

### WEATHER

Windy and much colder today with snow flurries this morning. Friday, fair and cold. Low today, 26; high, about 38.

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## Franklin Voters Face Host Of Changes In Coming Elections

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This is election year. Whatever else 1968 may bring, chances are that elections-local, state, national-will dominate the months that lie ahead. And change will be the key factor in the elections. Franklin voters will face a number of these between now and balloting day.

The date of the Democratic and Republican primaries has been changed from the last Saturday in May to the first Saturday in May, which will be May 4, this year. There will be no races for Recorder's Court Judge or Solicitor as in the past. The new Court Reform has seen to this.

Instead, there will be races for District Judges, a new position. The Seventh Judicial District will have three such jurists and already five men have entered the race, none of whom are from Franklin County. The Seventh consists of five counties, Franklin, Vance, Warren, Granville and Person. The resident Superior Court Judge is to name the Solicitors, according to reports. Each county will have Court presided over by one of the three judges.

This will do away with Recorder's Court and Mayor's Courts in the five Franklin towns.

Franklin remains in the Second Congressional District, represented by Congressman L.H. Fountain, although some counties were added and some others were taken away from the district. Thus far, Rep. Fountain is unopposed but a group meeting in Warrenton last week endorsed Mrs. T.T. Clayton, a Negro housewife as a candidate.

In local races, two county commissioners seats will be open, District 4, Gold Mine-Cedar Rock, now represented by E.M. Sykes and District 2, Franklinton-Youngsville, now represented by Richard H. Cash. Neither of the incumbents have announced, but both are expected to make the race. Unconfirmed reports have Centerville Chief L.S. Ward pondering the race against Sykes.

Register of Deeds Alex Wood is expected to seek another term and thus

far no opposition has come forth. One seat on the Board of Education will be open. District No. 2, Youngsville, now held by Jones H. Winston will be subject to the May primary. The Democratic nominee will be named at that time and appointed later by the General Assembly. After this year, Board members will be elected by popular vote. Winston had not made known his plans.

This is Franklin's year under a rotation agreement, to elect a State Senator. The last man to represent the county in the State Senate, W.M. Jolly has already filed for the post as has General E.F. Griffin who represented the county in the Senate in the thirties and more recently retired as head of North Carolina Civil Defense.

A change in the manner of electing a State Representative is also in effect for this year's elections. Incumbents John Church of Henderson and James Speed of Franklin have already announced. In 1966, they ran against each

other in a field of five. In 1968, both are unopposed as Church runs for Seat No. 2 and Speed runs for Seat No. 1. Any opponent must run against one or the other by naming the seat for which he or she is running.

Franklin has one state race in which it will have more than a passing interest. A native son is running for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Raymond Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Stone of Louisburg, faces at least two formidable opponents for the post.

It is in the state races that most citizens will not be able to tell the players with out a program. Already, a long list is materializing for a host of races from the Governor to members of the Council of State.

U.S. Senator Sam Ervin has plenty of Republican opposition, but thus far former Governor Terry Sanford has not made public his plans to oppose Ervin.

It should be an interesting political year, but as the list grows longer, voters will find it ever more difficult to keep up with all the names and all the promises. This may be the greatest change of all.



BURLEY CLARK

### County Gets Game Warden

A Pitt County man has taken up his duties as Game Warden in Franklin County, succeeding J. H. Duke, recently transferred to Battleboro. Burley Clark, 32, of Greenville has moved his family to Franklinton Route 2 and is already at work in the county.

Clark is a graduate of Belvoir Falkland High School and is married to the former Dot Beacham. They have two children, Bobbie Jo, 11, and Robin Kay, 3. Clark's telephone number is 494-2603. His mailing address is Rt. 2, Box 262, Franklinton, N.C.



W. D. MORTON

### Morton Is New Rescue Chief

The Louisburg Rescue Service elected the following officers to serve for the year 1968; during its regular meeting on January 26, 1968:

CHIEF: W.D. Morton, who has previously served in this capacity and as Secretary and Treasurer for the past three years. Morton completes his 20th Year with the squad this year and is the only remaining charter member of the squad.

ASSISTANT CHIEF: Kyle Prince, who recently returned to the squad following a leave of absence. Prince for a number of years has played an outstanding part in the operation of the Rescue Service.

CAPTAIN: Charlie Lambert, who has just completed a term as Assistant Chief.

LIEUTENANT: Earl Smith, who became a member of the squad in May 1966.

SECRETARY & TREASURER: David Minnich, who served as Chief of the squad in 1967.

Morton stated in taking over as Chief for the year 1968 that the year 1967 was the busiest year in the history of the squad, with over 200 calls being answered. To date this year, 32 calls have been answered and, should this be any sign, 1968 will be another record year.

He further stated that the service regrets the loss of two of its members, Gerald Eury and Ned Lloyd, who resigned to become members of the Louisburg Fire Department.

### Hill To Head LBA

The Louisburg Business Association has elected Jimmy Hill, Louisburg service station operator, as President for the year and named past president Wallace Tippett as vice president.

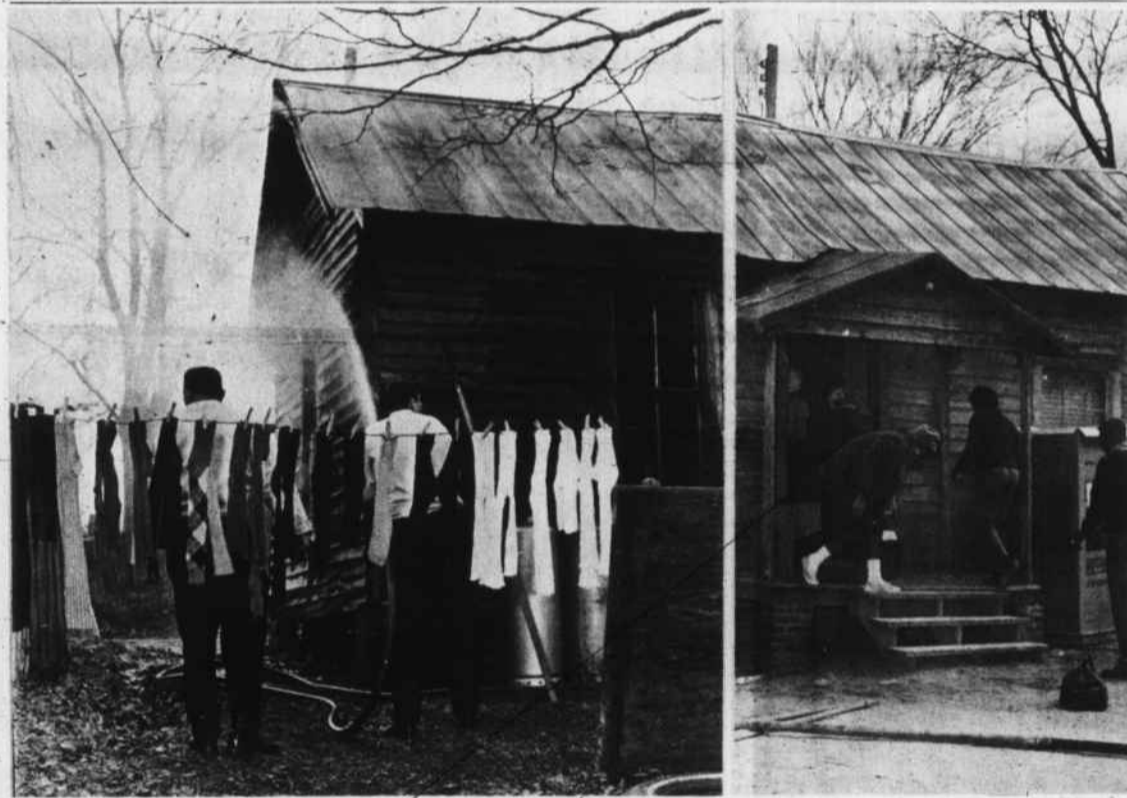
According to Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the organization, all other officers remain the same. Both Hill and Tippett will serve for one year. Hill succeeds James Grady as head of the association.

It was also announced that the organization will sponsor a one-day George Washington Birthday sale this year on February 22. More details are to be announced later on this promotion, according to Mrs. Pleasants.

### Lions See Overhead Projector

Five Lions Club members of the Louisburg College faculty demonstrated some of the uses of the overhead projector last Tuesday evening.

John York began by commenting on the overall importance of the projector as a timesaver and as an invaluable teaching aid, and then he presented the other four members, who showed how they were using the projector in their work. Don Richardson showed a transparency of the inside of the college library. Joe Farmer used a transparency for lecture notes. This method makes it easier for students to take notes. Misspelling is decreased and complete attention is not always necessary. Wayne Burris also used the transparency for lecture notes. It was also helpful because it could project pictures of life cycles and of the physical structure of man and animal. Burris considered the transparency effective because he could face his students more, thus noticing their reactions. Dr. Courtland Smith called the transparency another name: a substitute blackboard, which saves considerable writing on the board. He also showed transparencies that proved effective in his teachings. One of notable importance was a map. There were three visitors present.



Wednesday Blaze

Louisburg firemen Ned Lloyd, left and John Garrett fight fire at the rear of the residence of Louise Jackson, 43, on Perry's Street while neighbors haul furniture out the front of the dwelling, right. The blaze, which struck Wednesday around 1:30 p.m. did considerable damage to the interior of the house, but firemen saved the building and others surrounding it. The mother and seven children lived in the house.

### Board Discusses Schools Future

The Franklin County Board of Education met here Wednesday night in special session to discuss Monday's appeals hearing in Richmond and to talk over future plans.

Application was signed to obtain state school bond funds to finance the previously announced Louisburg High School extension, to be used as a junior high school and an agreement with the Raleigh architectural firm of Hollaway and Reeves was made. A boiler was also ordered for Epsom school, to replace the one that became inoperative this week, forcing the moving of basketball games and some coolness in the classrooms. A small emergency boiler is being used for the classrooms presently and the new system is expected to be installed within two weeks.

### ASCS Signup Underway

Producers are visiting the County ASCS Office to sign up in the 1968 Feed Grain, Cotton and Wheat Programs. The signup began Monday, February 5 and will end March 15, 1968. Feed Grain producers with bases of 25 acres or less may divert the entire acreage and receive diversion payments, provided no Feed Grains are planted.

Producers with bases over 25 acres may divert up to the larger of 25 acres or 50% of their base. The first 20% diversion on farms over 25 acres will earn no payment, however, payments will be made on the additional acres diverted up to the maximum diversion. Also, producers who participate and plant within the farm's permitted acreage will earn price-support payments. The cotton Program is about the same

as it was in 1967. It will be necessary for all farms, both large and small, to sign up if they intend to participate in the program. There will be diversion and price-support payments issued to those who divert and plant cotton. The maximum acreage any producer can divert is 35% of his allotment. Every cotton farmer, whether large or small, should visit the County ASCS Office between now and March 15 and become familiar with the benefits of the program.

Producers are reminded that soybeans cannot be planted for any purpose on diverted or conserving base acreage in 1968. Harvesting of any crop from the acreage is prohibited. Wheat, barley, oats, or rye must be clipped and left on the land or destroyed by mechanical means not later than May 31, 1968.

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### Schools Open Saturday

Schools in the Franklin County system will operate Saturday, February 10 on a short schedule. Opening times will remain the same as always, with all schools closing at 2 P.M. This is the first of three Saturdays to be used as makeup days. Schools will also operate on short schedule on Saturday, March 2 and Saturday, March 16, according to an announcement by the Board of Education.

### Five Sentenced In Assault Case As Court Term Ends

Five area Negro youths were sentenced last week for assault against a group of Louisburg College boys on Wade Avenue here last October. The case was completed as the February criminal term of Superior Court came to a close.

Actions in cases being heard in the final days of the term are as follows:

Hannibal Harold Shearin, assault with deadly weapon with felonious intent to kill, inflicting serious injuries not resulting in death. State takes a nol pros.

Roy Lee Dale, affray with a deadly weapon. Defendant entered a plea of guilty as charged. Not less than 12 nor more than 24 months in jail. It

is recommended that he be allowed the privilege of work release if he is found eligible for the privilege.

Jimmy Alston, affray with a deadly weapon. 12 months in jail, suspended for a period of three years and defendant placed on probation for this

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### Candidate To Speak At College

Robert Morgan will speak in the Louisburg College Auditorium Tuesday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Young Democrats' Club and the Inter-Club Council. The public is cordially invited.

Robert Morgan, a Democrat, and a native of Harnett County was only 25 when he took office--one of the youngest Superior Court Clerks in the State's history. Since that time he has served five terms in the North Carolina Senate.

The highlight of Morgan's legislative career came in 1965 when he was elected President Pro Tem of the Senate. Morgan's major interests have been mental health facilities and programs, jail reform efforts, education, and legislative research programs.

He is chairman of the East Carolina University board of trustees, and served as president of the university's alumni association from 1957 through 1959.

Morgan served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in the Pacific during both World War II and the Korean War. He now holds a commission as a Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserve.

Morgan and his wife, Katie, live in Lillington, and they are the parents of two daughters, Margaret Anne, 6, Mary Elizabeth, 5, and a foster son, Rupert, 17.

### Local Heart Leaders Named

L.M. Word, Chairman of the Heart Fund Campaign, has disclosed that Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood is Louisburg Drive Chairman. Others assisting in the drive in the Louisburg area include W.M. Jolly, Louisburg business district, Mrs. Ralph Knott, residential areas and Mrs. Jane House, Balloon Day sales.

February is Heart Month and the annual drive for funds is now underway throughout the county.

### Payments Mailed

An announcement from the Industrial Development Commission office discloses that checks totaling \$3,512.00 have been mailed to holders of Franklin Building Corporation bonds, which financed the construction of the Gay Products Co. building.

The bonds were sold in 1964 to 200 buyers and totaled \$87,800.00. This is the third annual payment of principal and interest to the holders.

### Franklinton Preschoolers To Register

(FRK.B.W.) All children, who live in the Franklinton School District and who will be 6 years old on or before October 15, 1968, should be registered by their parents.

Call 494-2332 or write Mr. Wesley Jackson - Principal Franklinton High School - Franklinton, NC. 27525 and report name of child. February 16 has been set as deadline for reporting.

### Louisburg Tobacco Meet Set

Raleigh--Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham today issued a personal appeal to flue-cured tobacco growers for full attendance at the series of six district meetings of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the first of which will be held in Whiteville tomorrow.

A joint statement by the commissioner and J.H. Cyrus, head of the tobacco section of the N.C. Department of Agriculture's markets division, said:

"Today flue-cured growers need, as never before, in their history, to attend all meetings pertaining to their affairs and to actively participate in organizations working in their interests.

"The Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation is a grower-owned organization. Every grower owes it to himself and to the directors of the Corporation to go to the meeting in his district, learn about what the Corporation has been doing in his behalf and what it plans to do, and to participate in the election of his district director.

"With marketing now the major problem confronting flue-cured growers, none can afford to miss this district meeting."

The meetings scheduled, all beginning at 2:00 p.m., are as follows: February 16, District 8, Louisburg Court House.