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Increasing cloudiness and warmer today. Considerable cloudiness and even warmer on Wednesday. Low this morning, 48. High this afternoon, 75.

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Sadie Hawkins Day Wedding

Happy young couple are shown above being "married" by "Marryin' Sam" here at Louisburg College during the solemn ceremonies which come each year on Sadie Hawkins Day. The couple, Mark Warren and Frances Murphy, both of Louisburg, were first to "visit" the marrying altar which was held on the steps of Main building.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

As Superior Court Term Ends

Fogg Found Not Guilty

The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty in the second-degree murder trial of Benny Fogg, 44 year-old New York Negro here in Superior Court last week. Fogg had been charged with the pistol slaying of Haywood Crutcher, a 27 year-old Bunn Negro at a Franklinton nightspot last August. The case consumed most of the week-long session of court presided over by resident Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood.

In other cases the following actions were taken:

Leonard Lee Steed, murder. Plea

Final Rites Held For T. B. Bottoms



T. B. BOTTOMS

Final rites for Thurston B. Bottoms, 63, Franklin County jailer and retired Louisburg Police officer, were held Monday afternoon from Saint's Delight Free Will Baptist Church. Services were conducted by Rev. Ralph Clegg and Rev. Glenn Short. Burial followed in Highland Memory Gardens.

Mr. Bottoms, a veteran of 23 years on the local police force, was stricken at his home around 5 P.M. Saturday. Efforts by members of the Louisburg Rescue Service and his family failed to revive him. He had been one of the county's two jailers since his retirement from the police force last December.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Estelle Bartholomew Bottoms; two daughters, Miss Madgie Bottoms of the home and Mrs. Jo Nell Horton of Louisburg; two sons, Jim A. (Jack) Bottoms and James (Mann) Bottoms, both of Louisburg; his mother, Mrs. Hommie Wester Bottoms of the home; and two grandchildren.

of involuntary manslaughter is accepted by the State. Not less than 3 nor more than 5 years in prison, said sentence is suspended and defendant placed on probation for 5 years under the written conditions of probation judgment, with specific stipulation that defendant not partake of any type of alcoholic beverage during the period of probation.

Sidney Allen Beckham, careless and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

James Cecil Anderson, escape from prison. 2 years in prison, to run concurrent with the life sentence imposed in Cumberland County Superior Court.

Edward Lee Williams, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant is placed in custody of Commissioner of Correction for treatment and supervision for maximum of 12 months, suspended and defendant placed on probation for 3 years; to pay the Court Costs, \$5.00 to Franklin Memorial Hospital and \$10.00 to Dr. T. O. Wheeler for bill of Winzell Hartsfield, and to abide by written conditions of probation judgment.

Forrest Mustian, public drunkenness (4 cases) 20 days in jail, execution not to issue and sentence suspended on condition that defendant shall remain gainfully employed and report and enter the jail of Franklin at 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and on Saturday upon entering the jail shall remain there until 7 a.m. on Monday Morning. Defendant shall pay Town of Franklin costs of any meals and other jail costs involved. Above suspended judgment to remain in effect for 30 days.

Brother Of Bunn Woman Killed In Vietnam

Word was received Sunday by Mrs. Allen Brantley of Bunn that her only brother, PFC Larry R. McDuffy was killed in Vietnam on October 22. Mrs. Brantley is formerly of Phoenix City, Alabama where her parents operate a restaurant. She is the only surviving child.

McDuffy, who had been in Vietnam one month when killed, visited his sister in Bunn the last days of August.

Sportswear Names Supervisor

Plant manager Sam Vick, Jr. has announced the appointment of Mrs. Irene Shearin of Centerville to the new post of personnel supervisor at the Louisburg Sportswear plant here. Mrs. Shearin has been employed by the local firm since August, 1962.

"In her new capacity, Mrs. Shearin will be responsible for assisting in the development of a plant personnel and employee relations program", Vick said.

"There is even a well grounded tradition prevalent for years that when the survey was made for the old Raleigh and Gaston Railroad in the 1830's, the citizens of the town objected to its coming through Louisburg . . . on the score that such a road with its bustle and traffic and possibly increasing business would in some way seriously disturb that for which the town was already noted . . . its atmosphere of serenity, culture and study".

The above is a quote from Rev. E. H. Davis' Historical Sketches of Franklin County, written in 1948.

It tells a great deal about, not only Louisburg, but Franklin County. Long noted for its rich agricultural lands and successful farms, (generally large ones in the 18th and 19th centuries), and its educational facilities, personified by Louisburg College, Franklin has made little advances in the area of industrial growth.

If one could sum up the reason for this deficit, in the absence of proof to the contrary, it would have to be spelled out as the attitude of the people. Not, perhaps so much the people of today, but those who came before us.

Settled in the early 18th century, Franklin immediately became a farming area. Large landowners grew cotton and later tobacco and corn. Slavery contributed to the agricultural nature of the area. The establishment of Franklin Academy and its attraction to people of letters, brought about a great emphasis on education. During these early years, Franklin was widely known for these two parts of its makeup. But, there was industry in early

times in Franklin County. Big industry. Little is known of what happened to these plants. Why they failed is somewhat of a mystery, except where automation and modernization forced some to close. Many could not adjust or change with the times.

With Tar River sending threads of streams throughout the county, milling was a natural industry in the early days and untold numbers of grist mills were established in the area. There was a fur-hat manufacturing plant at Centerville. In nearby Warrenton guns, furniture and carriages were manufactured. In Franklin, there was a snuff factory, located naturally on Snuff Creek, wherever that might have been.

Between Franklinton and Pokomoke, there was a plug tobacco plant and on the Osborne Jeffrey's place near the county line on U. S. 401, there was a tanning and shoe manufacturing plant. Mining became a flourishing occupation with the discovery of gold in 1838 by John Portis in Gold Mine Township. By 1849, the '49'ers had left for richer fields in California.

In 1885, Louisburg had 13 general stores, 2 drug stores, one hotel, one harness shop, a coach factory, five cotton gins, one grist mill, one saw mill, a shuttle block factory, and three livery stables.

It also had a spur line, (built by grandchildren of those who had turned the railroad down), of the Raleigh-Gaston Line which connected (and still does) with Franklinton.

At Laurel Mill, between Louisburg and Gold Sand School, there has almost always been some type of milling operation. In 1872, Col. Jordan F. Jones

opened a small cotton mill there. This is the same man who invented the first mechanical cotton elevator and the first mechanical corn planter.

In 1842, Shemuel Kearney gave the right-of-way for the railroad at Franklin Depot, later named Franklinton. The line also ran through Youngsville in Franklin County. One became a booming textile town, the others remained a farming community.

In 1845, Sam Cannady Vann, probably Franklin's greatest industrialist, established Sterling Cotton Mills, which are in operation today after several additions and renovations to the original factory. His most notable contributions, other than job opportunities for the people, was his gifts of identical buildings for a school in Franklinton and to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. Franklinton Fabrics, a division of Burlington Industries, is also located at Franklinton along what is now Seaboard Railway.

Tobacco has played a big part in the county's economy. However, seldom has it been a part of an industry. Never in recent history. Oddly enough, it is Youngsville that holds the distinction of having had the "most prosperous tobacco market in the county's history". In the 1850's the Cheatham family operated the market, which at its peak sold 10 million pounds every season.

A Franklin man first invented the forerunner of the Mergenthaler Linotype type-setting machine, used widely in the newspaper and printing industry. Fenton Foster is credited with this invention while he lived at Ingleside. A Massachusetts company was formed

to manufacture this machine in 1870, but Foster somehow lost out on his discovery.

The county have become a navigation center, if one can envision the thoughts of Matthew Dickinson, first headmaster of Franklin Academy. He wrote in 1808: "The river was thought capable of being rendered navigable up here for boats at the time the town (Louisburg) was built."

One of the planks upon which John Williamson, the only Negro to ever represent Franklin County in the General Assembly, was "the opening of Tar River for navigation of vessels of light draft as far as Louisburg." The river was navigable as far inland as Tarborough, as it was spelled in those days.

History lost what, if anything, was done about Tar River. And, this, like so many other apparent opportunities, were missed by the people of Franklin County in the days long gone. They are also missed by those here today.

Had Franklin been able to keep and develop all its industries since it was settled in 1740, we could today, truly say: Education, Agriculture and Industry.

Much has been done in the past few years to make Franklin a three-prong community. New industry has come and, although one moved out a few years ago and another canceled plans to build here last week, the future still holds promise that today's enlightened generation might yet correct the shortsightedness in industrial development of generations gone before.

Rescuers Kept Busy

The Louisburg Rescue Service marked its 198th call of the year Monday morning around 11:30 P.M. when summoned to aid a man identified as Buddy Gay, a Rocky Ford Negro farmer, who reportedly suffered a diabetic attack.

The call also marked the twelfth of the week for the overworked service, most of which were minor in nature.

Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy suffered what was believed to be a minor heart attack last Friday at his home. Rescuers transported him to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Saturday afternoon around 5 P.M. the Service was called to aid T. B. Bottoms, longtime police officer and jailer, who died.

Saturday night, call came to aid See RESCUERS Page 4

Educator To Speak To Rotary

All members of the Louisburg Rotary Club have been urged to attend Thursday night's meeting, according to Club President E. L. Pittman. He reports that program chairman Dr. Cary Jones Perry has announced the speaker for the evening is to be Charles M. Barrett, North Carolina State Director of Adult Education.



"Mr. and Miss Louisburg" And Court

The "Mr. and Miss Louisburg High" court is shown above following the crowning of the winners last Thursday night at the PTA Harvest Festival. Pictured left to right, front row are: Mike McBride and Cynthia Best, Sophomore candidates; Keith Perry and Judy Duke, Senior candidates; Lisa Perdue and "Buzzy" Gardner, crown bearers; Mike Patterson and Cindy Schubart, Junior candidates. Back

row, left to right, Woody Williams and Phyllis Best, Sophomore campaign managers; Danny Faulkner and Francis Griffin, Senior campaign managers; Johnny Pernel and Mary Lee Best, Freshmen candidates chosen Mr. and Miss Louisburg; Richard Person and Rita Patterson, Junior campaign managers; and Robbie McDonald and Jackie Smith, Freshmen campaign manager. Photo by Clint Fuller.

Grand Jury Endorses Courthouse Bonds

The Grand Jury, meeting here last week, endorsed the county courthouse bond issue in its special report. The group stated: "We find from our investigation that there is a serious lack of space in the Courthouse. We further find that a great deal more space will be needed when Franklin County goes under the new court system in December 1, 1968.

"We understand that the laws of the State of North Carolina requires the county to furnish the necessary space

needed. We believe that the bond issue for renovation of the Courthouse will be the best answer to the space problem. We, therefore, endorse the bond issue and recommend that the citizens of Franklin County support the bond issue."

The Grand Jury found "no complaints" in visiting the several schools in the county other than minor repairs and found the Welfare Department building "in good condition", the Education building "in perfect condition" and the Health Department building "in need of paint inside."

The jail at Louisburg and at Franklinton were "very clean" and "in good condition", as was the agriculture building.

State Trooper J. E. Byrd reported that the school buses are "inspected regularly and are in A-1 condition."

The Grand Jury expressed appreciation.

New Jailer Named

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement announced today, the appointment of J. T. Finch, retired farmer, as jailer. Mr. Finch has served in recent months as a part time jailer. He replaces Thurston B. Bottoms, who died last Saturday.

ciation to presiding Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood, the solicitor and county officials and to Ben Wester, the group foreman.

Druggist Dies In Durham

Thomas Phillip Lloyd, 76, a former Chapel Hill druggist, died Monday at Veterans Hospital in Durham after a short illness.

A native of Orange County and a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, he was a druggist in Chapel Hill before retiring. Later he worked at Pleasant's Drug Store in Louisburg.

He was a member of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and the American Legion, and attended University Methodist Church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katie Bennett Lloyd of the home; one son, Thomas P. Lloyd, Jr. of Chapel Hill; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Long, Mrs. Lovie P. Lloyd and Mrs. Tawell Gardner, all of Chapel Hill, and two grandchildren.