

WEATHER

Partly cloudy today. Generally fair and a little warmer Wednesday. Low today, 57; high, near 80.

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**Josephine Medlin
At Louisburg**

Louisburg, Franklinton Prep Editors Honored

Josephine Medlin, editor of School Daze, was one of sixty-seven high school journalists from North Carolina who were honored as Most Valuable Staffers by The News and Observer last Thursday evening at a Sir Walter Hotel banquet.

The Most Valuable Staffer award is sponsored annually by The News and Observer and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, to recognize the talents of the State's most outstanding high school journalists. From high schools invited to participate in the event, one student is selected for having made the greatest contribution to the school newspaper during the past school year.

Josephine Medlin received an engraved plaque and was cited for her significant contribution to the success of the Louisburg High School newspaper.

Faculty advisors of Most Valuable Staffers were also recognized at the banquet in Raleigh. Mrs. Rena C. Bland, School Daze faculty advisor, accompanied Louisburg High School's award winner.

The speaker of the program was Jonathan Daniels, editor of The News and Observer. Executive News editor Sam Ragan presided. Tom Inman, Frank Daniels Jr., and other News and Observer staff members participated in the event.

Hit By Car

A three-year old Negro boy is in Duke hospital in serious condition after being struck while riding a tricycle at Franklinton Saturday. Clarence Williams, reportedly suffered broken bones and other injuries when struck on East College Street by a car reportedly driven by John T. Holden, c/m/64 of Chavis Street, Franklinton shortly after 11 A.M.

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards said the accident reportedly took place as the child was riding beside his mother, Annie Williams and another child. The car came over a hill and struck the youngster, according to Edwards, knocking him a distance of about 25 feet, carried the tricycle 75 feet and finally struck a tree, 91 feet from the point of initial impact.

Chief Edwards said he and officer Bobby Burger are continuing their investigation and that no charges have been made in the case.

Husband Knifed

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called to Stallings Crossroads around 8 p.m. Saturday night to administer first aid to a Negro man identified as Tom Strickland. Strickland had been knifed about the head, arms and shoulders by a woman identified as Novella Joyner, his common-law wife.

The argument took place, according to reports, when the man struck the woman with a piece of wood. Strickland lost considerable amount of blood and rescuers rushed the man to Franklin Memorial Hospital for further treatment.



Photo by Mrs. Bert Whitfield

**Brenda Webb
At Franklinton**

Louisburg, Franklinton Prep Editors Honored

FRK. (B.W.) Miss Brenda Webb, editor of The Charger, Franklinton High School newspaper, was among those honored recently by the American Newspaper Publishers Association. She was presented a plaque by the Raleigh News and Observer. She won the Most Valuable Staffer Award for "outstanding contributions" during the school year. Brenda is Vice President of her senior class and an outstanding player on the basketball squad.

Franklinton Democrats Meet

(Frk. B.W.) On Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the Franklinton Town Hall, twenty-four Democrats and four members of the local Democratic Precinct Committee met.

Mrs. Bobby Winstead, chairman, presided over the meeting which opened with an invocation by Mr. T. N. Daughtry, pastor of Pope's Church.

Mrs. Howard Conyers read the minutes of the 1966 Precinct meeting.

Because of the new plan of organization in the Democratic Party, the chairman announced that the local committee would be increased from five to ten members. The following people were elected: Mrs. Lamar Greene, Miss Swannie Fuller, Mr. Frank Collins, Mr. P. G. Harris, Mr. Robert Perry, Mr. Howard Newton, Mr. J. C. Kearney, Mrs. Willard Kearney, Mrs. Howard Conyers and Mrs. Bobby Winstead.

At the suggestion of Mr. Calvin Brown, the former local chairman, the committee was instructed to appoint seven men and seven women to attend the County Democratic Convention May 25 along with the ten members of the local committee.



"Now Why Don't You Behave Yourself."

Little Miss Ruth Copeland (Copie) Wheeler, 1 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wheeler, Jr. of Louisburg, is shown above scolding her pet rabbit for running beneath a parked car at Green Hill Country Club here Saturday. The animal, was a gift at Easter time and was later turned loose at the local club. The animal, however, likes the idea of being a pet and still hangs around and seemingly still caters to "Copie". Photo by Clint Fuller.

Rotary Hears Dr. Robbins

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College and a recent delegate to the Methodist Convention held in Dallas, Texas, spoke to the Louisburg Rotary Club last Thursday night. Dr. Robbins, a member of the local club, told of his experiences at the convention and reported on the merger of the 10.3 million-member Methodist Church with the 750,000-member Evangelical United Brethren Church. The unification of the two has been termed the largest merger in American Protestant history.

Dr. Robbins told of the impressive ceremonies held to seal the unification and the participation in the ceremony of children and adults who clasped hands with each other signifying the unity.

The meeting, was presided over by Ed Pittman, club president and Bill Beckham of Louisburg College was program chairman. The club had as special guest Kevin Warren, Louisburg High School junior who has been chosen Junior Rotarian of the Month. Several other guests were also present.

Dr. Robbins spoke of the race issue and the war in Vietnam as being two major concerns of those attending the Dallas Convention. He said legislation is yet to be worked out for the new United Methodist Church. He said the "race issue is a 'living thing' and that 'we must come to grips with it'". He also made reference to the liquor and tobacco abstention requirement of new ministers and several other items which were discussed in Dallas.

Pittman read a note of thanks to the club from District Governor Tom Rose of Henderson for a gift of the district clubs recently. The district presented Mr. and Mrs. Rose with an expense-paid trip to Mexico City and the international Rotary Convention.

Chase Nets Smashed Cars

Franklinton police officer Bobby Burger spotted a suspicious looking car Friday night and when the driver moved out in a hurry, Burger gave chase. During the run, the officer sighted a "case" fall against the rear window of the vehicle.

Following the vehicle to within half mile of Mitchner's crossroads, Burger came up on the vehicle overturned as the driver attempted to make a left turn off the River Road. Burger saw the driver running away from the wreckage, but was unable to catch the man.

Meanwhile, the Franklinton officer had called for help and Franklin Deputy Sheriff Leroy Terrell was moving toward the scene from the opposite direction when something happened to the braking mechanism of his car, causing him to overturn on the River Road before reaching the scene. Terrell was uninjured but his car suffered extensive damage.

The "case" seen by officer Burger turned out to be 20 cases of empty fruit jars. Police Chief Leo Edwards said the car was registered to a John B. Kearney, c/m, of Franklinton and that Kearney reports the car was left by him at a garage. Edwards says there is some conflict in the stories told by the owner of the vehicle and the operator of the garage. He also reports that this is the third time this year that Kearney has reported a license plate stolen and the plate was later found on a "liquor vehicle." The investigation is continuing.

Board Petitions Circuit Court For Re-Hearing

Attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education have filed a petition with the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, requesting a re-hearing in the 30-month old school

desegregation case. The Court upheld a decision by the U.S. Eastern District Court knocking out the Board's freedom of choice plan.

The School Board contends that the

ruling by the Fourth Circuit Court was made on "facts other than those found by the District Court". Attorneys for the Board state in the petition filed last week, "The District Court, as the reason for abolishing the defendant's Freedom of Choice Plan for school, desegregation, found that pressures within Franklin County inhibited the exercise of free choice in the selection of schools by Negro pupils; that the Circuit in affirming the ruling, . . . as a foundation on which to base its opinion found that the defendant School Board was directly responsible for the failure of the defendant's freedom of choice plan to work properly."

The Board asserts that the finding by the Richmond, Va. Court "is contra to the finding of the District Court."

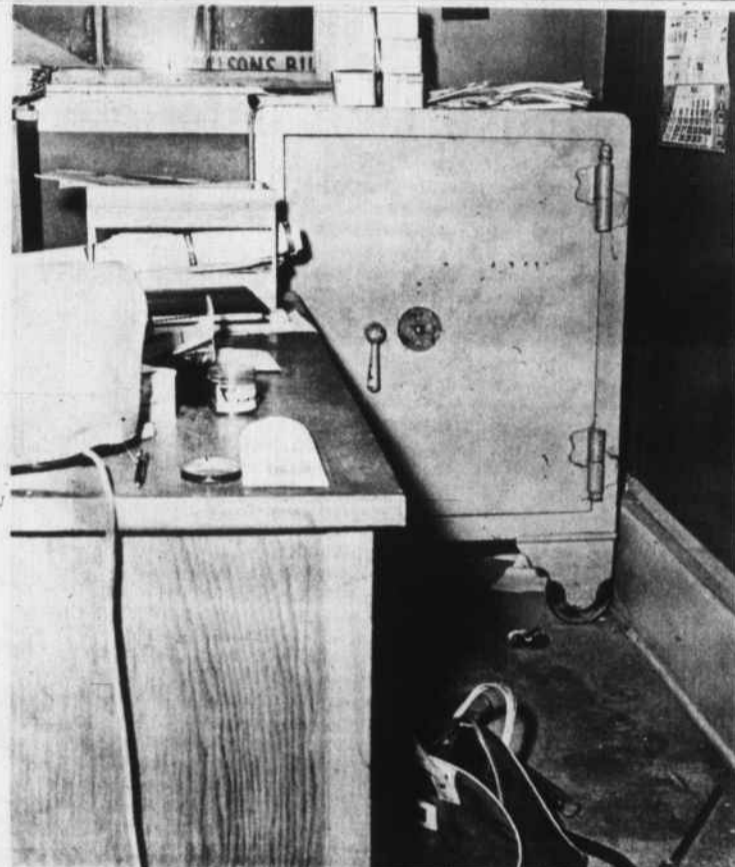
The Circuit Court ruled last April 8, and upheld a decision by Judge Algernon Butler of Clinton, N.C. delivered last August. The School Board was given thirty days after the Richmond Court ruled in which to file an appeal or to petition for a re-hearing. Meantime, the case has remained under the jurisdiction of the higher Court. The Board presented a plan for total desegregation of the school system to the lower Court earlier this year, as had been ordered last August.

There has been no ruling as to the adequacy of the plan in the mind of the Courts.

The Fourth Circuit ruling hit at members of the Board of Education as not having offered protection to Negro parents. The Board contends as a matter of law that it has no authority to act as a law enforcement agency and therefore could not have offered protection.

The higher Court ruling also said the Board "took no steps to desegregate its schools until 1965 when it acted under court order." The petition for a re-hearing says, "This finding by the Circuit Court is contra to the finding of the District Court" and cites portions of the lower Court ruling: "That the Franklin County Board of Education submitted to HEW a plan of compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and that said department approved the plan on August 31, 1965".

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"I Am The Greatest"

Scene above shows uncompleted job of safecracking at Wilson Building Supply Co. here early Sunday morning. Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reports that the would-be robber was apparently frightened off Saturday night when officer Earl Smith made a routine check of doors at the place. Smith checked the rear door first and the safe cracker fled through the front door. SBI and local officers are investigating. The thief left a small canvas bag and an assortment of tools. Pencil on one side of the bag was a name appearing to be "W. J. Carr" and on the other the words, "I am the greatest". Nothing was reported stolen. Entry was made through a rear window.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

College Trustees Adopt Record Budget

A record operating budget of \$1,395,120 was adopted for Louisburg College for the coming fiscal year at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on Friday, May 10. The new budget, the largest in the school's 181 year history, has been prepared for upward of 800 students who are expected to enter Louisburg this fall.

The Board of Trustees paid special tribute to Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh, retiring president of the board. Dr. Hillman, a Louisburg trustee since 1939, became president of the board in 1951. He will continue to serve the Methodist institution as a member of the board. Two Methodist ministers, Dr. Edgar B. Fisher of Burlington, and the Reverend Troy Barrett of Cary, are rotating off the board because of a Methodist Conference ruling apply-

ing to ministers. Dr. Fisher, retiring vice president of the board, has served as a Louisburg trustee since 1949.

New officers replacing Dr. Hillman and Dr. Fisher are Hoover Taft of Greenville, president; and John T. Church of Henderson, vice president. John Hodges of Louisburg, will continue as secretary-treasurer of the board. Mr. Taft is an attorney and businessman in Greenville. Mr. Church is executive vice president of Rose's Stores.

Nominated to fill vacancies on the board were Mrs. R. P. Holding, Sr. of Smithfield, the Reverend Warren B. Pettaway, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, and the Reverend Charles H. Mercer, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Laurinburg.

Yarborough Heads Local Precinct

Louisburg attorney Hill Yarborough and veteran Democratic Party official, was reelected Chairman of the Louisburg precinct here Saturday in the annual meeting of the precinct. Mrs. Gladys Perry was renamed Vice Chairman and Mrs. Betsy Lavender was reelected Secretary.

Under the new rules of organization the membership of the precinct committee was upped from five to ten. The following were elected to the local committee: Yarborough, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Lavender, Garland Mustian, W. F. Shelton, Jimmy Lumpkin, Mrs. Ralph Knott, Mrs. James Clayton, Bernard Walters, and Mrs. Charlie Davis.

The committee was authorized to appoint thirty-four delegates and thirty-four alternates to the county convention here Saturday, May 25.

Berger Wins Scholarship

James Lipscomb Berger, a senior at Louisburg High School, has received a four-year National Merit Scholarship. The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Berger of Ford Circle, Louisburg, is one of three children of employees of the American Tobacco Company to receive such a scholarship.

Young Berger qualified for the tobacco company award through tests administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The college scholarships are sponsored each year by The American Tobacco Company to children of employees on the basis of individual merit and scholastic promise. The winners are selected through impartial tests conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Berger's father is Market Assistant of The American

Tobacco Company at Durham, North Carolina. A member of the graduating class of Louisburg High School, James Berger is active in his school's Beta Club and has served as class marshal for three years. In 1966, he attended the Governor's School of North Carolina, an honor accorded to exceptionally gifted students. He was also one of two outstanding students to be enrolled in the advanced senior English program for special reading and research. In addition to pursuing his interests in ancient history, Political science and science fiction, he is active in student government and in his favorite sport, basketball. He plans to attend Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, and has chosen political science both as his college major and subsequent career.



Wins Scholarship

James Berger, second from left, is shown above receiving a scholarship presented by the American Tobacco Company in Durham. Mr. J. C. Garrett, assistant leaf purchasing director, right, congratulates the Louisburg senior while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Berger look on. Young Berger plans to use the scholarship to attend Davidson College after graduation.