



This And More

An unidentified Raleigh man is, shown above, busily painting the courthouse flag pole here last Friday afternoon. The Board of County Commissioners authorized the job in a prompt, orderly manner. Others elements of the Friday meeting, however, were not so orderly. See story elsewhere on this page.

Faulkner Walks Out

Flare-Up Marks Board Meeting

A flare-up and a walkout by County Commissioner Norwood Faulkner highlighted the special called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners here last Friday afternoon.

The walkout could possibly spell the resignation of the sometimes controversial Commissioner, inasmuch as he prefaced his action by telling County Attorney Charles Davis that either he or Davis could quit. Davis did not comment and remained in the meeting while Faulkner left. No comment has been forthcoming from Commissioner Faulkner since the Friday encounter. The session was called to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of fees to the auditing firm of Perry,

Place, Shaw and Burchfield, Certified Public Accountants, for work accomplished in a special extended audit of the County Accountants office.

After extensive discussion by the Board, on the November 25 county courthouse bond vote, County Attorney Charles Davis attempted to read a prepared motion explaining the special accountant's audit as requested by Chairman E. M. Sykes. Faulkner took issue with the motion, declaring that it was too lengthy.

After further discussion, Commissioner George Harris moved that the auditing firm be authorized to continue the audit at First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. here, as requested by Dis-

Commissioners Endorse

Figures Show No Tax Increase Due To Bonds

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously endorsed figures as presented by Clerk of Court Ralph Knott, last Friday, showing that the November 25 courthouse improvement bonds would not necessitate any tax increase. "A vote for the bond issue will not increase your tax rate," one spokesman said.

Figures showed that the county was now receiving \$12,418.50 from the present three cent levy for courthouse improvement. Fees to be paid to the county by the State for cases tried in the various courts were listed at \$6,286.00.

Other fees to be paid to the county by the State, including Superior Court cases, brought the total rent paid by the State to the county to a total of \$10,036.00. Added to this amount was \$15,200.00 in salaries, now paid by the county which will be taken over by the State after December 1, 1968 when the court reform system comes to Franklin County.

The present three cent tax levy, the rental by the State and the savings in salaries were listed at a total of \$37,654.50.

The amount of money needed annually to retire the \$200,000 courthouse bonds was shown at \$27,200.00, based on a ten-year pay back at six percent interest. This, according to the report, would net the county \$10,454.50 more money than presently received.

At the end of the ten-year period, according to figures approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the county would be getting the entire amount of \$37,654.50 plus whatever

increase might be forthcoming by the end of the ten-year period.

The alternative to courthouse renovation would be to rent space from private individuals, who would in turn reap the benefits from the State funds, the report states.

The \$200,000 County Courthouse Bond vote is slated for Saturday, November 25, 1967.

Some members of the Board urged that the people understand the figures and that no increase in taxes would be necessary to pay off the bonds. They did not preclude the possibility that a tax increase might become necessary in some other county area not connected with the courthouse bond issue. One likely area in which tax increase could come is in the growing problem of ambulance service to the county. This, however, it was pointed out, would have nothing at all to do with the fact that a vote for the courthouse bond would not bring on a tax increase.

A committee was named to head the drive for approval of the bond issue, by Chairman E. M. Sykes. County Attorney Charles Davis was named Chairman of the group and Commissioner Richard Cash and Clerk of Court Ralph Knott were named as members.

Radio newsmen Asher Johnson and Times Editor Clint Fuller declined to serve on the committee when requested, both stating that they favored the passage of the bonds and would work toward that end. Johnson said that he opposed the bonds until the report as prepared by Knott was made public but, in light of these figures, he would now support the issue.

Big Still Destroyed

Franklin County Sheriff William T. Dement said Friday that agents of his department working with members of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division destroyed a large whisky-making operation in the Pearce's section of Franklin Thursday night.

Dement said the distillery was not in operation at the time of the raid, but had recently been run with the operators leaving 40 gallons of freshly made whisky behind.

He said that some 2,000 gallons of beer contained in 10,220-gallon barrels were destroyed along with the still. He said his department confiscated 1,100 pounds of sugar, five 100-gallon tanks of propane gas, one gas burner, two pumps and 100 cases of gallon jars.

Louisburg Market Averages Are Tops

The Federal-State Market News Service reports that the Louisburg Tobacco Market has sold, through Wednesday of last week, a total of 6,483,081 pounds of leaf. Of this, 109,090 pounds has been tied tobacco and 6,373,991 pounds has been untied.

Sales last Wednesday were as follows: Untied, 324,386 pounds for \$195,589.00 and an average of 60.30. Tied leaf, 12,778 pounds for \$9,254 and an average of \$72.42.

Through the Wednesday selling day, tied leaf has brought on the Louisburg Market, \$75,874 for an average of \$69.55. Untied tobacco, for the same period has brought \$4,159,354 for an average of \$65.26.

Louisburg's average paid for tied leaf is greater than any other market in the Middle Belt. The \$69.55 average exceeds that of Fuquay-Varina which has the nearest amount, \$69.32.

Louisburg is second to Oxford in untied averages by a few points. Oxford's average is reported at \$65.57 for the 18-day selling season and Louisburg's is \$65.26.

Due To Market Conditions Furniture Firm Decides Not To Locate Here

The plant that was to have produced "cabinetry representing the highest state of the art" here in Louisburg has been canceled. In a prepared statement, issued to newsmen last Friday morning, Fred C. Lohmueller, President of Carolina Fine Woods, disclosed that the concern "Today cancelled plans for the construction of a furniture plant here."

Mr. Lohmueller said in the state-

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ment, "The company's decision was made as a result of changing market conditions and production for color and monochrome television sets and stereophonic phonographs."

He further stated that, "The 50-acre tract originally set aside for a plant will be sold." The tract is situated along N. C. 56 just outside Louisburg on the Franklinton highway and was formerly occupied by the Ben Franklin Boarding Home.

W. J. Benton, Director of Industrial Development here said, "The announcement is extremely disappointing. We will just have to roll up our sleeves and go to work to get someone else." J. H. Talton, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission echoed Benton's expressions and said, "We will have to go farther and do better."

Talton continued, "We cannot look back. Mr. Benton and I will be in Raleigh this (Friday) afternoon and Mr. Benton will leave for New York Monday. We are hoping state and other officials will be willing to give us a

little extra help since we have suffered this setback."

Talton, Benton and several other local leaders visited the Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh last Friday and also called on the Industrial Department of Carolina Power and Light Co. in efforts to gain assistance on finding another industry to locate here.

"We were given every consideration," Benton said Monday. "There were no promises, but they expressed their willingness to be cooperative. The trip to New York has been in the making several weeks and has nothing to do with the Friday announcement," he continued.

Benton, Talton and others began work on the Carolina Fine Woods project in May of 1966. For several months negotiations were going on between local industrial development people and company personnel. The nature of the plant in question was a closely guarded secret, kept for months from county officials and newsmen alike.

The announcement came on November 29, 1966 that Carolina Fine Woods, a subsidiary of Sylvania Electronics Corp. would build a 130,000 square foot-one story furniture plant here. Construction was said to be slated to begin in December on the 50-acre tract. While no official statement was made as to the number of potential employees the plant would have, unofficial figures ranged up to six hundred.

Merchants Polled On Parade

Members of the Louisburg Business Association are being polled this week on their preferences for a Christmas Parade. In a letter from James R. Grady, President of the organization, members are being asked if they wish to have the annual event, whether or not they are willing to sponsor a float and if they are willing to

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contribute otherwise to the expense of the parade.

The letter states, "A great deal of concern was expressed by many of the Board Members about the feasibility of having the Christmas Parade again this year. The Association has noted a declining interest in the parade from year to year."

"There has been an increasing problem about raising the necessary money and securing sponsors for the floats. For this reason, it was the feeling of our Board that the merchants in town should have an opportunity of expressing their views on this matter."

The Association has staged successful parades each year since it began in 1963.

Rites Held For Election Official

Funeral services for Harry Thomas Rogers, 74, of Rt. 1, Youngsville, who died Wednesday in Wake Memorial Hospital, were conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at the Bethlehem Baptist Church of which he was a member by the Rev. Tommy Lomax. Burial followed in the Church cemetery with Masonic rites. He was a member of the Franklin Board of Elections, Shriner and a Deacon in the Bethlehem Church. He was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Mikkelsen Rogers; three sons, Lawrence Rogers of Youngsville, Douglas Rogers of Raleigh and Max G. Rogers of Florence, S. C.; five daughters, Mrs. Pauline Arnold, Mrs. Carrie Martin, and Mrs. Jane Brannon, all of Zebulon, Mrs. Dot Pickard and Mrs. Inga Grayson both of Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Baker of Zebulon and Mrs. Hollie Knight of Wake Forest; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Wild Chase Nets Multiple Charges

A wild highway chase last Friday night has netted a Henderson man charges in three counties, two municipalities and two states. The chase, which originated in Franklin County and split Louisburg shortly before 10 P.M., also resulted in damage to five automobiles.

Bunn Police Chief Tom Powell pursued the 1962 brown Oldsmobile convertible when he noticed the car traveling west on N. C. 98 at a high rate of speed. Powell radioed his position and the license number of the car to police headquarters in Louisburg.

Radio operator Karl Pernel alerted Louisburg Police officers Earl Smith, who took up a position at the intersection of the Bunn Road and Bickett Boulevard, and Charlie Lambert who was stationed at the Louisburg School crossing on North Main Street. Lambert was preparing for the traffic soon to leave the Louisburg-Wakelton football game.

The Olds, reportedly driven by Bobby Bissette, 26, 211 Glenwood Avenue, Henderson and carrying a 14-year old unidentified boy as a passenger, did not stop for the Bunn intersection, traveled across Bickett Boulevard onto Main Street. He sideswiped Lambert's police car at the school crossing and headed north on N. C. 39-U.S. 401.

Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Gupton had picked up the car on the Bunn road and, taking the by-pass, fell in behind

the Bissette car again at the northern intersection of the by-pass and North Main Street. Powell was behind the Gupton car.

All three vehicles traveled N. C. 39 to Gillburg where Bissette turned onto the Greystone road leading to US 1 north of Henderson. Meanwhile, Deputy Sheriff Leroy Terrill had joined the chase near Ingleside, five miles out of Louisburg. Terrill wrecked his car on the Greystone road when he was forced to take to the ditch to avoid oncoming traffic.

Pernel, in steady contact with State Highway headquarters in Raleigh, had had Raleigh set up a road block at the fairgrounds in Henderson in anticipation that the Olds would continue on N. C. 39.

The chase continued into Warren County along Interstate 85, through Norlina and over into Virginia. State Trooper Vaughn of Warrenton joined the chase at Norlina and Gupton gave way for the Trooper to give pursuit. Powell had fallen behind the chase when he was forced to stop for traffic at a crossroads.

Trooper Vaughn caught up with the fleeing Bissette and after bumping the Olds from the left side and then the right side, forced the Olds off the highway and to a stop about two miles south of South Hill, Virginia.

Gupton, attempting to stop after the Olds was wrecked, did minor damage to his car.

McFarland Is Alumnus Of The Year

Dr. Daniel M. McFarland, Professor of History at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, was named Alumnus of the Year as Alumni Day activities were held Saturday, October 14, at Louisburg College. Several hundred former students returned to the historic campus for a full day program.

An Alumni Day Golf Tournament was held Saturday afternoon at the Green Hill Country Club with Bill Moon, '45, of Raleigh and Fred Roberson, '62, of Durham walking away with the low net and low gross trophies respectively. As the golfers enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon on the links, other alumni participated in the first Alumni Day Bridge Tournament. Mr. and Mrs. Durward W. Leggett, '62 and '63, of Elizabethtown were team winners of trophies for high score.

Other alumni were entertained at a Social Hour in Main Parlor. Reunion caisses held meetings at 5 p.m. in various homes about the community.

The Alumni Day highlight came at the annual banquet at 7 p.m. in the B. N. Duke Cafeteria as Dr. McFarland, '42, received the Alumni Award. The coveted award was given to Dr. McFarland for his continuing support and interest in Louisburg College and his contributions in the field of higher education. Several members of Dr. McFarland's family were in attendance for the affair, including his mother, Mrs. Frances McFarland of Charlotte.

Featured speaker at the Alumni Banquet was Dr. Richmond P. Bond, Kenan Professor of English at U.N.C., Chapel Hill, and Professor-in-Residence at Louisburg for the current school semester. Dr. Bond humorously told of his mission at Louisburg as lecturer, consultant and exhibitor.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of the College, announced to the alumni that construction on a new dormitory for women should begin November 1, with completion scheduled for late August, 1968.

Bissette is being held in South Hill awaiting trial. He will face charges in Warren County, Vance County and Franklin County. He will also be charged in the wrecking of the police car and speeding in Louisburg and Bunn. Virginia authorities will try him first.

Miraculously no one was injured in the sixty-mile chase, but damage of \$200 was suffered by the Louisburg police car, \$300 to the Terrill car and about \$300 to the State Patrol car. Damage was minor to the Gupton vehicle and to the Bissette car.