

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm today. Friday, chance of scattered showers and not as warm. Low today, 58; high, 85.

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## Legislative News

by Representative James D. Speed



Raleigh - The governor's special message to the General Assembly on higher education has drawn much comment and reaction. Whereas the governor is opposed, I continue to support separate university status for East Carolina College on grounds that ECC has earned and deserves recognition and a greater role in educational affairs and service to the state, particularly the Eastern North Carolina region. I do not agree that separate status would harm higher education in North Carolina, but rather would strengthen and broaden it. Our state is growing. Eastern North Carolina is growing. We should make fuller higher educational opportunities available to more of our people and this is what East Carolina seeks to do.

Meanwhile, the governor's recommendation that no action be taken on the Hodges Commission report to reorganize the consolidated university board of trustees is a reversal of his previous stand. I have not changed my stand. I believe this is a good report and its recommendations would be beneficial in the overall higher education program in this state.

The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill for continued operation of the Wright School in Durham, which I supported. There is a definite need for the service of this school under the department of Mental Health to assist emotionally disturbed children. What difficulties remain in continued operation of the Wright School, I believe, can be worked out. Also, I favor the bill introduced last week for creating a new state Board of Water and Air Resources by consolidating and combining the present State Stream Sanitation Commission and Board of Water Resources and adding laws on air pollution. I feel this is the beginning of something which we will be hearing much about in the years to come, both the conservation and preservation of our water resources and the abatement of pollution in our streams and in the air. It appears a very necessary movement in the public interest both for the present and especially for future generations.

In addition, there are new bills for a study of separating the department of Conservation and Development into two agencies concerned with industrial development and natural resources. This study would be undertaken by the Legislative Research Commission.

I have joined in sponsoring companion House and Senate bills to aid and develop more research into farm mechanization. The bills would provide for appropriations of \$475,000 to construct and equip an additional research laboratory at North Carolina State University to be used primarily for agricultural mechanization research.

A local bill which I have introduced would provide for adjustment of the salaries of members of the board of education of Franklin County and permit a \$15 per diem payment for members for each meeting day.

## Ed. Board Meets With Local Councils

The Franklin County Board of Education met here Wednesday night with members of school advisory councils from all parts of the county to explain council duties and procedures for election and retention of teachers for the 1967-68 school year.

The meeting, held in the Louisburg School library was well attended with every school in the system represented. Newly appointed ad-

visors were welcomed into the school system and all members, having been appointed by the Board Tuesday, executed a document of faithful carrying out of their duties. Some councils met briefly following the meeting to organize their own bodies.

Board attorney E. F. Yarrow explained the procedures for election and re-

# County Gets Third Road Fatality



Scene above shows wreckage of 1954 Chrysler, left and 1960 Pontiac following a head-on collision Tuesday night near Alert which cost the life of Mrs. Charlie Tharrington, Sr., 47, of the Alert Community. George Wayne Johnson, 17-year-old, Negro, driver of the Chrysler is charged with manslaughter in the accident.

## Headon Crash Claims Life Of Alert Mother

Mrs. Charlie Tharrington, Sr., 47, of Route 3, Louisburg, died instantly Tuesday night in a headon crash of two automobiles near her home in the Alert Community. The accident occurred around 6:30 p. m. when a 1954 Chrysler, driven by George Wayne Johnson, 17-year old Rt. 3 Louisburg Negro, crossed into the lane in which Mrs. Tharrington's 1960 Pontiac was traveling.

Johnson was treated and released at Franklin Memorial Hospital after having been brought in by the Centerville Rescue Service. At the request of his family, he was transferred to Duke. His injuries were not believed to be serious.

State Trooper W. S. Etheridge has charged Johnson with manslaughter and driving on the wrong side of the road. The car apparently skidded around a curve and traveled 330 feet in the wrong lane before striking the car in which Mrs. Tharrington was riding alone. Her husband, reportedly was following behind her in a pickup truck and although he did not witness the accident, was the first to arrive on the scene.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tharrington were conducted from Mountain Grove Baptist Church today at 3 p. m. by the Rev. Reid Winstead and the Rev. Paul Childers. Burial was in the Centerville Baptist Church cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Charlie Tharrington,

Sr.; 3 sons, Charlie, Jr., Jerry and Darrell, all of Route 2, Louisburg; 4 sisters, Mrs. Etta Bell Andrews and Mrs. Mamie Jones of Route 2, Louisburg, Mrs. Dollie Holloway of Raleigh and Mrs. Emily Beaudoin of Virginia Beach, Va.; 4 brothers, Preston and Lonnie Radford of Route 2, Louisburg, Wyatt Radford of Raleigh and Jeanie Radford of Virginia.

This is the third road fatality of the year in Franklin County and the first since February 25, when a 27-year-old Raleigh man, formerly of Franklin County was killed in a single-car accident near Justice. The first death of the year occurred on January 7 in a four-car smashup at Centerville, when a Virginia man was killed.

The third fatality occurred in 1966 on March 27 and the fourth on April 7. Nine persons lost their lives on county highways last year.

## Masonic Notice

Work will be in the third degree Tuesday evening April 11 at 7:30 at a stated communication of Louisburg Lodge 413 on Jolly Street.

A Dutch Pancake Supper will be served by Wm. B. Barrow Chapter of the Eastern Star starting at 6 o'clock.

All Master Masons are fraternally invited.

## School Advisory Councils Appointed

The Franklin County Board of Education appointed nine advisory councils for the twelve schools in the unit at a special meeting held here Tuesday afternoon at Louisburg High School. The meeting, called to explain hiring and retention procedures to the teachers of the county, was preceded by the action approving the 41 men and women to serve on the local school bodies.

Advisory council members

are recommended by the individual board member from each district and are elected by the full board. Councils range in number from three

## Lions Elect Officers

(Frk. B.W.) The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Franklin Lions Club on Monday evening at the Community House: President, William L. Johnson, 1st Vice-president, Charlie Cast; 2nd Vice-president, J. R. Hefner; 3rd Vice-president, Richard Golightly; Secretary-Treasurer, John Gonella; Tail Twister, John Henry House; Lion Tamer, Ronnie Johnson; Directors, Ralph McGhee, Everett Moore, J. W. Hamm and Darwin Sowers.

Acting chairman of the Franklin Board of Education, Dr. Richard Whitfield, gave a talk about the local school situation.

members up to seven. The full list, as approved by the board, follows:

Bunn High School; Leonard Frazier, Glenn Mitchell, O'Deyne Mullen, Benny L. Perry, Benny Williams.

Edward Best High School and Edward Best Elementary School; Melvin A. Nelms, J. W. A. Jenkins, W. Donald Wester, Phillip Sykes, W. B. Pearce.

Epsom High School; Sidney Driver, Tommy Ayscue, Robert Rowland, Ronald Renn, Mrs. Kenneth Fuller.

Gethsemane High School; Luther Burrell, H. A. Clemens, G. C. Crudup.

Gold Sand High School; Joe Denton, Harold Dickerson, Owen F. Tharrington.

Louisburg High School; L. C. Hasty, Willis W. Nash, Mrs. Margaret B. Pruitt.

Perry's High School; Brad-dock Alston, Willie Jones, Bob Richardson, McCoy Vick, Donnell Wortham.

Riverside and Cedar Street Schools; Joseph Lewis, Robert Lee Harris, Mrs. Esther

Loan, Cecil Macon, Harry Perry, Jr., Wilton B. Perry, Mrs. Lula B. Johnson.

Youngsville High School and Youngsville Elementary Schools; Wesley O. Bailey, Al DePorter, W. N. Timberlake, Jr., Howard White, Stephen Wiggins.

## Liquor Load Halted At Franklinton

Franklinton police officer Tom Allen captured a pickup load of illegal whiskey early Saturday morning on U. S. 1 by-pass at Franklinton according to a report from Chief Leo Edwards.

The driver of the truck escaped by running into a nearby woods. Chief Edwards said there were 36 gallons in 12 cases of quart containers and that investigation is continuing. Warrants have been issued according to Edwards. The truck was registered in the name of Kearney Williams, Rt. 3 Henderson Negro.

## County Firemen Hear Telephone Officials

Representatives of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company were guests at the monthly meeting of the County Fire Association last night at Centerville. Jordan Best, Sales Supervisor; Dan Clark, District Commercial Supervisor and Archie Outland, Commercial Representative were present and presented a plan to the group which they had been working out with Southern Bell Telephone Company for some time. The two companies serve Franklin County and they are working with the Fire Association to bring about a better system of reporting fires through the Central Alarm Station located in Louisburg.

Arthur Hall, president of the

group, appointed a committee headed by Willard D. Morton, representative from the Louisburg Fire Department to the County Association, to work with the telephone companies in working out details of this plan, in time to be included in the new telephone directories.

The association feels that a step forward in reducing fire losses will be made by educating the public in the method of reporting fires.

Also present at the meeting last night were the Franklin County Commissioners, the County Attorney and Register of Deeds. All Fire Departments in the County were represented.

## Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, April 4th.

Morris Strickland, c/m/18, assault with deadly weapon. State takes a Nolle Pros.

John Thomas Strickland, c/m/26, assault with deadly weapon. \$10.00 fine and costs. Gun confiscated.

Joe Foster, c/m/19, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

Collins Bruce, c/m/74, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

Alex C. Edwards, w/m/45, allowing unlicensed operator to operate motor vehicle on

public highway. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Curtis Murray, w/m, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Will Henry Hedgpeith, non support. State takes Nolle Pros on payment of costs.

Will Henry Hedgpeith, assault with deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment continued. Appearance bond set at \$200.00.

Myrtle Matthews Slade, w/f-/52, motor vehicle violation. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Harvey Lee Wright, c/m/23, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

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## Retail Trade Continues To Grow In Franklin

Business was better in January, 1967 than a year ago, although not surprisingly, January did not match December of 1966.

Figures just released by the North Carolina Merchants Association reveals that Gross Retail Sales in Franklin County for January reached \$2,167,148 or \$187,262 more than January of 1966. The figure last year was \$2,069,886.

December, traditionally a good month in retail business, reached a high of \$2,833,780 this past year or \$666,612 more than sales in January 1967.

Total retail sales in North Carolina for January are listed at \$678,026,001, an increase over the \$622,814,637 of the previous year.



Commissioner's Park

The water-wheel pictured above has been constructed by County Commissioner Brooks W. Young along U. S. 401 south of Louisburg. Reports says that the Commissioner is preparing a public park area for the convenience of the travelers and locals along the route. Plans, reportedly call for the wheel to generate electricity to light the area which will include picnic tables and a play area for children.



US 401 Project

Workmen are shown above Wednesday, resurfacing U. S. 401 south of Louisburg to the intersection of N. C. 98. The long-awaited project is expected to be completed next week. By late Wednesday, the south to north lane had been resurfaced with an inch and a half of asphalt from N. C. 98 to Royal. One-way traffic is the order as work continues this morning.