

Fire Destroys Old Landmark In Eagle Springs Thursday

A \$30,000 fire, the cause of which has not yet been determined, destroyed the J. C. Comer general merchandise store in Eagle Springs Friday.

The brick and frame structure, more than 50 years old, was a landmark in the Eagle Springs area. It was the advance base for construction of the first railroad serving the Sandhills section.

Greatly hampering efforts to put out the blaze was the fact that firemen had no hydrants. Men and equipment from Candor, Biscoe, Troy and Robbins were called to fight the fire.

At silo filling time farmers should watch out for a poisonous gas—nitrogen dioxide—that may form in fresh silage, the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises.

RESULT OF HIGH SPEED

Robbins Textile Worker Is Killed, Two Others Injured In Auto Wreck

Zeb Benjamin Morgan, 32, a textile worker and U. S. Navy veteran, was killed in Robbins Sunday when the car in which he was riding ran off the road and overturned.

Two other passengers in the car, who were identified by the State Highway Patrol as Astor Brown, 45, and Ellis Lambert, 41, were injured and are in the hospital. Brown's condition was listed as critical.

It was the second traffic fatality in Moore County this year, although the first under SHP jurisdiction. The other was the infant child of Southern Pines police officer John K. Sharpe, who was killed when the car in which they were riding crashed into a tree inside the town limits of Pinehurst.

The SHP report listed high speed as the cause of the accident

that took Morgan's life.

State Highway Patrolman J. Frank Swaim, who investigated the accident along with Chief of Police Roy Alexander of Robbins, said the car was travelling north on the old Plank Road just inside the limits of Robbins. The driver, who officers believe was Morgan, was unable to make a curve and ran up a ditch before he finally overturned in the road. The car travelled some 333 feet before it came to rest.

Morgan died of a fractured skull and body injuries.

Funeral services for Morgan were held Tuesday at the Pleasant View Friends Church with the Rev. Charles Kernodle officiating, assisted by the Rev. Benjie Maness. Burial followed in the church with military rites.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Horner; one daughter, Judy of the home; one son, Jerrill Wayne, also of the home; his mother, Mrs. Birtie Morgan of Eagle Springs; seven sisters, Mrs. Nelson Sanders, Mrs. Elder Sheffield, Mrs. Graham Williams, Mrs. Worthy Morgan and Miss Ella-Jane Morgan, all of Robbins, Mrs. Frankie Morgan of Newport News, and Miss Grace Morgan of Eagle Springs; and one half-brother, Arthur Morgan of Pinehurst.

County Students Rate High In State Music Contest

Jean Franklin of Southern Pines received a "superior rating" in the soloist class for sopranos in eastern division competition of the annual State Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest in Durham Saturday.

Three other students of Roger Gibbs, who is the music director at the Church of Wide Fellowship and Southern Pines schools, also received high ratings in the contest.

Receiving an excellent rating in the soloist category for sopranos was Ellie Purvis of Carthage; Hilda Cagle, also of Carthage, received her rating in the mezzo-soprano category.

Diana David of Aberdeen was rated "good plus."

Mrs. Ina Bullock was the accompanist.

Achievement Show Of Cub Pack To Be Held On March 2

The fourth annual Achievement Show of Cub Pack 73, Southern Pines, will be held Saturday afternoon, March 2, it was announced this morning by Paul Ward, chairman of the pack committee, and Louis Scheipers, Jr., cubmaster.

Displays of various crafts will be placed in the Presbyterian Church by all eight dens of the pack.

The displays will consist of scrapbooks, rock collections, neckerchief slides, and airplane, boat and automobile models.

Tickets for the show may be secured from members of the pack committee.

Figures from the frozen food industry show that the frozen pumpkin and squash increased 8 1-2 million pounds from 1953 to 1955.

Reward Offered In Chain Saw Theft

A \$100 reward for information leading to the recovery of a chain saw has been posted with Sheriff Charles McDonald by an Eagle Springs man who believes the saw was stolen in December.

Sheriff McDonald said that such an offer was rare.

Laner Marley, who lives on Route 1, Eagle Springs, told officials he had missed the saw December 9. Since that time law enforcement officers have spent considerable time working on the case but have turned up no definite leads to date.

The first day of operation of the Soil Bank Acreage Program in North Carolina saw 11,810 farmers sign up to participate in the program by reducing their plantings of allotment crops this year.

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