

Paula Captures Miss Congeniality Title In State Pageant

Paula cried again Saturday night. She had cried here when she won the Miss Lousburg contest. It was a bigger cry Saturday and a bigger award. Miss Lousburg, Paula Belle Justice, Lousburg College coed from Clayton, N. C. was elected Miss Congeniality in the North Carolina Pageant. Stunned, the petite college freshman could only let go a high-pitched squeal, as she accepted the coveted award from Miss America, Deborah Bryant of Kansas City, Mo. She did manage, however, to express her appreciation although the words themselves seemed to escape her vocal

cords. Former Miss North Carolina, Jean Swanner, Mistress of Ceremonies for the week-long Pageant, announced the award before a capacity crowd in Greenboro's War Memorial Auditorium, and millions more watching by television. Miss Charlotte, Nanette Minor, a tall blond-haired beauty, won the Miss North Carolina title. This is the first recognition received by a Miss Lousburg in the state pageant, although all have done well in the competition during the six years the Lousburg Jaycees have sent a representative.

Miss America, Deborah Bryant, said in making the award, "You are the one the contestants have chosen as the most considerate, thoughtful, and helpful." The Miss Congeniality award is the most coveted award given short of the Miss North Carolina title. It is to beauty pageants what sportsmanship is to sports. Some comments had been reported from Jaycee escorts that "their girls were going to vote for Paula" before the final announcement Saturday night. Ninety-four girls participated in the voting for Miss Congeniality and to win this title is considered a very

high honor. Jean Swanner won it in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City in 1964. Miss Justice, who works as a model at Hudson-Belk's in Raleigh, could not be reached Monday for comment; however, Jaycees attending Saturday's finals report she was very happy over the award. The new Miss Congeniality of North Carolina is 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Justice of Clayton, N.C. and a rising sophomore at Lousburg College. She has been, perhaps, the most active of the six Miss Lousburgs in local appearances and as one

Jaycee put it, "She beams personality." She has hazel eyes, is 5' 2 1/2" in height and weighs 108 pounds. She graduated from Clayton High School on June 3, 1965. She has had training in piano and voice for over seven years. She was first runnerup in the Miss Smithfield Pageant in 1965 and also won the title of Miss Congeniality in that contest. She was a member of her school yearbook, the Monogram Club, Glee Club, French Club and Science Club. She has been a member of the Horne Methodist Church Choir

and Fellowship Chairman for the district and subdistrict of Methodist Youth. She is a past president of the local Youth Fellowship in Clayton and she attended two years of annual conference sessions of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Duke. Last year she was a member of the Lousburg College Glee Club and the Chapel Choir and was chosen Homecoming Queen. She performed with two young college men as the "Whiskey Hill Singers" here at Lousburg College and has auditioned for WRAL-TV in Raleigh.



Paula Belle Justice
MISS LOUSBURG

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Weekend Marked By Mishaps

One Dead, Many Injured

At least one death resulted from violence over the weekend and a number of other persons were injured as a result of an assortment of mishaps, including shootings, fires, and automobile accidents.

Larry Eugene Brodie n/m/36 was shot and killed at a Negro night spot 3 miles south of Franklinton Friday night around 10:30 p.m. following what Sheriff's deputies say was an argument involving "giving a woman companion a drink. Jailed on charges of murder in the shooting is McCoy Wiggins, n/m/24, Rt. 3, Wake Forest.

Robert Lewis Estes, Negro male, is hospitalized at Wake Memorial Hospital, Raleigh with bullet wounds in the arm and side, according to Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten. Batten said. Estes has not been questioned, but that witnesses report that Estes was shot by Brodie shortly before Brodie was killed in the night spot known as the "Chicken Shack."

Brodie was hit in the stomach with a .22 caliber pistol. Five automobile accidents, two of which involved children being struck, netted injuries to several, but none apparently serious.

YOUNGSTERS HIT

J. Wesley Perry, III, son of Pearce Community merchant J. W. and Mrs. Perry was struck near his home Friday evening around 9 p.m. when, according to reports, the youngster darted into the highway in front of a car being driven by Joe High, a Wakefield community Negro. Young Perry was rushed to Wake Memorial Hospital, but later released. The accident was reportedly unavoidable.

A 5-year-old Negro girl, unidentified by name, was struck on East Nash Street here around 4 p.m. Saturday when she reportedly stepped into the path of a car being driven by Bill Hight, w/m/18, Rt. 2, Lousburg. The child was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Lousburg Rescue Service and was, reportedly, released a short time later. Her injuries were not believed to be serious.

TWO OVERTURN

A single car accident Saturday night around 9:45 p.m. on N. C. 39 four miles west of Bunn, netted the driver minor injuries and a charge of drunken driving. Otis Yarborough, n/m/51, Rt. 2, Zeb-

ulon, received minor lacerations when the 1956 Ford he was driving ran off the highway and overturned in a tobacco field owned by Isaac Horton. An unconfirmed report has it that there were four Negro men riding with Yarborough at the time of the accident, but all left the scene before officers arrived.

Yarborough was jailed by State Trooper D. C. Day following first aid treatment by the Lousburg Rescue Service at the scene.

Another single car accident occurred on State Rural Road No. 1611 between the Margaret community and Seven Paths Sunday night around 8:30 p.m. A 1964 Ford, driven by Donnell Earl Blackmond, n/m/19 of Rt. 4, Lousburg, was demolished when it left the road and traveled 96 feet before striking a fence. The vehicle knocked down 228 feet of 4-foot woven fencing, according to investigating officer, State Trooper Gary Kearney.

Kearney reported that Blackmond was thrown from the car. He was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Lousburg Rescue Service who reported him in a semi-conscious condition at the time. Kearney said that although the vehicle was equipped with seat belts, they were not in use at the time. He theorized that since the driver's side of the vehicle was the least damaged, Blackmond might have suffered less serious injuries had he been wearing his seat belts.

HIT AND RUN

A 16-year-old Rt. 2, Lousburg youth has been charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and hit and run in still another accident near Hart's Store late Saturday night. Gregg Perry Collins is reported to have struck a late model Chevy II driven by Thomas J. Lester on the rural



TOBACCO PATCH ON N. C. 39

paved road between Lousburg and Youngsville.

Reports say that Collins, failed to stop and later reported to the Lousburg Police station that someone had hit his car. The hit and run had already been reported to Raleigh State Patrol headquarters and later Collins admitted that he struck the other car, according to reports.

Witness said that Lester had pulled two wheels off the road just before being struck by the Collins vehicle.

Kearney, in commenting on the accident, stated the charges would have been more serious had anyone been injured in the accident. He said hit and run is a felony punishable by a minimum of one year or a maximum of five years imprisonment.

THREE FIRES

Three fires were reported in the county over the weekend. Lightning reportedly struck an outhouse near Ayscue's Store in the Epsom community late Friday afternoon. The Epsom Fire Department extinguished the blaze. The

Epsom Department had been called earlier Friday morning to fight a blaze at the stables of Robert Murphy, Rt. 3, Lousburg. Reports said the stable was totally destroyed.

Lousburg firemen were called out around 6:30 a. m. Saturday to a garage-apartment fire in the Mineral Springs section. The garage was reportedly destroyed but the living quarters of Willie Murray, local Negro, was saved, although the contents were lost, according to reports.

Just prior to the Mineral Springs fire, an automobile fire was reported on Bickett Blvd. However, the blaze was quickly extinguished and local firemen were not summoned to the scene.

The overworked Lousburg Rescue Service answered another call early Sunday evening to Elm Street here to aid a Negro woman identified as Ora Wilkins, who was apparently suffering from a heart attack. The victim was transported to the local hospital.



DOWNED 228FT. OF FENCING



HIT AND RUN

Franklinton Man Dies In Accidental Shooting

A 55-year-old Rt. 1, Franklinton farmer died almost instantly Monday morning around 9:30 a. m. in the yard of his home when struck in the left armpit by a blast from a .12 gauge shotgun, according to County Coroner James H. Edwards.

Carl Morton Kearney had entered the yard "to shoot a chicken," according to reports, and propped the shotgun against a nearby tree. The gun fell and discharged. Coroner Edwards has ruled the death accidental.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. Byrd Houch. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Mr. Kearney was a native of Franklin County. Surviving are wife, Mrs. Mary Kearney; three daughters, Mrs. Howard Pearce, of Franklinton, Mrs. John Day, of Timberlake, and Mrs. Donald Gooch, of Creedmoor; three sons, Jim Kearney, of Wake Forest, Carl M. Kearney, Jr., of Franklinton, and Leonard Kearney,

of the home; mother, Mrs. Gertrude Kearney, of Lousburg; one sister, Mrs. Clyde Wheeler, of Franklinton; one brother, Nick Kearney, of Creedmoor, and 10 grandchildren.

Crosses Burned In County

At least three cross-burnings were reported in the county last week, all coming at about 11 p.m. Thursday night.

Two were fired at Franklinton following a loud blast, which officers say was designed to take them away from the scene of one of the burnings at the Franklinton High School on Main Street. The second was burned on the lawn of the home of Franklinton School Superintendent Fred Rogers. Rogers was home at the time and quickly extinguished the flaming cross and called officers.

A third cross was discovered early Friday morning almost totally destroyed, on the lawn in front of the Franklin County Board of Education building on Bickett Blvd.

Reports have it that the crosses were burned in protest to the HeadStart program being conducted at the Franklinton School. The program, according to reports, was first an integrated pre-school federally sponsored project, being held in the formerly all-white school. Recently, according to reports, white students have withdrawn, making the project an all-Negro project being conducted in the previously all-white facility.

Jailed

James Gary Alston, 17-year-old Lousburg Negro youth was jailed here Monday charged with multiple traffic violations and placed under \$200 bond, according to reports.

Alston was charged with traveling 65 miles per hour in a 35 mile zone, careless and reckless driving, failing to stop for stop sign, failing to stop for a siren and blue light. He was arrested around midnight Sunday at the intersection of Kenmore Ave. and Dent Lane by local police officers.

Notice

Louisburg Electric Superintendent Harold Foster has requested that any citizen installing an air conditioner or an electric range to please notify his department.

Foster explained the reason was so that he might check to make sure that adequate voltage could be furnished for such an installation.

Health Notice

The Franklin County Health Department corrected an earlier announcement today, by reporting that x-rays will be made at the Health office through August 11th.

Benton Is IDA State Treasurer



W. J. Benton

Franklin County Industrial Development Director W. J. Benton was elected Treasurer of the North Carolina Industrial Developers Association in the group's organizational meeting held last Friday at Southern Pines.

Benton and Industrial Commission Chairman J. Harold Talton attended the day-long meeting.

The organization is the first such group in the state, although there is a Southern association and a national association.

The stated purpose of the new association is to

"increase effectiveness of individuals practicing industrial development in North Carolina. It is to also "encourage cooperation, exchange of information and development of professional skills," according to the report.

The Association will "promote ethical practices among industrial developers and will advise governing bodies on matters of concern to the association."

Benton, who has been director of the local office

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Local Scouts Take First Place Honors

Boy scouts of Lousburg Troop 555 took first place as "the best Scout troop at the W. D. Campbell Camp this summer" following their week-long encampment at the Kerr Lake site last week. The Troop won a Kayak Canoe as first prize.

The eleven local boys participated in such activities as swimming, canoeing, camping, cooking, archery, nature study and evening camp fire events. Hoke H. Steelman, local Scoutmaster, accompanied the troop on the camping trip.

The locals were instructed by a group from the Green Bret Special Services Corps. Robert Versteeg, drama instructor at Lousburg College, visited the camp Thursday and assisted the boys in producing a show for the entire encampment. Several parents visited there Wednesday.

"I am proud of the boys for the work they have done during

the past year and especially this camping week," Steelman said. "It has been quite some time since Lousburg has had any boys attaining this honor," he stated, referring to his predictions that some of the boys will become Eagle Scouts.

The eleven boys attending the event and their achievements are as follows: Bobby Fuller - Advanced in rank from 2nd Class to 1st Class Scout. Received a Camping Merit Badge, and an Archery Merit Badge.

Woody Warren - Received a Camping Merit Badge, Archery Merit Badge, Swimming Merit Badge, and Canoeing Merit Badge. Woody also accomplished the difficult Mile Swim Award.

Jack Versteeg - Advanced in rank from 2nd Class to 1st Class Scout. Received a Camping Merit Badge, Swimming Merit Badge, and a

Canoeing Merit Badge. Jack also accomplished the difficult Mile Swim Award.

Bennett Steelman - Advanced in rank from 2nd Class to 1st Class Scout. Received a Camping Merit Badge, and a Merit Badge in Nature.

Kirk House - Advanced in rank from 2nd Class to 1st Class Scout. Received a Camping Merit Badge, a Merit Badge in Swimming, and a Merit Badge in Canoeing. Kirk also accomplished the difficult Mile Swim Award.

Will Wilder - Advanced in rank from 2nd Class to 1st Class Scout. Received a Camping Merit Badge, and a Merit Badge in Archery.

Chuck Latta - Received a Merit Badge in Camping, and a Merit Badge in Nature. Larry Lloyd - Received a Merit Badge in Camping and a Merit Badge in Archery. Roy Pleasants - Received a Merit Badge in Camping, and

a Merit Badge in Archery. Roy also made much progress in his work toward advancement to 1st Class Scout.

Paul Shuping - Received a Merit Badge in Camping, a Merit Badge in Swimming, and a Merit Badge in Archery. Paul has completed all requirements to become a 1st Class Scout; however, he has worked hard and advanced so fast between 2nd Class and 1st Class rank, that his 1st Class rank will not become effective until the September Court of Honor.

Tommy Phelps - Attended camp, but due to illness could not complete the week at Camp.

Weather

Generally fair and warm today with a 10% chance of rain. Wednesday partly cloudy. Low today, 66; high, 92.