

**Weather**  
Partly cloudy, continued warm and humid today with thundershowers ending tonight. Fair and cooler Friday. Low today, 70; high, near 90.

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**Giggle**  
Two men were sitting in the bar when one nudged the other and said: "Tell me, Sam, after you drink a lot, does your tongue burn?" "I really don't know," replied Sam. "I've never been drunk enough to light it."

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## Union Wins Sportswear Case, Appeal Planned



**A Great Way To Make The Day**

The youngsters and mothers cooling in the waters of the Green Hill Country Club pool here Wednesday afternoon have seemingly found one of the better ways to beat the heat. With the temperature hitting 75 degrees at 8 a.m. this morning and expected to soar into the nineties later today, air-conditioners and swimming pools are getting rigid tests. Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports that no record has been set as yet, but you can get a "Hot enough for you?" from almost anybody you meet.

The Louisburg Sportswear Company has been found guilty of unfair labor practices and the election of last October has been set aside. The decision by Trial Examiner Harry R. Hinkes was in the form of a recommendation to the National Labor Relations Board. The company was also ordered to pay back wages to three employees, plus interest and to reinstate them in jobs equivalent to the ones held at the time of their discharge.

A brief announcement by company officials in New York said the decision will be appealed. The statement, received here by telephone, states, "The attorneys for Louisburg Sportswear have studied the decision and consider it erroneous. On that basis the company has instructed their attorneys to appeal the decision".

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, AFL-CIO had brought a multitude of charges against the local plant in the aftermath of efforts to unionize the plant employees last fall. The ACWA sent organizers into Louisburg on July 10, 1967. There followed a number of meetings, both public and private, as a drive was staged to obtain signatures on union cards. The claim by the Union that 104 Sportswear employees signed cards granting the

ACWA the right to bargain for them, was upheld by Hinkes.

In the October 12 election, 121 employees voted against unionization of the plant and only 39 voted in favor. The fact that Union support dwindled has been attributed to what the ruling calls coercion by plant officials and local people prior to the election.

The ruling lists 16 steps to be taken by the company and orders Sportswear to "cease and desist" from refusing to bargain collectively with the ACWA; discouraging membership in and activity on behalf of ACWA; and surveillance of union meetings and activities.

It also orders the company to stop promising or granting financial benefits to discourage unionization; interrogating employees concerning union activities and changing its grievance procedures to discourage unionization.

The order prohibits the company from threatening strikes, job loss, violence and property damage or serious harm as the inevitable consequence of unionization and from interfering in any manner with its employees in the exercise of their rights to self-organization or to join or assist ACWA.

The Trial Examiner also recommends that the company offer Eileandor Rice, Linda Rich and Louise Boone immediate and full employment in their former positions or equivalent posts. Each are to be paid for lost wages, plus six percent interest. Certain personnel records and data are also to be made available to the Examiner and the company is ordered to bargain collectively with the ACWA as the exclusive representative of all the employees in the suit.

The company is also required to post a notice in the plant spelling out certain rights of employees and a long list of things the company promises it will not do.

The 33-page document, with a two-page appendix, was released to the press for publication today. It deals at length with testimony by Sportswear employees during the hearings held here in February and March and apparently favors the Union in every charge.

Hinkes acknowledges the "right of an employer to terminate the services of an employee for any reason or no reason so long as the discharge is not motivated by the employees' union or other concerted activity".

The decision is critical of former plant manager Sam Vick for what the Examiner terms surveillance of union activities at the Lanford Motel here. Vick is accused of driving by the motel and of copying down license numbers.

One major contention in the hearings was that a number of employees See UNION Page 8

## County Budget Calls For Pay Hikes, Increased Tax Levy

Franklin County's total budget requirements, as listed in the annual budget estimate released this week, is \$2,002,536.68. The County Commissioners have given approval to a tentative budget calling for a tax levy of \$1.69 per \$100 valuation. This rate, however, is slated to change when the Board meets here Monday. The Board agreed unofficially last week to purchase a tract of land to be deeded to the Board of Education which is expected to cost \$12,500 and it has been reported that an additional levy of two cents is to be made to cover part of the cost.

but will receive \$15,420.00 which is higher than the \$14,610.00 of last year.

The County Accountant's and the Veteran Service Officer's department retain their same tax rates, but both will receive additional funds. The same applies to Health, Welfare and Farm and Home Agents.

ship is reduced in the new budget from .23 cents last year to .22 cents in the 1968-69 budget. The Franklin School Debt Service is dropped from .39 cents last year to .35 cents in the new budget.

Salary increases ranged from slightly over \$800 for the Welfare Director to \$132 increase in the county's portion. See BUDGET Page 8

The Louisburg School Debt Service, a tax paid only by residents of the Louisburg Township

**County Tax Valuation By Townships**

Township	1966	1967	1968	Gain
Dunn	\$ 4,453,989	5,004,819	5,857,845	853,026
Harris	3,807,639	4,070,403	4,155,173	84,770
Youngsville	3,363,421	3,495,723	3,997,385	501,662
Franklinton	8,537,944	9,268,646	9,837,177	568,531
Hayesville	2,517,393	2,542,071	2,271,021	178,950
Sandy Creek	2,771,291	2,834,950	3,058,256	223,306
Gold Mine	2,057,164	2,078,133	2,174,177	96,044
Cedar Rock	3,865,869	3,926,076	4,131,972	205,896
Cypress Creek	1,682,490	1,713,277	1,742,057	28,780
Louisburg	12,638,747	13,208,710	13,785,560	576,850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,631,075</b>	<b>\$48,776,609</b>	<b>\$51,460,623</b>	<b>\$3,317,815</b>

Most county employees received a five percent wage increase under the new budget, coming for the most part from the increased valuation as no rates were changed in order to finance the increases. Some salaries, set by the legislature, are not being increased and the county dog warden was given an increase in travel allowance in lieu of a salary increase.

Property valuation in the county is estimated at \$51,400,000, an increase of \$2,700,000 over the 1967-68 estimate.

One new item appears in the budget. The County Ambulance Service is budgeted at \$16,000 for the coming year and will receive a rate of .0350. Income from other sources, including uncollected back taxes is expected to up this fund to \$17,990.00.

The Franklinton and county school budgets top the list with a .39 cent rate under current expense, a rise of .03 over that of last year. Under capital outlay, there is a one-cent drop from last year down to .32 in the proposed current budget.

The Franklinton system receives 19.38 percent of the total, based on school population. This is a drop from the 19.88 percent share received last year and reflects a decrease in the enrollment.

The hospital budget is up, listed at \$41,352.00 over last year's \$39,516.00 but the tax rate was dropped from eight cents to .0775. Increased valuation has been the cause of the rates remaining the same while almost every department will be receiving more money. Courthouse repair-reserve remains the same three-cent rate

## Just The Bear(?) Facts, Man

By Clint Fuller

Louisburg Street Superintendent Roy Holmes was confronted with somewhat of a puzzle when he arrived for work Wednesday morning. His crew had waited but had not touched the evidence.

On the loafers bench in front of the street department office, Holmes found a skinned and partly eaten (apparently) carcass of a frog. On the ground beneath the bench was a blood-stained piece of old cardboard. Dirt and trash was found on the bench itself. A piece of iron embedded in the soft earth near the bench had been ripped out of the ground and there were peculiar tracks leading away from the scene.

Holmes, who claims no kin to Sherlock, demised after careful investigation that all this was the sign that the "big black bear" is back. He referred to such an animal sighted several months ago near Sims Bridge in western Franklin County that later the object of a widespread search reaching to Butner in Granville County. The

bear or whatever it was was never found.

Holmes says he believes a dog probably scared the bear (?) away and pointed to tracks leading away from the area where the remains of the frog were found. He also says that a bear always cleans its food before eating. The area is a short distance, perhaps 100 yards from the Tar River.

Holmes is not trying to sell his theory on the bear and agrees that there might be some other explanation.

However, before his theory can be discounted, one must explain who or what would feast on a toad frog; who or what makes a track similar to a human's; and who or what has only four toes.

Eldridge Shearin, shop foreman at The Franklin Times, said this morning that he had seen the bear. He said he saw the animal pulling corn like a man at Seven Paths last night. Everybody to his own theory.

## Dr. Robbins Is Honored

From The Church Council Bulletin N. C. Council of Churches

By vote of the Executive Board the 1968 Distinguished Service Award was presented on behalf of the North Carolina Council of Churches to President Cecil W. Robbins of Louisburg College, the presentation being accepted for him by David F. Daniel of the College staff at the award luncheon at First Christian Church, Charlotte, during the 31st Assembly of the Council.

Dr. Robbins was born in Shannon, Mississippi, received his A.B. degree from Birmingham-Southern College, his B.D. degree from Duke Divinity School, his Litt.D. from High Point College, and his D.D. degree from Birmingham-Southern. He joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1932 and held pastorates in Marners, Jenkins Memorial in Raleigh, Fremont, Mount Olive, and Warrenton. From 1949 to 1955 he was Editor and Manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. On July 1, 1955 he became President of Louisburg College.

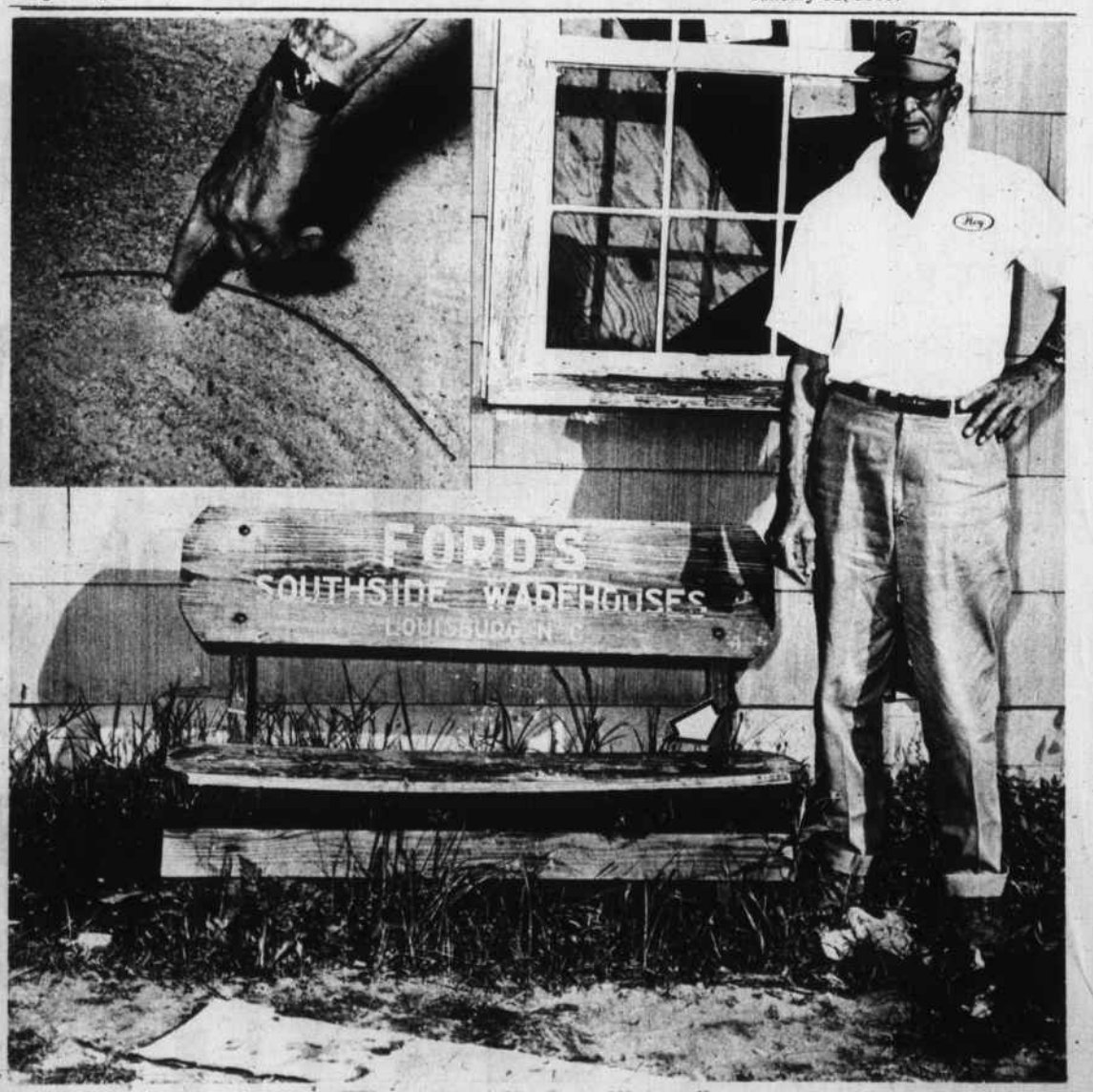
It is noted as singular that North Carolina Council of Churches' recognition goes in a special way to Methodist college presidents this year, with the election of President Thomas A. Collins to serve as Council President, succeeding another Methodist, President S. E. Duncan. It has been remarked that their ecumenicity has proven their ability to serve the wider Church beyond denominational lines. Dr. Robbins, having done faithful and creative work within his own group, has, as noted in the presentation of the DSA, found much time and energy to give to broader service. He was President of the North Carolina Council of Churches in 1959 and 1960; he is a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches; he is Chairman of the newly-formed Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of his Conference.

Dr. Robbins and Mrs. Robbins (who came from Chapel Hill) have a son, W. R. Robbins.

## Session Enrolls 242 At College

Louisburg College Dean John B. York reports that 242 students are enrolled in the school's six week summer session which concludes on July 26. Fifty-nine students are from the state of Virginia. Other states represented are Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and South Carolina. Seventy-seven students come from the cities of Raleigh, Durham, Henderson, Louisburg, and Rocky Mount.

The first semester of the regular 1968-69 session begins August 25 and ends December 18. Louisburg College operates on an early semester system. Second semester is scheduled to begin January 12, 1969.



**"Elementary, My Dear Watson"**

Louisburg Street Superintendent Roy Holmes is shown above beside the bench holding the carcass of a frog (arrow). The discovery Tuesday morning has brought on speculation that a bear sighted in the county several months ago might have been a local visitor Monday night. Inset shows Holmes pointing to tracks found near the scene, showing four toe prints.