

WEATHER

Generally fair and cold today. Friday, generally fair and not so cold. Low today, 22, high, upper 30's.

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"Look What We Found
This Morning . . . More Snow"

Pictured are Fred and Charles Harris, sons of Town Councilman and Mrs. Grover C. Harris, Jr. Photo by Santa Claus.

Board Approves Private Ambulance Agreement

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here Wednesday in special session, gave unanimous approval to an agreement reached Saturday between the Ambulance Study Committee and Bryant Best for the operation of an ambulance to serve the county.

The final ok came, however, after an exchange between members of the Board and two Centerville men who had brought with them a proposal which they said would save the county money. James Lancaster and A. Tolbert Sturgess said they did not understand from last Thursday's public meeting that a decision on who would operate the service would be reached before they were allowed to make a bid on the project.

At the meeting last Thursday, Chairman Richard Cash announced that the Board would seek a private individual to operate the service. The minutes of that meeting show that Cash stated anyone wishing to discuss the matter should come forward. Best and one other private individual conferred briefly with the Commissioners following the meeting. Lancaster, present at the meeting told the Board Wednesday that he did not hear this and understood that the Board was to meet with the Hospital Board of Trustees this week to determine if it would be possible to align the ambulance service with the hospital operation.

Sturgess asked the Board to vote against the Study Committee agreement with Best and to open the project to sealed bids, allowing the low bidder to get the job.

The Best proposal calls for the county to subsidize the operation \$1250 per month through June 30 this year. The county is to furnish housing for the ambulance and office and Best is to supply the equipment. This covers one ambulance vehicle. The Lancaster-Sturgess proposal calls for a two-vehicle operation for a one year contract at \$25,000 or \$10,000 more for the two vehicles than Best's proposal which calls for \$15,000 for the one.

Best has said that he is willing to "try it" until June 30 and both he and the Board members agree that none know just how the arrange-

ment will work out. He also said that he would "do my very best to give the people good ambulance service. I'm going to do all I can".

Commissioner N.E. Faulkner, a member of the Study Committee, explained that Lancaster-Sturgess proposal placed him on a spot. He said that he was a member of the Committee and sat in on the arrangements with Best. He felt his obligation was to support the Committee in the matter, although he agreed that the procedures might be questioned. Cash, who also was present when arrangements were made with Best although not a member of the Committee, said "We were like a throwing man, grasping for any straw", in referring to the Saturday meeting of the Committee.

It had been obvious for some time that the Board desired to turn the matter over to private enterprise with some county underwriting of expenses. None of the members have expressed any desire to have the county get into the ambulance service business if any private individual would take it on.

Sturgess said Wednesday that he had expressed interest in the matter to Faulkner earlier. Commissioner Brooks Young questioned the Committee's authority to make a commitment for the Board without first seeking his advice. Faulkner reminded that the agreement with Best was subject to the approval of the whole Board.

Faulkner also stated that the Chairman had the authority to disband the Committee and throw the matter open

as proposed by Sturgess.

On the final action, Faulkner made the motion to approve the Study Committee agreement with Best and E.M. Sykes seconded the motion. After more lengthy discussion, Young joined the twosome in making the vote unanimous. Cash, as chairman did not vote and the fifth Commissioner, George Harris is hospitalized and did not attend the meeting.

The Board was to view the old Griffin Motor building on Court St. purchased by the county sometime ago, as a likely place for housing the ambulance operation, as the meeting adjourned. Lancaster and Sturgess said they had planned to establish their operation in Louisburg "somewhere on the by-pass".

Best said he could not say how long it would be before his operation got underway. He must first be certified by the State Board of Health to operate the ambulance. Since he has been a member of the Louisburg Rescue Service for the past seven years and has several courses in first aid, this is not expected to present a problem. He also stated that the agreement between him and the county has to be drawn up by county attorney Charles Davis before the operation can begin. He did indicate that he already has the ambulance lined up.

Faulkner said the Committee had found no answer to the question of what happens when the lone ambulance is on an out-of-county trip and a call for service is received. Best also indicated that he is interested in adding a second ambulance if needed.

Member Of Parliament Speaks At College

On Monday evening, the Louisburg College Lecture Series, was proud to present to the public, the Honorable Norman St. John-Stévas, Member of the British Parliament.

Dr. St. John-Stévas entered politics in 1951 as a Conservative but was defeated; however, he was elected in the general elections of 1964.

A note lecturer and grand speaker, Dr. St. John-Stévas spoke on the subject of the "Atlantic Community and the European Common Market."

The history of Europe, since the fall of the Roman Empire, has been a series of attempts to unify the countries of Europe. The French Revolution was the first major attempt at unifying Europe through the ideals of man. Later, under the leadership of Napoleon, France tried to unite Europe militarily. In the present century, Germany made two unsuccessful attempts—first under Kaiser William II and later under Hitler.

To prevent the events of Hitler from arising in Europe again, the nations of Europe formed the European Common Market or the United States of Europe. Even though Winston Church-

hill and Great Britain lead in the movement to establish a European Common Market; France, under the leadership of General De Gaulle vetoed England's bid for entrance and has continued to do so.

The European Common Market has been very successful mainly because of the confidence which it has created among its members. This confidence has produced a high degree of capital investment which in turn has aided the European economy. The European Common Market is, however, more than an experiment in economics. It is mostly, an experiment in politics, for politics dominate the Common Market.

The politics of the Common Market is, by and large, dominated by France and De Gaulle. Dr. St. John-Stévas stated that De Gaulle has destroyed the friendly relationship between the United States and France. Also, he stated that it would take some time to restore this friendship. The number of American tourists who visit France has steadily decreased within the last few years, which proves that French-

American relations have declined. Dr. St. John-Stévas stated that, "If you go to France, they will take your money and be rude to you at the same time."

In De Gaulle's quest to unify Europe, he sees the United States and Russia's relationship in Europe as the greatest confrontation. He believes that when this confrontation between the United States and Russia is at an end, the unification of Europe can be completed.

In summoning up his lecture, Dr. St. John-Stévas stated that the basis of the Atlantic Community of the future is the basic ideals which all free countries cherish.

Jimmy White
COLUMNS

Wake Farmer Gets Award



TED MITCHELL

Washington, D. C. --- Ted Mitchell, Youngsville, North Carolina, today was named North Carolina Champion in the Second National Soybean Yield Contest with a 64.63 bushels per acre yield. For his achievement, Mitchell was awarded a new International 1100B Farm Pickup Truck by Elanco Products Company, Indianapolis.

To produce his prize-winning yield, Mitchell planted certified Dare variety of soybeans in 38-inch rows and fertilized with 800# of 2-12-12. He also applied 1,500# of lime per acre. In addition, Mitchell applied and incorporated 1 quart of Treflan per acre on a broadcast basis for pre-emergence weed control on his five-acre contest plot.

The National Champion of the Second National Soybean Yield Contest is Dean Chandler, Herrick, Illinois, with a yield of 95.16 bushels per acre.

The National Soybean Yield Contest is sponsored by Elanco Products Company, Indianapolis, with the support of the American Soybean Association.

Church Announces For Seat Two



JOHN T. CHURCH

John T. Church, delegate from the 16th District of the House of Representatives during the 1967 Session of the General Assembly, announced his candidacy today for re-election subject to the May Democratic Primary.

He enters his name as a candidate for House of Representatives Seat Number 2 of the 16th District. The 1967 Session adopted a numbered seat system for the 16th District, and allotted two individual numbered seats (1 and 2) for the District composed of Vance, Franklin, and Warren Counties.

In his statement to the press, Church said: The counties of Vance, Franklin and Warren, which comprise the 16th District, "have much in common geographically, historically and economically. Continued expansion of industry,

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Heart Meet Set For Tuesday

In order to kick off the 1968 Heart Fund Drive, an informational meeting for all volunteers in positions of leadership is to be held in the Community Room of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Bickett Boulevard, Louisburg, Tuesday evening, January 30th, at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement by James Brown, President of the County Heart Association and L.M. Word, chairman of the Heart Fund Drive.

Heart Fund workers kits and other necessary materials and guidance will be passed out at the meeting. Coffee will be served.

"Your presence at the meeting will contribute greatly toward the success of our drive, and we hope you will make a special effort to attend," the two men stated.

Callahan Named To FMH Board

Johnnie Callahan, Franklin County Businessman, was named Wednesday to the Franklin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of the late John Sawyer.

The appointment, made by the Board of County Commissioners in special session to discuss the ambulance service problem, expires January 26, 1970. Callahan operates the City Service Station in Franklinton and is treasurer of the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce.

Bond Set For House

Resident Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood set bond at \$3000 here Wednesday afternoon for Lonnie Graham House, former Franklin County Deputy Sheriff, in charges of murder following the shooting of a Franklinton policeman last Wednesday night.

The bond hearing, which was not made public, calls for the case to be placed before the Grand Jury at the May term of Superior Court here. According to reports, Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards and Franklinton police officer Tom Allen appeared as state's witnesses at Wednesday's hearing. Both were witnesses to the shooting, which Edwards terms "unintentional", at the Franklinton County Peace Officers cabin just west of Louisburg following a meeting of the organization.

House, who has been confined to Franklin Memorial Hospital since the incident was returned there Wednesday when he broke down in the courtroom during the hearing.

The preliminary hearing set for Recorder's Court Tuesday was continued until February 6.

County Board Contributes To Highway Project

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here Wednesday, agreed to subsidize the State Highway Commission in the amount of \$2500 for a paving project to the drive at the county Welfare building. It is reported that some parking area will also be paved. The overall cost of the project was not announced.

Sportswear Announces Pay Increases

Louisburg Sportswear plant manager Sam Vick, Jr. has announced that effective January 29, 1968 employees will receive a wage increase.

The amount, according to Vick, will vary according to job classification and other factors, but will amount to at least a ten cents per hour increase.

G.M. Beam, Sr. Named Deacon Of The Year



G. M. BEAM, SR.

Gather M. Beam, local attorney, former Judge and worker in the Louisburg Baptist Church for over forty years, was named Deacon of the Year here Monday night by the Tar River Baptist Association.

The handsome bronze and wooden plaque was presented to Mr. Beam by Melvin Nelms, Associational Moderator and last year's Deacon of the Year in ceremonies at the Louisburg School cafeteria. Mr. Beam becomes the third man to be so honored. The first, in 1966 was J. Phillip Murray of Ephesus Baptist Church near Spring Hope. Nelms is a deacon in the Cypress Chapel Baptist Church at Seven Paths.

Mr. Beam has been an active deacon in the Louisburg Baptist Church for about 40 years. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Moderator, President of the Brotherhood and has served on the Building Committee for the Education Building and the Building Fund Committee.

He has also served on the Church Scout Troop Committee, supported the Woman's Missionary Union and the Royal Ambassadors, a boy's group. He taught in the adult department for about five years and has taught in the junior department for the past twenty years.

He has been Moderator of the Tar River Association three times, has served as vice moderator and on nominating, executive and finance committees of the Association. He has been a Messenger from the Louisburg Church to the Association for 25 years and has been chairman of the General

Board Committee on Christian Education and President of the Convention Council on Christian Education.

Mr. Beam, 75, has practiced law in Louisburg for fifty years, is married to the former Annie Allen and lives at 302 Sunset Ave. here. He is the father of two children, Mrs. Mamie Beam Clayton, Franklin County Supervisor of Teachers and G. M. Beam, Jr., local insurance and real estate man.

The annual meeting, called the Deacon-Pastor supper and sponsored by the Association Brotherhoods, was presided over by D.C. Phillips of Sandy Creek Baptist Church, President of the Association Brotherhoods. Rev. John W. Woody, newly appointed Associational Missionary, was the featured speaker at the meeting.

Mr. Beam was cited for his "outstanding service over the years to his own church and to the Association". The meeting was attended by around 160 Baptist leaders from Franklin and Nash counties.

You Judge

To say the least, some weird stories have come out of Franklin County over the years. There is one such reported on today's front page of The Durham Morning Herald. We re-print it here without any attempt to verify its accuracy.

O'Neal, a local real estate man is perhaps Franklin County's No. 1 rabbit hunter.

On a hunting trip Saturday, he had the experience of bagging his first rabbit . . . with a standard bass fishing rod and plug.

O'Neal and a group of his friends were hunting rabbits, with the aid of his large pack of beagle hounds, in the woods and fields near his home. Suddenly a rabbit was flushed from a brush pile and most of the hunters blasted at him with their shotguns, but all missed. Some say five shots were fired, others say even more, but at any rate the rabbit was missed.

The dogs got in on the act and chased the cottontail into a nearby pond. The rabbit swam mightily, but every time he approached shore there was a bunch of yapping beagles.

Thinking of a solution, O'Neal rushed home, got his fishing rod and returned to the pond. After a couple of casts he snagged the rabbit and reeled him in to be added to the day's bag.

O'Neal recommended a Rebel lure, ordinarily used for bass fishing, when going for rabbits.