



Mrs. Katherine Ford

Mrs. Ford Is Artist Of Month

The Louisburg Woman's Club is pleased to have as artist of the Month Mrs. Katherine Rogers Ford, wife of the late George W. Ford, well-known local businessman. Mrs. Ford is a native of North Carolina, but lived quite a few years in Griffin, Georgia. She is a graduate of Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina, and taught Home Economics and English at W. R. Mills High School for eleven years.

Mrs. Ford says she has always wanted to paint and took her first art classes at Griffin High School in Griffin, Georgia. She took art courses at Queens which included art design and History of architecture; and since living in Louisburg, she studied water-colors under Mrs. M. S. Davis and portrait painting under John Wallner of Wake Forest.

It is Mrs. Ford's feeling that art should be taught in the public schools. She hates to see the waste of talent in the public schools and would stress that students use their God-given talent. "Art classes are the best ways to appreciate and develop the powers of observation." She went on to elaborate that it makes no difference whether you are highly talented or not. It's just the idea that you learn to appreciate what you see, expressing what

you read, hear or see in pictorial form.

Having painted in oils, pastels and watercolors, Mrs. Ford has attempted a wide range of portraits, from children to adults. "To paint portraits there must be a genuine interest in people."

Mrs. Ford will long be remembered for her contributions to our community not only as an artist and teacher but as a civic leader and devoted citizen. She organized the American Cancer Society in Franklin County and was the first president of the Hospital Guild. As evidenced by her home on North Main Street, she is a lover of beauty and nature. And was president of the Louisburg Garden Club for five years and a state officer of the Garden Club of North Carolina executive Board for six years. She also started the first junior garden club work in Louisburg.

Mrs. Ford has exhibited in Raleigh and at Louisburg College. She has chosen two portraits to be shown at the Franklin County Library this month. The first will be that of the late John Bullock, local figure whom many will remember as being very proud of his Indian heritage. In mid-March she will display the Mother of Mrs. Mildred Thayer of Louisburg.

Weekend Action

Booze, Knives And Death

A rash of violence and lawlessness hit the area during the past few days as law enforcement agents were kept busy. A woman is charged with the first degree murder of her husband, one man is under \$500 bond for knifing a friend and another is held under \$1,000 for shooting a companion.

Added to this, Sheriff William T. Dement reports the destruction of four 800-gallon submarine type whiskey stills Monday in the Seven Paths community.

Persell Winston Blacknell, n/t/58, Rt. 1, Youngsville was taken to the State Hospital in Raleigh this morning on order of Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood after being charged with first degree murder in the knife slaying of her husband, Andrew Blacknell, n/m/64, at their home last Saturday.

According to the Sheriff, the woman slashed her husband across the neck at the base of the skull around 10 p.m. Friday night during an argument. The man went to sleep on the couch in their home and when neighbors offered to take him to the hospital, the woman would not allow it. She awoke

Saturday morning to find that her husband had died to death. She is to remain in State Hospital sixty days for observation.

Winfield Richardson is charged with assault in the knife attack on Willie Richardson at Norman Perry's Place on South Main Street here Sunday morning around 6 a.m., according to Sheriff Dement. Bond was set at \$500 and the case will be heard Tuesday in Recorder's Court here. Both men are Negroes.

James Edward Perry, n/m/18, was shot in the hand, leg and groin by Harold Taylor at Richard Parker's Inn near Franklinton Saturday night, according to Dement and is being held under \$1,000 bond. Perry was shot with a .25 caliber pistol. Both Richardson and Perry are in Duke Hospital.

Monday afternoon, Dement and Deputies Leroy Terrell and John Deal with ATU officer Mike Zetts destroyed four 800-gallon submarine stills in Cypress Creek Township near Seven Paths. No arrests were made in the haul which uncovered 1500 gallons of mash, Dement said.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, March 27th:

Walter Gravely Alford, w/m/43, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

George Robert Hayes, w/m, G.S. 18-2; G.S. 18-4. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$250.00 fine and costs.

Thomas Winston Dickerson, w/m, G.S. 18-4. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$250.00 fine and costs.

Darrell Coley, n/m, assault with deadly weapon. Hospital bill has been paid. Defendant discharged on payment of costs.

Thomas E. Perry, n/m, larceny. Defendant enters plea of forcible trespassing. Discharged on payment of costs.

Roy Samuel Bartholomew, w/m/50, operating auto intoxicated. Defendant pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving. \$100.00 fine and costs.

Leon Thomas Cooke, w/m/18, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

John Michael O'Conner, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Thomas Matthew Harvey, n/m/18, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Weldon Perry, n/m/36, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Mary Clemons Jones, n/t/33, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Kenneth Steed, n/m, non support. State takes nol pros with leave.

Henry Brown, w/m, assault with deadly weapon. State takes nol pros with leave.

Jason Wilton Strange, w/m/53, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Marvin Thomas Reese, w/m/21, speeding; no chauffeurs license. \$35.00 fine and costs.

Clyde Willis Murphy, w/m/29, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Billy Larry Woodall, w/m/29, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Phillip Lewis, w/m/20, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Larry Richard Beddingfield, w/m/18, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

John Willard Edwards, w/m/31, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Michael Carter, w/m/16, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Everett Pannie Smith, w/m/36, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Margie Brodie Jones, n/t/37, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

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New Voter Registration Poses Many Questions

By Clint Fuller

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the new voter registration to be held in Franklin County beginning on Saturday, March 30. The series will attempt to answer questions arising from the registration order and to act as a reminder to all who are eligible to be sure and register.

The new voter registration ordered last month by the Board of Elections for Franklin County has brought on a host of questions. Already many citizens have inquired as to where and if how. Very little information has been forthcoming except that the registration will begin on Saturday, March 30 in the ten precincts in the county.

The order comes at a time when Board Chairman Taylor Boone is hospitalized and the Board has no Republican member. It also closely follows by a few months the appoint-

ment of a new Democratic member and a new secretary.

Elections and registrations are always a source of some confusion and it is expected that the massive task of registering a county of 28,000 people will serve only to add more fuel to the already puzzling flame.

The North Carolina Constitution says that "A person must be properly registered to vote in any primary or general election" and spells out certain qualifying procedures one must go through to register. Many persons have no idea of what these are.

A person must be 21 years of age. This is almost common knowledge, but few are aware of the exact birth-dates involved. The law states, "...a person born on the first day of the year will become one year old at the earliest moment of the last day of the year... it would appear that a person born twenty-one years ago on November 9 would be twenty-one years of age on November 8, 1968". (the quote is taken from the 1966 manual and would apply this year by changing the dates to November 4 and November 5).

Registration in Franklin County will begin on March 30, when all registrars will have the books opened at each of the precincts. During the four weeks that follow, citizens may register at the homes of the registrars or on any of the three following Saturdays.

A person seeking to register must be able to read or write any section of the state constitution. Although this requirement has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court, it must be considered in the light of federal regulations which now clearly direct that if a literacy test is used at all it must be given to every applicant, in writing, and that all of the records of such tests must be identified for every applicant and must be retained for 22 months". Franklin County was placed under the Voter Rights Act in 1965 and this section of the regulation applies here.

It was ruled that since less than fifty percent of those eligible to vote in the 1964 election in Franklin County, actually voted that the county should be placed under the act. The theory was that Negroes were not given the opportunity to register, a fact that was strongly denied by county election officials and which was never proven by federal authorities.

In succeeding articles, full explanations of registration procedures will be made and reminders issued on the importance of each eligible voter registering in order to participate in the coming elections. Questions which will arise from time to time will try to be answered and anyone having questions of general interest may send or call them in.



Caught In The Act (Of Moving)

Dick Lucas, left and James Grady, manager of Waceamaw Bank and Trust Co. here were caught in the act of moving the money here Saturday afternoon. The move came as the firm changed from mobile quarters on Bickett Blvd. to a modern, imposing structure on East Nash Street. The move was completed and the firm opened for business in the new quarters Monday morning. Open house is planned at the new building on Sunday, March 17.

Photo by Clint Fuller



Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson

"A Man To Lean On"

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

"My little five-year old daughter calls him Mr. Tom-Tom and she thinks it's a big thing to go up to the big church. For this and for all he has meant to me and my family, I thank God."

Thus did one member of the Louisburg Baptist Church express his feeling for Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson here Sunday as the Church observed Aubrey Tomlinson Appreciation Day. Moderator Wilton Smith set the tempo when he began the services by saying, "If no other words come out here today, these will. Aubrey, we love you."

Emotion filled the capacity congregation as member after member and friend after friend rose to pay tribute to the pastor on the 22nd anniversary of his coming to this pastorate.

"Out of every age comes a man of outstanding ability and devotion—going about the people, doing good. Aubrey is this type of man," said a longtime friend and neighbor. "It means much to have a pastor who understands," added another.

"He is very much like a father to a son", is the way one member described his relationship with his congregation and another said, "There is no adequate way to express appreciation for the kind of service he has given."

"It is eminently fitting that we pause today to honor this great leader; a man of humility, leadership and courage," said yet another.

One member of the choir expressed admiration for the pastor and his understanding and interest in young people. "We appreciate the many accomplishments our church has achieved under his leadership", she said and closed by quoting from a poem; attributed to Stephen Grellet, "I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

Aubrey Tomlinson, known universally as plain Aubrey and called Mr. only by the young and Rev. only by strangers, came to the Louisburg church in 1946 after outstanding service as an Army Chaplain in World War II. He has been, not only a beloved pastor, but a civic leader and a participant in almost every worthwhile endeavor in this community over the years.

The record of accomplishment by the church under his guidance is most impressive. During the years 1946-50, renovations were made to the lower auditorium, heat and lighting improvements, a kitchen was equipped and most importantly a training union started. From 1951 to 1960, a new parsonage on Noble Street was built, adjoining

property was acquired and used for Sunday school classrooms, the Men's Brotherhood was formed and the business structure of the church was re-organized. A secretary was employed for the first time and sermons were broadcast, first over a Raleigh station and later on the Louisburg station.

During the years 1960 to present, the sanctuary was airconditioned, a new church library was opened and a new public address system and piano were obtained.

These tangible evidences of the works of this pastor show his ability to lead as expressed during Sunday's services. However, things intangible are the true mark of his ministry. As one member so aptly put it, "He is a man of many qualities and great leadership. A man of many superlatives, his visitations to the sick is perhaps, his most outstanding feature."

Another said, "He loves his people—this is the greatest of all his characteristics."

In the 22 years, Aubrey Tomlinson has seen 706 members added to his church, seen 510 leave. Of those leaving, 116 have died and 394 have moved. He has officiated at 359 weddings, 99 of which were of his members. He has presided over 365 funerals, 114 of which were his members. He is presently serving as Vice President of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, of which he has been a longtime leader. He has served four years as President of the Council of Christian Education and three times as Moderator of the Tar River Baptist Association.

Rev. John Woody, Associational Missionary, who conducted the services Sunday, said of him, "The Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep. This man chose to give 22 years of his life in this community for these people and the glory of God. In time of trial, this good man of God has been true. He is a good pastor. Thank God for him."

Mention was also made of Tomlinson's contributions to those other than members of his own denomination and his interest in young ministers.

At the end of the services, Tomlinson was asked to stand down front in order that friends could stop by to express to him personally what they perhaps did not feel they could do publicly. Standing with him was one of his two children, A. S., Jr. or Pete as he has always been known here. His daughter, Peggy, was in the choir. Mrs. Tomlinson died in December of 1966.

Long lines formed as almost everyone present moved forward to make their own expressions to a man endeared by all. Just as we arrived, after waiting our turn, a friend said, with tears in his eyes, "I thank you for all you have done for me and my family". We could only say the same. Typically, Aubrey answered, "We did them together."

As the man, with the little girl had said earlier, "I have leaned on that man". So have we all.

Weather Forecast

Fair and warmer today. Wednesday, generally fair and a little colder. Low today, 28; high, lower 60's.