

Weather

Generally fair today and Wednesday, with 40 per cent chance of showers this afternoon. Widely scattered showers Wednesday. Low today, 69; high, 90.

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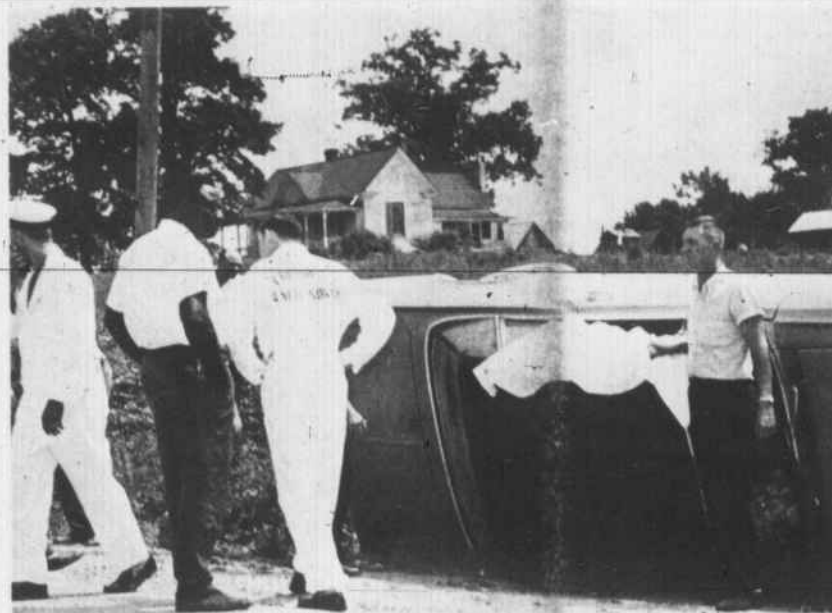
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RIDER INJURED



DRIVER KILLED



TRUCK DEMOLISHED

Wrecks, Fires Mar Holiday Weekend

Franklin County recorded its fifth highway fatality of the year in one of the four weekend accidents which, coupled with fire and other rescue calls, kept the local service organizations and officers on the jump during what was otherwise a quiet holiday.

Stephen Virgo Mullen, 48-year-old Louisburg Negro died instantly Saturday morning around 10:15 when the 1965 GTO Pontiac he was driving ran out of control and wrecked one mile north of Louisburg on U.S. 401-N.C. 39. Mullen, alone at the time of the accident failed to maneuver a curve, leaving the highway on the right side. When he apparently attempted

to steer the vehicle back onto the highway, he lost control. He apparently was partially thrown out of the car just before the left door was slammed shut on his head when it hit the embankment on the left side of the road.

Mullen was the fifth highway fatality of the year in the county. Six persons have been killed in automobile accidents, including a death on the then unfinished Franklinton Speedway last March 13, which was not counted as a highway fatality.

James Beddingfield, 19-year-old Bunn man was painfully injured last Friday when the motorbike he was riding collided with a late model

Ford at the intersection of N. C. 39 and N. C. 98 in Bunn. Witnesses on the scene reported that the car, driven by Nathan Bodie, w/m/21, a native of Chipley, Fla. now residing in Raleigh, attempted to turn left onto N. C. 98 and Beddingfield, heading east, swerved to miss the car. The motorbike struck the car on the left front fender and skidded to a halt at the nearby curb. Beddingfield received multiple skin abrasions and was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service.

Mrs. Lois Bodie, wife of the driver, and two unidentified passengers in the Bodie car were not injured.

A two-car collision near White Level around 9 p.m. Sunday night injured several, according to reports. Most seriously injured was the wife of the driver of one of the vehicles, Robert Richardson. Lucinda Richardson was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Centerville Rescue Service and later transferred to Duke Hospital in Durham. Richardson and their two children were not reported to be seriously injured.

The driver of the second car, identified as a man named Collins, and two passengers in his car, were also reported not seriously injured. Trooper James Byrd is investigating the accident. All involved

were Negroes. A huge tractor-trailer, owned by Jack's Truck Lines of Jackson, N. C., ran off N.C. 561 this morning around 6 a.m. and burned. Injured in the accident was Will Lindsey Price, n/m/21, driver of the vehicle. Price was seriously injured in the accident and could give no details as to the cause of the accident. He was transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service. He could not tell Rescuers at the scene whether anyone else was in the burning cab, but it was later determined that Price was the sole occupant. Centerville Fire and Rescue Departments answered the

call with the Louisburg Rescuers. The Centerville Fire department extinguished the blazing truck, which was a total loss. Parts of the vehicle were strewn several yards along the highway. The accident occurred near Eden's Store about five miles east of Louisburg.

A fire at the home of Mrs. L. J. Peoples sent the Louisburg Fire department to the scene a few miles west of Louisburg just off the River Road Saturday around 1:30 p.m. Firemen quickly extinguished the fire which was in the engine of a farm tractor. The blaze threatened for a time a nearby wheat field and surrounding out-houses. Mrs.

Peoples reported she had difficulty getting the fire department by telephone because someone on her party line had left the phone off the hook. Damage to the tractor was estimated by one fireman at around \$25.00.

The Centerville Fire Department answered a call Monday around 1 p.m. to the Thomas Jones residence, Rt. 1, Castalia to extinguish what was described as a trash fire. No damage was reported.

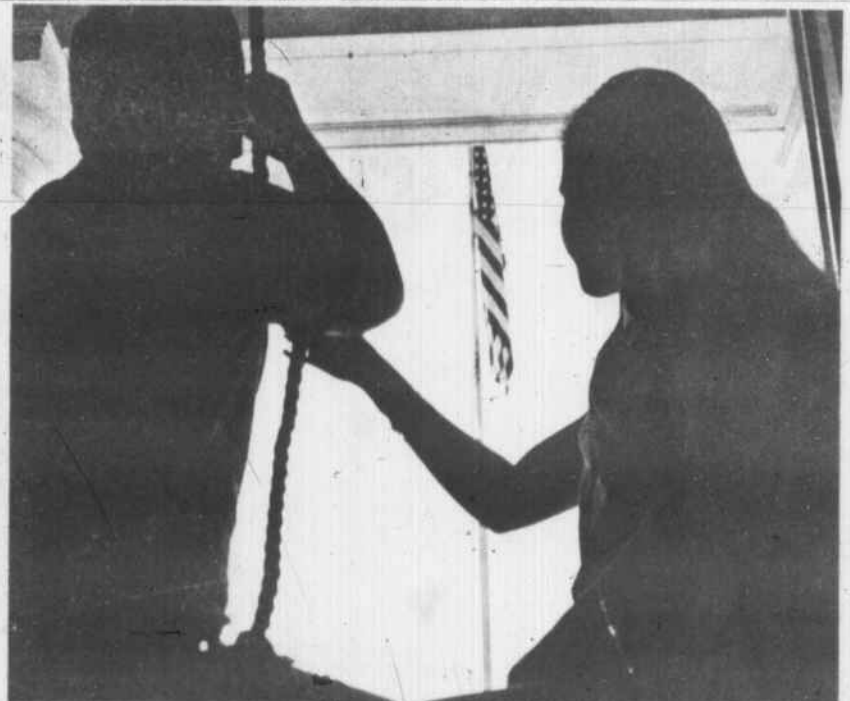
The Louisburg Rescue Service also was dispatched to aid two victims of sudden illness during the holiday weekend. James N. Edwards, w/m/41 of Pruitt Town, Louisburg, was taken to Franklin

Memorial Hospital Saturday night around 7:30 p.m. suffering from what was believed to be internal bleeding.

J. Ellis Joyner, w/m/80 of Highway 561 near Louisburg, was taken to the local hospital Monday around noon suffering what was described as either a heart attack or a stroke, by the Louisburg Rescue Service.

The highway fatality was the first in the county since April 7 this year when William A. Carter died from injuries received in an accident just off U.S. 401 north of Louisburg on April 6.

The county had only three fatalities by this time in 1965 and four in 1964.



Let Freedom Ring

Louisburg teen-agers Pete Joyner and Sandy Versteeg are shown above ringing the courthouse bell Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. as part of the local "Bells For Freedom" observance of the Fourth of July. The occasion was sponsored by local teen-agers, headed by Tucker Meyer, Mayor V. A. Peoples, who earlier issued a proclamation proclaiming the day, was on hand to witness the bell-ringing. Other teen-agers were stationed at churches in the area and performed the four-minute bell-ringing ritual.

--Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Bells For Freedom Break Silence Of Tranquil Fourth

At exactly 2 p.m. and for four consecutive minutes the bells rang here Monday. Louisburg teen-agers, armed with a Proclamation by Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples, were celebrating the Fourth with a traditional bell-ringing.

Miss Tucker Meyer was in charge of the Committee and Blake York and Jane McKinne assisted.

Pete Joyner and Sandy Versteeg were assigned to ring the courthouse bell and Al Peoples, son of the Mayor, rang the bells at the Louisburg Baptist Church.

Miss Meyer rang the bells at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Church St. here and Meredith Jones, son of the new Methodist pastor, rang the bells at the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Members of the Louisburg Fire Department drove the fire truck around town ringing

the bells on the vehicle.

Few local citizens braved the extreme heat to come outside to hear the impressive sound as the temperature hit a searing 90-plus degrees. The streets of Louisburg were deserted and there was no movement in the area at all as the bells rang out the story of the nation's birth.

Wheelous Speaks At Franklinton

(Frk. B. W.) Johnny Wheelous, a rising senior at Franklinton High School, was the guest speaker at the meeting of Franklinton Post #52 of American Legion on Tuesday evening at the Legion Hut. Introduced by Commander Bruce Honeycutt, Johnny gave an account of his experiences at Boys State which he attended at Wake Forest College. While attending Boys State,

Mayor Peoples, attending the courthouse bell-ringing, viewing the fire engine and witnessing the bell-ringing at the Episcopal Church, reported he was "very pleased" with the project. He again praised the local teen-agers for their efforts and show of patriotism.

the participants heard sixteen lectures concerning city, county, and state governments and how they operate. Elections were held and various boys assumed the various positions in the state government. A mock session of the state legislature was held. During the business session Bill Cyrus was welcomed as

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Quiet Fourth In County Tradition

True to the Franklin County tradition, the Fourth of July passed without fanfare. Only a Proclamation by Mayor V. A. Peoples of Louisburg calling for the ringing of bells at 2 p.m. Monday held an semblance of an observance of the birthday anniversary of this country.

A check at random through the files of The Franklin Times shows that the Fourth passed in a number of past years without being noted at all by local citizens.

In the years 1910, 1913, 1925, 1927, 1930 and 1935 there appears no reference to any observance of the Fourth in

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Barden Is Epsom Ag Teacher



Hugh Barden

Mr. Hugh Barden, a graduate of N. C. State University, has assumed his duties as Agricultural Teacher at Epsom. He began work on July 1.

Mr. Barden taught agriculture for 2 years at Wilton High School in Granville County and worked for 3 years with the Farmers Home Administration in Vance and Franklin counties. He has also served with the

Highway Commission Says:

"Something For Everybody" In Record Road Lettings

RALEIGH - State Highway Commission Chairman J. M. Hunt, Jr. today called the Tuesday, June 28 highway letting the biggest in history and at the same time announced the shift of the Commission's meeting from July 8 to Thursday, June 30 in Raleigh.

Chairman Hunt noted that in terms of mileage, number of projects and counties involved, Tuesday's letting was the biggest ever recorded by the North Carolina Highway Commission.

Bids totalling \$13,873,973.04 were accepted by the Commission in a session which lasted about two and one half hours beginning at 10:00 a.m. The bidding covered 71-projects in 59 (exactly half) of the State's counties and involves more than 670-miles of road construction.

Commenting on the letting, Chairman Hunt said, "This letting has something for everybody. It involves work in counties all the way from Pasquotank in the Northeast to Macon in the Southwest. There are urban projects like the first link of the Northwest Expressway in Charlotte and US-311 or Main Street in High Point. It also includes a number of projects on the primary system, including work on resurfacing of US 25-70 in Madison county and US-17 in Onslow and Pender counties. We have now let the last section of I-85 between Charlotte and China Grove, and there's even included a project for the enlargement of a roadside rest area at Selma on I-95 east-part of the Beautification Program."

In announcing a change in the Commission's meeting date

N. C. Extension Service as assistant county agent and county agent in Vance County. Before accepting the position at Epsom, Mr. Barden taught for 3 years in Cumberland County.

Mrs. Barden will teach the fifth grade at Epsom; it was also announced.

from Friday July 8 to Thursday June 30 at 11:00 a.m., Chairman Hunt said, "We want to keep our highway construction program going along at the best possible rate, and since we're coming to the end of the fiscal year, and since this June letting was such a big one, we feel that we can get well ahead of the game by going ahead now with the approval of these projects of the fifty counties represented in the highway letting, only Wake and Durham, of the seven counties in the Fifth Division, received funds. In an earlier letting in June, only Wake was among Fifth Division counties included in the eighteen counties involved.

In both lettings, Franklin County received nothing. Vance, Warren, Granville, and Person counties also were excluded from these highway improvements.

The Negro Extension Agents have moved from their old location on River Road to the Agricultural Building, 307 East Nash Street, Louisburg, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

The move was not made at the request of the local Extension Agents or any local group, but it was made in order to comply with guidelines handed down from Washington in compliance with Civil Rights Legislation, said Dean.



New Legion Officers

Pictured above are the new officers of the Jambees Post 105, American Legion Post, Louisburg. Standing left to right, E. C. Gupton, 2nd Vice Commander; Clay McBride, 3rd Vice Commander; Lee Murray, Adjutant; Jesse Moon, Sergeant at Arms; Kneeling, left to right: George Champlin, 1st Vice Commander; Hubert Roberts, Commander and Zeb Wheeler, Past Commander. Installation ceremonies were conducted last Friday night at Leonard's cabin near Louisburg as the Legionnaires enjoyed a cook-out.

--Staff photo by Clint Fuller.