

### Weather

Partly cloudy and continued unseasonably mild today and Wednesday. Low today, 49; high, 74.

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## Times Wins Top N. C. Press Awards

### Runner-Up In Community Service

The Franklin Times received one of the most coveted awards given by the N. C. Press Association, Thursday night, when the newspaper was named runner-up in the Community Service category of all newspapers in the State, including the dailies.

Managing Editor Clint Fuller received the award from Governor Dan Moore in ceremonies at Chapel Hill at the 42nd annual meeting of the Association. The award was presented to The Times for a series of front page editorials on road conditions in Franklin County.

The award, "Given in recognition of outstanding service rendered by a newspaper to its local community" was accepted by Fuller to loud applause and laughter from the nearly 300 newspaper people present. The Governor had earlier referred to his problems caused by the highway situation and, as Fuller stood by his side, the Governor listened while the judge's comments were read: "Imaginative use of photographs and front page editorials for highway improvement won second runner up for The Franklin Times. Probably the most striking feature of this entry was the newspaper's dogged determination to get better roads. The effectiveness of the campaign was amply demonstrated when the Governor intervened".

Holding the Louisburg editor by the arm, the Governor said, with a grin, "To this I will have to say Amen".

Fuller reported that he had earlier expressed his appreciation and that of the people of Franklin County to the Governor for his help in getting some road improvements. He

said he discussed Franklin County road conditions with Governor Moore and his assistant Charles Dunn, briefly prior to the awards presentations.

J. D. Fitz, Morganton Publisher and Secretary of the Association, congratulated The Times and wrote Fuller, "Winning a Community Service Award is tops in the North Carolina Press Association".

The Fayetteville Observer, an afternoon daily, won first place for editorials dealing with a housing controversy.

Fuller also was awarded first place in the Editorial category for his "Somebody Better Pay Attention" writings, which appeared on the front page of The Times last September 15, as one in the series of editorials on road conditions in Franklin County.

### Weekend Breakins Reported

Four places in the Louisburg area have been reported burglarized over the weekend. Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington says that someone entered the Riverside School, but nothing was reported missing. Operators of the diner also report that nothing was taken. It was reported that a chewing gum machine and an undisclosed number of pennies were taken at the building supply firm and a shot gun is missing from the Williams residence.

### Civil Air Patrol To Hold Meet

The Franklin County Civil Air Patrol will hold its regular meeting Thursday night, January 26, 7:30 p. m. at the airport. Members are urged to attend. Prospective members are invited.



Governor Dan Moore

Times Editor Clint Fuller

The Governor Said "Amen"

### Fuller's Road Editorial Gets First Place

Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times, received the top award for editorial writing in the North Carolina Press Association's annual meeting last Thursday night at Chapel Hill. Governor Dan K. Moore presented the Louisburg editor with a plaque and certificate

for his editorial "Somebody Better Pay Attention", one of a series on road conditions in Franklin County.

The editorial appeared on the front page of The Times last September 15 and was voted by the judges as the best editorial among semi-weekly newspapers in the state last year.

Of the editorial, the judges commented: "This editor felt that he had waited long enough to speak up. He was forceful and convincing with words and pictures. It is a good example of the use of pictures for editorial support. When the writer said 'Somebody Better Pay Attention', we bet they did."

Fuller's editorials have been widely reprinted in other newspapers throughout the state, which is recognized in the newspaper industry as a high compliment to the writer. Most of those appearing have been on the subject of roads, however a number on other subjects have also been published.

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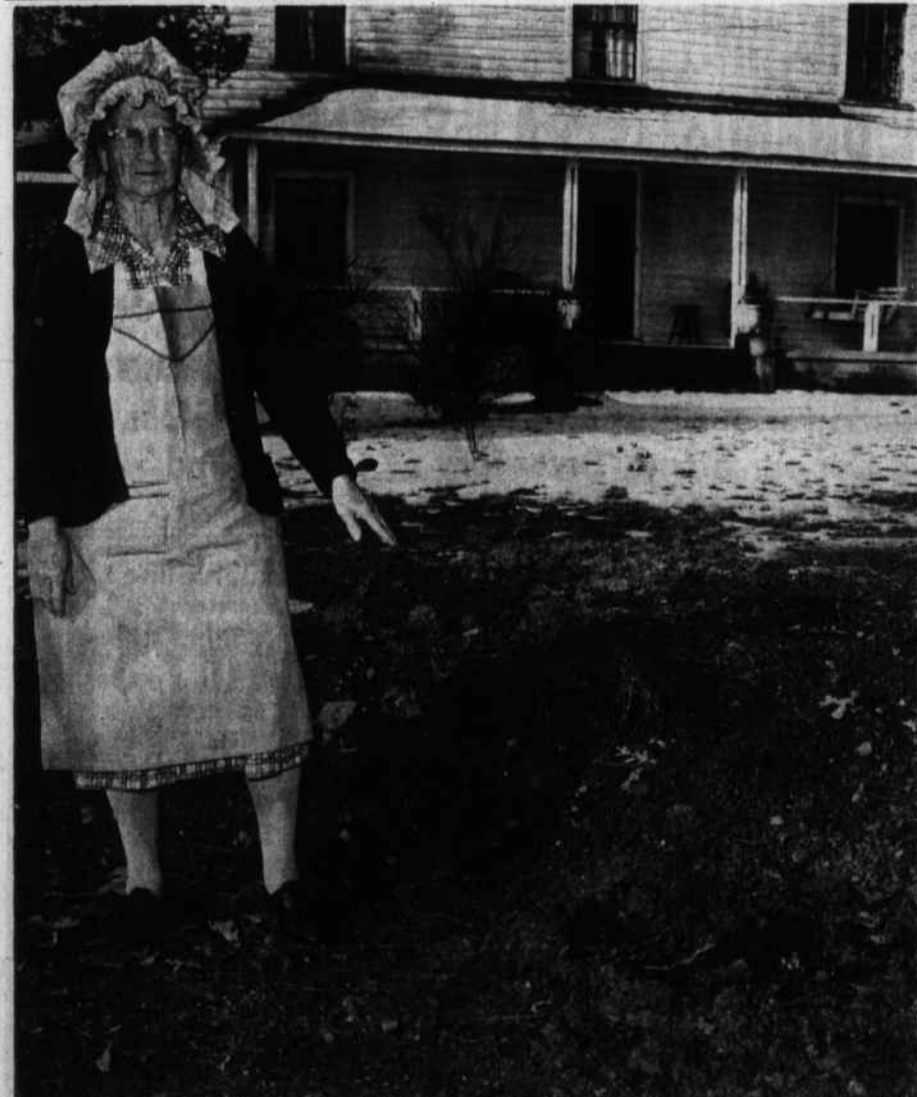
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### Historical Society To Meet

The Franklin County Historical Society will meet Thursday, January 26, at 8:00 p. m. in the Community Room of the First Citizen Bank and Trust Co. on Bickett Blvd.

Mr. William Powell, Director of the University of North Carolina Library North Carolina Collection, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be John White's Drawings. The public is cordially invited.



Mrs. Mamie Kearney

"I Don't Know Why . . ."

## Franklinton School Board To Hold Meetings

The Franklinton City Board of Education has released a prepared statement announcing two public meetings to be held to "inform the people

concerning next year's desegregation plan and our present enforcement proceedings". The announcement forwarded to The Franklin Times,

follows: The Franklinton City Board of Education has scheduled two public meetings to inform the people concerning the admin-

istration of the Freedom of choice pupil assignment policy for the 1967-1968 school year and other related information of public concern.

A public meeting will be held at each school in the Franklinton township. There will be a meeting in the Franklinton High School auditorium on Monday night, January 30, 1967 at 7:30 p. m. The other meeting will be held on Friday night, January 27, 1967 in the B. F. Person-Albion High School gymnasium at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. R. C. Whitfield, Vice-Chairman of the Franklinton City Board of Education, will moderate the meetings. Board attorneys W. P. Pearce, Jr. and Irvin Tucker, Jr. will speak for the Board to explain the Board's legal involvements and legal responsibilities.

The Franklinton Board hopes that the two meetings will conveniently accommodate the people of the Franklinton Township and every citizen is urged to attend one of the meetings if, at all possible.

### Locals Join UFE Support

School superintendents and assistant superintendents, meeting in Roxboro last week endorse the United Forces for Education's program calling for increased teacher pay.

School heads from the ten-county area attended the meeting, including Franklin County Schools Superintendent Warren W. Smith and Franklinton City Schools Superintendent Fred W. Rogers. ESEA Director Earl Martin also accompanied Smith to the meeting. Mrs. Margaret Holmes, County Assistant Superintendent, did not attend.

The legislative program of the United Forces for Education was endorsed. It calls for pay raises amounting to \$66 million for the State as a whole. Called for in the program of UFE for teachers was a pay schedule ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. See UFE page 6

### Following Franklinton Blast

## Heart Still Fluttering

"My heart is still fluttering", said the 86-year-old woman. It had been nearly twelve hours since someone set off what officers described as "at least three sticks" of

dynamite in her front yard. "I haven't slept a wink all night. I'm so nervous. My ears still ring. I can't hardly hear. My head still hurts", she continued. Her eyes showed a deep concern underneath her bonnet.

"I don't know why anyone would do such a thing to us", she said. Who was in the house at the time? My two daughters and my grandson", the lady replied. What damage was done? "It blew the front door open and several window panes out, a knob fell off the television, everything shook, dust flew everywhere", she said.

Mrs. Mamie Kearney, living with her daughter and son-in-law, Leslie Joyner, a 10-year veteran Franklinton Police Officer, walked slowly from a side porch over the ice and snow in the yard to a spot near the highway, where the blast had torn the roots of an ancient tree and blasted a hole about 18 inches deep and three feet wide. She pointed to the hole as she again remarked that she couldn't understand anyone doing this to them.

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement estimated that three sticks of dynamite had been used in the blast timed at 10:30 p. m. Friday night while Joyner was on duty in Franklinton.

"It took a real brave man to do this", Joyner said later. Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards said the blast could be heard and felt in Franklinton, as the crowd flies, about a mile away.

There were indications that the blast might have had something to do with the fact that a Negro, James Kingsberry lives on the Joyner place and two of the Kingsberry children are enrolled in the former all white Franklinton High School.

One report said that, although Joyner was not mentioned by name, the situation was the subject of some of the speakers at a recent Klan rally near Franklinton. Officers, not mentioning the Klan by name, referred often to the offenders as "them", with a clear connection between the two.

In private conversations, officers show a genuine resentment that such a thing as this would be done to a fellow officer. They expressed a determination to solve this latest blast and indications are that every available man will be assigned to work on it.

"This is a shame", one of them said, "Doing this to an 86-year-old woman". "Yeah", remarked another, "They knew nobody was in the house but those women and the boy".

RALEIGH--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, January 23: KILLED TO DATE 87 LAST YEAR 96

## Pruette Is Lions DG Candidate

(Frk. B. W.) On January 17 at the Lions Mid-Winter Convention in Kinston, the candidacy of C. Ray Pruette for the office of District Governor of Lions District 31-G was announced.

District 31-G is comprised of 37 clubs in eleven counties - Caswell, Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Alamance, Orange, Chatham, Wake and Franklin.

Lion Pruette, who resides in Franklinton, has been a member of the local Lions Club for 6 years and has served as White Cane Chairman, Tall-twister, Vice President and President. He has served on all major committees.

The candidate for District Governor has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, and for many years has been a popular after dinner speaker for many clubs in the district.

Pruette is a native of Stokes, N. C., was educated at East Carolina College, Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds the B. A. and M. A. degrees and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He teaches chemistry and physics at Louisburg College.

Lion Pruette is a member of the Franklinton Baptist Church where he has served on the Board of Deacons, has taught a Sunday School class for 20 years and has served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Pruette is married to the former Margaret Allen of Youngsville.

President and Mrs. Millard Fillmore started the first official White House library, the White House Historical Association notes in its new book, The Living White House.