



New Development Director

S. Kenneth Schubart, a native of New Jersey, left, was named Executive Director of Industrial Development for Franklin County here Wednesday. J. Harold Talton, right, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, made the announcement before a group of local leaders here Wednesday. Schubart, who will assume his duties on July 8, was chosen from among thirty candidates for the position. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

S. Kenneth Schubart Is New Industrial Director

S. Kenneth Schubart, 42-year-old native of Maplewood, New Jersey, was named Executive Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission in a meeting of the Commission here Tuesday night. J. Harold Talton, Chairman of the Commission, made the announcement Wednesday morning.

Talton spoke before a group of several "county officials and friends of industrial development" Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in the local Commission office and said he was very pleased to make the announcement of the selection of Schubart.

The new Director came to Louisburg in April, 1967, after spending eight years in Ahsoskie, N. C. He has been manager of the Cardboard Fabricator's Division of the M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company here. He is married to the former Eleanor McComb of Maplewood, N. J. and the father of three girls, Cindy, 17, a rising senior at Louisburg High School; Jill 14, a seventh grader and Pamela, 8, a third grader.

Schubart attended Columbia High School in Maplewood, Keystone College, Factoryville, Pa. and the Roger Babson Institute, Babson Park, Mass. He has two brothers and his mother living in Raleigh. He is a member of the Louisburg Lions Club and the Louisburg Methodist Men's Club.

In accepting the position, Schubart, said, "I accept this position with grateful appreciation and the challenge which it represents to me. I will do all in my power to further the industrial growth and development of Franklin County and would appreciate any support which may be offered by its citizens."

Talton said the Commission members have "met and reviewed from 25 to 30 applications from Texas to New York". He said applications were re-

ceived from doctors, lawyers, a mayor, an artist, a preacher and a newspaper editor from Virginia.

"We had a number of applications from local people and everyone was fine," Talton stated. "We really had a hard time arriving at our decision. We had a number of well-qualified applications from right here in Franklin County," he added. He said Schubart's selection by the Commission was unanimous.

Schubart will assume his new duties on July 8, and according to Talton, he will spend some time with state industrial developers and visit other areas in order to get acquainted with their methods. He replaces W. J. (Bill) Benton, who resigned last month to accept a similar position in Halifax County.

Virginia Firm Buys Joyner Chain

The sale of the Joyner Wholesale Building Supply Company four-store chain has been announced by W. B. Joyner, President of the Louisburg-based firm. Joyner disclosed that the sale of the four stores to Moore's Super Stores, Inc. of Roanoke, Va. will become effective July 8.

The sale includes the Joyner store in Louisburg and others located in Sanford, Roanoke Rapids and Washington.

The Moore chain, headed by Wayne Klopp, a 46-year-old super salesman who was recently described in the national building supply magazine as a "master salesman and marketer" has thirty stores in ten states. The firm, now engaged in a huge expansion program, expects to have 75 stores by 1970, 12 of which are expected to be built within the year.

Franklinton School Project Turned Down

The State Board of Education has refused to approve the Franklinton City School Board's plan to build a \$19,000 administration building with federal funds.

The State board had approved the building last month on the condition that it could be built for \$12,000. But the low bid received on the project was for \$19,000.

"The board simply did not go along with the additional \$7,000," said Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State superintendent of public instruction.

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare had made available \$12,000 in Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds to Franklinton and ESEA officials had approved its use of the building, which would have housed the federal program's staff in the town.

Franklinton officials said another \$7,000 in ESEA funds also would have been provided when they became available.

Dr. J. L. Pierce, State director of school planning, reminded the State board that the Franklinton plan was from the beginning a "revised plan."

He said the administration building was not included in Franklinton's long-range plan presented to the State board some two years ago.

"The board policy," Pierce later told a reporter, "has been that any project involving State or federal funds should be in accordance with long range plans."

He said that the building originally was approved at a \$12,000 cost because the Franklinton board "had already taken some bids."

When the cost of the building was found to be \$19,000 said Pierce, "the board felt it was not a feasible expenditure for this amount of money."

Dr. Carroll pointed out that "the federal government is expected henceforth to direct its appropriations more and more to personnel services, rather than to equipment and construction."

The State board recommended that some type mobile unit be secured for the necessary office space at Franklinton.

W. Clifford Joyner, official of the local firm, will become regional manager with the Moore chain upon the transfer of ownership. Joyner said his company is "proud to become a part of the Moore operation". He added that the business will continue to operate under the Joyner name and that the same type of merchandise and services will be offered.

He also said that employees in all four Joyner stores will continue in their present jobs.

The local firm opened in September, 1957, after having operated under a different name beginning in 1954. Joyner's was destroyed by fire several years ago, was rebuilt and has been expanded since that time.

W. B. Joyner, founder of the company, expressed his appreciation to the public for the support given the firm in the past, enabling it to grow to its present size. He credited the "goodwill of our customers for the attainment of our standing in the business community."

Edwards Installed As Lions Prexy

Louisburg funeral director James Edwards was installed as president of the Louisburg Lions Club in ceremonies held here Tuesday night. He succeeds Paul Mullen in the post.

Past District Governor Monroe Gardner of Warrenton presided over the installation ceremonies.

Other officers named for the year included H. D. Jeffreys, First Vice President; Warren Smith, Second Vice President and Dr. Bernard Patterson, Third Vice President.

M. G. Wilder was named Treasurer, Hal Humphrey was installed as Lion Tamer and Alex Wood remains Tail Twister. I. D. Moon continues in the post of Secretary.

Installed as Directors for the following terms were: One year, Mike Palmer and Paul Stewart; two years, Grady Snyder and John Collins.



Lions Install Officers

Participants in the annual officer installation night of the Louisburg Lions Club are shown above. Left to right, Monroe Gardner of Warrenton, Past District Governor; retiring Club President Paul Mullen and incoming President James H. Edwards are shown following the meeting. Gardner conducted the installation of officers. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

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Hail Damage May Reach \$200,000

A late afternoon hail storm struck the Centerville-Wood area in northeastern Franklin County and an area west of Franklinton-Youngsville Wednesday inflicting damages that may reach in excess of \$200,000. County Extension Chairman C. T. Dean, Jr. reported this morning that the storm hit around 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon over an area 3 miles wide and four miles long in the Centerville-Wood area. He stated he did not have details of damage in the western portion of the county.

Two of the worse hit farms belonged to Laverne Gupton and Bennie Ray Gupton in the Wood area. Laverne Gupton reported this morning that he lost 28 acres of tobacco and between 250 to 300 acres of corn and soya beans. He said he had anticipated a \$60,000 crop. Bennie Ray Gupton, president of the County Farm Bureau, reported Wednesday night that his 22 acre tobacco loss would be about \$20,000. He said he received \$26,000 for the same acreage last year. He had not, he said, checked his corn and beans. He also had six acres of cotton wiped out. Neither men had any insurance on their crops.

Other farms suffering damages in the area, according to Dean and the Guptons, include farms operated by W. D. Fuller, Bob Richards, Mamie Gupton, Mrs. Frank Read, Bobby Jones, Buddy Thompson, Aaron Gupton, Tyree Lancaster and Lloyd Gupton.

Dean placed the value of the loss at \$200,000 cautioning that "this is a wild guess." He said he would take a look at the damaged areas further Friday and make recommendations. He said that crops along N. C. 56 west of Franklinton were "damaged real bad" and added that he had not "walked" over the area and did not know how extensive the damage there might be.

The rains which accompanied the storm were of "tremendous value to the area," according to Dean. He said the breaking of the heat wave meant as much as the moisture to the tobacco crops. Some areas, where rain was light, will need more, he added.

Reports from the Centerville-Wood area say the hail storm lasted between 12 to 15 minutes and that hail was five to six inches deep in some places. The size of the stones were estimated to be about that of a marble with some reaching near golf-ball proportions.

This is the worse hail storm to hit the county area since June 16, 1966 when a storm cut a path through the Youngsville section of the county covering a 16 square mile area. Damages were estimated at \$300,000 in that storm with an estimated 100 farmers suffering some degree of damage.

G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman, said this morning that the area here received only .48 inches of rainfall at 7 a.m. today and little more had been added by midmorning. Wednesday's precipitation measured .33 at 6 p.m. he said.

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Youth Charged With Damage To Property

A 16-year-old Epsom youth has been charged with "malicious damage to personal and real property", according to Sheriff William T. Dement. The boy was identified as James Michael Carter of Route 3, Louisburg.

Dement, who said the youth is free on \$200 bond, charged the Epsom High School junior with damage to property at the old Reavis home near Ingleside. The residence, he said, is owned by Ann Reavis, who, with her sister, is residing in a rest home.

The house was unoccupied at the time of the incident Monday afternoon. The youth, according to Dement, fired a .22 caliber .410 shotgun into furnishings in the house causing several hundred dollars in damages. The shots broke 34 window panes, demolished a television set and did damage to mirrors and other furniture in the house. Wiring outside the dwelling was also damaged, Dement said.

Dement said the youth did it "for no reason" and left a note saying: "Well? Signed, The Phantom". Dement was assisted in the investigation by Chief Deputy David Batten.



Surveys Damage

Bennie Ray Gupton, President of the Franklin County Farm Bureau, views hail damage to his tobacco crop Wednesday afternoon. The storm which struck the Wood-Centerville area and parts of western Franklin County around 4 p.m. brought welcomed rain but damages are expected to reach in excess of \$200,000. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Tax Rate Awaits Pay Hike Decision

The Louisburg Town Council gave tentative approval to the annual budget last week which calls for an 80 cent tax rate but upcoming action on pay increases for town employees is expected to cause a rise in the rate.

In the Friday night meeting, the Council passed a resolution authorizing the operation of town business on a basis of last year's expenditures until final approval of the new budget is made.

No actions were taken on requests for a pay hike by several departments. The threat of the loss of more police officers was disclosed a short time ago, unless salaries are upped to \$100 per week. Officers are currently paid \$85 per week.

The estimated 1968-69 budget is \$556,245 and no major changes from the 1967-68 budget appears in the estimates.

One interesting disclosure in the budget is the cost of "purchased power" which is listed at \$143,000 for the coming year. Also listed in the budget is "Sale of Electricity" which is expected to bring in \$294,000, which represents a gross profit from the sale

of electricity of \$151,000. Expenditures for the electric department are listed at \$248,495, which excludes \$15,000 in the contingency fund. The overall income from the electric department is \$299,225. Of this amount, \$45,000 is transferred to the General Fund in the new budget.

The largest sources of revenue for the town, other than the electric department, are the tax levy at \$24,000; ABC Store profits, \$37,000; parking meter receipts, \$10,000 and Powell Bill Funds, \$14,200.

Slight increases were noted in some departments but decreases in others is keeping the overall budget at last year's rate. Expenditures were budgeted at \$561,735 last year but were actually only \$508,628. This year the estimate is \$566,245, just slightly higher than the estimate of 1967-68.

Action on pay increases and final adoption of the new budget could come when the Council meets again Friday night. Indications gathered from last week's session, are that it will take quite some time to settle on the pay hikes.

Winstons Return From Europe

Youngsville — Youngsville High School Agriculture teacher Mr. F. C. Winston, Sr. and his wife returned home this week after a twenty-one day National Study tour abroad sponsored by the Future Farmers of America.

Included in the sixty member group were twelve agriculture teachers from twelve different states, their wives, and thirty-six top-ranking FFA boys from varying states.

The tour first flew from Dulles International Airport to London, England where they were guests for three days of the Young Farmers' Clubs of England; and they visited historical sites. Further travels included areas of Holland, Denmark, Germany and East

Germany. Agricultural education lectures were attended in a number of areas. A Young Farmers Group of Germany met them there and served as guides.

Sightseeing included tours of Farms, Experimental Stations, Agriculture Colleges, and farm related industries. Also a folk Festival in Germany, an outdoor pageant in Denmark, attendance at the Berlin Opera, boat trips, a luncheon at the American Embassy in Bonn, a visit to Heidelberg, and many other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston spent one night in the home of a German family and two nights at a Danish home, as arranged by the tour.