

Weather

Partly cloudy, hot and humid today with chance of late afternoon thundershowers. Partly cloudy not quite so hot Wednesday. Low today, 72; high, mid-90's.

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Giggle

The speed and power of modern cars help bring things closer together — like this world and the next.

Commissioners Amend Budget, Rate Set At \$1.71

The Board of County Commissioners ordered the tentative budget amended and the tax rate set at \$1.71 per \$100 valuation in the regular monthly meeting held here Monday. The amendment was made to take care of a 2 cent additional levy to be used in the purchase of land for a Methods and Material Center to be erected by the Board of Education.

The land consists of seven-tenths of an acre and is situated to the northeast of the present education office building on the county hill complex. The Commissioners have agreed to purchase the land from Bland B. Pruitt for \$12,500. The two-cent increase is being placed in the school's capital outlay budget and is to be refunded to the county upon receipt by the Board of Education. This is expected to bring in \$7,044.58 and Monday the Commissioners ordered the transfer of \$5,455.42 from the General Fund to complete the purchase.

The Board also passed a resolution to the Congress of the United States asking the Congress to "vote against any and all gun registration and control bills presented to it in order that the constitutional right to keep and bear arms may be preserved." The resolution is to be mailed to the North Carolina delegation in Congress.

Linwood Leary of Pitt County was hired to replace S. D. Little as assistant farm agent and immediately took over his duties by accompanying some forty children to summer camp.

Kenneth Fuller from District 3 and W. R. Richards, Jr. from District 1 were reappointed to the Franklin County Planning Board. And the Commissioners signed a nondiscriminatory

agreement with the federal government and an Equal Opportunity Agreement in connection with a water and sewer study project. The government is to contribute \$12,000 to the project and the county is to supply \$1,000.

J. Harold Talton, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, Jimmy Joyner, Franklin Town Councilman and W. P. Pearce, Jr., Franklin Town attorney, appeared before the Board to request financial assistance in the payment of a proposed water line at Franklin.

The final agreement calls for the Town of Franklin to pay \$9,000 on the project and the county of Franklin to pay \$83,000 over a ten-year period. The county's share is not to exceed \$9,200 annually and if the cost of the line should be less than anticipated, each body will receive a pro rata cut in its share.

The entire project is subject to finalization of plans of a large industry to locate just outside of Franklin.

A lengthy and heated discussion accompanied the disclosure by Mrs. Jane York of the receipt of a check from the State Welfare Board for \$3,887. The funds, earmarked for "administrative" purposes was approved and the use of the funds was left to the local Welfare Board. However, this was done with Commissioner Norwood Faulkner voting a resounding "No." He said each year these funds have been used to increase salaries of personnel in the Welfare office and he urged that the money be placed in the regular budget. The motion, however, remained and the funds will be used at the discretion of the Welfare Board.

Thirty May Die On Highways Over Fourth

If your temper pops like a fire-cracker this Fourth of July, take care that it doesn't steer you into one of the 1,300 traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns may take at least 30 lives and injure 900 others on North Carolina's streets and highways during the long holiday.

The state will take a long count on its Independence Day toll from 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, through midnight Sunday, July 7, a period of 102 hours. Last year a similar July Fourth period resulted in 28 killed and 813 injured in 1,274 accidents. The most recent holiday - Memorial Day this year - cost 32 lives in a 102-hour period.

Leading driver violations reported last July Fourth were: Speeding, 295; driving left of center, 191; failure to yield right of way, 161; and following too closely, 127. Thirteen of the 28

fatalities occurred on Tuesday, July 4. Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president, reminded motorists that traffic congestion is heavier on July Fourth weekends than on any other holiday period. He urged motorists to keep their cool and not let impatience make them take chances which they would normally avoid.

The State Highway Patrol will continue its running battle against death and destruction on our highways over the long July 4th holiday.

"This is one of the longest holiday periods we experience in North Carolina," said Major John Laws, Patrol Enforcement Division chief. "It is 102 hours long, extending from 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 3rd, through midnight, Sunday, July 7. There will be a tremendous number of vehicles and

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Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Rotary Officials

Pictured above at left is Bill Beckham who was installed as President of the Louisburg Rotary Club in ceremonies held here last Thursday. At right is outgoing President Ed Pittman. Jimmy Weather, center, past president of the club joins the twosome. Pittman and Weathers were honored by the club with each receiving a silver tray.



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Police Officer Ned Lloyd Checks Record Temperature

Louisburg Police Officer Ned Lloyd is shown above doing what came naturally here Monday as the temperature soared to 103 degrees. The mark matched that recorded here on June 20, 1964 and was the hottest day since that time. The thermometer registered 72 this morning at 7 a.m. and the mercury is still rising, although the weatherman says it is not likely to get as hot as Monday.

The Bear(?) Facts Revealed

By Clint Fuller

To every good story, there is a sequel. The "bear" story on page one of last Thursday's Franklin Times has brought forth a number of theories and several reported sightings of what was believed to be the "big black bear".

The truth of the matter is it wasn't a bear at all. It was a small boy and two dogs.

The story was that Louisburg Street Superintendent Roy Holmes discovered some strange things at the town street office. Among these were a skinned frog, a blood-stained piece of cardboard, a piece of old iron dug out of the ground, dog track and a four-toed footprint. He theorized that a bear had visited the area last Tuesday night.

A tongue-in-cheek report that a bear had been seen at Seven Paths, pulling corn like a man, was readily believed by a number of persons calling about it.

It's all cleared up now. Young Joe

Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Daniel of Sunset Avenue has come clean. The 13-year-old was roaming near his home a short distance from the street department office on the night in question. With him were a neighbor's dog, a huge German shepherd, named "Prince" and a smaller dog of his own, answering to the name of "Footsie".

The threesome spotted a toad frog in the weeds near the office. It being summertime, it being dark and Joe being a boy, the logical next step was to bi-sect the frog.

To do this, the youngster moved into the light shining at the building, used the bench and cardboard as his operating table and for no reason at all decided to uproot the piece of iron sticking out of the ground.

How did he make his getaway on only four toes? "I run that way," he says. "My little toe never touches the ground when I run."

The dog tracks speak for themselves. Wherever Joe is, his two canine friends are right there.

In a manner of speaking, the youngster has performed a public service. This is "bear story" time North Carolina. It seems tales of bears spring up every year just about now. For many years, Louisburg and Franklin County had none to tell. Matter it not real or fancied. This year, at least for a time, there has been one.

It may not match last week's report that a bear damaged a window fan at a home in Henderson in an attempt to get in. Officers theorized the bear was small and hungry. This occurred in a heavily populated residential section.

In Johnston County, a resident of the Swift Creek area insists that he saw a big, black "bar" and discounts the theory that farmers tell these stories to keep blueberry pickers away.

In Monroe, in Union County a housewife had her sun-bathing interrupted. While basking in the sun in her yard she looked up to find a peeping-tom bear. She scared the bear and needless, to say, the bear treated her in a like manner. According to wire-service reports, both ran away — in opposite directions, of course.

The moral of the story here is that if you see any unusual tracks or other signs of a visiting bear, check first with "Smokey" Joe Daniel. The name has been given the youngster by his friends (?) and for a time anyway, this likeable lad might just have to live with it.

School Plan Action May Be Announced Later This Week

The regular monthly session of the Franklin County Board of Education lasted until nearly midnight here Monday night. The main item on a long agenda was the further discussion of an order by the U. S. Eastern District Court which calls for the Board to present a plan for a unitary desegregated school system this fall. The plan must be presented not later than July 15.

Although no announcements were made of the results of the discussions, there are indications that some announcement will be forthcoming later this week. Board attorney E. F. Yarbrough said the Board is doing all it can. As in the case of a lengthy session last week, details of Monday's discussions were not made public. Although the meeting was open, only Board members, Superintendent Warren Smith, Associate Superintendent Mrs. Margaret Holmes and attorneys Yarbrough and Charles Davis were present Monday night.

Smith presented the Board with certain information requested last week pertaining to student population, present building capacities and new building costs.

A representative of a Roanoke, Va. portable classroom construction company met with the Board and discussed sizes and costs of classrooms. No actions were taken on this matter. It was learned, however, that under almost any plan ultimately put into effect by the Court, additional classroom spaces will be needed. These additional spaces are expected to be expensive, according to a reliable report.

In other actions, the Board accepted one teacher resignation and approved the employment of four new teachers in the system. Several requests for transfer of students were tabled awaiting clarification of the Court plan and the bid of \$3100 for the old Mapleville

School building was approved.

Youngsville High School, Gold Sand High School, Edward Best High School and Epsom High School have been given provisional accreditation by the State Department. "This is a big step forward," said Mrs. Holmes. Previously these schools had been accredited probationally. Smith said that all high schools in the system are now accredited with the State Department.

The Board tabled for the time being action on the price of lunches for the coming school year. A study has been made and the Board received recommendations from the individual schools on lunch room sales and the ultimate price of school lunches. It was noted that all schools "desired to keep the price at 30 cents."

The school lunch programs have been in financial difficulty for the past few years and the Board launched an intensive study of the situation last year. Monthly reports from all lunch-rooms were ordered by the Board and each month a careful check of finances was made. Some increase in the price of lunches is expected for the coming school year.

County Has New Service

The people of Franklin County are invited to visit or call the Franklin County Family Counseling and Education Center at 110 Clifton Avenue in Louisburg to inquire about the services that this agency plans to offer.

Mr. Talmadge Edwards, Jr., Coordinator, Mr. Edward Boone, Service Guide or Mrs. Irene Scott, the Agency Secretary will be available to answer any questions you may have.

The Family Counseling and Education Center is a county sponsored agency which proposes to assume some responsibility for meeting Franklin County's mental health needs by undertaking a community approach and by utilizing community personnel and resources to meet local mental health needs.

The agency will be able to afford limited clinical services for emergency cases only due to a lack of professional personnel and because of limited

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Times Office Closed Friday

The Franklin Times office will be closed all day Friday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will be open all day Thursday, July 4, and the regular Thursday issue of The Times will be published.



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"Bear" And Accomplishes

The trio shown above, left to right, "Footsie", "Prince" and Joe Daniel, age 13, have come clean on the latest Louisburg "bear" story. Young Joe was roaming in his neighborhood last week, caught a toad frog with the aid of his companions, dissected the frog and left some strange evidence near the town street department office. The evidence led to the theory that a bear had visited the area last week. The lad, when he learned of the "bear" story, told his story.