

Weather

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Franklinton Man Freed Under Bond Following Shooting

Louis E. Conyers, 57-year-old, Franklinton Route 1, man was freed under \$2,000 bond Wednesday afternoon, a short time after he allegedly shot his cousin, J. Howard Conyers, 38, also of Rt. 1, Franklinton.

The younger Conyers was wounded by .27 caliber rifle shots in the left leg and left arm and was taken to Watts Hospital in Durham, where his condition was listed as satisfactory late Wednesday afternoon.

The incident reportedly took place on the young Conyers farm on the Pocomoke Road west of Franklinton about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. According to investigating officers, the elder Conyers stepped from inside a nearby barn and began firing at his cousin, who

was riding on a tractor in the field. The younger Conyers jumped from the vehicle and stooped behind the tractor wheel after being wounded.

The Franklinton Rescue Service was called and transported the man to Durham. Arrested at the scene by Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards, Conyers was transported to the county jail in Louisburg by Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten and SBI agent Billy Crocker. Conyers is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and secret assault. One source reported that trouble had existed between the two men prior to the shooting. Young Conyers is a member of the Franklinton City Board of Education. Both men are farmers.

Franklinton Negro Charged In Assault Case

A Rt. 1, Franklinton, Negro youth is one of three charged with raping a Wake Forest white woman on the night of May 6.

Miss Linda G. Carpenter, 22, of Rt. 2, Wake Forest, identified Willie Burch, Jr., 22, of Rt. 2, Oxford; William Lee White, 20, Rt. 2, Creedmoor; and Harold McDonald Eaton, 17, of Rt. 1, Franklinton, in a line-up at Franklinton Police station.

The men are being held in Wake County Jail without privilege of bond.

Wake Deputy Sheriff R. A. Branch said Miss Carpenter told deputies she was driving north on U. S. 1 when she was forced off the road near Capitol Auto Parts by another car.

Miss Carpenter, who was alone in her car, told police one of the three men in the other car forcibly removed her and put her into their car.

Miss Carpenter said the men then drove onto a dirt road not far from where she was forced off the road and each man raped her twice. She said they threatened to kill her.

Miss Carpenter said she was driven back to her car after the attack and the men took \$9.00 from her. They then drove off towards Raleigh and she drove to Capitol City Truck Stop where she called Wake County Sheriff's Department, she related.

Tobacco Meet Set

Tobacco warehousemen of the Middle Belt will hold their annual meeting in Henderson on Thursday of next week, May 24, in the Holiday Inn. The business session will be held in forenoon, followed by a luncheon at the Inn, with visiting warehousemen as guests of the Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade.

All ten flue-cured markets in the belt are supposed to be represented. These markets are Durham, Henderson, Oxford, Fuquay-Varina, Warrenton, Louisburg, Sanford, Carthage, Aberdeen and Elberle.

Market conditions will be discussed, with particular emphasis on warehouse regulations for the coming season. Officers for next year will be elected. Walker Stone is President, with C. Brooks Turner of Henderson secretary.

The annual meeting of the Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade is expected to be held in the near future, but no specific date has been announced as yet.

Escapes Injury

Henry Stewart House, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson House, Rt. 1, Castalia, escaped with minor injuries late Wednesday afternoon when his bike was struck by a car in the White Level Community.

Reports say that young House rode the bike into the path of a car being driven by Ben Foster, a Negro farmer in the community. The bike was completely demolished with little damage to the Foster car.

Young House suffered minor bruises and abrasions and did not require medical attention. The accident occurred around 5 p.m.

GI Gets More Honors

Spec. Four E-4 Sidney R. Seal, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mustian of Franklinton, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his services in Vietnam, according to an announcement received today.

Sgt. Seal, who is married to

the former Joy Ward of Centerville, is presently stationed with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The citation reads: "For distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period October 1965 to July 1966."

"Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the very changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve those problems."

"His initiative, zeal, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Sgt. Seal had previously received citations and other honors for his service in Vietnam.



Louisburg Students Take Over Town Government Today

Pictured above are members of Mrs. Jewel Bartholomew's Louisburg High School Government Class who are running the Town of Louisburg today. Shown front row, left to right, Carol Goodwin, Tucker Meyer, Blake York and Ann Avent. Second row, left to right, Leon Dillard, Robert Patterson, Terry Nash, Dickie Broome, Billy Faulkner and Curt Dunn. Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington and Mayor V. A. Peoples are seen standing on the back row.

Once each year, the reigns of government in Louisburg are turned over to the local high school group. Students follow town officials on their scheduled rounds and standby in the various departments.

Holding one-day office today are: Mayor Billy Faulkner, Administrator Curt Dunn, Clerk and Treasurer Betty Lavender, Chief of Police Terry Nash, Superintendent of Utilities Leon Dillard, Chief of Rescue Service Maurice Jones and Fire Chief Dickie Broome.

Members of the Town Council are Ann Avent, Carol Goodwin, Tucker Meyer and Blake York, which everyone will agree is a much better looking group than the old hands who usually carry the load of town government.

Citizens Receiving \$151,952 Monthly In Social Security

\$392,302,000 in social security benefits was paid to residents of North Carolina last year, up over 11 percent from the year before.

At the end of 1966, 2,964 men, women, and children in Franklin County were receiving benefits at a monthly rate of \$151,952, Robert A. Flynn, social security district manager in Raleigh reported today. 2,059 were older people, he said, receiving benefits as retired workers, the wives and husbands of retired workers and as the surviving widows or aged dependent parents of workers who have died.

"But social security is not just for older people," Mr. Flynn pointed out. 547 young widows and children in Franklin County were receiving benefits amounting to \$23,683 at the end of December. 249 disabled workers and dependents were receiving benefits at a monthly rate of \$14,090.

"Practically every young family in North Carolina has survivors protection under social security that can be worth \$75,000 or more, and equally valuable disability insurance protection. The average worker, he said, can expect to collect more than the value of his social security tax contributions just in the benefits payable to him and his wife in retirement. If he does not live to retirement, his family stands to collect far more than the contributions he has paid; and the same will be true if he should become totally disabled for work before 65.

Monthly payments to the family of a worker who dies, leaving 2 or more children, can range from \$66 to \$368 a month, depending on the worker's average earnings under social security.

Social security survivors benefits, Mr. Flynn said, can be paid to the family of a young man who has worked and paid social security contributions for as little as a

year and a half during the three years before his death.

Benefits to the mother and children continue until the youngest child reaches 18, or indefinitely, if the child has a disability which began before his 18th birthday and makes it impossible for him to work and become self-supporting.

Under a change in the law enacted in 1965, a child's benefits can be continued up until age 22 if he or she continues in school.

Under the schedule of taxes in the present social security law even the group of young workers who will start work

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Mayor Unopposed, Six Seek Council At Bunn

The Town of Bunn will hold municipal elections Tuesday with Mayor W. A. (Bill) Andrews unopposed for a second two-year term.

Four incumbent councilmen are seeking reelection and two others, one or both of whom are past members are seeking positions on the four-man board.

Incumbents are: Wayne Win-

stead, Joe Edwards, Thurston Bailey and Lewis Debnam. Macon Morris and Daniel A. Johnson are also seeking seats.

Some over 100 persons are expected to vote in the election. Voting place is designated as the Bunn Fire Station and polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. EDT to 6:30 p.m. EDT.

Franklinton Officials Set Bond Vote

Mayor Joe Pearce reports that the Franklinton Town Council, meeting in special session Tuesday, authorized the town attorney to set in motion plans to hold a bond election to acquire needed funds for the proposed water project there.

The Council also authorized the Finance Committee, headed by councilman James Joyner, to draw up a water department budget to specifications of the Farm Home administration request. This was in order to meet requirements with guidelines for obtaining a federal loan and grant.

Franklinton officials, requesting first a grant of \$285,000 and a loan of \$295,000, recently received approval of

a grant of \$100,000 and a \$440,000 loan. Franklinton citizens voted approval of a \$350,000 bond issue to cover the original loan, but with the approval of less grant money and a larger loan amount, another bond vote is necessary to finance the difference.

Mayor Pearce said that the proposed bond issue will be for \$100,000 instead of the \$90,000 needed. He also stated that the money would not be spent unless needed.

In other actions, the Council clarified the status of fireman M. O. Perry as a paid fireman. His duties were set as being a Justice of the Peace, signing warrants, taking balls and he was directed to work under instruction of the town Fire Commissioner.

Robbery Suspect Caught Ride To Louisburg Friday

A young Negro man, fitting the description of the one who robbed the Bunn branch of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. last Friday morning, is believed to have been given a ride to Louisburg late last Friday.

The suspect is thought to have backtracked after having eluded officers following the robbery and instead of heading west toward Louisburg, moved east toward old US 64 highway near Webb's Mill.

A man matching the description, reportedly, stopped at the home of Charles Vick, a Negro farmer, and offered Vick a pistol in exchange for a ride to Durham. When Vick refused the offer, the youth left walking and was next believed to have stopped at the home of George Harris, another Negro farmer in the area. The suspect reportedly offered Harris the pistol and a ring in exchange for a ride to Durham.

Harris, too, refused the offer, although it is believed that the suspect spent about an hour at the Harris home.

Reliable sources say that the suspect then walked to new US 64 and somewhere between the Tar River bridge and Strickland's Store was picked up by a Negro man identified as William Thomas Wiggins. It is reported that Wiggins received \$3.00 in cash to take the man to Durham.

Wiggins, however, is reported to have become suspicious when he sighted a number of patrol cars along the route to Louisburg and put the man out at the intersection of the Bunn road and Bickett Blvd., telling his passenger that he was in Franklinton.

Sometime later, a Negro man, matching the description given by SBI and FBI agents, was sighted at the local drive in movie by an alert ticket seller, who notified police that the man had asked directions to Durham.

A little over an hour later a 20-year-old Columbia, S. C., Negro was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Lonnie House, two miles west of Franklinton on NC 56. The man, identified as Charles Eilers Williams is lodged in Wilson County jail charged with armed robbery of the Bunn bank.

It is reliably reported that officers believe the suspect walked from the Bickett Blvd. intersection to the drive in movie and that he was picked up shortly after leaving the movie and given a ride to Franklinton. One report says it is believed that he was put out of the car at the railroad

underpass just west of Franklinton and walked to the point where House picked him up.

The suspect reportedly told those he approached seeking a ride to Durham, that he made his living shooting pool and that he had lost all his money playing poker. He is also reported to have said he had a wife and two children in

Durham. It was not disclosed that the gun, believed used in the hold-up, was given to Wiggins. It was learned, however that the gun, a German make 7.65 caliber, is in the hands of the SBI or FBI.

No word has been received concerning the car believed carrying other suspects in the case.

Franklin Selected For Mental Health Project

Chapel Hill - Franklin County, a predominantly rural county in the northeastern Piedmont, today was named the second of two North Carolina counties to participate in a unique community mental health demonstration project.

The first county to be selected was Vance. The purpose of the project is to develop new methods to meet the mental health needs of a rural area. Findings of the study could be useful in developing new mental health program patterns for the nearly 1,600 other rural counties in the U. S.

Dr. William G. Hollister, a psychiatrist, and Dr. J. Wilbert Edgerton, a psychologist, are co-directors of the project. Both are in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine here.

"We propose to work in two ways," Dr. Hollister explained. "We will provide assistance for acute mental illnesses which need psychiatric attention and we will work with citizen groups in the county to identify the human relations and behavioral problems which families have."

"We hope to find ways to lessen or prevent these problems--hopefully, short of psychiatric treatment." A family counseling and education center will be set up in Louisburg, the county seat. A nurse or social worker, to be known as the program coordinator, will be on daytime duty at the center "to help people who need help to get to help."

Others on the staff of the Franklin County project will include part-time local physicians to make medical decisions and to administer drugs and a field worker to provide transportation to the university or state mental health facilities for people needing emergency help.

The local physician and program coordinator will have 24-hour telephone contact with

psychiatric consultants at the UNC School of Medicine here.

Mental health specialists will visit the center in Louisburg to consult with people needing help and to work with local physicians and community leaders.

"The purpose of the visiting clinicians," Dr. Hollister explained, "is to strengthen the local care of patients, to back this care up with resources at the state level and to make the care more readily available to those who need it."

"We envision the family counseling and education center as a unit for providing top-level help for people with acute problems."

Plans also call for establishing an emergency fund to care for patients for 24 to 72 hours in the Franklin County Hospital. In the last three years of the project, costs of indigent emergency hospitalization may run as high as \$2,000.

A second phase of the Franklin County project will be to develop "community self-definition of its problems and self-decision as to how to meet them."

In this phase, a coordinator will organize various community mental health councils to help identify mild problems which can be detected early and dealt with locally.

The research ingredient of the project will be to determine if this two-phase approach is feasible in developing an effective community mental health service.

The Franklin County Board of County Commissioners will serve as a county mental health authority. A mental health advisory board will give close guidance.

Costs of the project will be reimbursed by UNC to the county, the latter acting as fiscal agent.

The demonstration project has received funds from the National Institute of Mental Health to operate for five years.



Landmark Comes Down

A Louisburg landmark presents a striking silhouette as workmen near the end of the job of tearing down the near 100-year-old home, known for years as the Murphy house here on Nash Street. The structure is being demolished to gain more room for the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. facilities next door.



Sgt. Seal