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Homecoming Queen

Miss Phyllis Diane Bobbitt shown above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bobbitt of 1440 Park Lane, Henderson, was crowned Homecoming Queen at halftime of the Louisburg College-Southwood basketball game Saturday night. Her escort was Wayne LeGrade of Portsmouth, Va. Miss Bobbitt was sponsored by the Athletic Department and is a sophomore. Photo by Ross Shuping.

No Road Fatalities In Louisburg In 13 Years

The N. C. State Motor Club has released its annual traffic safety ratings for cities and towns of over 10,000 population and places Wilson, N. C. at the top as the state's safest city. Five more had no fatalities in 1967, but Wilson has the largest vehicle registration.

Towns the size of Louisburg and counties are not included in the Club ratings. It is interesting to note, however, that Louisburg has not had a fatality within its city limits since May, 1955. Other municipalities of like size may have a better record, but this one is outstanding.

In the matter of Franklin County, the picture changes radically. With 9,311 registered vehicles in 1967, the

county had seven fatalities. Already this year, there have been 9 deaths on Franklin highways with a month and a half to go. The city of Reidsville, for example, has 14,796 registered vehicles and with 7 deaths in 1967, is rated last in the list of 37 cities in the state.

Since January 1, 1948, Franklin County has experienced 210 deaths on the highway. This includes the nine thus far this year. The bloodiest year remains 1950 when 17 persons lost their lives on county highways, followed by 1952 with 16, 1958 with 15 and 1964 with 14. The safest year was 1948, when only four persons were killed here. The latest small-fatality year was 1965 when six persons died.

The State Motor Vehicles Department reports that one of every 15 registered vehicles was involved in an accident in 1967. It also showed that one out of every 15 licensed drivers were involved in an accident last year.

Louisburg had 4103 registered automobiles in 1967 and 1443 registered trucks for a total vehicle registration of 5546. With a rash of accidents reported for the recent weekend, it is interesting to note that 44 percent of all fatalities occur on Saturdays and Sundays. The Louisburg Rescue Service, the organization that answers accident calls, reports having registered 201 emergency calls thus far this year. Many of these were to highway mishaps.

Cotton Notices Mailed

Notices of individual farm acreage allotments and yields for the 1969 upland cotton crop have been mailed to farmers in Franklin County, according to Mr. E. G. Brewer, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee. He pointed out that any question about the allotments should be taken up immediately with the county ASC committee.

The Chairman declared that the intention is to let farmers know how the allotment program will affect their farms before the referendum on marketing quotas for the 1969 upland crop. Balloting will be conducted by mail during the period Dec. 2 through 6. The law requires a favorable vote by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in order to keep marketing quotas in effect. Where referendums on more than one commodity are

New Court System Goes Into Effect Here Monday

Shortly after 9:30 A.M. on the morning of December 2, the new court system will take over here in Franklin County. On the same day, it will begin in the other counties of the Ninth Judicial District, composed of Person, Granville, Warren and Vance.

Resident Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood will preside at swearing in ceremonies here in the temporary courtroom at the Louisburg Armory. Three District Judges and some magistrates plus other court officials will be sworn. Following the ceremonies, Judge Linwood Peoples of Henderson will preside over the first term of District Court here.

Chief Judge of the District, Julius Banzet of Warrenton, and Judge Claude Allen, Jr. of Oxford will also be sworn. All were elected earlier this month.

District Court Jurisdiction

The district court will rank immediately below the North Carolina Superior Court. It will retain many of the functions of the old recorder's court, but it also will have additional authority and responsibility than was true for the recorder's court.

Generally, the district court will have exclusive jurisdiction over misdemeanors and over preliminary examinations when the offense in a case is a felony. This is comparable to the situation in the recorder's court.

The district court will have the responsibility of not only hearing criminal cases but certain civil cases as well.

In criminal procedures, there will be no jury trial in the district court. Although a defendant might request a jury trial, he will be tried in the district court on a not guilty plea. If convicted, the defendant will be entitled to a new trial with a 12-man jury if he appeals to the Superior Court.

The district court will have under its jurisdiction civil matters involving not more than \$5,000 in money value. This is expected to take a heavy burden off the Superior Court. The \$5,000 limit is considered merely "proper"; if all parties in case agree, there is no limit to the monetary value of a suit that may be heard in the district court. It is expected, however, that all cases involving more than \$5,000 will, as a matter of course, be filed in the Superior Court.

Jury Available

A 12-man constitutional jury also is available, upon request, in civil matters heard in the district court. Again, a jury is not available for criminal actions.

Jaycee Toy Drive Underway

The Louisburg Jaycees have announced their annual Christmas Toy Drive is underway. This year, the local group is using a different format for collecting repairable toys.

The Jaycees are urging everyone with toys to give to either deliver them to Firstizens Bank and Trust Company on Bickett Blvd. or to Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company on E. Nash Street. If anyone is unable to deliver their toys, the Jaycees ask that they call either of the two banks for a pickup of the toys.

The Jaycees will repair and paint the used toys for distribution to needy children at Christmastime.

The Clerk of Superior Court will also act as clerk for the district court. Under the new arrangement, however, the clerk will be relieved of the present responsibility of hearing juvenile matters. The district court judge will hear juvenile cases and both civil and criminal (if nonfelonious) domestic relations actions, including divorce, alimony, annulment, child support and child custody.

One of the most heralded features of the new district court system is a uniform statewide costs-of-court bill. The major part of costs collected will go to the State to support its obligation to pay operating expenses of the system. The counties are allowed to retain a "facilities fee" as compensation for furnishing physical facilities such as the courtroom and offices.

The facilities fee will vary with

subject matter and the court level. The fee is \$5 for a civil action in both district and superior court. For a criminal action it is \$2 in the district court and \$15 in the superior court. A special proceeding and an estate administration in the superior court carries a facility fee of \$2 each. On appeal from the clerk of superior court or from district court to superior court, the facilities fee is chargeable a second time, except in civil appeals from the clerk to the judge.

The facilities fee is the county's only source of income from the courts for support of judicial facilities. However, the collection of several other fees in support of court-related (law enforcement) activities is allowed. An arrest fee of \$2 is in favor of the

county upon a conviction of a defendant. If a city policeman makes an arrest, the fee goes to the city.

A sheriff's fee of \$2 accrues to the county for serving civil process papers, etc.

A \$2-per-day fee is chargeable to a defendant lawfully confined in a county jail and who is convicted.

Fines and forfeitures will continue to accrue to the benefit of the county school fund.

Also under the district court system, all court personnel will become state employees. Further, all supplies and equipment in the clerk's office at the time the district court is activated

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Director Travels To California

Harold Talton, Chairman of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, announced today that Ken Schubart, Commission Director, has been invited to accompany industry hunters to California.

The trip is being sponsored by the Commerce and Industry Division of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. Their aim is to further industrialize rural North Carolina.

Twenty industrial developers from across the state have been chosen to represent their areas.

California prospects have already been selected. The group will be divided into pairs and call on industries seeking expansion to smaller communities. These men will be selling North Carolina first, and then, their localities.

The group is scheduled to leave Raleigh-Durham Airport, Saturday, November 30th for Los Angeles. They will be making calls on prospects through the following Wednesday. Late that afternoon, they will depart for San Francisco where they will complete their mission. Arrival back at Raleigh-Durham Airport is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th.



SYKES

HOUSE

WOOD

Local Officials To Be Sworn Monday

Two incumbent county officers and a newcomer to Franklin officialdom will take the oath of office here Monday morning in ceremonies slated to begin at 9:30 A.M. in the temporary courtroom in the Louisburg Armory.

County Commissioner E. M. (Buck) Sykes will be entering his second four-year term and newly elected Commissioner John House of Franklin will be sworn in for his freshman term, replacing Commissioner Richard H. Cash.

Register of Deeds Alex Wood, who ran unopposed in both the Democratic

primary and the general election, will be sworn in for another term. Also taking the oath of office with Wood will be two of his assistants. Mrs. Betty Jean McBride will be sworn as Assistant Register of Deeds, an office she is presently holding and Mrs. Donna Winstead will be sworn again to her present position of Deputy Register.

The three new District Judges will also be sworn by Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood. These are Julius Banzet of Warrenton, Linwood Peoples of Henderson and Claude Allen, Jr. of Oxford.

CAP Week Proclaimed

Franklin CAP Officials Meet With Governor

Larry Tetterton, Commander of the Franklin County Civil Air Patrol, and Joe Shearon, Executive Officer of the local group, presented Governor Dan K. Moore with a replica of a CAP plane used in World War II in ceremonies in the Governor's office Tuesday.

The presentation marked a request by the local CAP officials that the week of December 1 through 7 be designated Civil Air Patrol Week in North Carolina. The model plane, bearing the Franklin County squadron numbers N323T, denotes the type of aircraft that took a great part in the

search for German U-boats off the North Carolina coast during World War II.

The Governor proclaimed the week of December 1 through 7 as Civil Air Patrol Week in the state, marking the 27th anniversary of the organization.

At the ceremonies, Tetterton presented the Falcon Award Certificate to CAP 1st Lt. James Newhouse of Raleigh. The award signifies high achievement on the part of the recipient in his CAP work. The Governor received a group of photographs from Miss Tiny Broadwick of Henderson, the first person to jump from a hydroplane and

a noted woman parachutist. Miss Broadwick is now 76 years old and made her last jump in 1922.

Tetterton said the Franklin group has 28 senior members, 18 of which are either qualified pilots or have passed the solo flight basic training. He says the local unit has six cadets. There are 59 CAP squadrons in North Carolina, Tetterton says, and 2,336 in the United States. These consist of 52 wings, 34,000 senior members and 47,000 cadets, according to the local Commander. There are 14,910 CAP radio stations in the country and 10,893 CAP pilots, he adds.



Shearon, Left, Tetterton Make Presentation To Governor

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