

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness with chance of showers today. Mostly fair and warmer Friday. Low today, 52; high, 77.

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## Courthouse Repairs Get Underway

The massive \$200,000 renovation of the county courthouse is well underway today as workmen continue to tear out the old in preparation for putting in the new. Persons seeing the old structure last week find it hard to believe what they're seeing today. All the offices are now vacated as Register of Deeds Alex Wood moved out Tuesday. Walls have been torn down in some sections of the interior and ground work is being completed outside the building today. The shrubbery that has beautified the outside of the building for many years

was hauled away Tuesday. Piles of red clay now adorn the lawn on both sides of the building. Benches in the courtroom were piled to one side with only the judge's bench still in place. Plumbing fixtures have been removed from the building and some of the wiring. The project is expected to be completed near the end of the year. Meanwhile, the Louisburg Armory is being used officially as the courthouse, Recorder's Court was held there Tuesday. The Clerk of Court's office is located in the Beam building and the Register

of Deeds office is located in the Cooper building. Both are located on Court Street. The Sheriff's Department is housed in the old Griffin Motor Co. building on Market Street along with the Veteran Service office. The county accountant is also housed in the Beam building.

## Democratic Leaders Named

Names of precinct chairmen and vice chairmen, all members of the county Democratic Executive Committee were announced following last Saturday's county convention. The officers were elected in local precinct meetings staged two weeks ago. The list with the chairman listed first, as announced by Party Chairman Mrs. Betsy Pernell are as follows: Louisburg: Hill Yarborough, Mrs. Gladys Perry; Youngsville, J. A. Green, Mrs. Thelma Hall; Franklinton: Mrs. Shirley Winstead, J. C. Kearney; Hayesville, John Paul Ayscue, Mrs. R. G. Winn; Gold Mine, Joe Denton, Mrs. Hazel Taylor; Cypress Creek, J. S. Collier, Miss Carolyn Fisher; Sandy Creek, Sidney Murphy, Mrs. Ervin Hunt; Pearces, A. E. Pearce, Mrs. Helda Perdue; Harris, Charles Richardson, Mrs. Helen Johnson; and

Dunn: James Alford and Mrs. Gladys Pearce. These officials are joined on the Executive Committee by officers elected by the committee following the convention last Saturday. Mrs. Pernell, Chairman, C. W. Brown, Clint Fuller, and J. W. Perry, Jr., vice chairmen, Mrs. Mary Matthews, secretary and A. F. Johnson, treasurer. Mrs. Agnes Merritt, president of the Democratic Women and Neil Jennings, president of the Young Democratic Club are also members of the committee. In an earlier listing in The Times, some alternate delegate names were mixed up and the corrected list should include Mrs. Milton Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Tant, and Mrs. Helda Perdue.



Shearon and Tetterton Civil Air Patrol Leaders

## Rites Held For Retired Times Plant Superintendent

Funeral services for Robert Pittard (Bob) Lassiter, 58, Route 1, Kittrell, were conducted this afternoon at 3 P.M. from Plank Chapel Methodist



Robert P. Lassiter

## Tetterton To Head Air Patrol

Major Larry E. Tetterton of Route 1, Louisburg will take over command of the Franklin County Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol on June 1, replacing Major Joseph W. Shearon who has served as Squadron commander for the past several years. Shearon stated that he is giving up command of the squadron because of other demands on his time, but that he will continue to take an active part in Squadron activities. He has served in the local squadron since it was formed in 1954, transferring from the Henderson unit. Tetterton has over four years service in the army as an enlisted man, 2 years as a Warrant Officer, and four years as a commissioned officer. He is currently serving as Maintenance Officer of the 171st Group, U. S. Army Reserve. He is a graduate of N. C. State University, has taught vocational agriculture and is presently Supervisor of Poultry and Egg Services with the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture. The new commander is a pilot and has served in the Franklin County Civil Air Patrol Squadron of several years.

# Light Voting Forecast In Saturday's Primary

Saturday is primary day here and throughout the state. Voter turnout in Franklin County is expected to be light. With only one local race to be decided and with only one Republican contest on the state level, little interest has been shown locally.

Franklin Democratic voters will choose between incumbent County Commissioner Richard Cash and two-time challenger John W. House of Franklinton. Cash, a Youngsville area tobaccoist has served as a member of the Board of Education for eight years and was elected to his first term on the Board of County Commissioners in 1964. Since last December, he has been chairman of the Board.

Mr. House ran second in a field of six in 1964 but there was no provision at that time for a second primary in the County Commissioner races. A new law passed last year, allows the second place finisher to call for a runoff when the top man fails to gain a majority over all running.

In the May 4 primary, Cash polled 3757, carrying every precinct in the county except Cedar Rock. House received 2,160 votes and was strongest in Franklinton, Hayesville as well as Cedar Rock. A third candidate, Booster White polled 1,624 votes.

There has been little activity between the candidates in the period since the first election. A leaflet has been distributed by House supporters, which, according to reports hits at the entire

Board of Commissioners for having sold the Boarding Home. While no official answer has been issued by Cash supporters or other members of the Board, it was announced recently that a new Boarding Home is to be erected here without cost to the county. The structure was sold in the belief that a major industry would locate on the land. Later the firm decided not to move here. The Republicans in the county will

cast their ballot for one of two men seeking the nomination for the U. S. Senate. The winner between Robert Somers, the leader on May 4, and Larry Zimmerman, who placed second in a field of three will face U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., the Democratic nominee in November.

Polls will be open from 6:30 A.M. until 6:30 P.M. and results will be posted at The Franklin Times office as readily as they are received.

## Dean's List Announced

Louisburg College Academic Dean John B. York has announced the Dean's List for the spring semester just completed. Seventy-six students attained the coveted goal, which is 11.3 per cent of the student body. Dean York noted that the number was at least a 3 per cent increase over previous years. He commented that the student morale is better as a result of the five-day week and the early semester system. Dean York said, "This new system has created a wholesome new interest among students and faculty."

The Dean's List is divided into two categories: Honor Roll, for students who have an average of 3.5 to 4.0, and Honorable Mention for students whose average is 3.0 to 3.49.

Of the 76 students on the Dean's List, 17 are from the Franklin County area. On the Honor Roll are Margaret Alston Weston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weston, Franklinton and Angella Louise Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie W. Arnold, Route 2, Zebulon.

Honorable Mention: Jo Anne Carden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carden, Route 2, Spring Hope; Matthew Albert Brown, son of Captain and Mrs. James H. Brown, Route 3, Louisburg; Sara Lynn Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Collier, Louisburg; Elizabeth Karen Arnold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Arnold, Jr., Louisburg; Linda Jo Ayscue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ayscue, Route 1, Henderson; George Ann Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ford, Louisburg; Linda Gail Barnhill, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Barnhill, Route 1, Castalia; Sue Carol Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Johnson, Bunn; Alice Jones, daughter

## Jealousy Cited As Arson Motive

Jealousy was the cause of a Saturday case of arson, according to Sheriff William T. Dement who reports that Lottie Pearl Gupton, 27-year-old Negro woman, is free on \$500 bond awaiting trial for the crime.

Sheriff Dement said the woman was angered when her boyfriend, identified as Claude Southerland, went to ride with the Gupton woman's sister. Visiting the house on Route 3, Louisburg, and finding it unoccupied, the woman went a short distance to a service station and purchased some gasoline. She reportedly returned and set fire, first to the man's clothing and then to the house.

The Centerville and Epsom fire departments answered the call and were successful in extinguishing the blaze and saving the dwelling. The incident took place Saturday afternoon around 4 P.M., according to the Sheriff's department.

## Fountain Hits Census Quiz

Washington, D. C. . . I have received a number of letters recently from constituents concerned about the proposed length and depth of the 1970 census questionnaire.

Most of that concern is well-founded, in my opinion. As I said in a special radio broadcast last October, the Federal Government already knows far more than it has any right or business to know about us individually.

There is a genuine, practical problem related to the 1970 proposal that apparently has not been considered by the Census Bureau in making its plans.

Most households will receive a detailed list of questions covering as many as 67 different subjects requiring about 20 pages. Obviously, a great deal of time will be needed to answer each question.

More significantly, however, is the very real possibility that many persons will be unable to provide proper replies simply because of limited education. The Library of Congress has estimated that at least a tenth-grade education would be needed in most cases to adequately fill out the questionnaire.

We all know there are millions of persons with far less education than that. Yet, they would be subject to fine and imprisonment if they failed to answer each and every question. Such an attitude on the part of anyone, in or out of Government, displays a callous lack of concern, compassion, understanding and intelligence.

Now, I'd like to comment briefly on the law authorizing the population census. Actually, all it says is that the total population of each state shall be tabulated by ten-year periods "as

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## Students Take Over Town Government

Members of the Louisburg High School Government Class are shown above as they "ran the town" here Tuesday. Pictured, left to right, front row are: Josephine Medlin, Tax Collector; Judy Duke, Town Clerk and Fire Chief; Betty Sue Radford, Town Attorney and Policeman; and Frances Griffin, Chief of Police; back row, Noel Smith, Mayor and James Berger, Town Administrator. The youngsters visited the various offices in town, rode the fire truck and in general, witnessed the town's operation for the day. The Government Class takes over the operation of the town one day each year as part of its training. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.