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LOUISBURG MAN HIT-RUN VICTIM

W. Frank May, 31, Killed On Raleigh Highway; Officers Seeking Clues

W. Frank May, 31, of near Louisburg, was struck and killed instantly late Saturday afternoon by a hit-and-run autoist just outside of town on the Raleigh highway near the Standard Oil Co. storage plant.

May's body was found by a motorist who drove by a few minutes after the man was struck. The body was lying in the center of the highway and was badly mangled.

Sheriff J. P. Moore and Highway Patrolmen Parks Alexander and M. H. Bynum investigated the fatality.

May's survivors include his wife, one child, his mother, Mrs. R. K. May, and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the graveside in Flat Rock Church Cemetery. The Rev. E. H. Davis officiated.

Near May's mangled body on the Raleigh highway was found an injured mule he was believed to have been leading or riding at the time an auto struck him. Coroner R. A. Bobbitt has postponed an inquest, while officers are using all means to ascertain and arrest the guilty person or persons.

NEW DRAFT QUOTAS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE

Tar Heels Going to Fort Jackson After Induction at Fort Bragg

State Selective Service officials started work yesterday on draft board quotas for January, after receiving word from the war department that North Carolina would be expected to furnish 1,635 white and 266 Negro draftees during that month.

Governor Hoyer received instructions from Washington which said that all of the white men would be inducted into the service at Fort Bragg, and would then be sent to Fort Jackson where they will be assigned to the 30th Division. Instructions covering Negroes have not been received.

The white draftees will be inducted as follows: 35 on January 6, 100 on January 7, 100 on January 8, 100 on January 9, 100 on January 10, 100 on January 11, 100 on January 12, 100 on January 13, 100 on January 14, 100 on January 15, 150 on January 21, 150 on January 22, and 150 on January 23.

Quotas for the various draft board areas probably will be about four times as large as the December quotas.

ORDINATION OF JESSE WESTER

The ordination of Mr. Jesse Wester will take place at the Hickory Rock Baptist Church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Wester graduates this year at Crozer Theological Seminary, of Chester, Pa., and has been called to a church in Philadelphia. Dr. James H. Franklin, president of Crozer will preach the sermon. Rev. W. N. Brookshire, pastor of Hickory Rock, will be in charge of the service. Bro. Jno. Edwards, Dr. W. R. Cullom, and Dr. A. Paul Bagby will all have part in the program. Everyone is invited to be present.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The Banks at Louisburg and Franklinton announce that they will be closed on December 25 and 26th, in observance of Christmas. Bear these dates in mind—Wednesday and Thursday.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Dec. 21:

Saturday—Double Feature—Charles Starrett in "Thundering Frontiers" and Warren William in "The Lonewolf Keeps a Date".
Sunday—"The King of the Royal Mounted."
Monday—Night Owl Show—All Star Cast in "Tell Your Children."
Tuesday—James Cagney, Pat O'Brien and Frank McHugh in "Here Comes the Navy."
Wednesday—Walker Pidgeon and Donald Meek in "Sky Murder."
Thursday—Xmas Eve Midnite Show—Ray Milland, Patricia Morrison and Akim Tamiroff in "Untamed."
Friday—Joe McCrea, Lorraine Day and Herbert Marshall in "Foreign Correspondent."
Saturday—"Four Mothers" starring Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, Gale Page, Jeffrey Lynn, Claude Rains, Frank McHugh and Dick Foran.

Dr. Franklin At Baptist Church

The citizens of Louisburg have a rare opportunity next Sunday morning to hear Dr. James H. Franklin, President of Crozer Theological Seminary. He is to speak at the Baptist Church at the eleven o'clock hour.

Dr. Franklin is probably the best known and best beloved preacher of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Bagby urges every member of the Baptist Church and every friend of his who can possibly come to be present to hear Dr. Franklin.

It is only by reason of circumstances that Dr. Franklin is to be here.

There will be no evening worship. The Community Christmas Tree is to be at the Armory at 2:30 and the Ordination services for Mr. Jesse Wester at the Hickory Rock Baptist Church at 7:30 in the evening.

Cotton Allotments Carry

Vote Saturday, December 7th, Shows Big Majority Favoring Control

696 Farmers out of 707 voting in the County Marketing Quota Referendum voted in favor of quotas for 1941, with 101 opposing. 3 uncounted challenged ballots and 1 spoiled ballot. The vote by Community was as follows: Cedar Rock, 89 for, 19 against; Harris, 31 for, 3 against; Cypress Creek, 69 for, 6 against; Gold Mine, 69 for, 16 against; Anna (Pine Ridge), 34 for, 4 against; Dunn (Peaces), 32 for, 1 against; Franklinton, 57 for, 15 against; Hayesville, 47 for, 7 against; Louisburg, 62 for, 4 against; Sandy Creek, 47 for, 13 against; Youngsville, 48 for, 8 against.

Challenged ballots were counted by the County Committee, excepting 3, and included in the totals for the County.

Fourteen More Families

Mrs. T. K. Stockard, Secretary Louisburg Chamber of Commerce reports fourteen more families to be provided for. In speaking of this she says:

"There are still fourteen families on our Louisburg Township needy list not taken by any one for Christmas. Through individual help and the help of the churches and other organizations and the toys the Boy Scouts brought to the Christmas room in the Armory Building thirty families have been taken care of but these fourteen families left are deserving and these little children will wake up Christmas morning without any Santa Claus. In three of these families the father is on the road, one the father was killed a few nights ago, one the father a semi-invalid and the mother was taken to Dix Hill recently about the same. One woman whose name is on our Christmas needy list came in to see me today—her family has already been taken by a church missionary society for this Christmas—and said to me, 'We didn't have any Christmas for the children last year, we told them Santa Claus lost his way.'"

"If you are not contributing through any organization or if you haven't taken a needy family to help this Christmas please carry clothing, gifts and toys to the Christmas Room in the Armory, or if you are a merchant and would like to contribute fruit, candies, etc., all these things are needed and would be appreciated. I will be working there until 'Christmas Day in the morning' in order that Santa Claus may not 'lose his way' to a single one of these families."

DOWNY HUDSON

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hudson announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to Mr. Shiria C. Downey, on July 6th, 1940, at Halifax, Va.

Mrs. Downey is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Hudson and is popular among a host of friends. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Z. Downey, of Louisburg.

3rd DEGREE

A special Communication of Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. F. & A. M. has been called for Monday night, December 30th, 1940 at 7:30 o'clock. There will be work in the Third Degree and all Master Masons are invited to be present.

PROGRAM

County-Wide Christmas Song Service at LOUISBURG ARMORY Sunday, December 22nd, 1940 at 2:30 p. m.

Joy to the World..... Choir and Audience
Invocation..... The Rev. F. D. Hedden
The Birth of the Christ Child.....
Scripture Lesson..... The Rev. S. E. Mercer
O Little Town of Bethlehem..... Choir and Audience
The Story of the Other Wise Man.....
—Van Dyke..... Mrs. Frank R. Rose
There is a Song in the Air..... Franklinton Quartet
Hark the Heralds Angels Sing..... Choir and Audience
Jesus Bambino—solo..... Miss Rose Malone
Silent Night—Holy Night..... Choir and Audience
Benediction..... The Rev. L. F. Kent

Professor I. D. Moon will direct the Choir of 100 voices. Mrs. O. Y. Yarborough will be the accompanist. The Rev. A. Paul Bagby will have charge of the program.

The Mills High School Band, under direction of Mr. James Byerly, will play Christmas Carols, while the audience is assembling.

Dr. H. I. Glass To Speak

Dr. H. I. Glass, the District Superintendent of the Raleigh District of the Methodist Church will preach at the Louisburg Methodist Church, Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Following his message, Dr. Glass will hold the first Quarterly Conference for the new church year.

The pastor will speak at the 11:00 o'clock hour on the "Chimes of Christmas."

Keen interest was shown in the "Singing Tower Carol Program." These may be heard again Sunday evening 7:10 to 7:30, and Christmas Eve, 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock. These unique carol programs can be heard as you sit in your car within one or two blocks of the Church.

The young people of the churches of the city will bring Christmas cheer to many shut-ins through their Christmas Caroling Christmas Eve.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of two cases and continued several. Judge Hobgood announced there would be no Court on Tuesday, December 24th. The next session will be held on December 31st.

The docket was as follows: Sid Driver was found guilty of manufacturing whiskey, possession of materials, and given 12 months on roads.

B. B. Beckham, unlawful possession of whiskey, public drunkenness, former order of Court complied with.

The following cases were continued: Robert Harris, distilling.

G. E. Gupton, operating automobile intoxicated.

Russell Ferrell, motor vehicle violation.

Percy Glasgow, abandonment and non-support.

Thomas Mitchell, assault on a female.

Jesse Tant, assault on a female.

Strawberry Cobb, assault with deadly weapon.

COTTON REPORT

The tabulation of the card reports shows that there were 13,517 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County from the crop of 1940 prior to December 1, 1940, as compared with 4,292 bales ginned to December 1, 1939.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated the 1940 cotton crop at 12,686,000 bales, nearly a million bales above the 1939 crop of 11,817,000 bales.

RED CROSS Buy Your Xmas MEMBERSHIP In Louisburg

We hereby give the Red Cross Membership for 1941 for the Louisburg Chapter. We would like to say that some of the names which appear in the list of Louisburg members are those from other sections of the county which happened to be seen in town by a worker. There are some five or six of these which will be easily recognized.

Membership list is as follows: Louisburg Proper: Workers—Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Jr., Mrs. Wesley Williams, Mrs. W. J. Cooper, Mrs. George Selby, I. D. Moon, Mrs. Alice Uzzell, Mrs. Gladys Bailey, T. M. Harris, and A. Paul Bagby.

J. L. Palmer, G. M. Beam, Cora Beasley, Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, W. V. Avent, B. N. Williamson, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Huggins, J. H. Boone, Malcolm McKinnis, J. E. Fulghum, W. L. Lumpkin, Mrs. W. L. Lumpkin, J. P. Lumpkin, J. F. Matthews, Chas. P. Green, D. T. Smithwick, C. M. Howard, S. R. Wilder, E. H. Davis, W. G. Lancaster, Mrs. W. G. Lancaster, N. C. Phillips, R. W. Smithwick, Ruth Gordon, S. C. Mattox, Mrs. W. E. Collier, Jr., N. C. Mullen, Mrs. N. C. Mullen, T. K. Stockard, Edward S. Ford, J. d. Malone, P. S. Allen, W. J. Shearin, E. W. Furgerson, Chas. E. Wilhaff, R. Lee Johnson, W. D. Egerton, O. J. Hale, C. E. Pace, Pender Store, A. Paul Bagby, Mrs. A. Paul Bagby, T. M. Harris, W. R. Mills, Mrs. W. R. Mills, Mrs. William A. Andrews, P. W. Eham, S. M. Washington, Mrs. S. M. Washington, Osmond Yarboro, A. N. Wilson, F. W. Culpepper, D. B. M. C. Murphy, Mrs. M. C. Murphy, R. W. Winn, H. G. Perry, G. D. Collins, Mrs. J. E. Malone, C. E. Ford, J. O. Newell, W. C. Perry, Hamilton Hobgood, a friend, J. P. Moore, L. M. Word, Mrs. L. M. Word, W. J. Boone, J. W. King, Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. Harry Banks, John Williamson, Mrs. Julia P. Scott, Miss Nena Cyrus, Hill Yarborough, M. S. Davis, Louisburg Theatre, W. F. Shelton, B. M. Lancaster, S. C. Foster, W. B. Tucker and wife, James G. Lane, Mrs. J. C. Nowell, Mrs. W. F. King, E. F. Yarborough, Harry Glickman, A. W. Person, Howard Drewitt, K. S. Parrish, Edwin P. Barnes, C. H. Banks, Jr., T. W. Harris, Christine Collier, Jack Taylor, Avis Shearon, G. W. Murphy & Son, J. S. Dennis, J. W. Crawford, E. G. Joyner, J. L. Perguson, Annie Laurie King, Kinne, Mrs. D. F. McKinnis, Ida Mrs. Frank Egerton, D. F. McMaie Yow, N. F. Freeman, S. M. Baroody, W. N. Fuller, F. B. Leonard, Mrs. Gladys Beasley, I. P. Wheeler, Jr., W. E. Beasley, L. J. Pernel, Mrs. E. F. Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Spencer, Hazel A. Roberson, J. B. Wheelless, F. N. Pleasants, Esther L. Andrews, County Health Office, W. H. White, A. Tonkel, Florence Purnell, W. A. Roynor, Ben Fox, C. Taylor and wife, R. B. Mitchell, C. H. Murphy, T. T. Bartholomew, G. H. Murphy, H. W. Holt, V. E. Owens, Griffin-Tharrington Motor Co., R. A. Bobbitt, Louisburg Supply Co., J. P. Timberlake, Jr., J. M. Allen, W. B. Joyner, P. B. Wilson, W. B. Harris, Carl M. Watkins, W. E. Collier, Jr., S. C. Foster, Jr., Mrs. S. C. Foster, Jr., G. G. Moseley, L. E. Scoggin, Mrs. Geo. A. Cralle, S. P. Burt, W. E. Murphy, Jr., Dick Yarborough, Mrs. J. W. Strange, R. F. Yarborough, Mrs. R. E. C. R. Sykes, Mrs. C. R. Sykes, John Mills, G. B. H. Stallings, E. H. Malone, T. K. Allen, P. R. White, H. E. Strother, H. T. Downey, W. C. Boyce, J. W. Hilbert, Mrs. Carl Watkins, Sterliff Cottrell, Estelle's Beauty Shoppe, K. M. Collier, E. A. Kemp, R. W. Wiggins, W. E. White, H. C. Perguson, E. L. O'Neal, Thomas Wheelless, K. P. White, Forrest D. Hedden, Mrs. Forrest D. Hedden, F. G. Baker, Furney Green Baker, Jr., Aileen Crowder, J. R. White, Mrs. J. P. Timberlake, J. O. Sledge, R. H. Welch, Mrs. R. H. Welch, Mrs. N. M. Perry, Thornton Jeffress and wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith Edwards, Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Mrs. Marion Grainger, S. S. Meadows, L. F. Kent, Mrs. L. F. Kent, W. H. Yarborough, Mrs. W. W. Webb, Mrs. Forrest Joyner, E. C. Timberlake, R. E. Mitchell, V. C. Williams, Mrs. K. S. Parrish, Mrs. R. H. Strickland, Percy Joyner, Bland D. Pruitt, Mrs. J. T. Pruitt, Mrs. T. W. Watson, Mrs. Frank Rose, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. Jim R. Allen, Mrs. F. H. Allen, Mrs. Jimmie Allen, Mrs. F. H. Allen, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Wheelless, Miss Edith Yarborough, Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, Mrs. Floyd Griffin, Mrs. J. P. Timberlake, Jr., Miss Lucy Timberlake, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Jr., Mrs. T. C. Alston, Mrs. B. T. Holden, John Holden, Ben T. Holden, Jr., Mrs. William P. Neal, Mrs. E. S. Ford, Harry H. Johnson, Mrs. McKinnis Pearce, Mrs. W. N. Fuller, Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Mrs. F. W. Wheelless, Mrs. J. S. Howell, Mrs. Florence E. Underhill, Mrs. W. H. Pleasants, Mrs. J. R. Earle, Mrs. H. L. Johnson, L. A. Wheelless, W. J. Cooper, Mrs. W. M.

The markets in Louisburg have put in heavy supplies of the best of meats, with a wide variety. You can select the makings of a most delightful Christmas dinner and other meals during the holidays. Visit these Markets and enjoy extra ordinary meals while you are taking your Christmas holidays.

A careful perusal of the many advertisements in the FRANKLIN TIMES will lead you to the best selections at the most satisfactory prices. Make your money go further by reading the advertisements in this issue and trade with FRANKLIN TIMES advertisers.

SETTLEMENT CLOSES SUIT FOR \$75,000

Creator of 'Lil Abner' Settles Family Suit for Auto Wreck Damages

A \$75,000 suit against Alfred G. Caplin, creator of 'Lil Abner' of the comics, and his brother, Elliott A. Caplin, was settled in Wake Superior Court Monday with the defendants agreeing to pay a "substantial" amount, attorneys said.

The brothers, of New York and New Hampshire, were sued by Mrs. Ruth Newman Caplin, wife of Elliott, for injuries sustained when Alfred's car skidded off the icy highway a few miles south of Raleigh last January. The cartoonist had lent the car to his brother and his bride for a wedding trip to Miami.

The case was settled after R. N. Simms, Sr., and J. M. Broughton, opposing counsel, agreed on a judgment which did not specify the damages to be paid.

Elliott Caplin and his wife were in court for the trial, which never developed. Caplin said he was planning to start a syndicated cartoon of his own and hoped to enjoy some of the success of his 30-year-old brother. Elliott is in his early twenties.

On Monday evening, Dec. 16, Mrs. D. G. Pearce and daughters entertained her daughter, Lucy Dent, a bride-elect of this month, with a miscellaneous shower. The party enjoyed several games of Bingo after which a chicken salad course with coffee was served. The honoree was presented with a good many nice gifts, including top score Bingo prize.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the Sunday before Christmas and the services will be as follows: There will be the early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M. Church School will meet at 9:45 A. M. The service of Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 A. M. There will be no meeting of the Young People's Service League this Sunday.

The Church School Pageant will be presented in St. Paul's Church Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M. The congregation and friends are invited to attend this service.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 24th, there will be the Midnight Christmas Eve Service. Those who have attended former services of this nature will well remember the great beauty and grandeur of this Solemn Service. The service will begin promptly at 12:00 midnight. There will be the celebration of the Holy Communion with Christmas Carols and Special Music. There will be no sermon. As usual every one attending this service will be more than welcome to partake of the Blessed Sacrament. In these dark days there is nothing more worth while than to enter the true and profound Spirit of the Prince of Peace. If it is possible to attend this service please try to do so.

Christmas Closing

The Franklin Times has been requested to state that all food and hardware stores in Louisburg would close on Wednesday and Thursday of next week to observe Christmas, and that the others would close on Wednesday—Christmas Day.

The larger percentage of business in town is expected to be suspended, according to this source, for the usual holiday season.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Athens, Dec. 18.—The honor guard of Italian King Victor Emmanuel, the Fourth Grenadiers, has been defeated in a bitter battle on the Albanian coastal front after temporarily seizing several important Greek positions in a counter-attack, it was reported tonight.

The Italians, led by the Grenadier Guards, were said to have launched two strong attacks from Porto Palermo and to have seized a series of positions before the Greeks, bringing into action mortars captured from the Fascists, drove them back into Porto Palermo.

The King's personal bodyguards were said to have been routed when Greek Evzone troops, aided by mortars, charged them with their long bayonets.

Both British and Greek planes attacked Italian columns moving along icy roads toward Valona, bombing and machine-gunning them in dive-bombing tactics.

The retreating Italians were reported to have set fire to many villages, the flames lighting up mountain valleys on the southern front.

The Italian losses were said in reports from the front to have been "exceedingly heavy."

The first cavalry engagement of the Italo-Greek war north of Porto Palermo and a heavy aerial bombardment of Italian forces along the main coastal road by British planes also were reported.

London, Dec. 18.—Newly warned today against the danger of German invasion, Great Britain has mobilized a million home guardsmen and thousands of coast defense and mobile troops in her constant vigil for the approach of Adolf Hitler's threatened armadas.

At the same time, the government officially admitted that the empire could not win the war until the British army had "struck—and struck deep—into the Axis countries."

A Ministry of Information spokesman said the British blockade would weaken Germany and Italy, and the navy and air force would shake the confidence of Adolf Hitler and his totalitarian partner, Benito Mussolini.

"But the weapon which ultimately will enforce submission of the enemy is the army," the spokesman said, adding that Britain now has about 3,000,000 men under arms.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 18.—An Italian retreat westward along the Libyan coast toward Derna, 150 miles within the colony, was reported today by Royal Air Force observers while the British army closed in on the Mediterranean port of Bardia, Libya, the easternmost base left to the Fascists in their disastrous Egyptian campaign.

Bardia itself appeared surrounded and doomed to imminent fall to the British, whose dusty armored cars were reported to have cut communications to the west. From the east, thousands of fresh imperial troops brought in from Egyptian desert camps, stormed the other end of a closing pincer which imperiled several Fascist divisions.

The British command had but a single sentence in description: "Operations in the Bardia area continue."

The reports of British pilots, however, drew a picture of Fascist flight over a vast area—from Bardia to Tobruk, itself more than 70 miles from the Egyptian frontier and the strongest Italian base in Libya, and on to the west from there toward Derna.

The Italian columns were reported under machine-gun attack by British planes.

Vichy, Dec. 18.—Pierre Laval, ousted French Vice-Premier, was on a "private" mission in Nazi-held Paris tonight after revealing a desire to act as intermediary in an attempted reconciliation between the United States and Adolf Hitler's New Order in Europe.

Laval's hopes—he is convinced that his political career has not been ended by Marshal Philippe Petain—were disclosed when this correspondent visited him at his Chateaudon Chateau shortly after Petain had released him from custody following Hitler's intervention.

Laval remains certain of an eventual Italo-German victory, or at least the certainty that nothing can prevent Hitler and Benito Mussolini from reorganizing the map of Europe to fit their own views.

Thus, he says, there is nothing for Petain and France to do but collaborate with Hitler and Mussolini as he has constantly urged, and this must be brought about in the immediate future for France's own welfare.

OFFICES TO CLOSE

The County Offices in the Court House will observe Christmas Day and the day after by closing on December 25 and 26th.

DON'T LET AN ACCIDENT MAR YOUR CHRISTMAS

SAFETY PRESERVES HAPPINESS

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