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## Former President Named To Head Business Asso.

Wallace Tippet, Louisburg farm implement dealer and a past President of the Franklin County Business Association, has been named to head the organization again.



WALLACE TIPPETT

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Association, announced the election of Tippet in a news release Wednesday.

Named to served with Tippet are: Freddie Hight of Town 'N Campus as Vice President and Board members, John Collins of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., William H. Riggan of Western Auto, Dodson Dickerson of Fox's Department Store and Mrs. Dorothy Daniels of Pope's, Inc.

Tippet was the second President of the organization, serving in 1963 after being named vice president the year before. He has also served on the Board of Directors. He operates Farmer's Tractor and Truck Co. here and is a member of the North Carolina Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Pleasants also announced the annual George Washington Birthday Promotion for February 21 and 22 and plans for a membership drive to be launched at an early date. She says a membership chairman will be named to serve in surrounding communities.

## Board Orders Protective Screens For Courthouse

Precious documents housed in the Register of Deeds office and in the Clerk of Court's office are going to receive additional protection. The Board of County Commissioners awarded a contract for six protective screens to be placed over windows of both offices this week. Chamberlin Company of Raleigh was granted the job at a cost of \$832.50.

State Senator E. F. Griffin and State Representative James D. Speed attended the Board meeting, separately to discuss what was described as "general matters".

The Board had other visitors during the day-long meeting held here Monday. In addition to the usual reports by department heads, Willie Avent, local nursery operator, appeared to present a proposal for landscaping the courthouse grounds. No action was taken on the matter.

Mrs. Jane York, Director of Public Welfare, and Archie Brown of Youngsville, Chairman of the Welfare Board, appeared before the Board to discuss the county's retirement program.

In other actions, the Board approved a donation of \$150 to the Louisburg Garden Club to aid in landscaping the new wing at the local hospital and granted Vice Chairman Brooks Young a \$40 travel allowance retroactive to January 1, since he is acting in the absence of Chairman George Harris, who is confined with an illness.

The Board also approved an appropriation of \$200 per month for Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunities, Inc.

## Ten Students Nominated For Gov. School

Ten students from Franklin County have been nominated for the Governor's School in the academic area filling the quota allotted to the county. To be eligible for these nominations, students must be rising juniors or seniors, must have a minimum mental aptitude score, a good scholastic record and rank high in their class.

Nominees are Mary Louise Gaskill and Eileen Jane Dunn, Bum High School; Robert Francis Fuller and Margaret Ann Strickland, Louisburg High School; Lillian Ann Lovin, Gold Sand High School; Charles Edward Estep, Edward Best High School; Albert Thomas Rowland and Kenneth Alston Fuller, Jr., Epsom High School; Glenn Allen Evans and Kermit David Carter, Youngsville High School.

In the area of fine arts, three county students have been nominated. These are Madie M. White, Youngsville High School, chorus; Elizabeth McKinnie, Louisburg High School, dance; Robin Kerley, Louisburg High School, art.

From all of the students nominated from each of the administrative units in the state 400 will be selected by a committee of the Governor's School to attend the school at Winston Salem for the 1969 Summer Session. Those selected will be notified on or about April 1. Cassandra Versteeg and Phyllis Kerley of Louisburg High School represented Franklin County in the 1968 session.

contingent upon the continued participation by Vance and Warren counties in the federally sponsored anti-poverty program.

Rental of a portion of Seaboard Coast Line freight station here was canceled with the statement that the facility was no longer needed by the county. Rental for the property was reportedly \$200 annually.



ELLEN PERNELL

## Louisburg Girl To Serve As Senate Pagette

Ellen Pernell will serve as a Pagette next week in the Senate. She is a student at Louisburg High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pernell.

The appointment was made by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor.

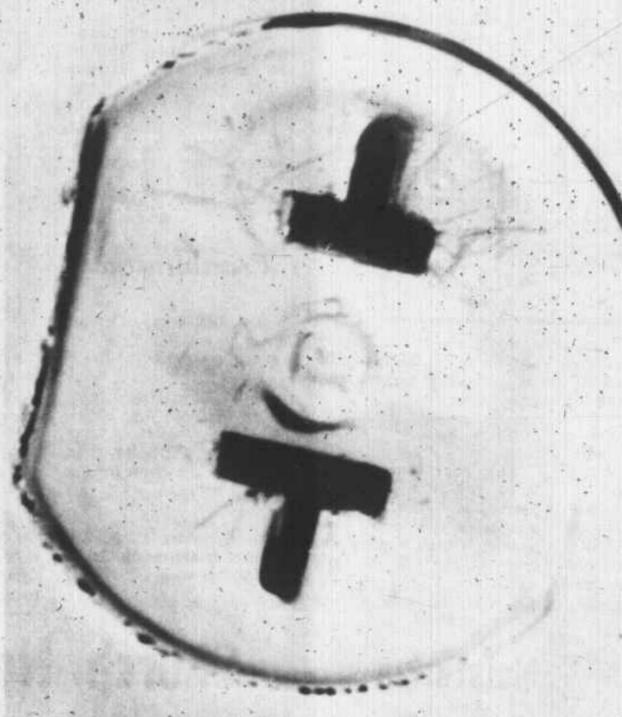
## Late Listers Must Visit Tax Office

C. W. Strother, County Tax Supervisor, reminds County taxpayers who have not listed their real and personal property for 1969 to do so at once. Those taxpayers who fail to get their property listed in their Township during January may come by the Tax Department at 217 Court Street, Louisburg, N. C. and list without penalty through February 14, 1969. Penalty period will start on Monday morning, February 17, 1969, for all who have not listed except those requesting an extension and granted by the Tax Supervisor.

Also, a reminder to County taxpayers, owning personal property and delinquent in their taxes, that they are subject to garnishment of wages or levy upon their personal property for taxes due Franklin County.

Also, a reminder to County taxpayers, owning real estate and delinquent in their taxes, that they are subject to judgements against their land for taxes due Franklin County.

We urge each taxpayer who has not listed for 1969 and who are delinquent in their taxes to get these matters cleared up at once to avoid penalty and additional cost.



What's It?

## Tobacco Tax Battle Lines Drawn

Battle lines seem to be drawn in the upcoming attempts in the General Assembly to place a tax on cigarettes. Latest to join in the tussle are the county and state units of the Farm Bureau.

The Directors of Franklin County Farm Bureau have urged all tobacco producers and consumers to consider with great concern the additional tax proposal of five cents to be put on each package of cigarettes, which they point out, are already subject to 3% general sales tax.

Cigarette taxes are already more than five times as much as tobacco grower's receipts for the tobacco used in domestically consumed cigarettes, a spokesman said.

"All of a sudden, tobacco has become a luxury in the minds of some of our North Carolina Representatives, and if demands for increased revenue continue, what products will be next to be taxed for state revenue purposes?" he asked.

"If further decrease in cigarette consumption caused by anti-smoking

forces and increased state and local taxes are heaped upon our heads--You can be assured the farmers will be affected in many ways; reducing the amount of tobacco he can produce, reducing his income and purchasing power, etc.," he continued.

He urged all interested persons to write to Governor Bob Scott immediately and state their opposition to any further tax on tobacco.

B. C. Mangum, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, placed most of the blame for the promotion of the tax on urban lawmakers and said their actions were "rash and arbitrary".

"Instead of thrashing around for an additional source of revenue," Mangum cautioned, "it might be wise to give a measure of thought to economic principles, rather than how easily a particular tax can be administered. Certainly, advocates of a tobacco tax have not given proper consideration to the effect such a levy would have on our total economy."

"For the first time in the history of

tobacco production in this country the sale of tobacco products declined in 1968," the farm leader revealed. Higher tax rates on cigarettes in a number of states is given as the main reason.

Mangum noted that "it is simply not true that people will go on smoking no matter how much it costs them. He supported his statement with facts contained in a study by the University of Kentucky and the University of Illinois which disclosed that each price increase of 10 percent was accompanied by a five percent drop in consumption. "If the trend continues," he ventured, "the economy of tobacco regions of the nation is in deep trouble."

"North Carolina's farm-based economy is frequently singled out as a contributing factor to our low per capita income. "Why," Mangum reasoned, "place an additional strain on a commodity which accounts for 42 percent of the state's total farm income. A tobacco tax can jeopardize the livelihood of some 300,000 farmers and industrial workers in North Carolina alone. No other state is so dependent upon a single product."

Mangum pointed out that North Carolina is already receiving taxes equivalent to six cents per package on cigarettes. Tobacco processors and manufacturers pay to the state over \$31 million yearly in corporate, franchise, local property, income and sales taxes.

## Minnich Is Elected Rescue Chief

The Louisburg Rescue Squad at their monthly meeting last Friday elected the following officers to serve for 1969:

Chief: David Minnich; Asst. Chief: Kyle Prince; Capt.: Thomas Collier; Lt.: Dean Holton, and Joe Shearon, Secretary.

Outgoing Chief W. D. Morton gave a report on the Squad's activities for the year 1968. He stated that a total of 229 calls had been answered during the year, with heart attacks and/or strokes leading the list at 47, and auto accidents running a close second at 45. There were 6 calls for shooting, 3 for drownings, and the remainder covered a variety of incidents from childbirth to lost persons. Thirty-three calls were listed as non-emergency which is about the usual yearly average.

A new posturpedic stretcher was added to the list of equipment and a new rescue vehicle is being built for delivery sometime in March, 1969. Through previous contributions and a tight budget over the past several years

the squad has managed to raise most of the required \$9,100.00 for this new truck. A little over \$1,000.00 is still needed to cover the total payment on delivery of the vehicle.

Chief Morton further stated that the interior of the Rescue Building received a new paint job during the year and that a new concrete apron was poured in front of the building to the street. A new 1969 Chevrolet Station Wagon was recently donated to the Squad by Rowe Chevrolet-Buick Company, of Louisburg, which has been standard procedure since 1960. To Mr. Bryant Rowe and all those who have supported this cause however large or small, we, the members of the Louisburg Rescue Service, thank you. With your continued support and the addition of new equipment through public generosity, it shall be our sincere desire to render the best service ever in 1969.

## Bureau Prexy Is State Director

John H. Ihrie, III, President of Franklin County Farm Bureau, has been elected to the Board of Directors of North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Ihrie, replaces Elmer Burt, Wake County President, who was named Vice-President of the state organization. He succeeds Bennie Ray Gupton of Wood as County President.

Mr. Ihrie operates a dairy farm in the Margaret Community of Franklin County. He came to Franklin County in 1963, moving here from Wendell in neighboring Wake County.

Mr. Ihrie was active in Farm Bureau in Wake County and was elected to the Franklin County Board of Directors in 1965. He served as Vice-President of the local organization last year.

Farm Bureau is the largest Farm organization in the world, being organized in every state in the Union. The organization represents farmers in local, state, and national affairs, giving farmers a voice in agricultural policy on all levels. The organization operates many services for members including: Insurance, group purchase arrangements (Baler twine, Tires, batteries), and Marketing programs. Marketing programs for milk, poultry, and apples are now operating in the state.

## District Court Has Full Docket

The following cases were disposed of in District Court on Monday, February 3rd, with Judge Claude W. Allen, Jr. presiding:

Jarvis Evans, c/m/48, operating auto intoxicated. 30 days in jail, suspended for 1 year on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs; to turn in driver's license and not operate motor vehicle for 12 months.

Jimmie Douglas Wilder, w/m/24, failing to yield right of way. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Leonard Marion Hawkins, c/m/42, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Donnie Ray Foster, c/m/18, assault on female. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Clarence (Whitey) Dove, public drunkenness. 20 days in jail, suspended for 2 years on payment of costs; not to be found guilty of public drunkenness for 2 years. Appeal, bond set at \$25.00.

Roy R. Hardy, n/m/21, driving without valid operator's license. Prayer for judgment continued on payment

of costs.

Charlie Spivey, Jr., c/m/51, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Dock Holden Harris, assault on female. 30 days in jail, suspended for 2 years on payment of costs and not go upon premises of Eva Mae Teasley without written invitation.

Hal Boone Perry, Jr., speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Sylvester Jeffreys, assault with deadly weapon. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Roy R. Hardy, c/m, improper registration. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Claude Stephen Perry, w/m/56, drunk driving. Not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, to be treated as chronic alcoholic. N. C. driver's license to be turned in; not to operate motor vehicle for 12 months.

Jessie Phelps, assault. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$5.00 fine and costs; not to go on premises of Chick and Ester Billings for 2 years

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DAVID MINNICH



JOHN H. IHRIE, III