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Garden Club Hosts Convention

The local Town and Country Garden Club and the Louisburg Garden Club are hosting the annual District Convention here today at the Louisburg Baptist Church. Club leaders are shown above, left to right, Mrs. William O'Neal, President of Town and Country Garden Club, Mrs. Joe Steinbeck of Cary (who blinked at the camera light), District Director of District Ten, Mrs. Barron Mills of Laurinburg, State President of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, and Mrs. John Mills, President of the Louisburg Garden Club. Some 200 members are expected here today from the 25 clubs in Wake, Johnston and Franklin counties.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Except Edward Best, Youngsville

## Schools Go On Full-Day Schedule Monday

Schools in Franklin County will go to a full-day schedule Monday for the first time this year, following six weeks of short schedules necessitated by the reshifting of some over 5,000 students. Edward Best High School and Edward Best Elementary and Youngsville High School are not included in the order issued by the Board of Education here Wednesday night.

Relocatable classrooms on order for the three schools have not arrived although they are now expected by the first of the week. It has been the delay of the delivery of these classrooms that has caused the extended short schedule. Other schools in the

county system have been ready for the long-day schedule for several weeks. Lunches will be served in the cafeterias of the schools returning to the regular schedule beginning Monday. Principals at the three schools not slated to operate full-day Monday will make announcements to the students prior to changing to full-day.

The schools will operate much as in the past with each school announcing the exact starting time and closing time. Most will start shortly after 8 a.m. and close shortly after 3 p.m.

The Board of Education has 13 relocatable classrooms on order with a special rush on at least three. This was done to speed the return to a full day's

school work. Reports from the company say that bad weather prevented the wide loads from moving through South Carolina last week as originally scheduled.

## Lions Head At Youngsville

Youngsville District Governor of Lions 31-G made an official visit to the Youngsville Lions Club at their meeting held on Tuesday night of this week at the community house.

District Governor Lion Leon Spencer of Raleigh addressed the Lions after being introduced by local Lion J. T. Moss, a former district governor. Lion Spencer spoke on official business and answered questions in regard to Lionism.

Local President C. R. Edwards presided at the meeting extending a welcome and conducting business. Project reports were given on the Trick or Treat Candy Sale by Lion L. J. Phillips; and on the Calender Drive by Lion E. J. Pearce.

## Board Holds Formal Hearing In Charges Against Teacher

The Franklin County Board of Education sat in special session here Wednesday night to hear an appeal by an Edward Best High School teacher, charged with striking a seventh grade Negro student.

Warren C. Massenburg, the Negro teacher involved, has been suspended by Superintendent Warren Smith upon recommendation by the local advisory council and Robert Fleming, Edward Best principal, following an incident on Wednesday, October 16, in the school gym-classroom.

Massenburg allegedly slapped or spanked James Alston, 12-year-old student, after the youth had left his seat without permission to get a drink of water.

Eight witnesses appeared before the

# Murray Case May Go To Jury Today

The nine-day trial of former County Accountant E. Lee Murray is expected to go to the jury late today or early Friday. Court opened this morning with Solicitor W. G. Ransdell's summary to the jury to be followed by defense attorney Hill Yarborough.

Yarborough is the last of three defense attorneys to offer summations to the jury and Superior Court Judge Leo Carr of Burlington is expected to give his charge to the jurors, chosen from Granville County, at the close of Yarborough's summary.

Murray, on leave from his job as Treasurer of Wake County, is charged in five counts of embezzlement involving "unexplained disbursements" of \$6,360.48. The State has attempted to prove that Murray obtained money from the social security account and offered testimony from two Certified Public Accountants, a number of employees of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. here and county employees.

The defense did not present any evidence and none of the large number of character witnesses called to court were placed on the stand.

Defense attorney Claude Allen of Creedmoor was first to offer summations Wednesday afternoon following a ruling by the Court which denied a request for a non-suit by the defense. Allen told the panel of 12 jurors and two alternates that the State had failed to show that Murray received any money and "converted it to his own use". The latter clause was taken from the bill of indictment and was read to the jury by Allen. He said the State had not checked any account in the county except the social security items, which he said was not "even an account".

He illustrated this point by money on several pieces of paper before the jury. He argued that every account should have been audited and said the State had failed to prove that any money had been lost by Franklin County. He pointed out testimony by local CPA Lonnie R. Shuping, in which, according to Allen, the CPA said he would not change his audit approving the Accountant's office without checking the details of other accounts. Both Shuping and CPA William Place, the second State witness, had originally approved the Accountant's office when Murray closed out his books to move to the Wake County post in 1967. Place later discovered several "unexplained disbursements" in a regular audit of the office after Murray left.

Allen also pointed out that the bank had accepted checks, offered as evidence by the State, made payable

to the bank itself and that some did not bear the proper number of signatures.

Defense attorney E. F. Yarborough followed Allen in summation to the jury and said the State's evidence was "the most conflicting and weak" that he had "ever heard in a criminal case". "I don't know that Franklin County is missing a penny", Yarborough is quoted as saying that no one sitting in the witness chair "said that Murray got a nickel". Yarborough cited the fact that Murray was alone in the Accountant's office a number of nights after moving to Wake County helping with

## Man Arrested In Still Raid

Marvin Collie, 39, was arrested near his home in the Seven Path section of Franklin County Wednesday after a raid by the Sheriff's department and federal investigators disclosed three operating 280-gallon submarine stills on his property.

The officers seized 750 gallons of fermenting mash and one gallon on non-tax paid liquor, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service reported.

Sheriff William T. Dement released Collie, pending trial in Recorder's Court at Louisburg, Nov. 6.

Federal personnel working with Dement on the case were D. C. Lawson, area supervisor with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, and special investigators Michael D. Zetts, Don Devaney, and Bobby Sherrill.

the books while his successor, K. A. Braswell, was hospitalized from an automobile accident. "If he (Murray) had pulled a trick like that," Yarborough is quoted as saying, "he would have taken care of it when he came back at night to work in the office...."

This morning Solicitor Ransdell, in his summation to the jury, reviewed the evidence and asked for a verdict of guilty. He said the State had not attempted to mislead the jury in presenting the evidence and cited the fact that certain reports shown the jury contained a notation that 22 cents was needed to balance. The defense had made mention of this earlier. Ransdell said it was left that way because the State did not want to change anything in the records.

Murray has been accompanied in court each day, by his wife and a number of friends have been seen talking to the defendant throughout the trial. Character witnesses were called in Wednesday from Granville, Vance, Wake and Franklin counties and were held for several hours while the Court ruled on what was termed "a legal question".

The question pertained to the defense's contention that it had not and would not present evidence in the trial. The decision by the defense meant that a defense attorney would get the final summation before the jury. The State claimed that the defense had already introduced evidence when it presented, for identification, a receipt, a check and copies of the Shuping contracts. The Court, following the noon recess, ruled that the defense could have the final summation before the jury.

## Times Pressman Finds 2200 Year-Old Relic

The North Carolina State Museum has identified a polished axe head, made of rock and found in the Seven Paths community by Astor Bowden, as being at least 2200 years old and possibly dating back as far as 6000 B. C.

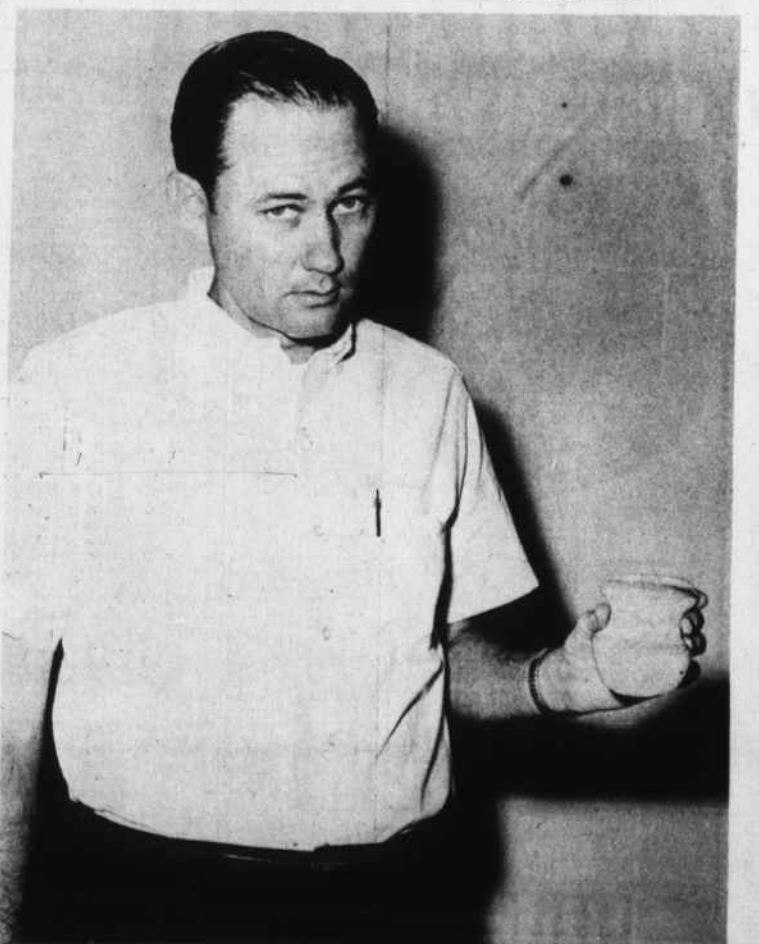
Bowden, a Times pressman, discovered the relic in an abandoned house some time ago. He carried the rock to State Museum experts last week for identification.

The relic was placed in the Archaic period of prehistoric culture of North Carolina and the Museum says the period was prior to the advent of agriculture among North Carolina Indians. During the period, Indians had learned to make a full groove in the

axe head, an advancement from the Paleo Indian period which dates back to 8000 years B.C. Also during the Archaic period, Indians had not discovered the art of making pottery and still relied on stone vessels. Some crude baskets were made in the period, but huts were made of bark and skins. It was several thousand years later before that huts were started.

Information prepared by Dr. Joffre L. Coe of the University of North Carolina Laboratory of Anthropology, most of the "arrow heads" are actually spear or dart points. The Bowden rock is obviously the head of some kind of axe, as verified by the Museum people.

The relic is 3 1/2 inches in width, 4 1/4 inches in length and is 1 1/4 thick.



ASTOR BOWDEN SHOWS ANCIENT ROCK

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN

FOR A STRAIGHT TICKET

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MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE

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For State Senate 7th Senatorial District

For State Senate 7th Senatorial District

EDWARD F. GRIFFIN

For State House 16th House District (Vote for Two)

For State House 16th House District (Vote for Two)

JOHN T. CHURCH

JAMES D. SPEED

For District Judge (Vote for Three)

For District Judge (Vote for Three)

LINWOOD T. PEOPLES

CLAUDE W. ALLEN, JR.

JULIUS BANZET

For Register of Deeds

For Register of Deeds

ALEX T. WOOD

For County Commissioner, District No. 2

For County Commissioner, District No. 2

JOHN W. HOUSE

For County Commissioner, District No. 4

For County Commissioner, District No. 4

E. M. "BUCK" SYKES

Election November 5, 1968

J. H. Boone.

Chairman Franklin County Board of Elections.

Second In Series Of Five Sample Ballots

## Bunn Water Bond Sale Approved

Ken Schubart, Executive Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, announced today that a letter has been received from the Local Government Commission in Raleigh favoring the sale of bonds for the Bunn water project, contingent on the vote by the citizens of Bunn.

The letter approved the application for \$160,000 worth of General obligation bonds at 4 1/4 per cent for forty years.

In the engineering report prepared by Peirson and Whitman, Engineers of

Raleigh, it would offer water service to 121 private residences in Bunn, 28 residences in old Bunn, 16 commercial establishments, and the Bunn school.

The proposed monthly minimum charge to those participating would be \$4.50 per month for the first 7500 gallons over the minimum rate.

If a favorable acceptance is received on the application from the Economic Development Administration, and the bond referendum passes, the bonds will be offered for sale to the public. Should they not be purchased, the

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