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Mobile Home Plant To Locate At Bunn

Franklinton Negro Believed Killed By Train

Sheriff William T. Dement reported this morning that a preliminary report from the pathologist at Wake Memorial Hospital indicates that Sinclair Moses, 32-year-old Franklinton Negro, whose body was found late Sunday, was killed by a passing train.

Dement said in a telephone conversation with hospital authorities he was told that Moses died of a broken neck and that the body contained multiple cuts and bruises. Dement said the doctor expressed the opinion that the man had been struck by a train and that the cause of death was a broken neck.

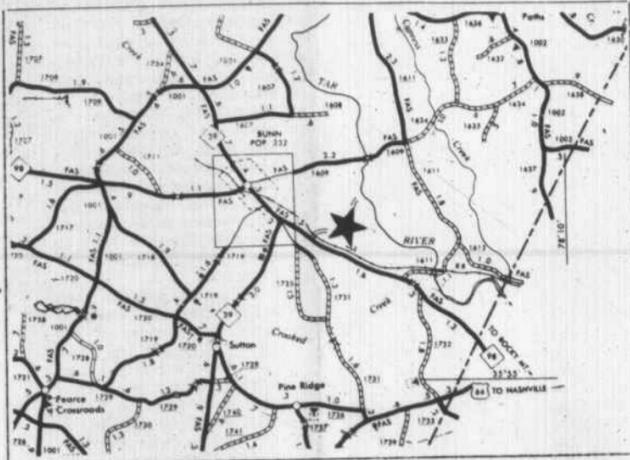
The body was found Sunday around 7 P.M. along the railroad tracks a half mile east of the Burlington Mills plant on NC-56. Herbert Smith, a relative of Moses, made the discovery. Smith and four others had launched a search for Moses who had been missing since last Friday.

Those with Smith at the time were identified by Chief Deputy David Bat-

ten as Willie Johnson, James Otis Smith, Sameul Johnson and Eddie West. Batten said that Moses was last seen Friday by a friend, Otis Morgan, 21, and that Morgan had left Moses along the tracks while he went to a nearby store.

Several wounds were found on the body and Sheriff Dement asked for an autopsy. He said today that he had been unable to reach a Seaboard Coastline engineer for questioning in the matter. He added it would probably be several days before he could close the case.

This is the second case where a body has been found in the Franklinton area under mysterious circumstances in recent months. Last July 20, two Negro men discovered the body of a Franklinton Negro woman in the Sour Mountain section of the county. Percy Hawkins, 50-year-old Negro auxiliary policeman was charged with murder in that case.



At a news conference held in the Bunn High School Cafeteria this afternoon, a new industrial plant location was announced.

Walt Abercrombie, General Manager of Winston Industries of Addison, Alabama, stated that his firm plans to erect a 75,000 square foot plant to manufacture mobile homes. This facility will be located on 195 acres of land east of Bunn on NC 98 and is expected to be in operation in November.

Current plans indicate that the plant will employ about 200 men. Three additional supply firms are expected to locate on the property which will add to the employment figure.

Winston Industries, a subsidiary of Electronics Capitol Corporation of New York, is one of the largest mobile home manufacturers in the nation. The Bunn plant will supply dealers on the eastern seaboard from South Carolina to Delaware.

Available labor and the strategic location of Bunn to their east coast market were cited as major reasons for this location.

Winston Industries plans to install a ground water storage tank and to have their own septic unit.

Applications for work at this plant are currently being accepted at the Industrial Development Commission office in Louisburg.

Public Hearing Called On Housing

The Louisburg Town Council has given notice of a public hearing to be held on October 10 to determine if a Housing Authority is needed here.

The notice states that "a petition has been filed" with the City Clerk "by 25 residents... setting forth that there is a need for an authority to function... here".

The hearing is set for Friday night, October 10th at 7:30 P.M. in the Louisburg Armory. The notice says that all residents and taxpayers and other interested persons will be given "full opportunity to be heard" on two questions:

- (1) Whether insanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the City of Louisburg, and/or
- (2) Whether there is a lack of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City of Louisburg available for all the inhabitants thereof.

After the hearing, it will be left to the Council to determine whether or not such housing conditions exist and whether or not there is a need for an Authority to function here.

County Fair Underway

The 56th Franklin County Fair is underway here this week with grounds opening Monday night. Fair manager George T. (Jolly) Bunn announced earlier that the David B. Endy shows are to be featured at this year's edition.

A large number of citizens visited the fairgrounds on the River Road here Monday night to take a first look at the host of exhibits and the midway attractions.

Judging of farm exhibits will be held today as gates open at 5 P.M. Wednesday and Saturday are school days and all school students will be admitted free before the hour of 6 P.M. Gates open Wednesday at 4 P.M. Thursday, Bunn says, all Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be admitted free if they come in uniform and Friday, Bunn says is "Everybody's day."

Prizes will be given in Horticulture, Field crops, club and farm exhibits, canned food, fruits, vegetables and meats, cakes, cookies, candy and bread, house furnishings, flowers, arts, crafts, and antiques, and in miscellaneous, which includes soap, honey and eggs.

Two bicycles are to be given in a drawing to be held on Wednesday and Saturday, according to Bunn.

Rescuers Used Again Sunday

According to a reliable report, the Louisburg Rescue Service was used Sunday as an ambulance service, an event not unusual with the local public service minded group.

The local unit was standby at the Franklin Air Field where the CAP was staging a Fly-in when it was alerted to go to the scene of an automobile accident near Flat Rock Church, about eleven miles away.

The rescuers found an overturned car and a man identified as Aaron Thomas Goode, c/m suffering from minor injuries. The car ran off State Rural unimproved road No. 1105. Goode was transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Rescue unit. A passenger in the car, identified as William Stewart, c/m/19 was uninjured.

It was learned later that Goode had been taken by private car first to Youngsville where he could not find a doctor and later to Wake Forest. When no physician was available there, he was returned to the scene of the accident and the Louisburg Rescue Service was called.

Averages Dip To Season Low

Averages for the 245,475 pounds of tobacco sold on the Louisburg Market last Thursday dipped to a season low of \$69.15, according to figures released this week by William Boone, Sales Supervisor. The average for the four-day sales week also fell before previous weeks to a new low of \$71.20. The dip reflects a decrease in the quality of the offerings, according to a report.

Sales for the four days last week, with dollars and daily averages are as follows: Monday, 241,885 pounds, \$178,158.98, \$73.65 average; Tuesday, 256,605 pounds, \$183,776.30, \$71.60 average; Wednesday, 238,128 pounds, \$167,640.66, \$70.39 average; and Thursday, 245,475 pounds, \$169,757.63, \$69.15 average.

Sales for the season, consisting of sixteen sales days, have reached 4,402,001 pounds for a total of \$3,173,167.92 and a season average of

\$72.00. Figures do not include Monday's sales this week.

The Federal-State Market News Service said prices were fairly steady on the six markets still operating in the South Carolina and Border North Carolina Belt.

On the Eastern Belt, about one-half of the grade averages were down mainly \$1 to \$2 per hundred pounds. Most others were unchanged. Top price was \$98 per hundred for selected sheets of choice lemon leaf.

The Eastern Belt offerings improved considerably. Sales consisted of larger proportions of good and fair offerings. Volume was heavy.

The Middle Belt sales amounted to chiefly \$1 per hundred, with lead and smoking leaf bearing the brunt of the decline. Top prices was \$84 for good orange leaf. Quality improved a volume was heavy.



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Speed Makes Donations, Issues Statement

CAP Holds Annual Breakfast Fly-In

The Franklin County unit of the Civil Air Patrol staged its annual breakfast Fly-In here Sunday. For the first time in several years, the weather cooperated. In past efforts, frigid cold marred the early morning portion of the event.

Members of the local unit were on hand to greet visiting flyers, some of whom were CAP members and some were private aviation enthusiasts. A large crowd attended the event which lasted into the afternoon with displays of small aircraft and CAP members explaining their functions and the workings of their equipment to visitors.

In attendance Sunday were the North Carolina Wing Commander, Col. David R. Ellsworth and Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Eugene Harwell, both of Charlotte. Lt. Col. Larry Tetterton, Franklin Unit Commander, was in charge of the day's activities.

Rep. James D. Speed was honored in afternoon ceremonies and was presented a certificate of appreciation by the Wing Commander for introducing a bill in the last General Assembly making contributions to the CAP tax deductible. Speed gave the Franklin unit a check for \$50 and a similar check was given to the Henderson CAP unit.

Rep. Speed issued a prepared statement this morning concerning the gifts. Referring to the retroactive pay increases voted members of the General Assembly, in the waning days of the session, Speed said passage of the bill in his opinion was "unfortunate" and "badly timed".

Speed said he voted against the bill and that his "chief objection was that it was made retroactive".

Pointing out that he "has consistently voted against member pay increases," he said, "I do not feel I should keep the additional pay this time."

He further explained that, "On the other hand, returning the check would not reduce taxes for anyone. For these reasons I have decided not to

return this check but instead to donate its proceeds to several worthy causes and several voluntary service organizations in our district".

Speed said that "At this time, the Rescue Squads, the Volunteer Fire Departments and Civil Air Patrol Units of Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties are receiving donations from this additional sum, and I know they will use it well."

The retroactive pay increase hiked legislator's allowances from \$20 per day (including Sundays) to \$25 per day. For the 145-day session, Mr. Speed and other members of the General Assembly received \$845.00. Senator E. F. Griffin and Rep. John Church joined Rep. Speed in opposing the bill.

The method of electing the President and Vice President and the current reform proposals in Congress are discussed in this week's release from the office of Congressman L. H. Fountain. The Second District lawmaker explains some of the proposals debated in Congress and expresses some opinions on the matter.

The full text of the Congressman's statement follows:

"Who will elect the next President and Vice President of the United States?"

"Some people might say 'the voters in each state,' but that would be technically wrong. Actually, unless the Constitution is amended before 1972, the decision will still rest with the 538 members of the Electoral College, who themselves are elected by popular vote.

That's the way we have elected Presidents since March, 1789, almost two centuries ago. But, many people now feel that reform is needed. Some press for sweeping reform, some want very little change.

These feelings took substance recently when the House of Representatives debated, passed and sent to the Senate a Constitutional amendment which would provide for direct election of the President. If passed by the Senate, then the amendment will go to the state legislature for ratification.

Two other proposals were debated - the district plan and the proportional plan. I preferred either of these alternatives but both failed to pass.

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On the other hand, proponents of change say that the Electoral College system which we now have places too much emphasis on the densely-populated and pivotal states with their minority bloc votes and pressure groups and exaggerates their importance. The proponents also point out that the winner-takes-all of the electoral vote in each state, even though the majority may be no more than one slim vote.

In the final analysis, upon the defeat of each of those plans which I thought were better for North Carolina and because of the widespread support which the direct election plan seems to have in our area, I voted to give the Senate a chance to work its will on that and other plans.

The American people seem to want reform but if we don't get it, let me assure you that we will go on electing Presidents. I doubt that the method of electing Presidents is half as important as who he is and what the President does after he gets in office."

Somehow, we must find a way to elect our Presidents. I believe that the Board of County Commissioners will continue to work for the best interests of our county.

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Ag. Building Work Progresses

Scene above shows progress to date on the \$37,173.51 addition to the County Agricultural Building on Nash Street here. Workmen shown above are preparing the building's roof. Contracts on the project were awarded several months ago by the Board of County Commissioners and most went to local contractors. No completion date was reported.