

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Weather

Cloudy, cold, some snowlike this afternoon. Wednesday clearing and warmer. Low today, 20; high, 33.

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Pokomoke Road Crash

Four persons were injured turned on the Pokomoke Road when car above skidded over 400 just west of Franklinton Saturday night. - Times Photo.

Over Twenty Hurt In Icy Spills, Auto Mishaps

At least twenty-one persons were injured in accidents in Franklin County during the past week -- fourteen in automobile mishaps not reported elsewhere in this issue. Five suffered injuries from slipping on ice and another two from exploding fireworks.

Three Christmas Eve accidents put nine in hospitals with varying degrees of injuries. Jacob Earp, 20 year-old Route 1, Bailey man, was hospitalized with head injuries following a single car accident about 2 miles south of Justice.

A U. S. 401 crash south of here sent Charlie Ford, Jr., 19, of Louisburg, to the hospital with lacerations along with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Pfeffer. The driver of the other car, Newbern Wilder, also required treatment at the hospital.

A three car accident on Highway 56 about 3 miles west of Franklinton resulted in injuries to 4 negroes. State Trooper W. S. Ethridge said that a car, driven by Elbert Lee Edgerton, Jr., 20, of Route 2, Creedmoor, hit an icy spot and overturned injuring B. L. Pergerson, Geraldine Andrews, Frances Bullock and Josephine Bullock.

A motorist, George Cozart, Jr., stopped at the scene to assist the injured and his car was struck by another driven by Albert Dickerson.

A 32 year-old Route 4, Louisburg negro, Willie McKnight was injured when his car overturned Saturday on the River Road in the vicinity of the fairgrounds and four men were hurt in a Saturday night wreck

Shelton Holds Brief Court Term Here

County Recorder's Court Judge W. F. Shelton returned to his courtroom this week for a brief session of court.

Judge Shelton has been unable to hold court since early last October after suffering a heart attack at the beginning of a court session. He spent 30 days in the hospital and since his release has been convalescing at his home.

One defendant plead guilty to driving without an operators license and several motor vehicle violation waiver cases were disposed of at the brief session of court held here Monday.

ALA To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday, January 3, at 8:00 with Mrs. Harold Williams at 103 Williams Street.

on the Pokomoke Road about a mile west of Franklinton. State Trooper D. C. Day identified the four as Leonard McCray Jackson, 23, Gerald T. Wilson, 24, and Woodrow Wheeler, 46, all of Franklinton, and Julian Lloyd 22, of Route 1, Youngsville.

Day reported the car skidded 429 feet before overturning and skidding another 127 feet.



Highway Victim

So hard was the impact that the trousers were stripped from covered body of U. S. 401 Highway victim south of here Christmas Eve. - Photo by Clint Fuller.

Coroner Rules Road Death Unavoidable

The death of 68 year-old Route 1, Youngsville man while walking along U.S. 401 near the intersection of N. C. 98 some 10 miles south of here Christmas Eve has been ruled unavoidable, according to Franklin Coroner James H. Edwards. Edwards said that Joseph James Bartholomew, who lived only a short distance from the scene of the accident, was apparently killed instantly when struck by a car as he walked home from a nearby store about 9 p.m.

Edwards quoted Boyd Matthews, 17 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Matthews of Louisburg, driver of the car that struck Bartholomew, as saying that he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car and didn't see the man, who was walking in the right traffic lane, until too late to avoid hitting him.

Neither young Matthews nor Steve Harris, 16, also of Louisburg, a passenger in the Matthews car, were injured.

The Louisburg Rescue Service rushed to the scene, but the victim was beyond aid.

Funeral services for Bartholomew were held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Rolesville Baptist Church. The Rev. Crate Jones, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rolesville Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Winn; two daughters, Mrs. William D. Ayscue of Raleigh and Mrs. Wallace Hicks of Rolesville; four sons, Joseph James Jr., and Richard C., both of Raleigh, Robert C. and Ben P., both of Youngsville; four sisters, Mrs. Perry Ayscue and Mrs. J. H. Langston, both of Henderson, Mrs. Walter Baxter of Petersburg, Va. and Mrs. Wees Pointer of Hyattsville, Md. three brothers, Ben B. of Petersburg, Va., Charlie Marvin of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Rufus A. of Henderson; and four grandchildren.

Tags On Sale

1964 Louisburg City automobile license tags go on sale at the Town Office on January 2, according to Chief of Police William T. Dement.

The deadline for purchasing and displaying the 64 tag on motor vehicles for local residents is February 15, Chief Dement said. Residents not complying after that date will be cited into court, he said.

Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 23: 1329

For Needy

Commissioners OK Surplus Food Plan

The Board of County Commissioners Monday approved the free distribution of surplus foods under the Commodity Distribution program to needy families in Franklin County for a period of 120 days beginning January 1.

Only those families certified as needy by the County Welfare Department will be eligible to receive the surplus foods.

Items to be distributed under the program include dried staples such as flour, rice and beans, cheese, canned meats, powdered milk and etc. There are ten items in all that will be made available.

Arrangements have been made between the County and the Seaboard Air Line Railway for warehousing the foods at the S. A. L. Depot here and J. E. (Sue) Perry has been named Warehouse Supervisor.

The overall program will be administered by the County Welfare Department and Mrs. Jane M. York, Director, stated today that her department is rushing plans to put the program into effect.

Details on making application for the food stuffs will be announced just as soon as plans are completed, Mrs. York said. While families do not necessarily have to be on the welfare rolls to be eligible to receive the surplus food, they must be first certified as needy or eligible by the welfare department.

Mrs. York urged persons not to contact the department about the program, but rather to wait until the plans are made public and follow the instructions given at that time.

Local Retail Business \$17 Million

To what extent has Franklin County participated in the current business surge? What gains were made in retail sales and in income during the past fiscal year?

According to a detailed report for the period, which covers the 12 months ending June 30, 1963, solid progress was made locally. Wages went up for most working people. Spending rose proportionately. The report, giving the first breakdown figures for the fiscal year, has just been released by the Standard-Rate and Data Service. It contains comparable information for every section of the country.

The volume of business chalked up by retail merchants in Franklin County, it shows, reached \$17,747,000, topping the previous year's \$15,966,000.

The gain, which amounted to 11.1 percent, compares favorably with that in the United States as a whole, 5.9 percent. In the State of North Carolina the rise was 7.5 percent.

Locally, as well as nationally, the advance was along a broad front, with most lines of business benefiting from the increase in consumer spending.

New cars accounted for a large part of the total retail volume. Sales of appliances, (See RETAIL page 6)



In Fatal Warren Accident

A young Franklin County man Sunday morning killing two and was injured when his car, above, crashing near Warrenton early

Franklin Man Injured In Two Fatality Warren Wreck

A young Franklin County man was injured in a wreck near Warrenton early Sunday morning that took the lives of two young Warren County men and injured another.

Charlie H. Tharrington, Jr. of Route 3, Louisburg at Alert, was reported in satisfactory condition at Franklin Memorial Hospital as was Jack Collins, 17 of Warrenton, in Warren General Hospital.

State Trooper W. E. Brown said that Tharrington was apparently driving the car when it went out of control on a slight curve on U.S. 401 about a mile south of Warrenton, struck an embankment and overturned killing Bernard E. Collins, 21, brother of the injured Collins youth, and Joseph L. Ayscue, 19, both of Warrenton.

Trooper Brown estimated the speed of the powerful 63 model

406 Ford at 100 mph when the accident occurred about 1:40 a.m. The car was heading south when it left the road on a slight curve and hit an embankment on the left side of the road.

"In my opinion it overturned three times," Brown said. "It was a total loss, about as bad as I have ever seen."

Gun Blast Victim Dies

Funeral services for Meedie W. Sykes, 47, who died last Tuesday morning, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday from the Peachtree Baptist Church by the Rev. Albert Peverall and the Rev. Robert Latham. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Sykes died of what Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion termed "self-inflicted" shotgun wounds shortly after noon the day before. He was given emergency first aid at the scene and

rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service where he died early Tuesday morning.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. R. L. Bobbitt of Louisburg, Rt. 2, Mrs. George Bunn of Castalia, Rt. 1, Mrs. B. N. Bass of Greensboro; two brothers, Reid Sykes of Spring Hope, Rt. 2, and Zollie Sykes of Petersburg, Va. He was a member of Peachtree Baptist Church.

Well Digger Dies In 55 Ft. Plunge

A 54 year-old well digger plunged to his death at the bottom of a 55 foot well on the W. E. Debnam farm east of here early Saturday afternoon.

James Aaron Medlin of Louisburg was apparently knocked unconscious and drowned when he lost his grip near the top of the well he was cleaning and plunged to the bottom, according to Louisburg Rescue Chief V. A. Peoples.

An employee of the Ball Well Co., Medlin was reportedly working on his own at the time of his death which was ruled accidental by Coroner James H. Edwards.

Rescuers were hampered in their recovery efforts by a hundred or more feet of plastic water pipe that broke in the accident and fell on top of Medlin's body. They finally managed to attach lines to both the body and pipe with grappling hooks and with the help of a gathering crowd of spectators, to haul the body and pipe to the surface.

Chief Peoples said that the weight of the pipe held Medlin's body completely submerged beneath the surface of the water in the bottom of the well.

Funeral services for Medlin were conducted from the Ebenezer Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Monday by the Rev. W. L. Barbee and burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Annie Laura Moore; two daughters, Hazel Medlin and Rose Medlin, both of Louisburg; two sons, Bobby Vann and Cecil Medlin both of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. (Buck) Medlin of Route 1, Louisburg; six sisters, Mrs. Henry Denton and Mrs. George Pippin both of Zebulon, Mrs. Clinton Pernel of Butler, Mrs. J. W. Thorne of Castalia, Mrs. Andrew Ayscue of Raleigh, and Mrs. P. C. Dickerson of Louisburg; four brothers, Hubert of Henderson, Clifton of Rocky Mount, Jimmy of Louisburg, and Ernest Medlin of Ft. Jackson, S. C.; and two grandchildren.

Ex-Convict Arrested On Check Charge

A 42 year-old Bunn negro, charged with having some over \$200 of worthless paper in and about Louisburg is in jail here today in default of \$2,000 bond.

Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement said that John Henry Washington, who was released from prison in November after serving time for a similar offense, was arrested here Saturday by officers G. J. Eury and Earl Tharrington.

An expert forger, Dement said that Washington forged checks on three well known persons totaling in excess of \$200 and cashed them locally.

Summit Talk

Washington, D. C.--There is a possibility that a Western summit meeting will take place in the early part of 1964.

President Johnson has displayed a liking for personal diplomacy and has tentative agreements for talks with French President de Gaulle, British Prime Minister Douglas Home and West German Chancellor Erhard next year.

Four of the five big NATO powers have recently had changes at the top.



Clearing For A & P Store

Heavy earth moving equipment is pictured idle for the new A & P Food Store here gets

underway. The work is taking place in the area south of East Nash Street and west of Bickett Blvd. - Times Photo.