

Partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered showers today and Friday. Low today, 68; high, 86.

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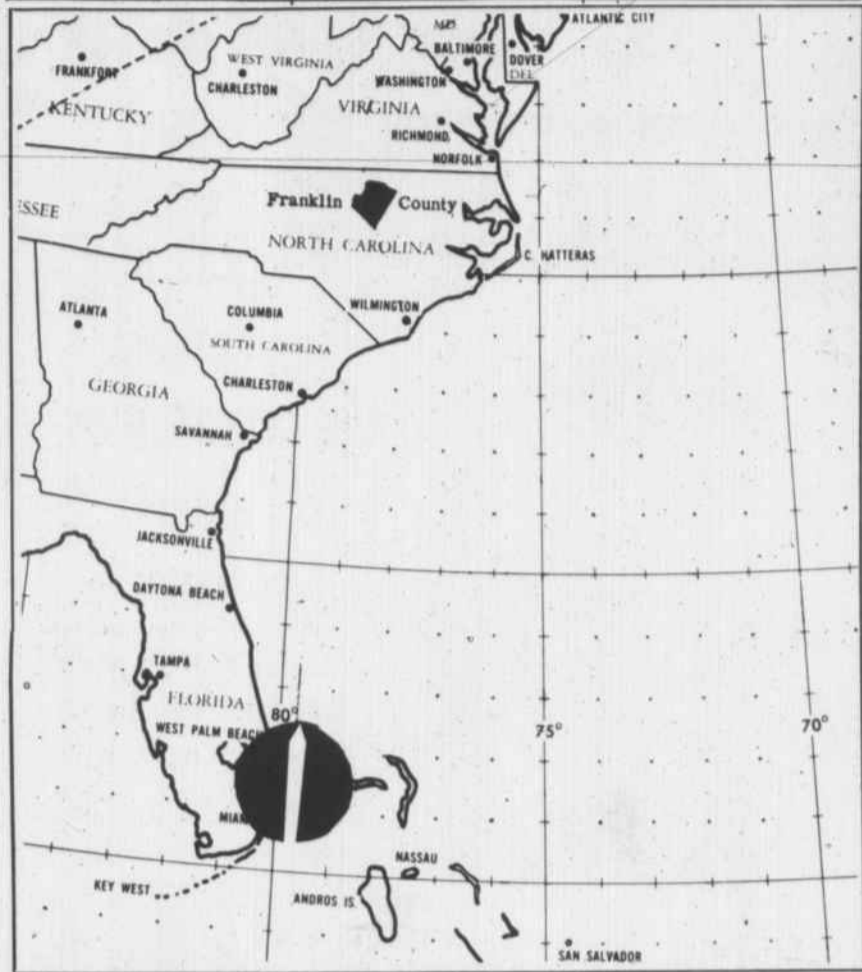
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Hurricane Cleo

## Cleo Rips Southern Florida And Heads Slowly North

Hurricane Cleo, the third tropical storm of the season, inflicted millions of dollars in damages on the city of Miami and southern Florida early this morning and headed north. The noon advisory located the devastating storm near West Palm Beach near latitude 26.6 north, longitude 80.2 west, packing winds of 105 miles per hour reaching out 50 miles from the center of the storm. On its present course, Cleo would remain off the coast of Florida and hit the southern section of South Carolina. The speed of the storm is 11 miles an hour. Speed and direction of Cleo are subject to change and long range predictions are subject to constant corrections. Hurricane warnings are up from Fowey Rock Lighthouse northward to Cape Kennedy northward to Daytona Beach and Lake Okeechobee. Winds

north of the storm will increase as the hurricane approaches and will exceed 100 miles per hour with tides increasing to five to seven feet above normal some 50 miles north of the storm center. Cleo toppled broadcasting towers, smashed hundreds of store windows and knocked over trees numbering in the hundreds. A warehouse was destroyed by fire when a rash of blazes broke out in Miami, with firemen unable to fight the fires due to the 115 mile per hour winds. The eye of the storm passed

West Palm Beach early this morning with heavy damage reported there and at Hollywood and Fort Lauderdale. Three people were injured in a fashionable Miami hotel and at least one looter is in critical condition from gunshot wounds inflicted by police. Cleo's powerful winds pushed a railroad freight car some eight miles from south of Hollywood to Fort Lauderdale, wrecking one car, seriously injuring the driver and finally wrecking a small railroad station that had been blown near the tracks.

## Franklinton Court Docket

(Frk. B.W.) Mayor Joe W. Pearce tried seven people for being drunk on Monday. They were Robert Hawkins, Howard Kearney, Willie Crudup, Thurston Barnette and Edward Turner. Each one paid court cost. Clayton Lee O'Neal--Drunk and disorderly. Paid cost. Alex Marshall Smith--Drunk, disorderly and profanity. Warrant withdrawn. Cost paid. Other cases were: Danny Lee Hoyle--Careless and reckless driving. Paid fine and cost. W. S. Woodlief -- Larceny. Guilty. William Lee Teasley--Assault. Dismissed--prosecuting witness taxed with cost. John Wesley Long--Assault on female. Probable cause found. Bound over with intent to kill to Superior Court. Albert Dickerson--Improper equipment. Cost paid. Lawrence Johnson -- No operator's license and improper brakes. Fine and cost paid. Joe Burl Moore--Speeding. Cost paid. Lawrence Johnson -- Disorderly. Cost paid. Marvel Hunter Dennis, Speeding (59 mph in a 50 mph zone. Cost paid. Alex James Henson--Speeding (69 mph in a 55 mph zone). Cost paid. William Swanson Weaver--Speeding. Cost paid.

Most people overvalue compliments and undervalue constructive criticism.

# New Justice Plant Set To Start Operations Monday

The newest Franklin County industry, a sewing plant, will start operations at Justice Monday, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mr. J. W. Morris, President of the company. The Justice Manufacturing Co., Inc., manufacturers of children's dresses, will begin with the employment of 15 people, adding one or two a day until a total of 25 to 30 have been employed reports Morris. "We have quite a bit of work to do between now and Monday, but we will certainly get started then," Morris said, and added, "We will have machines at the start, and if all goes well, we plan to increase this number seventy-five or eighty later. We expect to be at full capacity for our present machines within two months." Morris pointed out that the 25 to 30 employees would be the top number until more machines were installed. He said he planned to install a cutting department shortly. "We want to be able to cut, saw and finish the material," Morris said, "and we are in a position to ship direct to the stores which

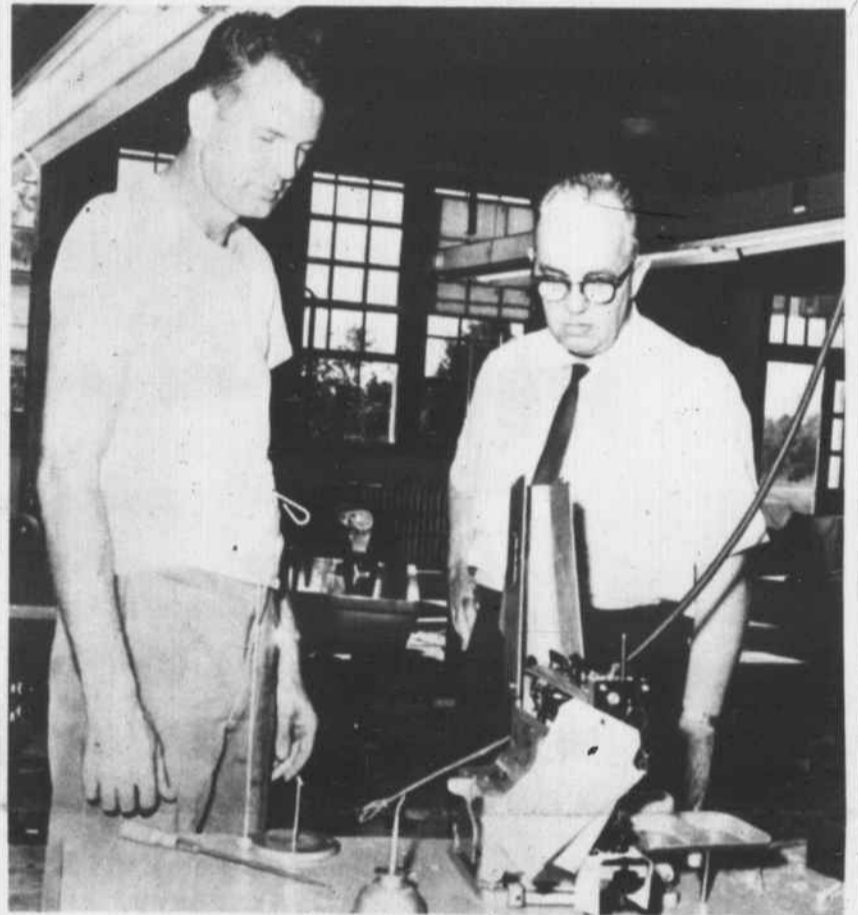
are customers of our contracting manufacturing firm." The plant is located in the Justice school building, which is owned jointly by Mr. J. C. Bowden and Mr. George Harris,

Justice businessmen. The building was purchased from the County Board of Education in April at a cost of \$5,805.00. The building has been renovated, having all classroom

partitions removed and steel beams installed overhead. New lighting and wiring has also been installed. Morris, a 39 year old Nashville resident, announced that he

will move his office to the Justice plant. He also operates a wholesale grocery business in Nashville and is President of the Spring Hope Garment Co. in Spring Hope. A two-way radio system will be installed connecting the office at Justice with the Morris home, the grocery office and the Spring Hope plant.

The machines are being installed today by a crew headed by Mr. Bourbon Cone, mechanic for the Spring Hope plant. Mrs. Frances Cone has been named plant manager and Mrs. Jan Strickland is Supervisor, both ladies live in Spring Hope. Other employees are expected to be chosen from the Justice and surrounding communities. Morris was appreciative of the fine spirit of cooperation he says he has received from everyone in getting located at Justice.



New Plant Machines

Bourbon Cone, plant mechanic of Spring Hope, is shown above talking to Franklin County Industrial Development Director, W. J. Benton, Wednesday afternoon at the new Justice Manu-

facturing Co. Cone is installing some 35 machines in preparation of the plant opening Monday. The machine shown is a button sewer.

-Times Staff Photo.

## Franklinton Schools Enroll 1117

(Frk. B.W.) On Wednesday, August 26, there was a total of 1,117 students enrolled in the Franklinton Administrative Unit Schools.

There were 455 enrolled in the elementary and 193 enrolled in the high school at Franklinton High.

At B. F. Person-Albion School there was an enrollment of 382 in the elementary and 87 in the high school.

Mr. J. H. Thomasson of Kelly, N. C., has recently been hired as a special education teacher at Franklinton High School.

## Retired Bobbitt Farmer Has Most Unusual Hobby

Some people collect stamps, and some people more recently are collecting coins. There are even people in Franklin County who collect money, but what must be listed among the most unusual hobbies of all, is the collection of hammers. Mr. I. W. "Bud" Finch of the Bobbitt Community, a retired farmer, has been collecting hammers for the last 15 years. Mr. Finch, who will be 83 years old next month, says he has over 1800 hammers in all. The last time he counted them was in 1959 and he has it chalked on an overhead rafter in the hammer room, as-1600. He is certain, he says, that the total now is over 1800.

The room is actually a building on his farm, about the size of an average bedroom. The hammers are hanging six rows deep on all four walls. Mr. Finch has a name for each hammer and can relate some story connected with it. When asked about this amazing feat of memory, he says, "I guess I just have it packed back here," and points to the back of his head.

Recently, his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Lassiter, who lives next door, borrowed one of the hammers to crush some corn for the chickens. When Mr. Finch returned home, he went immediately to the daughter's house and asked, "Where is my hammer?" He had missed one from the collection of 1800. He said, "I didn't mind her using it. I just wanted to know where it was."

Mr. Finch also collects old clocks and has around 160 in two store rooms. Clocks range from ones with all wooden works inside to fancy coo-coo varieties. A few days ago, when visitors disturbed his afternoon nap, Mr. Finch threatened to sell the "whole works," but changed his mind a few days

later. He has started others in the area in the clock hobby.

He enjoys talking about his hammers and is quick to point out some good workmanship by some past blacksmith and just as quick to criticize poor workmanship. He makes new helves for all his hammers, some of which come from England, South America and Africa.

Also in the collection is old iron utilities used many years ago and for each of these, there

is some story or historical data. Mr. Finch is active in his church, Plank's Chapel, where he is an honorary deacon, having served as a deacon for many years.

He drives a late model black Cadillac, which culminates a boyhood dream to own one. He still carries his drinking water from a spring a few yards from his house, even though he has modern plumbing in his home. He doesn't

like to drink water from a pipe, he says.

Mr. Finch, who is a little hard of hearing, says of a hearing aid, "I can't hear a thing unless I turn it up high and then I can hear the water splash in Kerr Lake." The Lake is about 25 miles away from his home. Needless to say, he doesn't wear a hearing aid.

His son, Reese Finch, who lives a few yards from the home

place, collects old guns, a hobby started by his father. He has several models hanging on a bedroom wall. Like his father, he is happy to show them and is an extremely friendly person to meet.

One gets the impression when meeting and talking with Mr. Finch that here is the grass roots type American that has made this country what it is. Dedicated to his home, the land and to his church, he still finds time to enjoy a hobby that would prove tiring to much younger men. He spends hours at his work bench, repairing his clocks, sharpening numerous saws, which he also collects, and whittling hammer helves, to say nothing of the time he spends with inquisitive reporters and sightseers. If idle hands are the devil's workshop, he'll find no room in the Finch manor.

Sunshine friends come easy when you are successful.



To Hit The Nail On The Head

Mr. I. W. Finch is pictured above, standing in his "hammer room," as he displays two of his prize collection of over 1800 hammers. The one in his right hand he calls his "Billy-Goat" hammer and the unusual looking

tool in his left hand was used many years ago to strip trees for turpentine. Mr. Finch also collects saws and clocks, having nearly two hundred of each.

-Times Staff Photo.

## 100 Miles Per Hour Speeding Brings Charges

Two county youths were charged with speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour in widely separated areas this week, according to reports from the State Highway Patrol.

Henry Mullen, 23, Bunn, was arrested and charged when caught by Patrolman James Byrd between Bunn and Pilot, for speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour.

Leon Mills, 18 year old Franklinton Negro, wrecked his car in a high speed chase with State Patrolman Bill Etheridge near Franklinton. Mills ran from the scene, but was caught by Etheridge about 200 yards away.

The youth was charged with speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour, falling to stop for a red light and siren.

## Calendar For Franklin County Schools 1964-1965

Drivers come for school buses	Aug. 31
County-wide teachers meeting	Sept. 2
Teacher-Principal-School Orientation	Sept. 2
Parents Visit 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.	Sept. 8
Teacher-Pupil Orientation	Sept. 8
1:30 to 3:30 P.M.	Sept. 4
Labor Day Holiday	Sept. 7
Opening Date for Term	Sept. 8
(First of 180 days)	Sept. 8
N. C. E. A. Meeting	Oct. 13
N. C. T. A. Meeting	Oct. 14
*Thanksgiving Holidays	Nov. 26, 27
*Christmas Holidays	Wed., Dec. 23 thru Fri., Jan. 1 (Inclusive)
*Opening after Christmas	Jan. 4
*Easter Holidays	Friday, April 16, Monday, April 19.
*School close	June 3
Teachers Two Last Days --	Friday, June 4, and Monday, June 7.

\*Subject to approval by County Board of Education

## Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, August 25:

Joseph Green, c/m/49, operating auto intoxicated; damage to property. Called and failed. Bond ordered forfeited. Sam Yarborough, assault. Judgment complied with.

Clarence Moles, c/m/22, public drunkenness; use of profane language in public place; trespass. Probation revoked and commitment to issue. Recommended that defendant be assigned to Youthful Offenders Camp and receive a thorough medical examination.

Benny Green Perry, Jr., w/m/19, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

William Yarborough, c/m/21, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Adelaide Carreras Mullen, w/f, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Henry Gray, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Gar Bailey Ayscue, w/m/19, motor vehicle violation. Pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving. 30 days in jail suspended on \$25.00 fine and costs.

James Marion Clayton, w/m/41, speeding. \$10 fine and costs. Fine remitted on good behavior for 60 days.

James Ranson Davis, c/m/18, motor vehicle violation. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$50.00 fine and costs, surrender operator's permit to N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles for six months and such further period as the department may require.

Jerry Hayes, c/m/33, motor vehicle violation. 30 days in jail suspended on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Wilbur Walker, destroying and damaging mortgaged property. Not guilty.

Wilbur Walker, destroying and damaging personal property. Not guilty.

Elvis Hockaday, w/m, disposing of mortgaged property. 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs and to pay through C.S.C. the sum of \$142.68 for benefit of Charles Bagby.

Carl McKinley Baker, c/m/21, operating auto intoxicated. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs. To pay costs today and fine by October 13.

James Atlas Smith, w/m/63, no operator's license; hit and run; operating auto intoxicated. 6 months in jail suspended on payment of costs and fine of \$125.00.

## Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, August 24:  
KILLED TO DATE 977  
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LAST YEAR 807