

Increasing cloudiness and not so cold today. Wednesday, variable cloudiness and cool. Low today, 27; high, 57.

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Turkey Time

Two young boys go after their Thanksgiving turkey the hard way as they give chase to a flock of the flighty birds. The boys, Larry Fuller, left, and Scott Debnam, let 'em get away. Chances are their mothers will join the many others "catching" their turkeys in local super markets as the area observes the traditional day of Thanksgiving Thursday.

-Times Staff Photo.

Area To Observe Thanksgiving Holiday

Franklin County and the surrounding area will join the remainder of the country Thursday in the traditional observance of Thanksgiving Day. Most business establishments in the area will be closed all day Thursday. The Post Office will be closed and only Special Delivery mail and packages will be delivered. Mail will be placed in the boxes in the post office, however.

All county offices will be closed for the one day holiday period and most state offices will also be closed. A joint Thanksgiving service will be held at the Louisburg Methodist Church at 10 a.m. conducted by the pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church, Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson. Holy Communion Service will be observed at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Many churches throughout the county observed special Thanksgiving services last Sunday night or will hold such services on Wednesday night.

Law enforcement officers and the State Highway Patrol have urged motorists to exercise extreme care during the long holiday weekend, running from Wednesday at 6 p.m. through midnight Sunday. Franklin County escaped any fatalities during the Thanksgiving Holiday last year, but there were 29 killed, 756 injured in 1241 accidents throughout North Carolina during the Thanksgiving weekend.

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Six County Fire Departments Take Part In Special Training Session Here Friday Night

Over 50 volunteer firemen from six of the county's seven departments participated in a training session Friday night near Louisburg. The training session was under the auspices of the Louisburg Fire Department, which had invited the other county departments to participate.

Elwood Inscow, instructor for the N. C. Insurance Commission; Roy Gupton, Chief of the Henderson Fire Department; Al Miller, Chief of the Tarboro Fire Department, and

Weeks Andrews, Tarboro Department Captain, were the instructors. The session consisted of the burning of two unoccupied dwellings on the East River Road about one mile east of Louisburg. The training course stressed



Firemen Get Training



Before



During



After

Childers To Head Tar River Group

W. P. Childers was elected Chairman of the Franklin County Tar River Basin Development Association at a meeting held at the agriculture building in Louisburg Monday afternoon, November 23. The purpose of the Association is to determine Franklin County's need and interest in the Tar River Basin and water resource development and let these needs be known to the proper authorities.

J. E. Edwards was elected Vice Chairman and Clint Fuller, Secretary of the local organization.

The following groups were represented at the meeting: County Commissioners, Louisburg College, Louisburg Business Association, Soil Conservation Service, Extension Service, Construction companies, and farmers.

Boxscore

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

KILLED TO DATE 1384
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 1198

Louisburg Negro Killed In Sunday Night Auto Accident

A 36 year old, Rt. 1, Louisburg, Negro was killed instantly Sunday night on Highway 401, one mile south of Louisburg when the car he was driving collided with an automobile driven by Willie James Lee, 27-year-old, Rt. 1, Louisburg Negro.

Janed Rogers became the eleventh highway fatality of the year in Franklin County. The accident occurred around 10:30 p.m. Highway Patrolman James Byrd said the cause of the accident was believed to be that Rogers was straddling the center line and hit head-on with the Lee car.

Lee and a passenger, Leo Isham Kearney, 25, Rt. 2, Louisburg Negro, were not seriously injured. Lee suffered a broken shoulder and body lacerations. Kearney suffered severe knee injuries. Both were hospitalized at Franklin Memorial Hospital.

An unidentified motorist reported to the Louisburg fire department that he had met a car fitting the description of the one driven by Rogers at the intersection of Highway 401 and N. C. 56 and that he believed the driver to be drunk. The fireman on duty called Raleigh by radio in an effort to locate a Patrolman. Raleigh reported that no Patrolman was available at that time. Patrolman Byrd and E. M. Roberts were enroute to Henderson returning a radar car at the time.

Patrolman Byrd reported that five minutes after the call on the reported drunk driver, he received the report of the

fatality. He believes Rogers was the driver which the unidentified motorist reported.

Byrd said that Rogers had a history of drunk driving. Both cars, Rogers' Chevrolet

and Lee's Pontiac were heavily damaged.



Wreck Scene

The body of Janed Rogers, 36-year-old Rt. 1, Louisburg Negro, is shown above at wreck scene one mile south of Louisburg on Highway 401. The accident occurred when Rogers crossed the center line around

10:30 p.m. Sunday night and collided with a car driven by Willie James Lee, 27-year-old Rt. Louisburg Negro. Rogers is the eleventh highway fatality in the county this year.

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Market Closes With Record Sales

The Louisburg Tobacco Market closed last Thursday, recording its best year. The market sold almost four million pounds of tobacco and paid out almost \$8 million to area farmers.

Sales Supervisor William Boone reported the total sales for the season were 13,792,966 pounds. The total amount paid by the companies for the leaf sold on the local market was \$7,933,940.39. The season's average was \$57.52.

The top average was recorded for the week of October 26-30 as \$60.65 with the low average of \$50.41 coming on the second day of operations, September 11.

The 41-day selling season

Epsom Firemen Halt Ingleside Blaze

Wind-whipped fire burned over about two acres of woods near Ingleside, in Franklin County, Thursday night before it was extinguished by the Epsom volunteer fire department.

Firemen said they were called about 10 o'clock to the farm of Sam Beasley, where the blaze was discovered. No buildings were involved.

In manner in which the entire program was carried out. He also stated his appreciation to Inscow and Chief Gupton for their work.

averaged 336,413 pounds daily and paid out \$193,510.74 average daily. Several other Middle Belt markets are closing today. Louisburg closed two days earlier than Henderson, Warrenton and Oxford.

Society Officers Elected

On Thursday, November 19, the Franklin County Historical Society was formerly organized at Louisburg College.

The Constitution and by-laws of the society were approved by unanimous vote. The purpose of the society as stated in the constitution is "...to bring together those people interested in the history of Franklin County. Understanding the history of our community is basic to our democratic way of life and gives us a better understanding of our state and nation."

Nominations for officers were: President: Mr. Lindley S. Butler, of the College faculty; Vice President: Mr. T. H. Pearce, Franklin; Secretary: Miss Lucy P. Burt, Louisburg; and Treasurer: Mr. W. J. Shearin, county historian. The present major project of the society is to aid in the restoration of the Franklin Academy building (1804) at Louisburg College for a museum of county history. Dr. Gerald Shinn, chairman of the restoration committee, reported to the society on the present state of the restoration.

In addition to the restoration of the academy, the historical society plans to prepare a brochure on county history for use in the public schools, conduct historical tours, mark historic sites, and preserve documentary material on county history. Everyone who is interested in the history of this county is urged to attend the next meeting of the historical society, which will be Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Louisburg College.