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## LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Firemen

This is Fire Prevention Week. Coincidentally, the Franklin County Firemen's Association held its annual meeting here last night. The two are cause for serious consideration of one of Franklin's truly great blessings.

While reports of strikes and refusals to work come in from other parts of the country, Franklin firemen-volunteers except for the radio dispatcher-meet and talk and work free for better fire protection for all citizens.

The feeling of security these men give to the population, immeasurable as it is, might not be the real value of their services. It is even more satisfying to note that there are still men willing to serve without profit, the communities in which they live. It raises the human spirit to know that in this day of demands, there are

those who serve simply for the sake of service.

It is not just that they answer a call when someone is in need. There are many Franklin citizens who do this. It is more that they exemplify the old and sound traditions upon which this country was founded. They are interested in their neighbor's welfare. They are willing to serve knowing there is no pay except that satisfaction that comes with the knowledge that one has served.

All of us can show our appreciation to them and take a giant step in providing safety for our families by observing this week-and every week-fire prevention. When was the last time you checked that attic, the furnace, the chimney?

We salute the Franklin County firemen.



I caught old Melvin with his hand in the pig's feet jar at the store the other day and asides from having vinegar all over him, he was some sort of upset.

"Frank," he said, "I'm shore glad you showed up. I'm keeping the store for old Rob." I could tell he was about to keep them pig's feet for old Rob alright. But I doubt old Rob would appreciate where Melvin was gonna keep them.

"Well, Cussit," I said, "I'm glad I showed up, too, if it makes you feel better. What's your biggest trouble?"

"Frank, I been setting here reading today's newspaper." If I'd had any sense, I'd left right then.

"Frank, it's a downright shame. Here's that Onnasis woman went to a dirty picture show and what happens? I been going to dirty picture shows for years and ain't nobody never took my picture. Ain't even nobody never offered to. It just goes to show you how far down this country has got, Frank. If you ain't got money don't nobody pay you no mind."

"Well, I don't know, Melvin. That woman's a celebrity. Folks like to see her picture in the papers. Folks is interested that she got married again and they want to know where she's at all the time. I'll say one thing for her, Melvin, she got sense. She married some foreigner and got his money and left him over there wherever he is. She stays in New York, Cussit. That's a good arrangement. I been telling my old lady that for some time now but she don't like New York."

"That ain't all of it, Frank. They can't find nobody to serve on the Supreme Court nowadays. Everytime the President suggests a name, them Senators don't like the fellow. Now you know, 'Frank, they ought'n to go snooping into his private affairs. How'd they like somebody poking their noses into their closets? It's got to them Senators don't trust judges any more'n us ordinary folks. Mark my word, Frank, we're in deep trouble. You gonna see the day when nobody will serve on the high court. Folks got so they want to know too much about them judges."

"They ain't all bad, Melvin. There's some good judges. I seen one on television the other night. He rubbed his chin and he scratched his head. He smiled for the camera and he talked nice to the TV man and shook hands and everything."

"Yeah, but how'd he do when it come time for a decision. How, Frank? How'd he do when the chips was down?"

"He done fine, Melvin. 'Course I thought that little blonde ought to win, but there was some points to that little black headed gal the judge picked. He done fine, Melvin. That's why I say they ain't all bad."

"I tell you Frank. The Country is in bad shape. Even the President is scared to stay in Washington and he commands the whole U. S. Army. Maybe I hadn't oughta said anything about that. I know the Army got some problems of its own right now, but a man's home is his castle, Frank and when the President can't stay in the White House, what's a poor body like us gonna do?"

I had to admit that Melvin was gitting close to my worrying point. I ain't gonna spend much time worrying about that Onnasis woman; I ain't even gonna cry over that photographer she beat up and I shore ain't gonna lose no sleep over that judge. But I go along with Melvin on that other thing. I gotta spend some time worrying about that one. If the President's a feared to stay at home with the whole Army, Navy, Marines and Strom Thurmond looking after him, us regular folks better start worrying about that.

"Stay on, Frank. What's your hurry?" Melvin asked looking at the old clock.

"You go on back to stealing them pig's feet, Cussit. I'm going home. I can do a mighty piece of worrying between now and suppertime." I shore wish I hadn't stopped by the store.

## The Men And Women Who Produce Your Newspaper

By Russell E. Hurst, Executive Officer, Sigma Delta Chi

The men and women who produce your newspaper operate under a demanding set of professional standards that stress accuracy, fair play and responsibility to you, the reader.

For the reporter, this means a diligent search for all the facts and double-checking and triple-checking for ac-

curacy. In the case of controversy, he seeks to present all opposing viewpoints.

Covering the vents of a swiftly changing, tension-laden society is seldom an easy job. For the reporter must also cope with the pressures of daily-even hourly-deadlines, and with news sources that often may pro-

vide only fragments of the whole story, perhaps colored by personal viewpoints.

For the newspaper's editors, the obligation is to provide as full and complete coverage as humanly possible, to distinguish carefully between straight news and opinion, and to willingly pub-

lish corrections when major errors of fact occur.

In the tradition of American journalism, newspapers are further invested with a public trust. They are the reader's witness to the daily record of mankind's successes and failures in the community, the nation and the world. They are the watchdogs of government and publicly elected officials. And, at their best, they are instruments of understanding and enlightenment.

The time-honored principles of journalism have been variously expressed by professional organizations, teachers and journalists. The excerpts that follow show a common thread of dedication to truth, fairness and public service:

"Truth is the only

justification of the profession." (Sigma Delta Chi, Professional Journalistic Society.)

"The right of a newspaper to attract and hold readers is restricted by nothing but consideration of public welfare. Freedom from all obligations except that of fidelity to the public interest is vital." (Canons of Journalism, American Society of Newspaper Editors and Code of Ethics, Sigma Delta Chi.)

"The right of each individual who may be the subject of a news story or editorial comment is as basic as the right of the individual newspaper, and the freedom of all citizens to enjoy and expect fair and impartial treatment at the hands of newspapers is as precious as the freedom of the press to operate without censorship." (Alabama Press Association.)

"The heaven-born mission of journalism is to disseminate truth; to eradicate error." (Mark Twain.)

"I believe that the journalism which succeeds best-and best deserves success-fears God and honors men; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride or opinion or greed or power; constructive, tolerant, but never careless; self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers, but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice, is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob, seeking to give every man a chance." (Walter Williams, University of Missouri.)

These are among the principles that guide and inspire

the journalist.

Yet, he would be the first to acknowledge that attainment of such goals is an ideal-as he would be the last to claim that the press is the only perfect institution in an otherwise imperfect world.

The journalist is also his own most severe critic. Through professional meetings and publications, he constantly analyzes his performance and looks for ways to improve.

With each day and with each assignment, the test of his skills and judgment begins again. Is the story accurate? Is it fair? Is it complete? Is it written clearly and concisely? Is it in the public interest?

Among the myriad of news judgments he may face daily: Publish the name of a youthful first-offender; Break the "leak" of a major policy decision before it has been announced by the government? Is there validity to today's claims of the special-interest pleaders? Yield to the blandishments of the garden club president who wants more coverage than the story merits?

The requirements of the profession can be met only by highly qualified people. That's why today's editors look for men and women who are broadly educated and who have the personal qualities of integrity, dedication, resourcefulness, determination, patience, courage and tact.

Today's readers-better educated and better informed than any generation before-expect and deserve the best.

## To Stage Christmas Parade

The Franklin County Business Association will sponsor their annual Christmas Parade on Monday, December 1, at 7:30 P.M. In the event of rain another date will be announced. The purpose of the parade is to "kick-off" the Christmas Season in Louisburg and Franklin County.

All schools, churches and civic organizations in the area are invited to participate by entering a float of a

religious or seasonal aspect. These floats need not be of the commercial type, but made by your group and using the imagination of the individuals.

The Association is offering cash prizes for the three most outstanding amateur floats in the parade. The first prize will be \$25.00, second prize \$15.00 and a third prize of \$10.00.

## Rishel Starts Hiring

Rishel Furniture Company, a new employer in Louisburg, is now accepting applications for production workers. Men with woodworking or furniture making experience will be employed at their highest skill level.

Inexperienced workers will be trained and placed in an occupation in keeping with their skill and ability with chance for advancement. Work will be day shift only at the present time. Training program to begin within three weeks.

Applications will be accepted at the Armory in Louisburg between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on October 14th through 16th.

## Truth Law Explained To Lions

James Grady and Ed Yarborough presented a program on Federal Reserve Regulation Z or the "Truth In Lending" Act to the Lions Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday night.

Lion Yarborough began the program with a brief introduction to "Truth In Lending" explaining that the aim of the new law is to make it easier for the consumer to compare the cost of credit from various sources by requiring a uniform method of stating credit charges. Mr. Yarborough further explained that the new law, which became effective on July 1st of this year, was designed primarily for the protection of the consumer.

The twenty minute film strip showed the many ramifications of this

act and went into considerable detail concerning the disclosure that must be made to the consumer by the creditor. It pointed out that all banks, Savings & Loans Associations, department stores, credit card companies, or any institutions that grant credit of any type is subject to the new act.

After the showing of the film strip, and a few brief closing remarks by Lions Yarborough and Grady, the meeting was declared adjourned by the president.

Ralph Knott, Franklin County Clerk of Superior Court and J. R. Smith, the contractor for Winston Mobile Home Industries in Bunn, were visitors at the meeting and were introduced to the members of the club.

## District Court Docket Continued

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operating auto intoxicated. 3 months in jail, suspended for 3 years, defendant to remain of good behavior, not violate any State or Federal laws, pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs and not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of N. C. for 12 months except as allowed in restricted driving privileges this day granted.

David Carter Neal, w/m/41, driving under influence (2 charges). 6 months in jail, suspended for 5 years; to remain of good behavior, not violate any State or Federal laws, pay a fine of \$300.00 and costs in both cases, not to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of N. C. for 3 years; be placed on probation for 5 years; and with a special condition that he refrain from the use of intoxicating beverages.

Samuel Bowden, n/m/20, public drunkenness; indecent exposure, assault. 4 months in jail.

Jerry Johnson, n/m/19, assault, assault, profane language, public drunkenness. 4 months in jail.

Russell Fuller, w/m/57, assault, driving under influence. 4 months in jail, suspended for 3 years on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs; operate a motor vehicle only under restricted driving privileges; keep the peace toward his wife, not violate any State or Federal laws, and that he attend Alcohol Anonymous.

Kenneth Edwards, w/m, assault. Not guilty.

Benny G. Brodie, n/m/20, assault. Not guilty. Prosecuting witness to pay

costs.

Ed Bowden, n/m/19, assault on female. Not guilty.

Lewis Edgerton, n/m/23, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

William Earl Clifton, n/m, disorderly conduct, injury to property. Not guilty.

Wilson Abbott, w/m, public drunkenness (2nd offense). Not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months to be treated for Chronic alcoholism; suspended for 3 years on condition that defendant refrain absolutely from the use of intoxicating beverages and pay \$25.00 fine and costs.

Karl Bullock, disorderly conduct. To pay costs.

Will H. Leonard, n/m/17, disorderly conduct and injury to property. Not guilty.

Phillip Southerland, n/m/25, disorderly conduct. To pay costs.

Plummer Leonard, w/m/46, assault, Prayer for judgment continued for five years on condition he keep the peace toward his wife, refrain from the use of intoxicating beverages and pay costs.

Willie Long, n/m/44, public drunkenness. (2 cases) \$35.00 fine and costs.

Adrian Yarborough, n/m, disorderly conduct; injury to personal property. Not guilty.

Roland Jerry Strickland, w/m/21, non support. 4 months in jail, suspended for 5 years and placed on probation; to pay at least \$20.00 per week for support and costs of court. Notice of appeal - bond set at

\$200.00.

Nathan Green Patterson, w/m/48, driving under influence. To surrender operator's license for 12 months and pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs. Notice of appeal - bond set at \$200.00.

Fred Goode, n/m/37, assault. 3 months in jail, work release recommended. Notice of appeal, bond set at \$200.00.

James Earl Taylor, n/m/24, driving while license suspended. 6 months in jail, work release recommended. Notice of appeal, bond set at \$200.00.

Johnny Bryant, n/m, possession of tax paid liquor and possession for sale. Not less than 12 months and not more than 24 months in jail. Notice of appeal. Bond set at \$200.00.

Jimmy D. Gupton, w/m/24, driving under influence. 4 months in jail, suspended for 3 years; to remain of good behavior for 3 years, not violate any State or Federal laws, pay a fine of \$150.00 and costs, not operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of N. C. for 18 months. Notice of appeal - bond set at \$200.00.

Charles Yarborough, n/m/25, disorderly conduct; disorderly conduct, assault, injury to property; disorderly conduct; assault. 6 months in jail, work release recommended. Notice of appeal - bond set at \$200.00.

John Hammond Siler, Jr., w/m/70, fail to yield right of way. Defendant deceased.

The remainder of defendants on the docket each pleaded guilty under

waiver statute.

These defendants were charged with motor vehicle violations and each paid costs of court: Robert Earl Newsome, n/m/18; Richard Alston, n/m/27; Richard Astor Jordan, w/m/22; William Alston, n/m/22; Baldy Arrington, n/m/24; Cinderllo Hedgepeth Davis, n/f/44; James Cornell Clifton, n/m/19; Larry George Davis, n/m/17; Homer Vann Dunn, n/m/26.

Johnnie Mack Tant, w/m/21, and David Lee Bell, w/m/32 were charged with hunting violations and each paid costs.

Charged with public drunkenness and each paying a \$5.00 fine and costs were James R. Joyner, c/m; Charlie Coley, c/m/20; Reginald Mills, w/m/23; and Zabel H. Strickland, w/m/61.

The following each paid \$5.00 fine and costs on the charge of speeding: Leon Mills, n/m/24; Luther Spencer, Jr., n/m/29; Melrose Ferguson, w/f/22; Curtis (nmn) Bogans, n/m/33; and Richard (nmn) Grant, n/m/23.

Tom Yarborough, n/m/29 and Dorothy Mae Foster, n/m/21 each paid a \$25.00 fine and costs on a charge of no operator's license.

Charged with giving worthless checks and each paying the amount of the check and costs were Thomas G. Conway; Robert Blake and C. W. Ellis, c/m.

Clarence Newton Weathers, w/m/17, improper registration. Not guilty.

defendant not violate any State or Federal laws, pay \$125.00 fine and costs; not operate a motor vehicle on public highways of N. C. for 12 months and not ever operate a motor vehicle until properly licensed.

Paul A. Brodie, n/m/26; driving under influence. \$100.00 fine and costs.

Percy McKinley Thorne, n/m/28, operating auto intoxicated. \$100.00 fine and costs.

Samuel Macon Wheless, w/m/26, careless and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and \$125.00 to C.S.C. for use and benefit of Prison Camp for construction of picnic tables.

Thomas Edward Jones, n/m/29, assault. 6 months in jail, suspended for 3 years and defendant placed on probation; that he not assault his wife, that he support his child and pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs.

Myrtle L. Parham, w/f/44, speeding; no operator's license. Not guilty to no operator's license; \$10.00 fine and costs for speeding.

Betty Jean Rogers, n/f/18, stop sign violation; no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Catherine Holder Williams, w/f/42, exceeding safe speed. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Clarence Henry Pridden, c/m, public drunkenness; allowing unlicensed driver to operate motor vehicle. 2nd charge dismissed. \$25.00 fine and costs on first charge.

William Forrest Smith, w/m/19,

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