Merchants Association for publication in its monthly publication, The Retailer.

## Courthouse Renovations Revealed

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

Announcement is being made today of an October 2 public hearing on the proposed calling of a \$200,000 County Courthouse Bond election. The Board of County Commissioners have published notice introducing the bond election. The voting is scheduled to take place on November 25.

The architect's drawing of the proposed improvements show an enlargement of about one-half the size of the present facility. The present building contains 10,632 square feet, not including the porch and basement. The new two-story addition will contain

5,760 square feet.

The reason for the need of additional space is, in part due to the continued growth of Franklin County which has caused a critical shortage of space in the Register of Deeds office and even more so in the office of the Clerk of Court. Other offices are also cramped for necessary space.

Another reason additional space is needed, is the new court reform system which is due to become effective in this county in 1968. This will require a host of additional storage space and office space. At that time, the Mayor's Courts in all the towns in the county plus the county Recorder's Court will be merged into a District Court and all papers, offices, courtroom and official quarters will need to be housed in the courthouse.

The proposed plans for the renovation of the present facility calls for a new 14 x 27 foot vault for the Register of Deeds office; a new 18 x 24 foot vault for the Clerk of Court's office, plus private offices for both departments. These are located adjacent to the existing offices on the first floor. Also on the first floor, the plans call for an addition office in the Sheriff's Department of 18 x 19 feet and in the

County Auditor's office, additional space of 13 x 18 feet is to be added.

The Veteran Service offices will be moved downstairs to a new office to be built onto the present Commissioner's Room on the south side of the present structure. A corridor, opening on Court Street is also planned for the first floor.

On the second floor, facing north, will be new quarters for the law library, it being moved to make room for a Solicitor's office and a Conference Room. Also on the north wing will be the Superior Court Jury Room

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## Association Announces Promotion

The Louisburg Business Association has announced a town-wide fall sales promotion with dates to be set later. The announcement was made in a letter to members this week. The letter also announced the cancellation of an earlier plan to have the "Mike Hight Show" here. The reason for the change in plan was said to be due to the unavailability of suitable downtown locations for the show.

The Association also announced that a Bad Check and Security Clinic will be held on September 26 from 3 to 5 P.M. in the West End Branch of Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Henderson. Another such clinic is slated to be held in the Raleigh Room at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on September 27 from 10 to 12 A.M.

The Clinics are being sponsored by the N. C. Merchants Association and the State Bureau of Investigation. It includes instructions and films on handling bad checks and shoplifting problems in retail stores and other businesses.

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the local organization, has urged all members to attend one of the clinics.

## Open House

Youngsville--Tre' Jay, Inc. of Youngsville will hold open house on Thursday evening, September the twenty-eighth, with company officials and officers of the Youngsville Development Corporation on hand to greet guests.

The public is invited to come in any time between the hours of seven and nine thirty p.m. A tour of the building will show operations for the manufacture of baby bibs and pants produced by the corporation.

## Ballots To Be Counted Friday

Ballots cast in the election of county ASCS representatives, will be tabulated Friday in the local ASCS office beginning at 8:30 A.M., according to an announcement by John Davis, office manager.

Three committeemen and two alternates will be elected for each of the ten ASCS communities in the county. The committeemen will serve from October 1, 1967 until September 30, 1968. Vacancies to the regular committee will be filled alternates, according to Davis.

The nominee receiving the largest number of votes in each community will be named chairman, the second highest will be vice chairman and the third will be designated as member.

Davis also said, "Winter crops planted under the Agricultural Con-

servation Program not only protect and rebuild the vegetative matter in the soil; but, they also help to beautify the countryside during the winter months. Cost-share can be approved at the rate of \$2.00 per acre for Barley, Oats, Rye, Wheat, Crimson Clover, Ryegrass, and Hairy Vetch. Fescue is recommended as an additional vegetative cover in crop rotation. Get your request in early so that the seed can be planted and get a good growth by next spring.

"Visits will be made to 583 farms to determine if soybeans have been incorporated into the soil on diverted or conserving base acreage or other irregularities are indicated.

"Producers who fail to comply with program regulations will be required to refund annual payment at 6% interest."

## Market Holiday Called, Leaf Loans Are Offered

While industry, farm and government officials continue to search for some more permanent solution to the mounting problems of tobacco growers, a plan to ease, temporarily the present congestion on sales markets has been announced.

Horace D. Godfrey, administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, has disclosed that price support loans will be offered to growers, as a step toward relieving congestion on auction markets. The loans are to be made on farm-stored tobacco. Godfrey disclosed the plan Wednesday before an industry-wide meeting of the Flue Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee.

The Committee also voted a marketing holiday following next Tuesday's sales. The Old Belt will open on Monday, September 25 as scheduled and operate five hours a day for five days. All other markets, including the Middle Belt and the Louisburg market, will be closed until further notice. A meeting for Wednesday night, September 27, is slated and some announcement as to the reopening of these markets is expected at that time.

Middle Belt markets, including Louisburg, will operate next Monday and Tuesday on four-hour sales schedules.

N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham has asked Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman for aid in relieving the present conditions surrounding the marketing of tobacco.

Godfrey explained that growers could be offered loans on farm-stored leaf although such loans had not been made before. He said growers could be assured that, in accepting such loans, that he would be permitted to market his tobacco at auction later on the same basis as existed at the time of the loan.

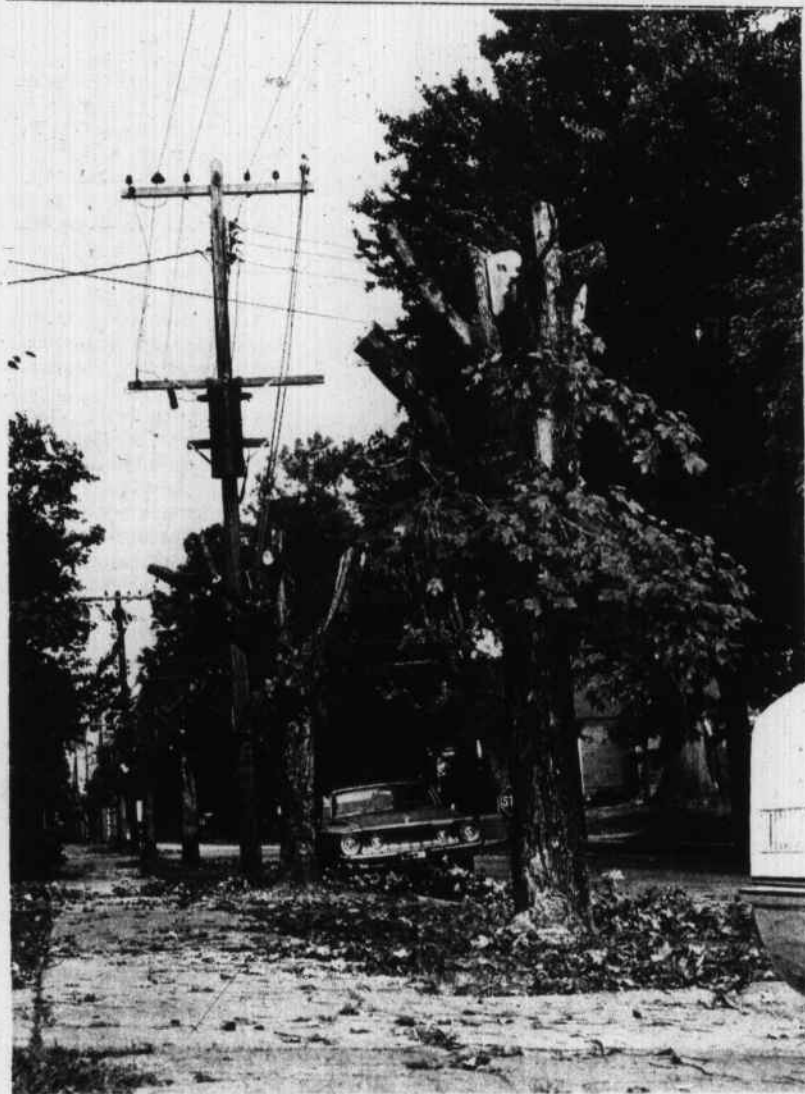
Reports that some growers were having to wait five days to get their leaf on the warehouse floor and the obvious congestion as large numbers of leaf-laden vehicles stood parked in lines at warehouses, prompted some action by officials. Declining prices on most markets had also become a matter of great concern.

On the Louisburg market, figures on Tuesday and Wednesday sales, usually available on Thursday morning

could not be obtained today. However, William Boone, Sales Supervisor, said this morning, "Leaf tobacco prices--heavier grades--have picked up con-

siderably. I don't mean that they're out of this world, but it looks a lot better."

The average for the local market



Slaughter On Sunset  
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## Reason Given For Tree Cutting

Town Administrator E. S. Ford issued a statement late this morning concerning tree-cutting operations along Sunset Avenue here, that have brought a host of complaints from local citizens.

Mr. Ford stated that he talked with the contractor in charge of the project. He said the reason for cutting the particular trees so close was a safety factor. It was explained, according to the Town Administrator, that the lines from West Sunset all the way beyond the northern limits of the town are being installed and that they are "hot".

The contractor explained, said Mr. Ford, that in order to assure the men working on these lines utmost safety, it was necessary to cut the trees to give as much space between the lines and tree tops as possible.

The alternative, stated Mr. Ford, was for portions of the town to be without power for a period of at least two days. He also stated that he had received a number of calls from people disturbed over the man-

ner in which the trees have been cut.

"What else could we do?", he asked.

## County Fair Starts Monday

The Franklin County Fair opens its doors Monday for the 54th year and fair manager, George T. (Jolly) Bunn, says this is to be the best one yet. The midway will feature the Delmarva Shows and the Free Act will star the Great Erick with his famous highwire routines.

Prizes will be given in hundreds of categories from fruits to home furnishings. Poultry judging and arts, crafts and antiques will also figure in cash awards.

The Great Erick, billed as a unique and outstanding comedian will entertain fair-goers with what is billed a "death-defying highwire routines performed without the aid of any balancing device or net".

The schedule of the week-long event calls for Monday as Entry Day with gates opening at 5 P.M. with a com-

plete display of farm and home exhibits. Tuesday will see the judging of exhibits and Wednesday is School Children Day with all school children being admitted free up until 6 P.M. Gates open Wednesday at 4 o'clock.

Thursday all Boy and Girl Scouts will be admitted free, if in uniform and Friday is listed as Everybody's Day. Saturday is another School Day with children being admitted free until 6 P.M.

One new feature of the fair is a newly built Bingo booth, which will be operated by the Louisburg Jaycees during fair week. Bill O'Neal, President of the organization said a host of valuable prizes will be given and all proceeds from the operation will go toward worthy Jaycee community projects.

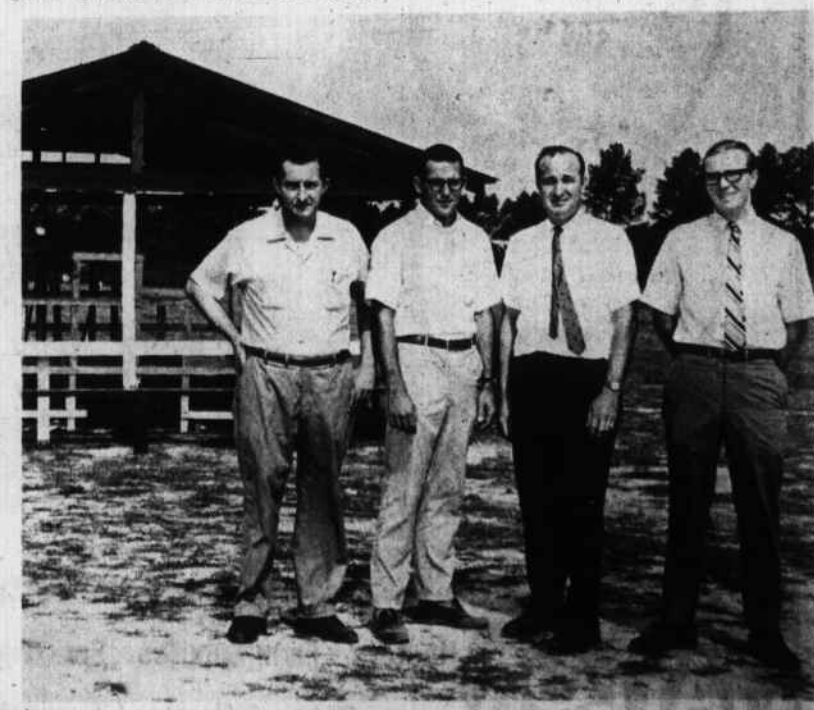
## Jaycees To Stage Dance

The Louisburg Jaycees have all their plans made for their Annual Jaycee Dance.

The event will be held on Saturday night, October 14th at the Louisburg Armory. One of the top Combos in the state will play for this event. The Kays Combo of Wilson will provide the music.

Bill O'Neal, chairman, announced that the dance will be for couples only and will be held from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight. Tickets are on sale by the Louisburg Jaycees and proceeds will go to Jaycee projects.

The Kays is a five piece band, including the organ, and they have several popular vocal numbers lined up. "We had a good turn out last year and are hoping for an even larger crowd this year," said O'Neal.



To Operate Booth

Pictured above, in front of the new Bingo booth at the Franklin County fair grounds, are left to right: Fair manager George T. Bunn, Jaycees B. B. Pruitt, L. G. Barefoot and Bill O'Neal, Jaycee President. The local organization will operate the booth as the fair opens here next week. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.