

**WEATHER**  
Generally fair and a little warmer today. Wednesday, partly cloudy and mild. Low today, 27; high, mid 60's.

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**Pretty Girls And Santa Claus At Franklinton**

Santa Claus didn't really ride into Franklinton last Thursday night on top of the pretty baton twirlers shown above, but the beauties did lead the jolly old gent along Main Street to the delight of hundreds of youngsters. Braving an unusually cold night, parents and children crowded the street from one end to the other to view one of the most outstanding parades ever held in this section. Shown above is portions of the Garner High School Band, one of the several participating in the annual event, sponsored by the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Parents File Motion To Intervene In School Case With Court Of Appeals

Parents of fifty-five Negro students, attending predominantly white schools in Franklin County as a result of a court order issued last August 17 by the U.S. Eastern District Court in Raleigh, have filed a motion for intervention in the case with the Fourth Circuit of Appeals in Richmond.

Represented by the Henderson law firm of Allen and Peoples, the parents first filed a Motion of Intervention with the U.S. Eastern District Court. According to reliable reports, this Court ruled that the case is now in the hands of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. On November 22, attorney Linwood T. Peoples filed another Motion of Intervention, this one with the seven-member Court in Richmond.

In the latest Motion, the parents claim that their children, assigned to the schools presently attended by the Board of Education last fall when required to attend at least ten per cent of the Negro school population to predominantly white schools, are "already suffering injury in that they are being forced to go to schools which they do not want to attend".

The Motion further states, "That

their present grades and positions in the class are substantially lower than those which they attended when they were going to the schools of their choice; that they are being forced to go to schools where they have no friends; and that they are nervous and upset".

Both Motions contain the claim that the original Negro plaintiffs did not and do not represent these parents in their prayers for relief and in the relief sought. The new Motion states "That some of these defendant-intervenors are beyond the age of 16 years, and cannot be forced to go to school under the North Carolina law and say that unless they are given relief that they will not attend any

school".

The Motion asks that the Answers filed to the plaintiffs-intervenors (U.S. Justice Department) complaint be "considered by the Court as a part of the record of the case on appeals".

The case of the parents seeking to become intervenors in the case, Coppedge et al vs the Franklin County Board of Education, have recently been in the news due to questioning by FBI agents. The investigation by the agency of the Justice Department has brought forth a heated exchange between the group's attorney, Mr. Peoples and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Peoples claims that such questioning by the agents amounts to unethical conduct on the part of the Justice Department, a party to the suit.

The case is expected to be heard in Richmond sometime around mid-January and whether or not the Motion of the defendant-intervenors will be allowed is unknown.

## Tobacco Meeting To Be Held

A county-wide tobacco meeting will be held at the agriculture building in Louisburg on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, at 2:00 p.m., according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

Dean said that tobacco production and marketing practices from the plant bed to the warehouse will be discussed. The County Chairman reports that four new tobacco varieties will be released for 1968 planting and that these new varieties, along with the performance of varieties planted this year, would be discussed.

S.N. Hawks, Extension Tobacco Specialist, N.C. State University, will be guest speaker. Dean said that all interested persons are invited and that plenty of time would be allowed for questions.

## Jaycee Tree Sale Starts Today

James Grady, President of the Louisburg Jaycees announced this morning that the annual sale of Christmas trees by the local organization begins today. The trees are displayed on the lot on Bickett Blvd. between the Shannon Village Esso Station and Chip's Drive in according to Grady.

Grady also said that trees could be purchased at any time during the normal business hours and each night until 9 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of the trees will be used in local Jaycee projects.

## Three District Judgeships No Candidates From Franklin Thus Far

Under the new court system for the State, which will be put into full operation in 1968, three judges will be named for the intermediate court in the district of which Franklin county is a part. The district consists of the five counties of Vance, Warren, Franklin, Granville and Person.

The three will be nominated in the primary next May and formally elected in November, taking office the first Monday in December. The district court is designed to relieve congestion in superior court, and at the outset will concern itself with alimony and custody issues.

Two prospective candidates have been mentioned as coming from Vance county and one from Warren. Mentioned locally are Judge Tom D. Har-

die of the Vance Recorder's Court and Linwood T. Peoples, Henderson attorney. A likely candidate from Warren county, it is understood, will be Julius Banzet, Sr. There may be others from the three other counties.

Neither has made a formal announcement of candidacy, but all entries must run the gamut of the primary in May.

The district court phase of the new court system will be activated in December 1968. All judges will be paid by the State and will be responsible to State jurisdiction, with the existing superior court system continuing largely as now, except that it will be relieved of much of the routine of the old system.

## Youngsville, Franklinton, Bunn To Get Street Improvements

Raleigh--The State Highway Commission this week opened sealed bids in the first half of the largest highway letting in the State's history.

## Santa Claus In Town

The Louisburg Business Association has announced that "Santa" will be visiting in the downtown businesses on Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Beginning December 18 he will be in the stores nightly and on Saturday, December 23, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

## Sportswear Hearing Postponed

The hearing by the National Labor Relations Board into the objections filed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America against the Louisburg Sportswear Company's actions in the October election staged here has been postponed.

The hearing by the Regional Director was originally set for Monday in the county courthouse. No reasons were given for the postponement and reliable sources report the hearing is now set for sometime in January.

## Cash Named Chairman Board Reorganizes, Does Not Discuss Ambulance Crisis

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular monthly session Monday, failed to take up the pressing question of ambulance service for county citizens. An agreement, signed by ambulance operators in the three county area of Franklin, Warren and Vance counties was presented but no discussion was held and no action taken. The agreement calls for all funeral homes in the area to discontinue ambulance service on December 31, 1967.

Richard H. Cash, District Two Commissioner, was named Chairman under the Board's rotation system for the chairmanship. In the annual reorganization of the Board, veteran Commissioner George Harris was named vice chairman. Cash appointed Harris to head the Courthouse, Grounds and

Finance Committee; Commissioner Brooks Young to head Welfare and Library; Commissioner Norwood Faulkner, Jail and Fire Commissioner and Commissioner E. M. Sykes to head agriculture buildings.

The Board set December 22 through December 27 as Christmas holidays this year and set the 1968 holiday calendar, which calls for January 1, Easter Monday, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas (Dec. 24 through December 26) as official holidays.

Rep. James Speed appeared before the Board to discuss road problems in the county and according to reports, offered his assistance to the Board in the matter.

The Raleigh CPA firm of Perry,

Place, Shaw and Burchfield was awarded the annual contract to audit the County Accountant's office and the Sheriff's office at a cost of \$7 per hour.

The Board set the tax listing period as January 2 through February 2, 1968 and appointed tax listers for the county as follows:

Dunn - M. C. Pearce, Harris - Charles H. Richardson, Youngsville - Robert Allen, Franklinton - H. G. Jones, Asst. Mrs. Margaret Hardy, Hayesville - Mrs. C. N. Woodard, Sandy Creek - Carey C. Perry, Gold Mine - Mrs. Rea Manning, Cedar Rock - W. S. Boone, Cypress Creek - Mrs. A. C. Stallings, Louisburg - Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Asst. Mrs. C. T. Dean, Jr.

The Board has set a special meeting for 9 a.m. Friday morning. The purpose of the meeting was not publicly announced but reliable sources report it will pertain to the boarding home situation in the county.

## Plans For Ljh Building Near Completion

A new five-room junior high school building for Louisburg School is expected to be set for bids by mid-January according to a report made to the Board of Education in its regular meeting here Monday. The new structure, to be erected between the present high school building and the elementary building, is expected to cost around \$125,000.

The building will house the seventh and eighth grades and is expected to be completed in time for the fall opening of school. Plans for the structure are now being reviewed by State School Planning. A science room is included in the plans along with four regular classrooms.

The Board a request from the Franklinton City Administrative Unit for the use of two school buses for their summer program and approved the public sale of 44 used desks for \$15.

Expenditures of the new activity fees adopted this year were approved after a number of amendments were made to lists sent in by the various schools. The fee is to be used for recreation, playground equipment and athletics. Decision on how the funds

## Glee Club To Give Concert

The forty-voice Louisburg College Glee Club, under the direction of Sarah Foster, will present its annual Christmas Concert in the College Auditorium on Thursday, December 7, at 8 p.m.

Included on the program are two chorales from Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," an arrangement of the eighteenth century Latin hymn "O Come All-Ye Faithful," a group of Christmas spirituals, and other Christmas selections. The Glee Club is accompanied by Ann Anderson of Goldsboro.

The Chapel Choir, composed of fifteen students, will sing a French carol, a Spanish carol, and Schubert's "Ave Maria."

Soloists for the program are Ann Pearce of Franklinton, Kay Nethercutt of Snow Hill, Juanita Mitchell of Manteo, Mary Rogers of Henderson, Allen Minnetree of Franklin, Virginia, and Walter Williamson of Richmond, Virginia.

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert.



**A Lot Like Christmas**  
The Flower Show Committee of the Louisburg Gay Gardeners (Junior) Garden Club is shown above decorating a Christmas tree, which is expected to be placed in Franklin Memorial Hospital during the Christmas season. Pictured are, left to right, Jane Jolly, Becky White and Cathy McDonald. Mrs. John Mills is sponsor of the youngster's organization. Photo by Clint Fuller.