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Generally fair and continued cold today and Wednesday. Low today, near 14; high, lower 40's.

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Candidate And Friends

Dr. Raymond Stone, third from left, a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction is shown above, flanked by six of his former teachers. Dr. Stone kicked off his statewide campaign at Epsom High School last Thursday night and honored former teachers for their "encourage-

ment and inspiration". Pictured, left to right are: Mrs. Roger Mitchell, Mrs. Harvey Bartholomew, Mrs. Arch Wilson, Dr. Stone, Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Mr. Thurman Griffin and Mr. W. C. Stroud of Sanford. Photo by Clint Fuller.

Stone Kicks Off Campaign At Epsom

With all the fanfare befitting the occasion, an Epsom farm boy came home Thursday night, to begin a campaign which could lead him to the



Wilbur M. Jolly

Jolly Named To Study Commission

Wilbur M. Jolly of Louisburg, local attorney and member of the North Carolina Courts Reform Commission, has been appointed to a study commission to make a field inspection of the Public-Defender System now in operation in the Florida Courts. The invitation was issued to the North Carolina Courts Reform Commission by the Florida Attorney-General.

Former State Senator Jolly was appointed by State Senator Linsay C. Warren, Jr., of Goldsboro, Chairman of the State Courts Commission. Other appointees include Senator Sneed High from Fayetteville, James B. McMillan an attorney, from Charlotte, and C.E. Hendsdale, of the North Carolina Institute of Government, Secretary to the commission.

This Commission is to study the Public-Defender System in Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Orlando, next week and present their findings, results, and recommendations to the March 1-2 meeting of the North Carolina State Courts Commission in Raleigh. The present system in North Carolina is the assigned-counsel by rotation to defend the indigent defendants in Court.

Jolly, presently a candidate for the State Senate, is a member of the Judge Advocate's Corp in the Army Active Reserve and serves as attorney for the Town of Louisburg. He has practiced law here since 1941, except for time out during World War II, when he served 30 months in the European theater of operations.

He has been influential in establishing the North Carolina School of Performing Arts, was a leader in the struggle to keep Louisburg College here back in the fifties and is a former school teacher.

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top educational post in the state.

"I started right back there in that room", Dr. Raymond Stone, President of Sandhills Community College said from the stage of the 40-year old Epsom High School. "I'm very happy to be home", he added.

Flanked by his lovely wife Rachel and school chums on the one side and six of his former teachers on the other, Dr. Stone came to Epsom, where he started his career in education, to kick off his campaign for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He had come a long way. He has a long way to go.

"I've been a scrapper all my life", he told the packed house of friends, kin and supporters, "And I want to scrap for the boys and girls of North Carolina".

The program started with music supplied by Jimmy Daniels and his Newsboys and another, unnamed foursome, from Henderson plus a duet from Louisburg College. A score of students from Sandhills College in Southern Pines and Louisburg College, waving banners and generally whooping things up, occupied a large portion of the down front area of the auditorium. The girls wore ribbons bearing "Sweethearts for Stone" while the young men wore banners designating them as "Students for Stone". One placard read, "Dr. Stone, State Supt. The Rock of Education". Enthusiasm was great.

The candidate and his wife were escorted into the auditorium by Rev. A.S. Tomlinson, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church, who opened the program; Mr. E.O. Falkner of Henderson, who spoke briefly; Opie Frazier, Vance County manager, in charge of the Epsom kick-off and Clyde

Perdue, whom Stone named as Franklin County manager.

Frazier, acting as Master of Ceremonies recognized platform guests and candidates for the General Assembly. Dr. Stone was introduced by former Epsom Agricultural teacher J. Thurman Griffin, now employed in Vance county school system. Griffin referred to Dr. Stone, former Executive Secretary of the N.C. Citizens Committee

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Davis Is Broughton State Aide



Charles M. Davis

Gubernatorial candidate Mel Broughton announced Thursday he has named Charles M. Davis of Louisburg as

New County-Wide Voter Registration Is Ordered

T.W. Boone, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Elections announced yesterday that a new voter registration is being ordered for the county. "How many years has it been since we've had one?" he asked in answer to a query about the surprising order.

Board of Elections Secretary George Champion, Jr. explained the new registration is necessary because of state regulations concerning loose-leaf registration books. It will be cheaper and more efficient to call for a total new registration than to attempt to get the present books in order, according to Mr. Boone.

The official announcement states, "Notice is hereby given that the Board of Elections will conduct a new county-wide voter registration of all voters of Franklin County. New registration books will be open for the registration of voters from 9:00 A.M. until 6:30 P.M. on each day beginning Saturday, March 30, 1968 and closing Saturday, April 20, 1968.

"On each Saturday during such registration periods, said books will be open at the polling places."

The polling places and registrars are listed as follows: Dunn, Bunn School, Howard Tant; Pearces, Pearces

Church, C.E. Pearce, Sr.; Harris, Hagwood's Store, B.T. Bunn; Youngsville, Town Hall, Mrs. Estelle Pearce; Franklinton, Town Hall, Phil Whitfield; Hayesville, Epsom School, Gerald Wilson; Sandy Creek, Gold Sand School, Jasper Parrish; Gold Mine, Centerville Fire House, John Neal; Cypress Creek, Stallings' Store, Mrs. Simon Collie; and Louisburg, Louisburg Armory, Lee H. Bell.

According to instructions from the State Board of Elections, registration books must be at polling places on Saturdays. They are available at the homes of the registrars or their place of business on week-days during the registration periods.

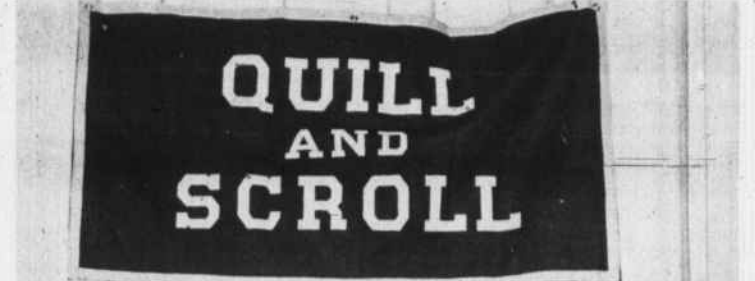
There are presently 12,584 registered voters in Franklin County. Of these, 2,936 reside in Louisburg precinct and 2,576 live in Franklinton precinct. Cedar Rock is the largest rural precinct with 1148 followed by Dunn No. 1 at Bunn which has 1048. Although the official notice refers to Dunn No. 2 a precinct, the Board of Elections changed this a couple of years ago to Pearces precinct. Pearces has 504 registered voters.

Other precincts and their total registered voters include: Harris with 1036; Youngsville, 828; Hayesville, 724; Sandy Creek, 748; Gold Mine, 632; and Cypress Creek, the smallest with 368.

Fire Hits Restaurant

A fire did heavy damage to The Pines Restaurant near Franklinton early this morning. According to sketchy reports, heavy damage was also suffered by an adjacent service station.

Cause of the blaze, reportedly started around 3 A.M., has not been reported and full details of the fire were not readily available this morning.



Receives Citation

Louisburg High School principal A. D. Fox is shown above, left, congratulating Times Editor Clint Fuller on receipt of a citation for "his devoted interest in the creative work of young people in journalism and the writing arts." Fuller was presented the citation by the Louisburg Chapter of the Quill and Scroll Society in ceremonies held last Friday afternoon at the school. Mrs. Rena Bland, faculty adviser to the student organization, made the presentation. Photo by Ross Shuping.

Editor Honored By Local Chapter Of Quill And Scroll

Louisburg editor, Clint Fuller, received a citation from Quill and Scroll, International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, at the conclusion of the installation ceremony for initiates of the Louisburg High School Chapter of the organization, on Friday afternoon, February 9, in the Louisburg High School auditorium.

The managing editor of The Franklin Times, who has captured a national press award along with statewide recognition during the past two years, was presented a testimonial scroll "in recognition of his devoted interest in the creative work of young people in journalism and the writing arts."

Quill and Scroll Society, which selects members from high school juniors and seniors of high journalistic and academic achievement, also honors professional journalists and educators.

Mrs. Rena C. Bland, faculty advisor of the Louisburg High School Chapter, conducted the ceremony of installation, and presented the scroll of citation. School principal, A. D. Fox, and Chapter president, James L. Berger, assisted.

Initiates included Louisburg High School Juniors, Georgia Griffin, Phyllis Kerley, Matt Person, Phillip Robertson, Marilyn Stewart, Bill Taylor, and Kevin Warren.

Postoffice Reminder

A reminder was issued today by Louisburg postmaster E.L. Best on new postal rates for cards. Best's statement follows:

"Under the new postal rates in effect since January 7, 1968, all greeting cards, Valentine cards and similar mailings, now require 6 cent postage. This amount of postage is required regardless of being sealed or unsealed. A 5-cent stamp will now carry only a plain postal card."

Important Tobacco Meeting Slated For Friday

L.T. Weeks, General Manager of Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, and the Cooperative's Director from District #8, T.W. Allen of Creedmoor, announced today Stabilization's 10th annual District Meeting for flue-cured tobacco growers in the district. District #8 includes the following counties from the Middle Belt of North Carolina: Warren, Vance, Granville, Franklin, Durham, Orange, Wake, Chatham, Lee, Montgomery, and Moore. The meeting will be held in the Court House in Louisburg, on February 16, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Both Weeks and Allen stressed the fact that this is an informational meeting held for the benefit of all flue-cured tobacco growers and others interested in tobacco. The 1968 program will feature reports on Stabilization's operations, including Tobacco Growers Services, Inc., Stabilization's wholly-owned subsidiary.

John D. Palmer, President of Tobacco Associates, Inc., W.H.W. Anderson, Executive Secretary of Tobacco Growers' Information Committee, and James W. Hill, District Supervisor of USDA's Grading Service, will also

participate in this year's meeting. Respectively, their remarks will include the activities of Tobacco Associates in 1967 and plans for 1968, health and legislative issues affecting tobacco, and the 1967 marketing trends and crop composition.

Stabilization's members elect annually at each district meeting an Advisory Committee from each county in the district. Members of these county committees help to disseminate information concerning Stabilization's activities to other tobacco growers in their area as well as to the general public.

District #8 growers are represented on Stabilization's Board of Directors by a director elected by growers for a 3-year term. The election of the director to serve on Stabilization's Board for the next three years will be held in the business session of the meeting.

Both Weeks and Allen emphasized that this meeting offers every tobacco grower the opportunity to become better informed about the grower-supported phases of the tobacco program. They urge all growers to attend and participate in this meeting.



Two Injured

Pictured above is scene of an early Sunday morning accident at the intersection of U. S. 1 and the Pocomoke Road, about a mile south of Franklinton. The accident occurred, according to reports when the old model Buick, right failed to stop for a stop sign and was struck in the right side by the State

Patrol car, left. State Trooper Johnny Houston was hospitalized suffering from a broken left wrist and a fractured neck. Mrs. Ida Mae Williams, Rt. 1, Franklinton, reportedly driving the Buick was treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital and released. Photo by Clint Fuller.