

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and mild today and Wednesday with a chance of scattered showers beginning this afternoon or tonight. Low today, upper 30's; high, middle 60's.

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Lt. Gov. Bob Scott Makes Brief Visit Here

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott was a visitor in Louisburg last Friday night, stopping over on his way home from a day of campaigning in Warren and Granville counties. Accompanied by his four-county aid, Tom W. Ellis, Henderson automobile dealer, the gubernatorial candidate spoke briefly to a group of followers at a local restaurant.

Scott, ailing with a touch of flu, told the group that he wanted to "touch base with you" and said, "I could talk a couple of hours, but it boils down to this fact, I am running for governor and I want your support. It's as simple as that."

"In my travels across the state, I have talked with the people, but most of all I like to listen", the Haw River native stated. "I find one unifying thread of thought. People of our state are concerned about leadership at all levels of government", he added.

"I believe that people are concerned about those who are going to be in

office. They want people in whom they have confidence. People of integrity. People who are honest and responsive to the needs of the citizens", Scott said.

"There is a trend today to mistrust government. The people are looking for that element that can best restore their confidence. I am seeking the responsibility of leadership for the next four years. I am not afraid of it, possibly because of family background and possibly due to having been Lt. Gov. I know . . . oh, how I know . . . the awesome responsibility and complex problems he must deal with. I don't have all the answers, nobody does. What I do have is the desire to serve you and other citizens of the state", he remarked.

Scott said that "leadership is the key" and he reminded that as he announced his candidacy, he said his campaign would be short on promises: "I will not knowingly make promises I cannot fulfill", he told the Franklin audience Friday night. "I will work hard to win the nomination and the election and I will work hard for the four years for the kind of government of which you can be proud. I will conduct the office and myself in a way that will be a credit to you the citizens of North Carolina.

Scott said he would return to Franklin County for a more extensive visit during the campaign. He also said his administration will have an "open-door" policy. "You will not need to come to Raleigh with hat in hand", he stated.

There were no questions asked by the audience, although the Lt. Gov. allowed time for such. He was scheduled to speak later Friday night in his home county of Alamance and was unable to stay in Louisburg for any length of time. He did, however, take a hand-shaking tour of the restaurant before leaving.

No announcement was made on a pick for county campaign manager while the young candidate was here, but an aide said an announcement would be made soon.

Lt. Gov. Scott is the second gubernatorial candidate to visit the county in recent weeks. J. Melville Broughton, Raleigh attorney made a tour of the county earlier this month.

Former County Accountant Faces Embezzlement Charges

Former Franklin County Accountant E. Lee Murray has been charged in five separate true bills, returned by the Grand Jury here Monday, with embezzlement. Murray, who has been Treasurer of Wake County since resigning his post here in December, 1966, immediately requested a leave of absence from his Wake County position.

The Franklin native had reimbursed the county a total of \$6,360.48 which auditors had declared "unexplained disbursements" last fall. Initially, the Raleigh auditing firm of Perry, Place, Shaw and Burchfield had disclosed an unexplained disbursement of \$561.34, which Murray paid to the county, saying that he did not know where the money went but that he felt he was responsible for the office.

Earlier this month, Murray paid to the county an additional \$5,799.14 and said in an accompanying letter, "This difference is disputed and I deny any personal responsibility for it, however, the affairs of this office were my responsibility during the period covered by the audit". He also stipulated in his letter that the money would be returned to him, "if in the future it should be found that no difference existed".

In the five true bills returned Monday, Murray is charged with "knowingly, willfully, fraudulently, corruptly, unlawfully and feloniously embezzling and converting to his own use" funds entrusted to him by the County of Franklin.

The bills cover the periods July 1, 1962 through June 30, 1963, \$1,030.84; July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1964, \$1,322.78; July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1965, \$1,521.30; July 1, 1965 through June 30, 1966, \$1,924.22 and July 1, 1966 through September 30, 1966, \$561.34.

In his letter, addressed to Wake County Manager Garland Jones, Murray told of the Grand Jury action and stated, "In view of this fact and in order to avoid any embarrassment to you and the

Wake County Board of Commissioners, I would like to request a leave of absence, effective today, until my name has been cleared. At such time as I have been cleared, I would respectfully request that you allow me to return to the position of Treasurer of Wake County".

Murray also expressed his appreciation to Jones and the Wake Board for the "pleasure and the opportunity" of working with them and concluded, "The many kindnesses and moral support which you have given me during the past few months have meant more to me than I am able to express".

Crowell Strickland, operator of

Strickland Auto Supply in Louisburg announced today that Murray has accepted a position with his firm and is expected to begin work later this week.

Last October 5, Commissioner E.M. Sykes, then Chairman of the Board, called a news conference to disclose the unexplained disbursements during the period when Murray was County Accountant. The prepared statement simply reported that the auditors had uncovered the \$6,360.48 "unexplained disbursements" during the period and that the information had been turned over to District Solicitor W.G. (Buck) Ransdell. Sykes, at the time, would not allow questions by newsmen.

Murray issued a statement later that day in which he said, "I am emotionally saddened because I realize the suffering my family and I will go through regardless of the end effect. I stand ready to defend the integrity of that office for which I was responsible".

Murray had no statement, other than his letter to the Wake Manager, Monday night. He indicated he would confer with his attorneys, Hill Yarborough and Edward F. Yarborough, both of Louisburg, today. No date has been set for action on the true bills, but it is unlikely the cases will come up in this week's Superior Court term.



LT. GOV. BOB SCOTT

Company Pays County Taxes

Louisburg--Howard T. Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone, one of the county's larger taxpayers, this week presented a check for \$19,414 to the Franklin County tax collector.

The check was in payment of 1967 ad valorem taxes on the company's properties within the county. Also, checks for \$1,059 for municipal ad valorem taxes in Louisburg and \$1,356 in Franklinton were handed to the city tax collectors. Checks covering municipal ad valorem taxes in other towns will be delivered this week.

The company's total county and municipal tax bill throughout eastern North Carolina amounted to \$1,650,000. In addition, state and federal taxes came to \$6,600,000.

This does not include the 10% federal excise tax on telephone service which the company collected from its subscribers and remitted to the federal government.

Cedar Rock Man Suicide

Two Shot In Louisburg

Joe Louis Arrington, 52-year old Negro, took his life at his home in Cedar Rock last Friday afternoon around 4:30 P.M., according to reports. Arrington shot himself with a shotgun in a wooded area near his home. Louisburg Rescue Service answered the call, but Arrington was dead when the unit arrived.

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reports that Charles Lee Alston, a Negro male in his twenties, has been charged with assault in the Friday night shooting of Lewis Edgerton at a nightspot in Louisburg. Edgerton was wounded in his arm by a .38 caliber bullet, according to Tharrington. Alston is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Chief Tharrington also reported a Sunday, January 21 shooting at the Swan's Club on South Main Street. He said William Earl Clifton, c/m/19, is charged with felonious assault on Larry Moore, c/m/21. Moore was wounded in the abdomen with .22 caliber bullet and is hospitalized at Duke.

Murder Cases Head Superior Court Docket

Five murder cases head the docket for this week's term of Superior Criminal Court being held here with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., presiding. Monday morning was spent with maneuverings in the case of Edward Louis Conyers of Franklinton, charged with Assault with Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury Not Resulting in Death and Secret Assault.

The 57-year old Conyers has been free under \$2,000 bond since the May 17, 1967, shooting of a cousin, Howard Conyers, 38, also of Franklinton. The younger Conyers was wounded in the left leg and left arm with .22 caliber bullets while working in a field on the Pocomoke Road and was riding a tractor at the time he was shot, according to reports.

A late unconfirmed report indicates that this case may be moved to another court's jurisdiction.

Eight other cases of assault are docketed for trial this week and two men face a combined total of nine charges of false pretense. Murder charges are lodged against Lewis Bullock, Louisburg Negro who died recently. He was charged with killing his father, John Bullock with a rifle. Other defendants in murder cases include Elvis Gladstone Hicks, Jr.,

No Extension On Tax Listing

C.W. Strother, County Tax Supervisor, announces that there will be no extension of time beyond the scheduled date of February 2, 1968, for listing your 1968 Property tax. However, County taxpayers may come by the Tax Department at 217 Court Street in Louisburg and list their tax without penalty through February 16, 1968. Penalty will start after February 16th for all taxpayers except those businesses with Granted Extension of time.

Thomas Earl Dean, Davis Lee Mann and John Cornelious Kingsberry. Six cases of larceny are docketed with four forgery cases and eight motor vehicle violation charges.

As court closed Monday afternoon jurors were being seated in the capital case of carnal knowledge against Eddie Alston, a Negro charged with rape of a twelve year old girl. About half of the twelve member panel had been chosen. Alston is being defended by Franklinton attorney H.H. Senter, W.G. (Buck) Ransdell of Raleigh is District Solicitor, prosecuting in this term of court.

No School Makeup This Saturday

Schools in the Franklin County system have lost five days due to recent inclement weather. It has been reported that some of these days will be made up by holding classes on Saturdays. Others will come from an original four-day Easter Holiday.

Superintendent Warren W. Smith reported that this Saturday would not be a make-up date due to many teachers being away taking the National Teachers Examinations. In other words, there will be no school on Saturday, February 3.

A report from Franklinton Monday also verified that their unit does not plan to make up any lost days on this particular Saturday.

Smith indicated that three of the five days most likely will come from the Easter Holidays, leaving Easter Monday as the only remaining holiday. This will leave two Saturdays as make-up days unless more bad weather causes more lost days.

An announcement will be made prior to the order for Saturday attendance.



Bobby Garrett And Lynn Fleming — Scene Of Heroic Action

13-Year-Old Boy Saves Life Of 7-Year-Old Girl

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

Bravery comes in all sizes. And courage is not limited to battlefields and ships at sea. Nor does it belong solely to the grownup. Neither are such traits as clear thinking and prompt action confined to the worldly.

Courage and prompt action here last week by a 13-year old Louisburg eighth-grader has been credited with saving the life of a seven-year old girl.

Courage, bravery, clear thinking and quick response, for a moment last Monday, were bundled together into a youngster named Bobby Garrett, who unhesitatingly plunged into ice-coated Cottrell Pond to pull little Lynn Fleming to safety after she had broken through the ice.

Thus did this youngster save the life of a playmate. The story began when four neighborhood children decided to walk over to the pond, a short distance from the Garrett and Fleming homes. In the group were Stan Joyner, Susan Reed, Lynn Fleming and Bobby Garrett. Also taken along was a football, which almost contributed to a real tragedy.

The youngsters started a game of passing the pigskin and, as so often happens, a pass was missed. The football landed on top of the ice which partly covered the farm pond.

There is no sure answer as to just how little Lynn was elected to retrieve the football, unless it was because she was the lightest in weight. The fact is, however, that she ventured onto the ice to recover the ball. The ice broke and she fell into the water well over her head.

It was here that young Bobby proved his salt. While undoubtedly some youngsters and probably some adults would have panicked, he did not. He plunged into the icy water, also over his head, grabbed the girl and pulled her to safety.

"He was shivering and shaking and so concerned for Lynn, he had completely forgotten himself", commented Mrs. Bill Fleming, Lynn's mother. "I am so thankful that he was there and that he did what he did. I will always be grateful. He is a wonderful boy."

The pond is situated some 200 yards from the Jeffers Drive area where Bobby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, and Lynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fleming, are neighbors. Extreme cold weather had caused ice to form a thin coat over the water. The youngsters had been warned not to go near the pond, according to their parents.

In taking the plunge young Bobby lost his glasses. The shy youngster, however, failed to mention this. In fact, he hesitated to talk of the incident at all. His mother indicated that she preferred to play it down. Mrs. Fleming, however, said, "Bobby certainly deserves some credit for the thing he did".

Bobby is an eighth grade student at Louisburg School and was a member of the highly successful bullpup ball team last fall that went undefeated during the regular season. He is popular with his fellow students. . . and we suspect he is more so today with a certain seven year old girl.

Happiness is saving the life of a friend.