

WEATHER

Mostly sunny warm and humid today. Friday, partly cloudy and continued warm with chance of afternoon thundershowers. Low today, near 60; high, lower 80s.

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Moving To Halifax County

Benton Resigns As Director Of Industrial Development

William J. Benton, Executive Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission for the past four and one-half years, has resigned his position, effective May 31st, to accept a similar position with the Halifax Development Commission, with offices in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

In making the announcement, Benton said that it was a difficult decision to make to leave his many friends in Louisburg and Franklin County, but that the offer was too attractive, and the challenge too great not to accept. "Anyway," he said, "We'll be living in an adjoining county."

In a letter to J. H. Talton, Chairman of the local Commission, Benton stated: "It is with mixed emotions that I tender my resignation as Executive Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, effective May 31, 1968."

"My association with the Commission since its inception, both as a Member and Director, has been a rewarding experience. I am exceedingly proud of the accomplishments of the Commission in improving the economic base in Franklin County, and the altruistic nature of the work has far outweighed the many frustrations encountered. Your assistance and encouragement, both individually and collectively, has served both me and the citizens of Franklin County well."

"My best wishes for the continued success of the Industrial Development program in this area."

Benton said he was extremely proud of the great success enjoyed by the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission. He noted that ten plants had located in Franklin County during the past five years with eventual employment of over 1300 people. Reliable sources indicate these plants are paying in estimated direct taxes (value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and inventory) to the County approximately \$20,739.00 each year, which exceeds the annual budget of the Industrial Commission.

Benton also noted that the annual payroll was about \$5 million, but did not hazard an estimate as to the number of new homes, automobiles, hairdos, blow gum, et cetera that this buying power generated.

"You can say, I'm real proud, 'pardner', for all the cooperation that has produced these results, 'cause faint heart never won fair lady,'" Benton added.

Benton said he contemplated moving his family, wife, Betsey; and children, "Bill" Jr., Mary Lynne, and John to Roanoke Rapids sometime after school is out, and living accommodations have been obtained.

He also said that the Industrial Commission was working with two "hot" manufacturing prospects and he was hoping that one of them could be announced before his departure.

Asked what he thought was the highlight of his years as Industrial Director, he thought for a moment and said, "Either the first plant or the year Franklin County ranked fifth in the state in number of plants located."

"However," he continued, "the most

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Floods

In the year	1865
November,	1877
November,	1889
September,	1908
April,	1910
July,	1919
October,	1924
September,	1928
October,	1929
December,	1934
August,	1940
September,	1945
August,	1955
May,	1958

Council Slows Town Vehicles

Action by the Louisburg Town Council last week is expected to cause vehicles owned and controlled by the Town of Louisburg to move a bit slower around the area.

While no official action was taken since an ordinance already existed which covers the speed and travel of all vehicles, the Council ordered the police department to enforce the ordinance more rigidly and particularly in cases involving town vehicles.

According to reports, some complaints had been registered by private citizens about some vehicles speeding through town.

Social Security Official To Speak Here

Mr. Clay Stone, district representative of the Raleigh District Social Security Office, will speak on the Social Security Program at the First Citizens Bank Community Room on Tuesday night, May 21, at 8:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend and learn more about this program.

Mr. Stone's appearance is being sponsored by the Louisburg League of Women Voters as a public service.

Bunn Woman Is Artist Of Month

The Louisburg Woman's Club presents Mrs. Martha Cline Richardson of Bunn as its artist of the month. This is the final artist to be recognized during this club year. Mrs. Richardson will display two paintings during the month of May at the Franklin County Library, and the series will resume in September.

A native of Jefferson City, Tennessee, Mrs. Richardson has taught in the Bunn School for 37 years. She attended Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee, where she received the A.B. degree in Mathematics. While in college, Mrs. Richardson received her only formal art training from her aunt, Miss Nan Byrd.

She studied art for 3 1/2 years--from 1923-27. She states, however, that she has always been interested in art, but has never really done anything about it so far as furthering her formal training. She has done many paintings through the years and has taught some

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Tar River Flood Plain Study Meeting Slated

Raleigh--Results of a flood plain information study of the Tar River at Louisburg will be presented to town officials on Tuesday, May 21, by Col. Beverly C. Snow, Jr., District Engineer for the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which made the study.

Findings of the study will be explained by Col. Snow at a meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the National Guard Armory in Louisburg. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The study covers an area of the Tar River flood plain running through Louisburg and extending approximately eight-tenths of a mile both upstream and downstream from the corporate limits of the town.

The Corps of Engineers report will provide information on the largest known floods of the past at Louisburg and will project on maps those areas that may be expected to flood in the future. The projection will be based on floods of two magnitudes--a flood that might be expected to occur once in 100 years, and a flood that would result from the most severe possible combination of meteorological and hydrological conditions considered reasonably characteristic of the area affecting river flows at Louisburg.

Profiles and cross-sections of the river valley under these flood conditions will also be included in the report.

Plans for the solution of flood problems will not be presented since the study was designed to produce technical data on which such plans, and those for future development, may be based.

Flood plain information studies of this type have been completed for 29 communities in North Carolina. Another 22 studies are under way at this time.



Woman Of The Year

Mrs. Jimmy Hill is pictured above as she presented the annual Woman of the Year award for the Louisburg Woman's Club to Mrs. Pat Myers. The announcement and award was made at the group's meeting last night at the Murphy House. (See story on page 3)

Louisburg College Events

Saturday, May 18

Alumni Banquet - 7:00 p.m.
Terry Sanford, Speaker

Sunday, May 19

Dr. Barney L. Jones, Speaker
Commencement - 2:30 p.m.
Dr. Stacy Weaver, Speaker

College To End 181st Year Sunday

When the students march down the aisle to receive their degrees and certificates at Louisburg College Sunday afternoon, they will mark the end of the 181st year for the Methodist institution. These particular young people will have finished a year of innovation which has been termed very successful.

Last fall, the College instituted a system popularly called the Early Semester Plan. Under this plan, studies began earlier than in past years and students had five-day weeks instead of the previous five and a half days. Changes in holidays and other innovations bring the year to a close somewhat earlier than in the past.

"We've had a significant number of students on the Dean's list the first semester and indications are they will run about the same for the second semester", David Daniel, Director of

College Relations, said this morning in commenting on the success of the new system.

"I think having no classes on Saturday has been a prime factor", said Daniel. "The work load has been better balanced with students having classes each of the five days". In the past some other days, which packed all their subjects into a short period of time, leaving little time for private studying, each of the five days". In the past some students worked their schedules so as not to have classes on Saturday and some other days, which packed all their subjects into a short period of time, leaving little time for private studying.

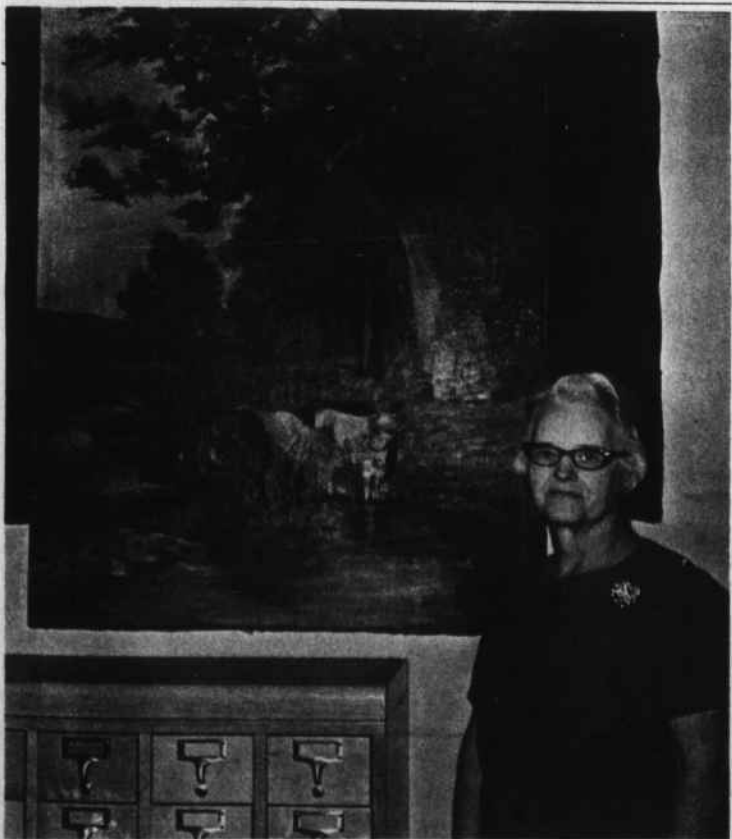
"The better balanced schedule has provided some desirable results", Daniel added, and "There has been no significant difference in the number

of students going home for the week-ends."

He said the faculty members like the plan and that it will be continued this fall.

Former Governor Terry Sanford will kick off a busy weekend for the college when he addresses the annual Alumni Banquet Saturday night at 7 P.M. Sunday morning at 11 A.M. Dr. Barney Lee Jones, Louisburg College Trustee and associate professor of religion at Duke, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the College auditorium.

And Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College in Fayetteville, will deliver the commencement address Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. to mark the end of the 181st year for the College.



Mrs. Martha Richardson
Artist Of The Month