

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today. Wednesday, variable cloudiness and continued mild. Low today, 38; high, around 72.

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Bunn Bank Robbed Again



Receives Citation

Mrs. Ruby Griffin of Centerville, right, is shown receiving a Citation for Outstanding Service from Mrs. Helen Jones, administrative assistant for the N. C. Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Chapel Hill. The award was presented in ceremonies here Monday night. It reads, "In recognition of unselfish and loyal service in behalf of the handicapped" and is signed by L. H. Mount, Society President. Mrs. Griffin has been an untiring worker in the organization for many years. Photo by Clint Fuller.

Two masked bandits entered the Bunn branch of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company this morning at 9:10 A.M. and robbed the bank of some over \$23,000. The pair made good their escape, although at noon today state and local officers were closing in on an area four miles from Bunn

near Seven Paths where the duo is believed hiding. Bank manager William A. Andrews reported that the duo entered the bank right after he opened for business this morning and ordered him and Mrs. Barbara Strickland, bank employee into the vault. The two were in their

Fire Destroys Two Homes Over Weekend

Fire destroyed two county homes during the weekend, leaving a number of persons homeless, but registering no reports of injuries. Justice Fire Department answered both calls.

The first call came around 1 A.M. Sunday to the Willie Davis home place near Mapleville, where the Claude Forsythe family lost all their belongings as fire, of undisclosed origin, completely destroyed the dwelling. The Justice Department was aided by a water tanker from Louisburg.

The second blaze came about 8:30 P.M. Sunday night in the Cedar Rock community as fire completely destroyed the home of the Elbert Harris family.

An incident reportedly taking place at the scene of this fire, will probably be brought into court. A Negro man, unidentified, reportedly refused to move his car and allow a water tanker to get to the scene of the fire. After blowing the siren and, according to reports, requesting the man to move, the firemen pushed the car out of the way with the tanker.

It was reported that the man then called officers and complained of dam-

age to his car and threatened to sue the Justice Fire Department. No such actions have been filed today nor have any arrests been made for obstructing an emergency vehicle.

There were no injuries in either blaze, but damage was extensive as both buildings were burned to the ground. Most of the contents of both were also lost in the fire.

Smith Named Forestry Aide

Joseph Earl Smith, Franklin County Forest Ranger, has been named one of three Rangers in the state chosen Forestry Aides.

The announcement said the three are, "The first Forest Rangers in the N. C. Forest Service to pass all requirements for promotion to Forestry Aide." The course was referred to as "long, hard and time consuming."

It was also described as consisting of the following, Forest Management Training and passing of the examination. Seven in the state have thus far passed this part of the training, the announcement points out.

After the exam, Smith and his associates, Jordan W. Johnson of Halifax County and Zell C. Smith of Greene County, were given various problems dealing with what they had learned and a review inspection team visited the Ranger for a thorough session.

fatigues, according to Andrews. One of the bandits vaulted over the five foot railing while the other crawled through the teller's window. They cleaned out the cash drawers and ran out the door.

In making their get-away, they rammed a car parked on the street, belonging to Glenn Mitchell, Bunn insurance man. This drew the attention of Bunn Police Chief Tom Powell, who gave pursuit. Powell, unaware that the twosome had robbed the bank, chased the pair for four miles and onto rural un paved road No. 1634, where the driver turned into the yard of an abandoned house and wrecked the vehicle in the back yard. The two then made good their escape into the nearby woods.

One irony in the robbery is that the bandits were using a car stolen from a Louisburg garage and belonging to Dick Mewburn, an employee of First-Citizens Bank in Louisburg. The car received some minor damage in the wreck.

Andrews said the bandits failed to lock the vault door and he called the FBI immediately and followed up by calling Sheriff William T. Dement.

At noon, FBI, SBI, Sheriff's officers, Bunn prison guards, state troopers and Civil Air Patrol planes were searching an area two miles east of Seven Paths and four miles north of Bunn, but at 1 P.M. this afternoon, no sight had been made of the pair.

The 1962 black Chevrolet Sport coupe was stolen from Mack Wrenn's Garage on Highway 561, about twelve miles from the scene of the robbery. The exact time the car was reported missing was not learned.

Chief Powell reported that one of the bandits might have changed clothing during the four-mile chase. He reported finding a pair of green coveralls and a .38 caliber German luger on the

back seat of the car. In striking the Mitchell car, the bandits broke a front light and did some damage to the fender.

This is the second time in five months that the Bunn bank has been hit by robbers. On May 16, a lone unmasked bandit entered the bank early on a Friday morning and collected over \$8,000 only to drop the money when officers, waiting outside, gave chase. An all-day hunt resulted in the capture late that night of Charles Eller Williams, 20-year-old Columbia, S. C. Negro, after a tip by a Louisburg outdoor theater ticket seller. Williams is now serving time for the crime.

His accomplices, believed to have been waiting outside the bank at the time of the holdup, have not been captured.

Trooper A. C. Gray Promoted

A. C. Gray, Jr., veteran trooper with the State Highway Patrol in Henderson, has been promoted to corporal in the patrol and has been transferred to a new assignment at Lenior.

The change will be effective on November 1, the 20th anniversary of Cpl. Gray's assignment to the Henderson office of the patrol. He will report at Lenior on Wednesday following an early morning oath ceremony in Raleigh.

Gray is a native of Wake County but lived most of his life in Franklin County until assigned to duty in Henderson. His wife also is from Franklin County and his mother, Mrs. A. C. Gray, is a resident of this county.

Hundreds Attend CAP Fly-In

A hitch in getting notices to members of the Carolina Aero Club was credited with holding down the expected number of light planes which gathered here Sunday for an otherwise successful fly-in. The event, sponsored by the local unit of the Civil Air Patrol, brought hundreds of motorists to the Franklin Airport during the day.

Jerry Warren, a postal employee at Wake Forest, thrilled the crowd with repeated parachute jumps. Miss Ellen Mata, a school teacher at Cary, N. C., joined Warren in several leaps. An attempt to jump joined together from an altitude of 10,000 ft. failed but both successfully maneuvered their chutes to land on target.

A breakfast of ham and eggs was served to scores of locals, brave enough to challenge the early Sunday morning elements, consisting of near freezing temperatures. Added to the coolness was the fact that, in Louisburg, most homes were without heat due to a power interruption.

Local CAP officials kept things running smoothly throughout the day, with ample parking facilities for both the thirty some planes and the hundreds

of cars visiting the local facility. A full-scale control tower was in operation from atop the huge CAP van and Sunday afternoon, a simulated search mission was launched involving the CAP crafts and pilots. One of the local planes was purposely "lost" and the search was called to find it. One of the functions of the CAP is to aid in searching for lost planes.

Many local pilots were kept busy throughout the day, giving free rides to locals and visitors. A large number of youngsters enjoyed their first airplane flights courtesy of CAP and other local flight enthusiasts.

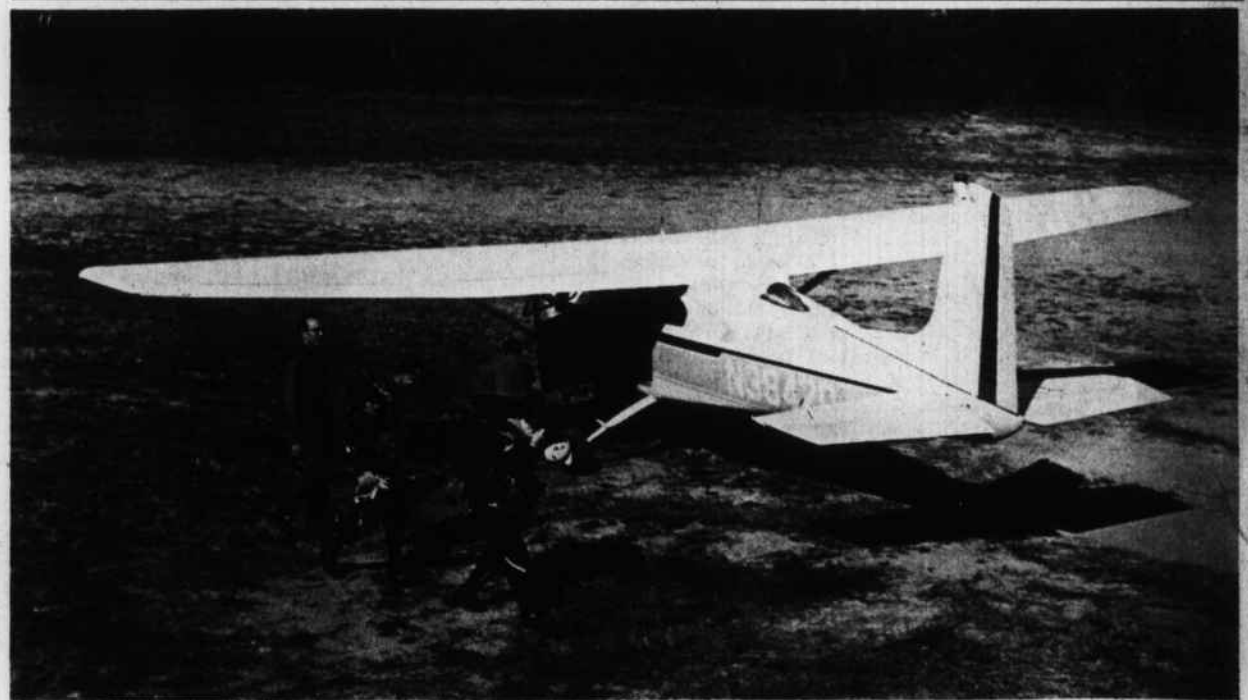
Major Joe Shearon, CAP Commander, issued a statement this morning in which he thanked a host of individuals and firms for their help in staging the event. Relating many of the problems encountered by his staff in preparing for the fly-in, Shearon said, "Believe me, the Civil Air Patrol is grateful to all who worked and attended the fly-in."

Shearon continued, "The CAO works in many ways. Sunday it was announced that an aircraft was down and they needed CAP pilots to fly a search mission. It seems that a few were

upset over the fact that this was the real thing. I took this to be a practice mission at first, but things were looking serious for awhile until I started inquiring around. Major Gupton (J. Linwood Gupton), who was coordinator for the fly-in, had planned this several days ago and very few knew about what we call a simulated mission."

Soil Meet Set

The Area IV Soil and Water Conservation Fall Rally will take place on November 8, 1967, in Louisburg. Franklin County district supervisors will host the affair which begins with a workshop at 4:00 p.m. At this time district supervisors will have an opportunity to air their suggestions and prepare resolutions for presentation at the Annual North Carolina Association Meeting in January. The workshop will be followed by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Murphy House in Louisburg. Lloyd Bunch, President of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, will make a brief address to banquet guests.



Jerry Warren & Ellen Mata Board Aircraft Before Dual Jump

Hallowe'en -- Old And New

It is the eve of All-Hallows Day. Tonight, the goblins will be out. They might be out to get you. This is Hallowe'en.

Like a family member we know, many folks celebrate birthdays and Hallowe'en for weeks at a time.

Unlike Christmas or even Thanksgiving, one day doesn't seem to be enough. Homeowners have placed large (larger this year than before) pumpkins on their doorsteps weeks ago. These attractive fall decorations are really meant to keep witches and flying saucers away tonight. One would be hard put to understand the reasons for placing them out front so early. Except, of course, that they are pretty.

There have been Hallowe'en parties going on around the county for the past several days. Some communities plan their parties and the annual trick or treat visits on the same night. Some of these take place on nights other than Hallowe'en.

One newspaper reporter-photographer was scared out of his wits when he ventured into a home in Gold Sand (invited of course) thinking he would see a serene harvest time scene perhaps of youngsters dressed in their colorful costumes awaiting tonight's activities.

But, instead of children, there were women (we didn't say old) having a party of their own. They were dressed

in fashions designed to scare not only the goblins and witches, but one would suspect, the hippies as well. (If you can stand the sight, pictures of this Hollywood-bound group appear elsewhere in today's Times).

These ladies, whom we're sure would not venture out of the house without having their hair done, sort of let the hair down ala Hallowe'en and were having a ball. We wonder if they will be going trick or treating tonight.

Whether this group does or not, the streets and byways will be filled with the small fry, going from door to door in search of treats. Many, we suspect, would rather play a trick.

Few tricks are played anymore. The stores and advertising have taught the homeowner that it is thriffter to buy candy and goodies and dole them out than to take a chance with having some youngster perform a trick on him.

With this, something near and dear has gone out of our lives. When we think back to the time when a piece of candy was a treat at Christmas and almost unheard of at Hallowe'en or any other time of year, we remember with a certain degree of fondness, many of the tricks played on unsuspecting house dwellers on All-Hallows eve.

Remember the ticktacking trick. Placing a small rock at the end of a string, looped around a doorknob (they

had them outside in those days. That was before latches). Run the string around a corner or behind a nearby bush. Jerk the string and "someone" would knock on the door. The dweller would come to the door. Look. Grunt and return inside. Do it again. He! answer the door again. And you set doing this until the irate man (or woman) stopped answering or spotted the trick. Then you ran. Very few football halfbacks ever ran quite so fast.

Remember the trouble you'd have placing a large chair up in a tree and the noise you'd make? And the hard time you had unhinging the gate on the front fence. The gate, too, was usually hung up in trees. There were others, too, and many oldtimers will remember.

About the only modern "trick" we remember seeing in recent years was the distasteful soaping of windows. This "trick" certainly took no imagination and those who worked all year to perfect their own private trick years ago would most certainly frown on this easy stunt.

But, treats, we suppose are much nicer. So, tonight, where Hallowe'en is being observed as in Louisburg, give the youngsters a treat. Do this by handing them goodies at the door and driving carefully along the streets they will be traveling.



Ellen Mata Of Cary Lands After Jump From 10,000 ft.