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General Speaks

Brig. General Edward F. "Jocko" Griffin is pictured above, front right, as he spoke to a Veteran's Day gathering at the local armory last night. The General, now Civil Defense head for the State, told the group, "We cannot afford another war," and recalled scenes of Verdon in World War I and when he visited the area in 1960. Jambes Post 105 Commander Vassar Perry is standing to the left of the General.

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General Griffin Tells Veterans U.S. Cannot Afford Another Conflict

General Edward F. Griffin, State Civil Defense Director, told a group of veterans gathered at the Louisburg Armory last night for a Veteran's Day celebration, "The United States cannot afford another war." Griffin said, "Wars are costly, as all of you here, well know. We veterans must stick together and do everything possible to prevent another conflict."

plause from the over 100 county men gathered to hear him, when he said, "Men and nations can settle their differences across the conference tables if each will give a little." He related sights he had seen on a 1960 visit to Europe with the Battle-ground Monument Commission of areas familiar to him and many of the World War I veterans, pointing out the care taken of military cemeteries over there.

Griffin urged that the veterans help keep the country strong, stating that he believed that strength was our greatest weapon. He also told of seeing a weapon more powerful than all the weapons power used by both sides in World War II.

Louisburg Tobacco Market

Pounds Sold Last Week: 1,066,310; Amount Paid Last Week: \$618,995.42; Average Last Week: \$58.05; Pounds Sold Week Before: 1,306,356; Amount Paid Week Before: \$792,285.32; Average Week Before: \$60.65; Amount Sold To Date: 12,494,076; Amount Paid To Date: \$7,235,830.54.

Justice Fire Department In Training

Members of the Justice Fire Department are now participating in a Fire Service Training Program being conducted in co-county Technical Institute. Instruction offered by the Fire Service Training Program covers nearly every phase of firemanship. Courses are designed not only to develop necessary skills, but to develop the fireman's initiative and judgment. The entire program of twelve individual courses is designed for 120 hours of instruction, using the equipment and facilities owned by the Justice Department.

Dogs

Even the friendliest of neighbors will be resentful and angry if the dog next door wanders unchecked all over their lawn, soils their yard, and tears up their lawn or flowers.

College Receives \$500 Grant

Louisburg College received a \$500 Grant from the Sears Foundation Wednesday as its share of the \$2000 allotted for three Raleigh area schools. Meredith and St. Mary's were the other two colleges receiving grants.

The Grant was accepted in Raleigh by Mr. Robert Stanley, business manager of the college, Wednesday from Mr. W. H. Hess, local Foundation representative. It is part of a \$700,000 fund which the Foundation is distributing to over 600 colleges and universities throughout the country.

The money is unrestricted and may be used by the college in the area of what it determines to be the greatest need. The Foundation Grants go only to privately operated colleges and universities to help the institutions of higher learning meet their financial needs. Twenty-two colleges and universities in North Carolina received aid from the Foundation which also donates around \$650,000 in scholarships each year.

Louisburg Correspondent

Mrs. Wilson Joyner, of Bickett Boulevard, has this week become the correspondent for Louisburg Society events for The Franklin Times. Mrs. Joyner is acting correspondent during the illness of Mrs. Betsy Lavender. She will welcome calls from all hostesses, presidents of clubs, etc. in time to meet her Monday noon and Wednesday noon deadlines. News of events must be in to be published within the week of their happening to be usable.

deHart Releases Statement On Commission Salary Dispute

Industrial Development Commission Chairman Allende Hart issued a written statement yesterday explaining the Commission's stand on the current dispute with the Board of County Commissioners over a salary question.

The Commission had recently raised the salary of Mrs. Susan Gupton, secretary for the Commission, approximately 10% in light of the reduction of the Director's salary 40%. Director W. J. Benton is spending two days each week in his private business and even though he is on call every day, he is being paid for only three days each week. De Hart stated that he felt that with Benton out of office, this would require additional responsibilities of Mrs. Gupton, and therefore the Commission felt justified in granting a salary adjustment.

The issue, reportedly is not on the fact an increase in salary was granted, but whether or not the Commission had such authority. The increase was not designated in the budget approved by the Commissioners earlier this year. However, deHart explains that his Board is staying within their budget and felt it was their responsibility to handle matters such as this.

Benton said he was unaware of these developments until after the matter had been made public and felt that it was of a minor nature. He said that he had found it necessary to work overtime on many occasions when prospects were in town and particularly during the Gay Products negotiations. He said that the secretary had also been called on to work overtime on several occasions. Asked about current prospects, Benton said that the prime matter at hand now is getting Gay Products underway, but that he was "working on something."

The complete text of the deHart Statement follows: The Franklin County Industrial Development Commission has, since its inception, remained within the total budget, and within the total salary budget. On August 1, 1964, the salary of the Director,

W. J. Benton, was reduced 40% so that he could give attention two days each week to his local furniture store. However, it was stipulated that Mr. Benton would be subject to call any time during the week to provide service for the Commission. At the same time, the salary of Mrs. Susan Gupton was increased 10% as her administrative responsibilities were increased due to the increased work with additional industry moving into the community and the part time employment of the Director. Furthermore, Mrs. Gupton has on a number of occasions worked overtime for the Commission, and has in the past

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Woman Accused Of Murder Guilty Of Moving Grave Markers

Florestine Ross Felts, 29, Henderson woman awaiting trial for murders in Franklin County Superior Court on February 1, 1965, was found guilty of removing the grave marker from the grave of the man she is accused of killing on May 10, 1964.

The woman was tried Wednesday before Recorder's Court Judge I. D. Gill in Zebulon and sentenced to 12 months in Woman's Prison, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and court costs. She was

charged with removing name plates from the graves of George T. Locklear and his teenage daughter, Alma Lee Locklear, who died two weeks after her father's death from a "rare heart disease." The graves are located in the Beula Christian Church Cemetery in Zebulon.

Police Chief W. B. Hopkins said Roscoe Chalk of Zebulon testified he directed Mrs. Felts to the burial site on September 10 and watched as she removed the markers. Hopkins said she plead not guilty to the charges and filed notice of appeal after the sentence was given.



Old Glory

Old Glory is shown fluttering in the autumn breeze on Louisburg's Main Street yesterday as the town marked the observance of Veteran's Day.

-Times Staff Photo.

Centerville Negro Becomes Tenth County Highway Fatality Tuesday

A 74 year old Centerville Negro man became the tenth Franklin County highway fatality when he was killed around a quarter mile east of Centerville Tuesday night. Charlie Lewis Burgess, Rt. 2, Louisburg farmer, died instantly near his home when struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Hazel Taylor of Centerville.

Mrs. Taylor was driving west toward Centerville from her home near the scene of the accident around 6:25 p.m. Monday, when she met an oncoming truck heading east. She said she did not see the victim until his body was lying on the hood of her car. She said she believes that the truck might have thrown Burgess onto her automobile.

Highway Patrolman D. C. Day, who investigated the accident, said he did not believe the victim was hit by the truck, although he did think a truck was involved. An alert was sent out to other patrolmen to watch for a truck bearing the description given.

Some observers said Tuesday night that Burgess was probably headed for a nearby store from his home, which was a habit with him and stepped from behind the passing truck into the path of the car driven by Mrs. Taylor. There were no marks indicating that Burgess had been struck in the east bound lane of highway 561, where the truck was traveling.

Very little damage was done to the Taylor car. Mrs. Taylor was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital, but was released, shortly afterwards. She described it as "The most terrible thing that ever happened to me. I did not see him until he was lying on top of the hood." Burgess is the sixth pedestrian to be killed on Franklin County highways this year, over half the total fatalities.

Surprised

Raleigh, N. C.--A motorist deposited a dime in a two-hour parking meter and went shopping. When he returned in two hours, he found the meter gone, curb painted yellow, a loading zone sign and a \$5 parking ticket on his car. He took the ticket and story to the city hall and was excused this time.



Tenth Road Fatality

A group of Centerville men are pictured above viewing the spot where Charlie Lewis Burgess, 74-year-old negro, met instant death Tuesday night when struck by a car driven by Mrs. Hazel Taylor of Centerville. Coroner James Edwards ruled the accident unavoidable. Burgess is believed to have stepped from behind a passing truck into the path of the Taylor car.

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Franklin County Highway Fatalities

- No. 1 Feb. 23 -- Bud Bunn, N/M/44 - Car ran off Road near Peaces Crossroads
- No. 2 Feb. 26 -- Jesse Lee Williams, N/M/6 - Struck while waiting for school bus on Highway 401 north of Louisburg. 7:30 A. M.
- No. 3 May 29 -- James Meldrin Pearce, W/M/56 - Truck-Car collision near Peaces. 9:20 A. M.
- No. 4 June 24 -- Robert Earl Jackson, W/M/23 - Single car, U. S. 1 near Franklinton. Night.
- No. 5 July 15 -- Leroy Crudup, N/M/9 - Struck while riding bike near Youngsville. 6:30 P. M.
- No. 6 July 19 -- Solomon Kearney, N/M/27 - Hit-Run. Highway 401 north of Louisburg. 2:00 A. M.
- No. 7 Aug. 25 -- Durwood Phil Fuller, W/M/25 - Single Car. Hit bridge abutment N. C. 39. Around 3 A. M.
- No. 8 Sept. 19 -- James Yarborough, N/M/45 - Struck at intersection U. S. 1 and U. S. 1A near Franklinton. 9:40 P. M.
- No. 9 Oct. 26 -- David Lee Faulkner, W/M/26 - Struck by two trucks, U. S. 1 near Franklinton. 11:35 P. M.
- No. 10 Nov. 10 -- Charlie Lewis Burgess, N/M/74 - Struck on N. C. 561 near Centerville. 6:35 P. M.

Consolidation

Com. Report Released

A 16-page report on the Committee on Consolidation of Franklin County Schools has recently been released by Mr. Frank Read, Sr., Committee Chairman and Schools Superintendent, Warren W. Smith. The report sets forth the original purpose of the committee and includes its recommendation that the State advised plan be adopted.

The County Board of Education appointed members to the Advisory Committee for the Consolidation of Franklin County Schools in September, 1962 and adopted its recommendations in a meeting on October 5.

Officers of the citizens committee are: Frank Read, Sr., Chairman; Ashley Jenkins, Vice

Chairman, and Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood, Secretary. Other county citizens serving on the committee are: John Allison Rogers, Carlton Eaves, Maynard Wilson, J. J. Hart, W. R. Evans, Mrs. Fred Cash, H. J. Richards, Carl N. Ray, James Alford, Zeb Wheeler, Donald Wester, L. L. Sturdivant, W. D. Fuller, L. S. Ward, H. T. Edwards, Lloyd West, Dr. Cecil Robbins, Mrs. Ruby Williams, C. Ray Pruitt, Mrs. Clement Weston and B. N. Williamson, Jr. The latter three represented Franklinton on the committee although their schools are not under the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education.

The report has high praise for the late Wiley F. Mitchell, long time Superintendent of Schools, and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Margaret Holmes and Warren Smith for their assistance in the committee's work.

The County Board of Education issued a commendation to each member of the committee for their dedicated work on behalf of improved education. The recommendation of the committee states, "The Advisory Committee recommends to the Franklin County Board of Education the adoption of the School Survey made by the Division of School Planning, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on Franklin County, 1963, beginning on page 32 of the School Survey Report and particularly on page 35 and page 36 of the report, with the proviso of a change in priorities which are recommended therein and modifications which would be wiser as conditions and enrollments vary during the years necessary to realize

Locals Form Camper's Organization

Local camping enthusiasts who are members of the National Campers and Hikers Association last week met at the Agriculture Building in Louisburg for the purpose of forming a Franklin County Chapter. The group, which held its first meeting two weeks prior, elected its permanent officers at this time, and adopted a constitution and by-laws.

Elected president, for a one year term, was Sidney Johnson of Franklinton. Leslie Bullard will serve with him as vice-president and Mrs. Earl Carter was elected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Wally Wright and James W. Payne, both of Franklinton, were elected to serve with the officers to make up the board of directors.

During the meeting the name of "The Camplighters" was chosen for this group. James A. Johnson, Field Director for NCHA, who is also a member of this chapter, spoke briefly to the group, emphasizing the aims and purposes of a group such as this, which is to promote camping activities in the state and to work as a group and through proper channels to improve facilities for the camping public, and to help create helpfulness and friendship between all campers.

Cancer Clinic

The Cancer Detection Clinic for November will be held at the Franklin County Health Center, Wednesday, November 18, starting at 1:00 p.m. This is a free service and anyone wishing an examination may obtain an appointment by calling Miss Esther Andrews at Gy 6-3553.

the total improvement of the educational system." The County Board of Education is studying the recommendations listed on the particular pages mentioned in the Committee's recommendation. The listing referred to by the Committee pertains to five new school plants and a listing in priority order of 12 additional facilities plus a 7-point plan for needed improvements.

The Board must decide which facility is most needed and what order will best accomplish the end result set when the Committee was first formed. In light of the recent State School Bonds approval, the school system will receive over half million dollars with which to start the plan recommended by both the Committee and the State Department.



Vets Get Together

A group of veterans talk over old times at the American Legion supper last night held in the Louisburg Armory.

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