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Columbians On Visit Here Entertain School Children

Brig. General Juan Rojas R.; his sister, Asuncion, and two nieces, Odethe Kattah and Gloria Rojas from Bogota, Columbia, South America are in Louisburg visiting Mrs. Paul Romero and children. The photo above shows Odethe and Gloria in native costume, dancing the "Bambuco" for Mrs. J. E. Perry's fourth grade at Louisburg Elementary School yesterday. The girls have enjoyed their first visit to the United States; and although they do not speak English, they have made many friends in the area. They left last night to return to Bogota where Odethe will continue teaching, and Gloria will enter the University. General Rojas and his sister will remain here several more days.

Two County Men Found Dead In Granville Wreck

Two Franklin County men were found dead in the overturned cab of a pickup truck last Friday afternoon across the line in Granville County. An unidentified hunter discovered the bodies of Daniel Alfred Beckham, 27 of Rt. 2, Franklinton and Jimmie Collie Phelps, 33, of Franklinton in the truck submerged in about four feet of water in the Fairport section of Granville County.

The two men, according to reports, had been missing from their homes since Thursday afternoon. State Trooper R. R. Alligood of Butner, investigating officer, said the vehicle appeared to have been in the creek about 24 hours. It had plunged down about 40 feet into the water, overturned and pinned both men inside. The two men were brothers-in-law, according to reports. Phelps showed multiple head wounds, according to reports. Beckham was believed to have drowned.

The truck was the property of an uncle of Beckham, M. D. Beckham of Rt. 4, Henderson. Alligood was continuing his investigation late Saturday night.

Services for Beckham were held Sunday at 2 p.m. from the White Funeral Home Chapel at Louisburg by

View Slides

The Louisburg Lions Club convened at The Murphy House Tuesday evening.

Lion Joe Farmer, Professor of Religion at Louisburg College, was the principal speaker and showed some beautiful informative slides of his recent archaeological tour of Israel.

The specific purpose of the tour, according to Lion Farmer, was to dig beneath the ruins of a temple in hopes of finding an Israelite cultic center. However, the search did not prove too fruitful. Still the members enjoyed the slides of the layout of the land, old fortifications during Hellenistic times, special stones, and figurines.

Lion Tommie Jeffreys announced that all money for the birthday calendars should be given to him this week.

Former Town Official Passes

William A. Shearon, 68, former town commissioner of Franklinton, died Monday in the Franklin Memorial Hospital.

He also was a director of the Franklin Savings and Loan Association, member of the Franklinton Baptist Church and Franklinton Masonic Lodge. He was a retired building supply dealer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Carter Shearon and a brother, Bruce C. Shearon of Sunny Vale, Calif.

State Calls For Bids On Franklin Project

The State Highway Commission issued a call for bids for the November 26, 1968 letting Tuesday and included among the forty-five projects is the Franklin County project for N.C. 39-U. S. 401 north of Louisburg.

The Franklin project calls for bids on "6,540 miles of grading, coarse aggregate base course, bituminous concrete base, binder, surface and culverts on US-401, NC-39 between Louisburg and a point just north of SR-1249".

All bids for the projects must be received by the Highway Commission no later than 10:00 A.M., Tuesday November 26, 1968, according to the announcement. Projects are included for 43 counties and involve 342 miles of road construction.

Franklinton Lions Aid Rescue Squad

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton Lions Club held its scheduled meeting Monday evening at the Community house with Lion President Richard Golightly presiding.

Lion John Gonella reported that over half of the \$5,000.00 needed for the Franklinton Rescue Service had been collected by some of the local Lions. He urged all the members to complete their work on the drive.

The following committee was appointed to join the Woman's Club committee to register complaint about the abuse of the Community House: Everett Moore, Lamar Greene and Ronnie Johnson.

Referendum To Be Held

The period December 2 through December 6 has been set for the marketing quota referendum for the 1969 crop of upland cotton, E. G. Brewer, Chairman Franklin County ASC Committee, reminds farmers. The vote will be held by mail, as it has been for the past 2 years. Notices of farm acreage allotment(s) will be mailed to operators of cotton farms prior to the referendum.

If quotas are approved by at least two-thirds of the upland cotton growers, the program under which payments are made to cooperators will be in effect.

While all program details of the upland cotton program will not be announced until after the November 8 crop report of the Agriculture Department, the farm domestic allotment has already been set at 65 percent of the farm acreage allotment. Farmers who sign up early next spring to participate in the upland cotton program and who plant at least 90 percent of their farm's domestic acreage allotment but not in excess of the permitted acreage for the farm will be eligible for price support loans on all their cotton crop and for price-support payments based on the projected yield and the farm



Principals At Legion Meet

Principals at the American Legion observance of Veteran's Day are shown above. Left to right are: James Post 105 Adjutant George Champion, Jr., Collin McKinne, Director of Veteran Affairs for the State of North Carolina, who spoke to the group and Post Commander E. C. Gupton. McKinne addressed a large gathering at the Louisburg Armory Monday night on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War I. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Marks 50th Anniversary Of War's End

"Lest we forget--lest we forget". Thus did Collin McKinne, Director of North Carolina, conclude a stirring speech here Monday night at the Jamboree Post 105 of the American Legion celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War I. McKinne quoted from Rudyard Kipling's *Recessional* and said that Kipling "understood soldiers because he was one of them".

A large number of Legionnaires, representing World War I and II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War, were present for an evening of getting together, music and food. Legionnaire Lee Johnson spoke briefly on membership and Post Adjutant George Champion addressed the group urging new interest in the Post. Post Commander E. C. Gupton presided and introduced the speaker. Retired General E. F. Griffin was recognized and he, too, urged greater participation in the Legion.

McKinne praised the Legion and its works over the past fifty years and told of the hardships veterans faced following World War I and in organizing the Legion. He explained the many programs sponsored by the organization and urged the local Post to get into them. He particularly emphasized the Boys State program and response from those present was termed good. He said that there are now nearly 3 million legionnaires in the country and pointed out that North Carolina began a program to aid veterans in 1925. He said the federal Veteran's Administration was organized in 1930 and spoke in praise of the GI Bill for veterans of World War II. He said that in 1959, taxes for the increased earnings of veterans aided by the Bill had more than repaid the entire cost. He told of similar legislation passed to aid Korean and Vietnam veterans.

McKinne said there are 505,000 living veterans in North Carolina and that there are over 108,000 widows and dependents participating in the disability and compensation programs. He added that the federal government sends \$170 million annually into North Carolina for veteran services. He explained that North Carolina spends \$641,000 annually on the programs and that the counties spend some amounts.

"In North Carolina", McKinne said, "Already over 1100 have given their lives in defense of our country in Vietnam". He explained that when the war started fatalities were generally from outside the state but having an address near a military base in the state. "Now they come from all across North Carolina, as all of you know", he stated.

He told that the Legion had warned of the communist threat fifty years ago and he spoke of the preamble to the Legion constitution as being "quoted more-highly respected" than any other except the preamble to the United States Constitution. He read the Legion preamble and emphasized several points contained in it.

In closing reference to it he read the beginning, "For God and Country" and noted that it ended unselfishly with reference to legionnaires themselves. "The words are still appropriate today", he concluded.

Elects Board Of Trustees

Two new trustees were elected to the Louisburg College Board of Trustees in the regular fall meeting of the board on Friday, November 8. Duffy L. Paul of Raleigh and Reverend Herman Winberry of Southern Pines were unanimous choices. Mr. Paul, an alumnus of the college, is Executive Director of the College Foundation, Inc., with headquarters in Raleigh. He is retiring as president of the Louisburg College Foundation. See BOARD Page 4

Weather Forecast.. Take Your Pick

We're having omnibus weather -- something for everyone. Something for everyone, that is, if you like wind, rain, hail, snow and cold.

Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy, who is taking the blame for all the unusual happening, weatherwise, in good graces, reported this morning that the low this morning was 35 degrees. Kennedy says the lowest reading thus far this fall occurred Monday morning when the temperatures dipped to a chilly 26 degrees.

"I believe this is the earliest snow we've had since I've been keeping records (1960)", Kennedy said. "But, I'd have to check my book to be sure".

Light snow flurries fell in the area this morning and more are expected early tonight, according to the Raleigh-Durham weather station. Heavy rain and winds hit the area Monday night but no damage was reported. The area received 1.4 inches of rainfall Saturday and Sunday, said Kennedy and Monday's precipitation measured 1.45 inches this morning for a total of 2.85 inches so far since Saturday morning.

Hail, estimated at a half inch in diameter, struck the Louisburg area Sunday morning shortly before 2 a.m. causing just about every household to flip on the lights and to venture outside to see what was taking place. Some residents said the hail sounded as large as golf balls, but those who went outside report the ice as being about the size of marbles.

"The river measured 4.25 Monday and again today", Kennedy said this

morning, "but I expect it to leave there today and tonight. It will probably rise to at least 10 feet", he added. He also said it is "real muddy" today.

Meanwhile, a light earthquake hit the middle United States last weekend, with tremors reaching as close by as the Piedmont section of the state. Boone had 13 inches of snow today and some areas of the Piedmont reported three inches. High winds are reported along the coast.

Slippery highways are forecast for today with a high temperature expected in the upper thirties or low forties. It's expected to get somewhat warmer on Wednesday with a high of around 46 to 52 anticipated. Thursday is supposed to be even warmer.

But, any way you read the old thermometer, winter is here and if the first few days are any example, it could be a long, tough one.

Jury List

The following names have been drawn for jury service for the week beginning on the 25th day of November, 1968:

Dunn - Corrie K. Morris, Hilda P. Medlin, Stephen Winstead.
Harris - Willis Clyde Privette, Mrs. Lonnie Robbins
Youngsville - William Garland Alford, Jr.
Franklinton - Thomas J. Crudup, James Enoch Kearney, Miss Mildred M. House, Ruth Marie Crudup.
Hayesville - Mrs. E. N. Ayscue,
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Civic Club Leaders

Leaders of Louisburg civic clubs are shown above as they met here Monday night to hear an address on parliamentary procedures. The meeting was sponsored by the Louisburg Jaycees. Pictured left to right are: Mrs. Pat Meyers, President of the Louisburg Woman's Club; Mrs. John Mills, President of the Louisburg Garden Club; Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples; Jaycee President Charlie Moore; Bill Beckham, President of the Louisburg Rotary Club; James Edwards, President of the Town and Country Lions Club; Parks Brown, local assistant farm agent, who gave the address and Mrs. Polly O'Neal, President of the Town and Country Garden Club. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.