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Two Injured

Scene above shows single car accident on NC-581 Sunday afternoon around 1:30 P.M. Two persons were injured, three escaped unhurt. Photo below shows Louisburg Rescuers David Minnich, left and Tommy Collie, right aiding 51-year-old Ellis Wood of Rt. 4, Louisburg injured in the accident. Staff photos by Astor Bowden and Clint Fuller.



Rescuers Give Aid

Eight Injured In Accidents

While North Carolina was counting one of the bloodiest weekend highway tolls in years, Franklin escaped a fatality but sent eight persons to the hospital as a result of four separate accidents. The state as a whole registered 32 highway deaths, which is said to be the worse non-holiday weekend in years.

The greatest number of injuries occurred on State Rural 1611 near Bunn when two cars collided around midnight Saturday. Six persons were injured. State Trooper C. G. Todd gave a tentative identification of those as follows: Daphne Perry, c/t/40 and Maggie Lucas, c/t/40, both of Spring Hope and Julia Crews, Josephine Dunston, Mary Robbins and Vernon Prigen. The two cars, a 1960 Ford and a 1961 Fairlane were total losses, Todd said. The injured were unable to obtain treatment at Franklin Memorial Hospital and were taken to a Raleigh hospital, according to reports.

About 1:30 P.M. Saturday a tractor-trailer truck overturned at the intersection of US-1 and US-1-A north of Franklinton. The unidentified driver reportedly received a broken back. The truck was hauling frozen chickens which, according to reports, were scattered over a wide area of the highway.

Sunday around 1:30 P.M. two persons were injured and three were unhurt in a single car accident on NC-581 near Jackson's Pond. Ellis Wood, c/m/51 and Jeremiah Williams, c/m/25, both of Rt. 4, Louisburg, were taken to Franklin Memorial Hos-

pital by the Louisburg Rescue Service. Jesse Wood, c/m/26, reportedly driving the car when it ran off the road and overturned was uninjured. Two unidentified passengers in the Wood car were also uninjured, according to reports.

At about the same time Sunday afternoon, a tractor-trailer truck reportedly driven by Cecil Macon, Jr., c/m/39 of Louisburg, overturned on State Rural Road 1237-the Rocky Ford Road-north of Ingleside. The accident scattered a load of plywood over the area. Macon, according to reports, was uninjured.

Courthouse Open House Sunday

A reminder has been issued by county officials that the Open House display of the county court house will take place Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 P.M.

The newly renovated structure will be open during these hours and personnel working in the courthouse will be on hand to talk with visitors and to show them around.

No formal ceremonies are planned, it was reported, but a large crowd is expected to tour the building.

Eleven Warrants Issued In Centerville Fracas, More Expected

Eleven warrants have been issued as an outgrowth of a disturbance at Centerville early Sunday morning and at least two more are expected to be issued today. The eleven were issued for three Centerville men charging varying degrees of assault and interfering with an officer.

The trouble started, according to reports, when a group of young white youths gathered for what was described as a drag racing session on NC-561 east of Centerville around 1 A.M. Sunday. The youths were reportedly "cutting up" in the area by spinning wheels and scratching off.

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement says that County Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster, his brother James Lancaster and the former's son, Jerry Lancaster, attempted to break up the disturbance. Dement said that Tyree Lancaster told him that he had "tried for over an hour and a half" to get a State Trooper to come to Centerville to stop the youths.

Dement said that Louisburg radio dispatcher Joe Perry was having difficulty in getting Raleigh to answer for a patrolman. According to Dement, Perry also tried to reach the Raleigh Patrol station by telephone.

The Sheriff said he was not called but that he heard the radio traffic while on a call and when he was

informed by the dispatcher of the nature of the trouble, went to Centerville as soon as he could. Dement's Deputy Lloyd Gupton, who lives at Centerville was out of town on a trip.

State Trooper C. G. Todd reported that he was busy with a drunk driver and an accident near Bunn when he was finally reached with a report that somebody had reported drag racing at Centerville. He said he stopped in Louisburg long enough to jail the drunken driver after Trooper Sam Monday arrived to investigate the automobile accident. Both Todd and Dement arrived at Centerville around 1 A.M., they report.

Trooper Todd reports that things were quiet when he arrived but that one of the youths, identified as Bobby

Debnam, 18, asked him to take a look at bullet holes in his 1969 Plymouth. When the youth told Todd the shots apparently came from a white house nearby, in answer to the Trooper's query, Todd says that Tyree Lancaster struck the Debnam youth. When Todd attempted to separate Lancaster from the youth, he himself was shoved. Todd said both James Lancaster and Jerry Lancaster were involved before Sheriff Dement arrived and "broke it up".

The Debnam youth's car was hit by two pellets or pistol bullets, according to reports. Another youth, identified by Dement as James S. Finch, Jr., 22, is hospitalized in Raleigh with head and back injuries sustained when he was shot with a shotgun. A third youth, identified by Dement as Elmer C. Griffin, Jr., 19, was treated at a Raleigh hospital for head lacerations and a broken left arm. He said he was struck with a shotgun, according to Dement.

The Sheriff said he estimates about 25 young men were involved. Several, he reports, admitted they were there to "watch the boys race" between Centerville and Wood.

Four warrants have been issued. See CENTERVILLE Page 4

ASC Elections Announced

Two meetings to explain ASC Committee election will be held at the Agricultural Building in Louisburg, Wednesday, August 20, 1969 at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Anyone having questions about the election should plan to attend.

Committee election will again be held by mail. There are 10 communities in Franklin County and 3 farmer committeemen from each community will be elected to serve a 1 year term. These elected play a very important role in helping to administer farm programs on a local level.

The County ASC Committee will meet this week with present community committeemen to prepare a slate of nominees. Ballots will be mailed to all known eligible voters not later than September 5, 1969. Ballots must be returned on or before September 16, 1969.

Newly elected committeemen will attend a county convention on September 25, 1969 to elect 1 member to the County ASC Committee and two alternates.

Drive Aides Named

Mrs. Paul A. Brewer, Cystic Fibrosis campaign chairman for the area, has announced the appointment of local chairmen who will assist in the fund drive for Cystic Fibrosis research and control beginning in September.

They are: Mrs. Bland B. Pruitt, Jr., Mrs. J. Jackson Dean, Mrs. Thomas Riggan, Mrs. Robert G. Stanley, and Mrs. David Daniel. Each chairman will have 10 other women to help canvass the Franklin County area.

Mrs. Brewer, in accepting the appointment said, "I am delighted to have a part in bringing about better Cystic Fibrosis control by raising additional funds for Cystic Fibrosis research at Duke Medical Center and other research laboratories across our nation."

Schools To Open On Schedule

School Board Defers Postponement Decision

The Franklin County Board of Education, meeting in special session here Monday night, deferred a decision on the postponement of school opening until its regular monthly meeting on September 2. Board members had received a scattering of requests for a postponement in order that children could help in the harvest of the tobacco crop. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that schools would open as previously scheduled on August 28. It was also agreed that the situation will be given another look on September 2 and if conditions merit, appropriate action would be taken at that time.

Schools will operate on Thursday, August 28 from 1 to 3 P.M. for student orientation. August 29 and September 1 will be observed for the Labor Day holiday and the first full schedule day is set for Tuesday, September 2.

In other actions, the Board upped the price of lunches in grades one through six to 35 cents, which is equal to the prices charged in grades seven through twelve last year. It was explained that new wage and hour laws and the fact that lunchroom personnel now come under the state retirement plan, makes the increase necessary. It was pointed out that this is a trial basis and that further adjustments could

become necessary. The Board asked Superintendent Warren Smith to keep a close watch on lunchroom finances in the first months and to report back to the Board.

Two teacher resignations were accepted and two new teachers were approved as the Superintendent revealed that four vacancies now exist in the entire system. The Board approved the employment of non-professional personnel including janitors, maids, aides, lunchroom employees, clerical assistants and bus drivers.

Also approved was policy statement on selection and procurement of supplementary textbooks, library books, periodicals and other instructional supplies and materials.

The forthcoming school opening was discussed in light of the pending school case with Board attorneys E. F. Yarborough and Charles Davis. Several points were clarified and guidelines were defined for presentation to the school principals in a special meeting with the Superintendent today.

Weather

Partly cloudy warm and humid with chance of afternoon or evening thundershowers continuing into Wednesday. High near 88; low 72.



Road Blocked

State Trooper C. G. Todd is shown above viewing damage in a tractor-trailer accident on State Rural 1237 north of Ingleside Sunday afternoon. Cecil Macon, Jr., 39-year-old Louisburg Negro was uninjured when the truck jackknifed around 1:30 P.M.

Staff photo by Astor Bowden



NEAL THOMAS

Asst. Farm Agent Named

C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman for Franklin County, announced today the appointment of Neal Thomas as Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent to fill the position that became vacant July 15 when Parke Brown resigned to accept a similar position in Indiana.

Dean says that Thomas comes to Franklin County highly recommended. He is a native of Randolph County and a graduate of Guilford College.

Dean also stated that Thomas's major responsibility would be working with 4-H Club members and 4-H leaders; however, he would be involved in the entire Extension program.

Thomas is married to the former Elizabeth Berry of Guilford County. They will reside at 111 Middle Street in Louisburg.

Congressman L.H. Fountain Here Thursday

Congressman L. H. Fountain will tour the area Thursday, visiting several communities in Franklin County to meet with the people. His itinerary, as announced earlier this week is as follows:

Pilot: 8:30 to 9:30 A.M.; Pearce's: 9:15 to 9:45 A.M.; Bunn: 10:00 to 10:30 A.M.; Youngville: 11:00 to 11:45 A.M.; and lunch in Youngville: 12 to 1 P.M.

In the afternoon, Congressman Fountain will visit Franklinton: 1:15 to 2:15 P.M.; Centerville: 2:45 to 3:15 P.M.; Louisburg, Main Street: 3:30 to 4 P.M. and Louisburg: County Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse: 4 to 5 P.M.