

Headlines Tell Of Man's Moon Conquest

In the annual roundup of leading news stories—a practice of most newspapers—a special notation will be needed to record this week's accomplishments. Man has landed on the moon. It takes awhile for this to soak in.

It was a natural thing that daily newspapers headlined the event in glowing grammar. Reporting national, international and now universal news is expected of the dailies. It is not quite as routine a thing with the "community newspapers"—weeklies, semiweeklies and small dailies.

But, so monumental is the news of man's landing on the moon, most community reporters could not resist the temptation to get into the act. And one important aspect of this urge by small newspapers to report the event is the historical value. Small newspapers—as well as the large ones—maintain a morgue file where years from now others can look at news being reported today. The moon mission is surely worthy of a place in every newspaper morgue in the world.

The Smithfield (N.C.) Herald, this week, compiled a limited number of headline samples showing what it termed "the local story of the century—some say of all time". To this list some others have been added. All show a sizable hint of pride—an emotion shared by most Americans.

Here are some of the headlines that appeared in non-daily and small-town daily papers of North Carolina:

Smithfield Herald: "Home Folks Awed By Man's Feat In Landing On The Moon."

Oxford Ledger: "Two Americans Walk On Surface Of Moon."

Forest City Courier: "The Impossible Dream Isn't."

Monroe Enquirer-Journal: "Moon Mystery and Mystique Ending for Science and Love."

Carteret County News-Times (Morehead City): "Now the Moon—Then?"

Waynesville Mountaineer (Haywood County): "Groovy Moon Walk Thrills Haywood Until Sandman's Abort."

Dunn Dispatch: "Moon Walk Success; Talk of the Town."

Morganton News-Herald: "Americans Reach for Moon and Get It."

Asheboro Courier-Tribune: "The Man on the Moon: It's Us!"

Some of the large daily paper headlines in North Carolina read:

Winston-Salem Journal: "They're on the Moon Walking Around."

Raleigh Times: "Man Rests on Moon."

Greensboro Daily News: "Man Lands on the Moon."

Raleigh News and Observer: "Astronauts Land, Walk on Moon; Armstrong Implants American Flag."

And the New York Times, noted for its conservative make-up, ran its largest headline ever, proclaiming: "Men Land on Moon."

Brothers Draw Heavy Fines, Suspended Terms

Two Route 4, Louisburg men received fines of \$1500 each plus eight-month suspended prison sentences in District Court here Monday in cases involving illegal manufacture of whiskey.

Jimmy Ray Jeffreys, 29, and his brother, Donald Eugene Jeffreys, 28, were given the following sentences: 8 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs, \$1500 fine and be found guilty of any crime during that period involving the manufacture, sale, transportation or consumption of non tax paid whiskey.

Both gave notice of appeal and bond was set at \$300 each.

Officers chased the pair some 100 yards when the illegal operation was raided Monday, July 7, according to reports at that time. ATU agent Mike Zetts described the find as "the largest

distillery seized in Franklin County in several years." Officers confiscated or destroyed 276 gallons of non tax paid whiskey, 2250 gallons of mash, 195 55 gallon barrels, one 600-gallon capacity tank still, one 1550-gallon submarine type still and four 600-gallon sub type stills in the raid. The distillery had a capacity, according to Sheriff William T. Dement, of 13,450 gallons.

Other cases disposed of by the Court Monday are as follows:

John Pearce, Jr., w/m/46, driving under influence; possession non tax

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J.W. Perry, Jr. Reappointed

The Board of County Commissioners have reappointed J. W. Perry, Jr., of Pearce Community to the Jury Commission. The action came in a special meeting held here Monday.

Pearce was named by the Board in September 1967 when the Jury Commission was born. Under provisions of the law, the Board names one member, the Clerk of Court names a member and a third member is appointed by the Resident Superior Court Judge. Judge Hamilton Hobgood announced the reappointment of B. N. Williamson of Franklinton last week. L. C. Hasty, Louisburg insurance executive is the third member.

Perry's appointment is for two years.

Guard In Oklahoma

Units of the Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon National Guard are in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for a two-week training encampment. The main segment of the Fifth Rocket Battalion left by Air National Guard planes from Raleigh-Durham airport last Saturday.

The units are scheduled to return to Raleigh-Durham on Saturday, August 2.

While at the massive army artillery base, the Guardsmen will fire the Honest John rocket as they have done in past years.

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Locals Study Alcoholism

Forty-five local people recently participated in three workshop sessions designed to promote a better understanding of "The Nature of Alcoholism." These workshop sessions were sponsored by the newly formed Franklin County Council on Alcoholism and were held in the auditorium of the Louisburg College Library. The lecture and discussion topics for the July 16 - 18 meetings included "The History of the Use of Alcohol", "Alcoholism as a Social-health Problem", "The Individual-Host to the Illness", "Socio-cultural Bases of Alcoholism", and "Techniques For Educating the General Public", with a special emphasis on programs aimed at prevention.

The workshop was arranged in cooperation with Dr. Norbert Kelly, Director of the Division of Education of the N. C. Department of Mental Health. Mrs. Pauline Woods and Mr. George Adams of the Department of Mental Health, and Mr. Hilton Hedrick from the Department of Community Psychiatry in Chapel Hill presented a wealth of information and also served as discussion leaders.

Mr. Don Richardson and Mrs. Cancio-Bello assisted with audio-visual presentations. Mr. Norwood Jones, Chairman of the local Council on Alcoholism and Mrs. Lamm Clayton, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Council presided over the sessions.

Those people attending two or more sessions included: Lucy Burt, Hudie Boone, Floyd Benfield, Ollie Burrell, Edward Boone, Mamie Clayton, Don Creeger, Olga Ellis, Annie Laurie Edwards, T. H. Edwards, Talmadge Edwards, Jr., Velma Foster, Aubrey Hancock, Joan Hight, Alice Hight, Bernice Harris, Burke Holland, Norwood Jones, Margaret Johnson, Adelaide Johnson, Maude McFadden, Louise Nelms, Irene Ray, Irene Scott, Aubrey Tomlinson, Doris Wilder, Laura Wheelless and Robert Wheelless.

Also present for one session were: Don Ballenger, Bob Butler, Margaret Baldwin, C. T. Cheeves, Lucille Claggett, Diana Dent, Tensie Dale, Lillie Mae Dean, Pat Gorton, Nancy Holland, Gleolia Holden, Horace Jackson, Edith Jackson, H. T. McFadden, Melvin Nelson, David Raft, John Woody, Lois Wheelless, Gene Weston, and Mildred Williams.

FHS Names New Principal

(FRK. B.W.) Mr. Carl Grad, who taught Introduction to Vocations and Distributive Education the past two years at the Franklinton High School, has been elected principal of the local high school.

Mr. Grad received his education at Wake Forest University and the University of Illinois. He has taught at Glenn High School, Scotland Neck High School and in the Raleigh City Schools. The new principal has served as principal of Townsville High School and Wendell High School.



Murder Suspect In Custody

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement, left, and Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton, right, are shown with Percy Hawkins, 50-year-old Franklinton auxiliary policeman who was taken into custody yesterday and charged in the pistol slaying of a 32-year-old Franklinton mother of two.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Negro Auxiliary Policeman Held In Franklinton Murder

A 50-year-old Franklinton Negro auxiliary policeman was taken into custody Wednesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton and charged with murder in the death of a 32-year-old Franklinton mother of two.

Percy Hawkins, a member of the auxiliary police for "about four years" was lodged in Franklinton jail without privilege of bond. Hawkins is charged with murdering Maurine Cannady of Route 2, Franklinton. The woman's badly decomposed body was discovered Sunday night around 7:30 P.M. in a thicket just off State Rural

Road 1203 eight miles northwest of Franklinton.

Sheriff William T. Dement, who returned Wednesday from the State Sheriff's Convention at Atlantic Beach, said that Hawkins had admitted the shooting but claimed it was accidental. He identified the murder weapon as a .38 caliber police special pistol and said the woman had been shot in the left chest through the heart.

The woman had been missing from her home since Tuesday, July 15, according to reports. She left home around 5 P.M., reportedly left her car at a neighbor's home and said she was going to "walk down town for a few minutes."

Her body was found five days later by two Negro men, identified by Batton as Linwood Davis, 47, and Sol Perry, 56, both of Route 2, Franklinton.

An autopsy was ordered by Franklin Coroner James Edwards and the woman's husband, Leroy Cannady identified the body. A report, unconfirmed by the Sheriff's department, said that blood stains in the Hawkins car led to his arrest. It was learned that samples of the blood were taken to Raleigh for examination Wednesday.

One report says that Hawkins claims the woman owed him money and that while he was firing the pistol to frighten her, she was accidentally shot. Hawkins has been employed in a Franklinton textile mill for the past 24 years and had been described by Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards as a "dependable officer."

Sheriff Dement said that Deputy Batton was aided in the investigation and arrest by Chief Edwards as well as by agents of the State Bureau of Investigation.

New Highway Commissioner Will It Be Benson Or Ellis?

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

Governor Bob Scott yesterday named his new 23-member Highway Commission. Among those named to this high post in state government were Raleigh businessman Cliff Benson and Henderson automobile dealer Tom Ellis. Since both men are from counties in the present Fifth Highway Division, the immediate question arises: Which will become Franklin County's Commissioner?

The Fifth is made up of Franklin, Vance, Warren, Granville, Person, Durham and Wake. Benson, who was first appointed to the Highway Commission on June 4, 1961 by former Governor Terry Sanford, is from Wake. Ellis, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, is from Vance.

The counties and the Commissioners have not been matched. According to reports this will be done next Wednesday when the new body is sworn in.

Speculation has it that Franklin may be placed in a district—if not a new division—with Wake being the only other county in that particular group. If Franklin is allied with Wake, it is a sure bet that Benson will be the Commissioner. He is popular among Franklin folks and has been credited with laying the groundwork for improvements to NC-56 east of Louisburg. The project, some say, was halted when Gov. Dan Moore took office.

Franklin County Commissioners endorsed Benson for the Highway Commission some time back and local key Scott people did the same. No overture by Ellis for county support was ever revealed if any took place.

Ellis, who has a number of close relatives in the Epsom section of Franklin County, is also popular with Franklin citizens. Coming from a small county in the Fifth, Ellis would be entirely acceptable to Franklin people.

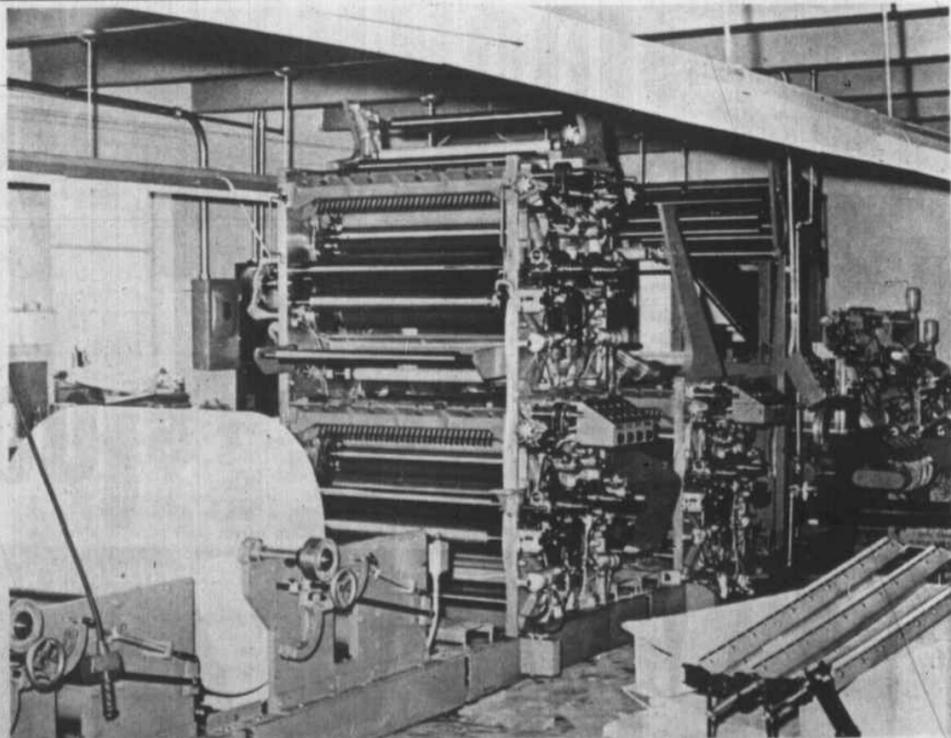
During the Sanford years when Benson served as Vice Chairman of the Highway Commission, Franklin received a total of \$648,987.91 in road funds.

Ellis was a four-county manager for Gov. Scott in the May Primary last year. He handled Franklin, Vance, Granville and Warren. He was also active in the November elections and did considerable work in Franklin County on Scott's behalf.

Benson, a top Scott campaign strategist, was also active in the local Scott campaign. He was a frequent visitor to Franklin County and conferred often with local Scott leaders.

Which will it be? Benson or Ellis. It is known that Benson has expressed a desire to have Franklin in his district. It is reasonable to assume that Ellis, too, would like to have Franklin under his jurisdiction.

Franklin warms with a feeling of being wanted. And while many citizens will have a personal preference, it appears that the county now stands in a much brighter light than in the past. Mr. Ellis or Mr. Benson—both well qualified and both friends of Franklin County—have apparently made it so. Franklin should be happy with either man.



Times Printed On New Press Today

Photo above shows the new three-unit Fairchild-American Type Founder newspaper press being installed in The Times plant this week. The new press will eliminate a two-section paper except for issues in excess of twelve pages. It will also afford a greater use of color in The Times. Today's issue is being printed on the new units on a test run. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.