

New Boiler Installation Now Complete

Despite long hours of labor, workmen were unable to install the new heating plant at Franklinton High School in time for classes to resume on schedule Wednesday, giving school children an unexpected but not unwanted extension of their Christmas holidays.

Supt. J. L. McDaniel said that it had been hoped that the change could be made without any loss of time, but that they had been lucky that the old boiler had held out until Christmas.

The new boiler which has 10,500 square feet of heating surface as compared with the old ones 8,300, should eliminate the heating problems which has harassed the school during cold spells for many years.

Installed at a cost of about \$6,000, the new plant will replace one installed in 1929, the original heating plant having lasted only four years.

The job is being done by Paschall Bros. Heating Contractors, of Durham.



New Boiler

Workmen are pictured above Wednesday night rushing to complete work on new boiler installation at Franklinton High School in order not to further delay school re-opening. — Times Photo.

Blow Caused Death Of County Man

Wilson — A Tarboro woman, Emily Ann Johnson, 43, has been charged with murder in the death of a Franklin County native, who was fatally injured at a local motel Saturday night, allegedly during a fight with the woman.

W. R. Pridden, chief deputy sheriff of Wilson County, said the woman had admitted knocking Johnnie Hugh Pernel, a native of the Alert community, against the wall of the motel room during a fight. He also quoted the Tarboro woman as saying another woman and a man being held in connection with Pernel's death knew nothing of the fight until she awakened them Sunday morning.

Elizabeth Johnson, 28, and Walter Mullen, 45, both of Nashville, were in another room of the motel unit shared by the four, Pridden quoted Emily Ann Johnson as saying. Pridden said she told him the fight occurred around midnight and Pernel did not move after he struck the wall, but she did not realize he was dead until two or three hours later.

Pernel and Mullen registered Saturday night as occupants of one room of a Haynes Motel double unit and the two women as occupants of the other room. Dr. Robert E. Goudy, coroner, said Monday an autopsy indicated Pernel died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage due to a skull fracture.

Pridden said the other woman and Mullen would be released and a preliminary hearing for Emily Ann Johnson will probably be held Friday in Wilson County Court.

Univac Unit Used In Plant Here

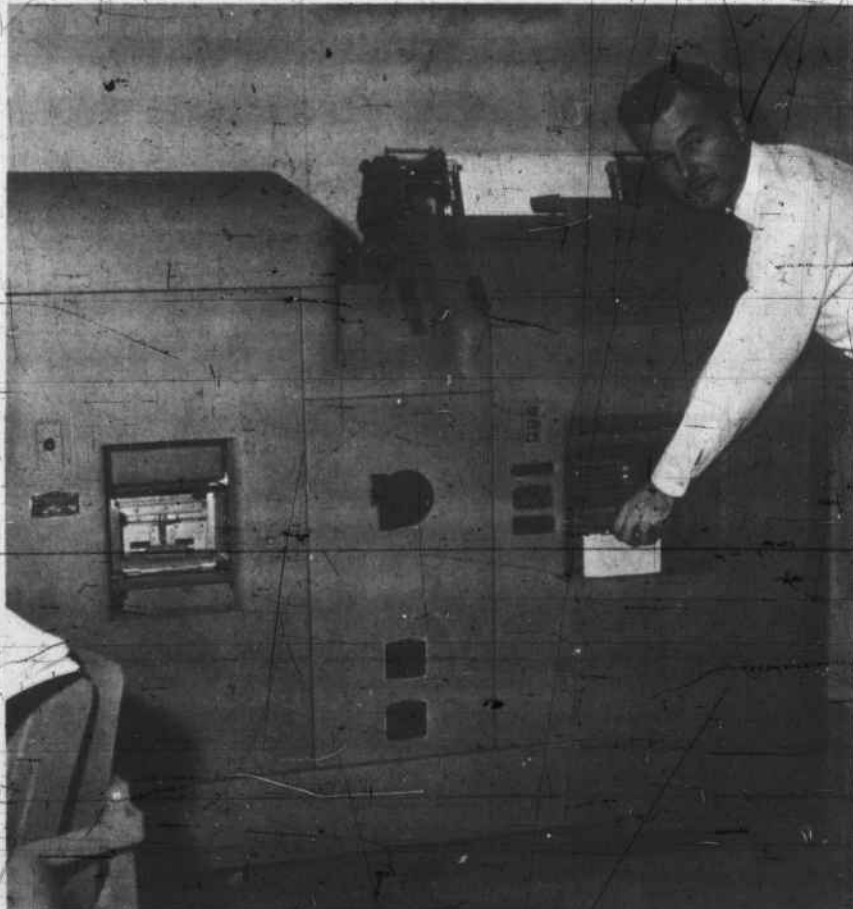
The first Univac equipment, commonly known as an electronic brain, to be installed in this area was recently put into use by Joyner Wholesale Building Supply here.

M. E. Joyner, of the local firm, said that the machine will be used for keeping a running inventory of the firm's stock contained at three locations, Louisburg, Roanoke Rapids, and Washington. It will also be used to figure costs.

A product of Remington Rand, the operation contains three separate units. In addition to the computer there is a card punch machine and a sorter. Joyner said that the two main values of the computer to the firm lie in time saved and accuracy of its work, for example an inventory could be run in 40 minutes which had formerly taken 3 girls, two days to complete.

The new equipment will enable the firm's officials to know almost instantly the exact quantity of materials on hand in any of the concerns warehouses.

Business and administration allied on tax cut.



Electronic Brain

M. E. Joyner, of Joyner Wholesale here, is pictured above at the Remington-Rand Univac electronic brain recently in-

stalled at their offices here. The new electronic marvel performs three major functions at the Joyner's installation here. —

Mass Jail Break Narrowly Averted By Officers Here

A mass jail break attempt by possibly as many as 10 prisoners in the County jail was thwarted by officers here New Year's Day when a surprise shake-down of the cell block uncovered a hack saw blade, several partially sawed bars and other contraband equipment.

Jailer Halbert Spencer said he suspected something was amiss when he returned to the jail from lunch and called the various local law enforcement agencies in. A subsequent search by Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement, Police Patrolman Craven Mullen, State Troopers D. C. Day and D. M. Hinton, Deputy Sheriff Walter Faulkner and Spencer uncovered a hack saw blade they had used to partially saw through several of the steel bars, and a steel window bar that had been fashioned into a crude, but deadly weapon.

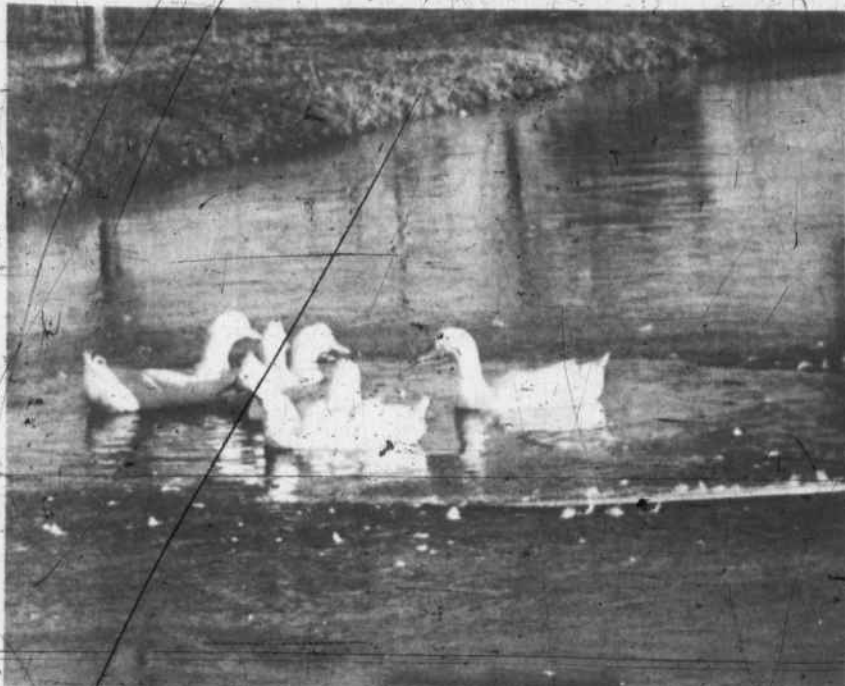
The officers transferred the prisoners one-by-one to other cells while the bars were repaired and a thorough search made. Spencer said the would-be jail breakers had carefully filled the sawed portions of the bars with soap in hopes their attempts at freedom would go unnoticed.

Spencer said that several of the prisoners, all awaiting trial on felony counts, were considered quite dangerous. The list and the crime they are charged with is as follows: All of the group are negroes. James Young, arson; Alfred Crudup, rape; (Crudup has been in jail awaiting trial since June 1962) Melvin Green, arson; Shirley Green, breaking & entering; Eddie Lee Walker, larceny; James Thomas Alston, breaking and entering; Needham Winston, breaking and entering; Leonard Winston, breaking and entering; Thomas Robbins, assault; Brodie Wilkins, murder; and James Dunn, assault.

Bloodshed Box Score

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, December 31, 1962:

KILLED TO DATE 1307
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 1295



Ice Narrows Swim Area

Sub-freezing temperatures here have narrowed the area the ducks have for swimming considerably at W. B. Harris

pond here and only constant churning by the ducks have kept small area above from freezing over solid. — Times Photo.

Judge Hobgood Begins New Term On Bench

Henderson—With members of his family and of the Vance County Bar Association, along with other friends, looking on Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg, Wednesday morning in brief ceremonies here assumed duties for a new term as resident Superior Court judge of the Ninth Judicial District.

The oath of office was administered at ten o'clock by Henry W. Hight, Vance Clerk of Superior Court, in the law library at the Vance County Court House.

Speaking briefly, Judge Hobgood cited the high esteem which he holds for members of the Vance bar, the clerk of court and other friends here. Brief remarks also were offered by James C. Cooper, Jr., president of the Vance Bar Association, and by members B. H. Perry and A. A. Bunn.

The judge was accompanied to Henderson by Mrs. Hobgood and their three children, Betty, a freshman at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina; Bob, a Louisburg High School junior; and Charlie, who

also attends school at Louisburg.

A brief special meeting of the local bar was held for the occasion.

Judge Hobgood was initially appointed as resident judge of the Ninth Judicial District by Gov. Luther H. Hodges some eight years ago when North Carolina judicial districts were realigned. He was re-elected to complete the full term of office at the subsequent general election. Last November he was again elected to the full eight-year term in the general election and the oath was administered here today for the new term.

The Ninth Judicial District encompasses Vance, Franklin, Granville, Warren and Person counties.

Veteran Lumber Firm Operator Closing Down

Spring Hope—R. L. Mitchell of Bunn is selling out his lumber business here, which he established in 1931.

An auction at Mitchell's Mill, (more properly known as R. L. Mitchell & Sons Lumber Company) recently brought buyers from North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. It failed to close out the local business. No date has been set for the firm to cease doing business, but it will be when all sales have been concluded, the veteran lumberman said.

Mitchell said the decision to terminate business was prompted by a lack of the "cold hard facts." The price of manufactured lumber is not in line with the cost of standing timber and labor, he stated.

The son of the late Calvin Mitchell, who operated a general store, cotton gin and grist mill, as well as a sawmill, in the Mitchell's Mill section of lower Wake County, the veteran local lumberman was cutting timber around Bunn as early as 1916. M. H. Privette, who operated a sawmill at Spring Hope, dressed lumber for Mitchell in the late '20s. Mitchell bought out Privette and established his own firm on Privette's site in 1931.

Work To Begin On Bunn PO

Mrs. Evelyn Gay, Bunn Postmistress, announced today that Billy Hinton, Zebulon builder, had notified her that he expected to begin work on the new Bunn Post Office in the immediate future.



Founders Day Speaker

Dr. Ralph W. Decker, above, director of educational institutions of The Methodist Church, will be the speaker at Founders Day at Louisburg College Saturday, January 5, in the college auditorium. Dr. Decker's theme will be "The Role of the Private Two-Year College." The program, which begins at eleven A.M., also includes the dedication of the college walls and groundbreaking rites for the women's dormitory now under construction. The public is invited.

Woman Also Charged In Death Here

Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement announced today that Mary Mitchell, 52 year-old local negro woman, had been jailed on charges in connection with the December 23 death of Dave Perry here.

Perry, also colored, died of a shotgun blast at the Mitchell woman's home. Brodie Wilkins, a negro, was charged with the fatal shooting.

Dement said that the Mitchell woman had been charged with accessory after the fact of murder and with larceny from the person. Dement said she admitted taking Perry's watch and wallet from him after he was killed.

Masons To Install New Lodge Officers

A stated communication of Louisburg Lodge No. 413, AF & AM, will be held on Tuesday night January 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street.

Following at 8 p.m. the elected and appointed officers for the coming year will be installed in an open installation ceremony, to which all Masons, their wives, families and friends are cordially invited. Past Master W. F. Shelton will be installing officer. At the close of the ceremony, members of Wm. B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, OES, will honor the Masons and their guests at a reception.

Youth Hurt In Fall

The 3 year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. George C. Smith was severely injured in a fall at his home early Wednesday night.

The youngster, Adolph, was given emergency treatment at Franklin Memorial Hospital and transferred by ambulance to Duke Hospital in Durham for treatment of fractures of the skull and neck. He was accompanied on the trip by members of the Louisburg Rescue Service.

Rev. Smith, pastor of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, said the youth tumbled from a porch onto a cement walkway.

Game Laws

Philadelphia—Opponents of the game laws of Pennsylvania are not only heavily fined, but stand to lose their guns as well.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's division of law enforcement has received a total of 4,546 bids for 72 firearms confiscated from hunters who broke the game laws during the last two years.

Misses Lover

Trani, Italy—Hoping to pull off a successful elopement, the prospective groom missed catching 18-year-old Angelina Pastore when she attempted to jump into his arms from the balcony.

Tommaso Pappalardo, 25, had to take his sweetheart to a hospital to be treated for a broken arm and bruises.

Crosses U. S.

San Francisco—It was a long ride, but 31-year-old Miss Rowena Gurner has ridden a bicycle from New York City to San Francisco. Her bicycle clocked 3,642 miles.

Miss Gurner said she's rather see the country from the seat of a bicycle than read about it in books. She plans to get a job and remain in California.

Alter Jitters

Stamford, England—A bridegroom became so frightened before his wedding that he dashed to the post office to try to stop the wedding invitations, canceled the reception and offered to sell the wedding cake.

The 36-year-old flight lieutenant in the royal air force, Harold Bromley, was calmed by his prospective mother-in-law and the wedding took place as planned. He told her that the thought of getting married frightened him after 36 years as a bachelor.