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## Tobacco Program To Continue

The flue-cured tobacco discount variety program will be continued in effect for the 1969 crop.

Under this program, price supports for discount varieties are one-half the support rate of comparable grades of acceptable varieties. The discount varieties include Coker 139, Coker 140, Coker 316, Reams 64, Dixie Bright 244, 187-Golden Wilt (also designated as No-Name, XYZ, Mortgage Lifter, Super XYZ), and any breeding line having the quality and chemical characteristics of the discount varieties.

Variety inspectors will again visit flue-cured tobacco farms in 1969 to examine the tobacco during the growing season.

The Franklin County ASCS Office will be glad to answer any questions concerning this program.



## Hagwood Gets Academy Nomination

Phillip Everette Hagwood son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Henry Hagwood of the Rocky Cross community, Sping Hope, has been nominated by Rep. L. H. Fountain to compete for admission in the U. S. Air Force Academy.

Phil is a senior at Bunn High School where he is tri-captain of the (Bulldogs) basketball team and president of his class both this year and last. He is a member of the Beta Club and was a marshal his junior year. At Rocky Cross Baptist Church, he serves as assistant Sunday School superintendent.

He also serves as vice president of the Franklin County Beta Club.

Phil states that his interests are math and chemistry, and that he would like to study at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill if his bid for the service academy fails.

## College Players Top Winners

The Louisburg College Players have won five first place awards in every drama festival in which they have participated, according to information in the Report, publication of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges.

The bulletin lists the local drama group as having won the following awards:

1964 State Drama Festival - First Place Betty Smith Award for Best Original Play, Distinguished Acting Award, Excellence in Play Production Award;

1967 District Drama Festival - Distinguished Play Production Award, Distinguished Acting Award;

1967 State Drama Festival - Distinguished Play Production Award, Distinguished Acting Award;

1968 District Drama Festival - Two Distinguished Acting Awards, Distinguished Play Production Award;

1968 State Drama Festival - Distinguished Play Production Award, Distinguished Acting Award.

## More Jurors Selected

The following names have been drawn for jury service for the week beginning on the 21st day of January, 1969.

Dunn - William A. Andrews, Mrs. Inez P. Pearce.  
Harris - Ray R. Jones.  
Youngsville - Mrs. Grace M. Hill.  
Franklinton - Elizabeth J. Williamson.

Hayesville - None.  
Sandy Creed - None.  
Gold Mine - None.  
Cedar Rock - Mrs. Florine Leonard.  
Cypress Creek - None.  
Louisburg - James Floyd Ruffin, Haverster Leonard, Darrell G. Leonard, H. G. Harris, Eugenia Edgerton, Thurman Allen Gardner, William H. Riggan, Eugene Johnson, Mrs. Lois Strickland.



## One Injured, Two Escape

Photo, left, shows Louisburg Rescue Service members Tommy Collier, right, and David Minnich administering first aid to 18-year-old Tommy Best, Route 2, Louisburg youth injured Saturday night when the car he was driving struck a tree and power pole here. Damaged car is shown in top photo. Best was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by Rescuers where he was admitted, reportedly, suffering from a mild concussion. Joe Swanson, 18 and Roy Davis, 22, both of Route 4, Louisburg, passengers in the car, were not injured. The vehicle went out of control after circling the monument at the College on North Main Street here and sheared a power pole on the opposite side of the street before striking a tree. Best has been charged by Louisburg Police Officer Larry Gilliam with exceeding a safe speed and driving on the wrong side of the street.

Photos courtesy of Johnny King.

## How To Get Along With Your Legislator

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

This is the week that the North Carolina General Assembly convenes in Raleigh. When the 1967 session ended, there were some who referred to the ending as "merciful". Such is the nature of the gathering together of the Tarheel lawmakers.

There will be new faces in the halls of the modern building and for the first time in four years, Franklin County will have a State Senator as well as sharing with Vance and Warren counties two representatives. Actually, Senator Edward F. Griffin will be representing Vance and Granville counties as well as Franklin, but on the rotation agreement, this is the term in which Franklin has the man.

Representatives James D. Speed of Franklin and John T. Church of Vance will be returning to familiar scenes as both represented the Sixteenth District in the last legislature.

Probably to prevent private citizens and newspaper editors from getting off on the wrong foot, Secretary of State Thad Eure has released a booklet in which is contained a section on "How To Get Along With Your Legislator".

The book advises that we "not look down on government and politics" explaining, "they both have their faults but so has business." It says to be "understanding" of the legislator and to "put yourself in his place". One is also advised not to be "an extremist" and to remember that the legislator "represents all his constituents those you consider liberal and those you consider conservative".

"Don't condemn a Legislator just because he supports a piece of legislation which you think is too liberal or too conservative," the article admonishes.

Other suggestions are made such as to "be friendly," "be reasonable and to be thoughtful" and not to be "a busybody," explaining that "Legisla-

tors do not like to be pestered, scolded or preached to".

One is also supposed to "be cooperative and realistic and to present good facts and good arguments" when dealing with his representative. The listing also suggests that should give "credit where credit is due" and "learn to evaluate the issues".

All in all, Secretary Eure's suggestions simply spell out common courtesy and the rule of treating others as you would like to be treated. The points are well taken, and, if followed, could probably lead to a better chance of private citizens getting more done in their favor than by the demanding or threatening type contacts with their lawmakers.

The coming session undoubtedly will face with major money matters. This, in case somebody has failed to pay attention, means more taxes. There seems to be no way to avoid higher taxes in one form or another and the private citizen will probably wish to express himself on some of the ways, which will unquestionably be advocated in the days ahead.

Other major issues will face the Legislators as they arrive in Raleigh Wednesday. Whiskey by the drink, increased teacher pay and state supported kindergartens are among them.

For those who might miss personal contact with the three men who will represent Franklin County, Secretary Eure has conveniently laid out the manner in which they might be reached by mail. To the Senator, write: Hon. Edward F. Griffin, State Senator, Legislative Building, Raleigh, N. C. 27601. To Rep. Speed or Rep. Church, write: Hon. James D. Speed or Hon. John T. Church, House of Representatives, Legislative Building,

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## Highway Commissioner Denies Statement That Franklin Applied Pressure

Fifth Highway Division Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham said Monday that an article published in a Roxboro newspaper, which reported that pressure had been exerted to have him divert Person County-road funds to Franklin County, is incorrect.

The article quoted Person Representative James E. Ramsey as saying in a speech before the Chamber of Commerce "that pressure has been applied on this county's district highway commissioner to divert the \$1 million for scheduled improvements to Highway 49 to another county."

The article further states, "In a protracted discussion concerning highways, Ramsey said Fifth Division Commissioner J. B. Brame had revealed that he (Brame) has had 'pressure' placed on him to divert Person's Highway 49 improvements to Highway 39 in Franklin County. No elaboration was given as to where or from-whom Brame was being pressured."

Commissioner Brame emphatically denied that he had been pressured and said he "did have a casual conversation with Representative Ramsey, one or two weeks ago." "If you haven't pressured me," he told Times Editor Clint Fuller, "Who would?"

He explained that he attempted to draw a parallel between Person's NC-49 and Franklin's NC-39, both of which are expected to be cut from the original planned mileage when improved. Brame emphasized that this cut was due to inflation and that the original funds set aside for the two projects would remain allocated to the two counties.

He admitted that he "might" have made some reference to Ramsey that "Franklin would like to have some of your money, just as you would like to have some of theirs." This, according to the Commissioner, was said only in "light talk" and he thought that Ramsey would understand his meaning, since this is always the case in highway funds. "Somebody is always trying to get somebody else's money," he said.

He further explained that \$750,000 is set in Franklin for the NC-39, US-401 project and \$1 million is set for NC-49 in Person and that these funds, like those allocated to Vance, Warren and other Fifth Division counties would remain the same. "It breaks my heart," he said, "that we are not going to be able to do what we set out to do."

"I am disappointed that the end result in these two counties will not be as we had hoped and planned," he added and explained that rising costs and tight money had been the cause of the cutbacks.

He said that "both ends" of the NC-39 project in Vance and Franklin counties would be let at the January 28 meeting of the Highway Commission and that "if the bids are in order and nothing else alters the situation," he expects the work to be approved at the February 7 meeting. "I certainly hope they will be in order and that we can get on with the work," he stated.

Originally the Person County project called for twelve miles of improvements and this has now been cut to eight. Franklin's project has been cut from nearly 11 miles to less than five and Vance has had a recent cut of three miles from the original plan. A release from the Highway Commission last week, pointed out that inflation was the major cause of the cutbacks.

Brame also said he is "confident" that "there will come a way" to complete the "missing link" between Franklin and Vance counties when NC-39 is improved at both ends. "In due time and a proper way the missing link can be studied," he added.

He also mentioned that there could be some money left from the various projects in the Division and that, if and when, this occurs, thought will have to be given to its use and placement.

"I will stick by my guns," he said. "Appropriations will remain as they have been set up."

## Crime On Decrease, Traffic Violations Take Big Jump Here In 1968

The number of arrests for crimes took a downward turn in Louisburg in eleven months of 1968, according to Police Chief Earl Tharrington's year-in-report, released today. Traffic violations, however, took a big jump from the 165 in 1967 to well over 650 in 1968. Chief Tharrington said the figure is an estimate as his report is incomplete on this category. He said he knows that around 600 cases were sent to Mayor's Court and a number of others were taken to Recorder's Court.

The year-in report does not include the month of December when the new court system came into effect. The comparisons are with twelve month periods in 1967 and 1966.

There were three murders in Louisburg in 1966 and only one in 1967 which matches a single homicide in 1968. Aggravated assault charges netted 24 arrests in 1968, a drop of three from 1967 and below the 1966 total of 29.

Six arrests were made on charges of breaking and entering during the past year. There were five in 1967 and eight in 1966.

Seven arrests were made for larceny in 1967 and there was no listing under this heading in 1967 or 1966. Automobile thefts in 1967 netted seven arrests where only one arrest was made in 1966. There were no auto thefts in Louisburg last year.

Simple assault arrests jumped from 11 in 1967 to 19 last year and there were two arrests made on charges of fraud. There were no fraud arrests in 1967 or 1966.

While there were publicized cases of vandalism during the year, only three arrests were made on this charge as compared with 25 arrests on this charge in 1967. Carrying a concealed weapon stayed about the same in 1968. Five persons were charged with this violation. Four were caught in 1967. Drunk driving also decreased in 1968 within the Louisburg town limits. Eighteen were arrested on this charge last year while 22 such arrests were made in 1967 and nine in 1966.

There were ten arrests for liquor law violations last year. This jumped from three the previous year. Public drunkenness took a dip from the 206

arrests in 1967 down to 155 in 1968, but still exceeded the 1966 total of only 113 arrests.

Disorderly conduct arrests jumped to 24 from the 1967 total of 15. There were no arrests on forgery charges in 1968. There were 4 in 1967.

Chief Tharrington commented that December was a relatively quiet month in his department in pointing out that the 1968 totals pertained only to the first eleven months of the year.

## Company Begins Expansion

Improvement and expansion of the Louisburg telephone exchange is now underway.

Howard T. Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone, said today that a \$46,000 program is in progress to expand the company's central office equipment here.

Included in the project will be installation of equipment to provide facilities to serve 300 new telephones for subscribers in this area and permit better grades of service to present subscribers.

Pitts said that the growth of Louisburg in recent years has brought about an increased demand for telephone service. This demand has taxed the capacity of present equipment.

Telephones in this area have increased from 1,500 to more than 3,000 in the past ten years.

"The construction program here is in keeping with Carolina Telephone's continuing program to fulfill the telephone needs of the communities it serves," he pointed out.

Pitts said, "The new improvement and expansion program at Louisburg was engineered to allow for telephone growth in the future."

## Crime In Louisburg

	1966	1967	1968
Total Arrests	224	357	257
Murder	3	1	1
Aggravated Assault	29	24	27
Breaking & Entering	8	6	5
Larceny	x	x	7
Simple Assault	19	19	11
Fraud	0	0	2
Vandalism	x	25	3
Concealed Weapon	8	5	4
Drunk Driving	9	18	22
Liquor Law Violation	0	10	3
Public Drunkenness	113	206	155
Disorderly Conduct	11	24	15
Traffic Violations	155	165	650
Forgery	x	4	0

X Unknown. Arrests for 1968 for first eleven months only.