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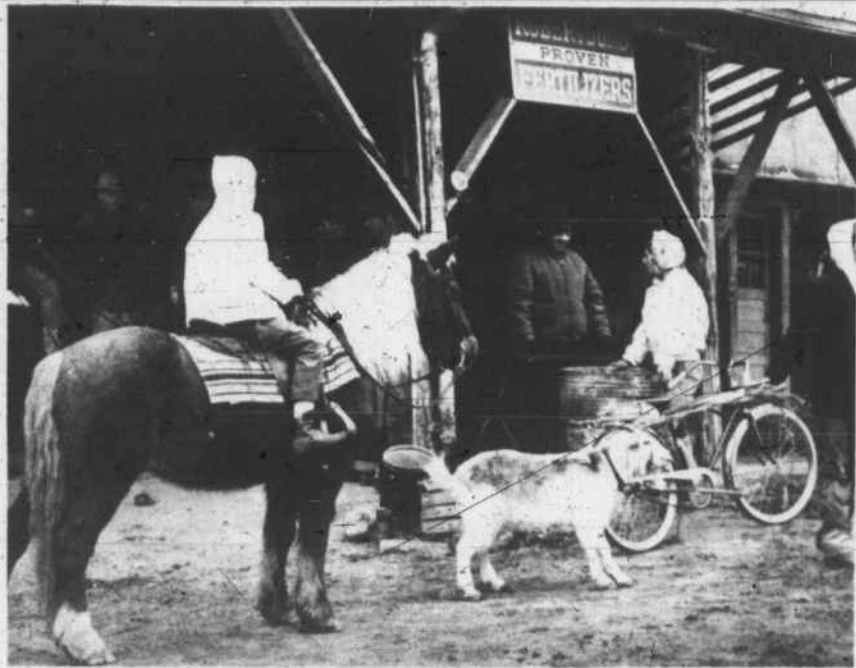
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### Franklinton Auction

Bikes, goats and horses are just a few of the things auctioned off at the old style farm auction above at Bragg's Gin at Franklinton every 2nd and 4th Saturdays. - Times Photo.

### In County

## Vets Get \$29,700 Cash Windfall

NEW YORK, Jan. 26--Former service men and women in Franklin County are reaping a \$29,700 financial harvest at this time, thanks to an out-of-the-ordinary payment of dividends on their GI insurance.

The windfall represents their share of a \$327,000,000 dividend declared by the Government for holders of such insurance. Part of it they would have received anyway, in the normal course of events, upon the anniversary dates of their policies.

This year, however, in line with plans announced at the White House, the entire regular dividend of \$327,000,000, together with an extra dividend of \$90,000,000, is being turned over to the veterans now. The majority of the checks are going out this month. The rest will be sent in February.

Approximately 455 of the 1,979 veterans who live in Franklin County will share in the current payment.

They are among some 5,250,000 veterans in the United States, out of a total of nearly 22,500,000, who are eligible because they hold Federally-sponsored life insurance policies.

Most of the money will go to those who were in World War 2 and have National Service Life Insurance coverage.

The remainder is for veterans of World War 1 who have U. S. Government Life Insurance.

The amount going to the 455 policy-holding veterans in Franklin County is estimated at \$29,700.

The volume of business that will generate in local retail stores will be several times that much, it is expected. This is what generally happens when the amount of money in circulation is increased.

The Government's expressed purpose in releasing the cash at this time is to "provide a needed boost to the national economy," in the words of President Kennedy.

### Delayed

Atlanta -- An emergency trip to the hospital delayed the wedding of Matilda Powell and Charles Miles for only an hour. Miss Powell became ill and was taken to the hospital to be treated for a perforated ulcer. The ceremony was held in the hospital chapel and the bride was taken back to her hospital bed.

### Returned

Valdosta Ga. - Mrs. Anah A. Peterson answered a knock at her door and was handed a package by a small boy who ran to a car, which drove hurriedly away. The package contained jewelry valued at more than \$600 that had been stolen from the Peterson home.

The Veterans Administration, is making public the prepayment plan, explained that it consists, for the most part, of a return to the policyholders of a portion of their premium payments.

The money has become available because the death rate among veterans is lower than had been expected.

The extra of \$90,000,000 was declared because it was felt that the insurance reserve funds had grown to a size greater than necessary.

### W. G. Alford, Jr. Is Serviceman Of Month

CTSN William G. Alford, Jr., USN 5482020 was selected as Serviceman of the month for the month of December 1962 in Company A, United States Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

In a letter to Alford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Garland Alford of Route 1, Youngsville, the commanding officer, Capt. Richard M. Leaken, said in part:

"This is a highly commendable and much sought after award. Competition is keen because the 500 men in Company A all have above average intelligence and intellectual background.

During December, your son displayed the desirable traits we consider necessary to make a truly outstanding Serviceman. His neat appearance, his immaculate room, his irreproachable conduct and his superior military bearing were deciding factors in William's selection.

Town Officials gave Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement, and other members of the police department a vote of confidence this week in the wake of last week's scandal involving one member of the force.

Town Administrator E.S. Ford quoted members of the Council as saying they had the highest confidence in and regard for Chief Dement and commended him specifically for the manner in which he conducted the investigation which led to the arrest and dismissal of a member of the force on larceny charges.

Ford, who said he concurred in the Council's sentiments, said that Dement had informed him and members of the Council of his suspicions and that they had left the investigation and subsequent action entirely up to the Chief.

The officer in question, Police Patrolman J. C. Mullen, 32, an 8-year veteran of the department, was arrested here late Wednesday and charged with larceny of \$100 from Fuller and Hayes Grocery and was immediately discharged from the department.

Mullen was freed under \$500 bond pending a hearing before Recorder's Court Judge W. F. Shelton Tuesday.

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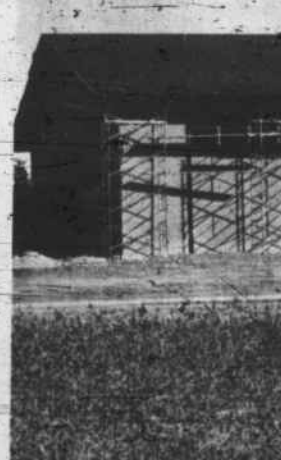
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### Gets Suspended Sentence

# Former Cop Pleads Guilty

A former local policeman received a 90 day suspended sentence in Recorder's Court here this morning after pleading guilty to charges of larceny of \$100.

Judge W. F. Shelton gave former police officer James Craven Mullen the suspended sentence after Mullen agreed to pay the costs of court in the action and remain of good behavior for a period of 2 years.

Mullen, 32, an 8 year veteran of the local police department, was arrested last Wednesday on charges of taking \$100 from a local grocery store which he found open while on routine patrol and was immediately fired.

At the trial this morning, Solicitor W. H. Taylor, with permission of the Court, amended the warrant from larceny of \$100 (a misdemeanor) to larceny of a sum exceeding \$200 (a felony) to coincide with the amount (\$260.) claimed missing by store operators John Hayes and W. O. Fuller, Sr.

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The officers also testified that Mullen readily admitted taking the money and cooperated with them in their investigation. They also quoted the former officer as saying he was sorry for what he had done.

As to the difference between the amount of money reported missing and amount Mullen admitting taking, it was brought out during the trial that the store was closed about 9:30 that night and that it was approximately 1:30 a.m. the next morning when Mullen found the door open and went in and took the money.

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A Pennsylvania couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kratzer of Lewistown, paid an unexpected three-day visit to Franklin County as the result of a forced landing near Mitchner's Cross roads when his airplane gave out of gas Friday afternoon. Kratzer, an old-time pilot of

nearly forty years experience, said that he and his wife were on their way to Florida and had planned to make a stop in Raleigh for fuel. Unexpected headwinds, however slowed his expected air speed causing him to search for a field to land his Tri-Pacer some 25 miles short of Raleigh, when his gas ran low.

Catching a ride into Louisburg, enough gas was carried to the plane to enable him to fly it to the local airport. Darkness not being far off they got a room at a local motel for the night, Saturday morning their stay was extended due to bad weather, but they resumed their journey about noon on Monday.

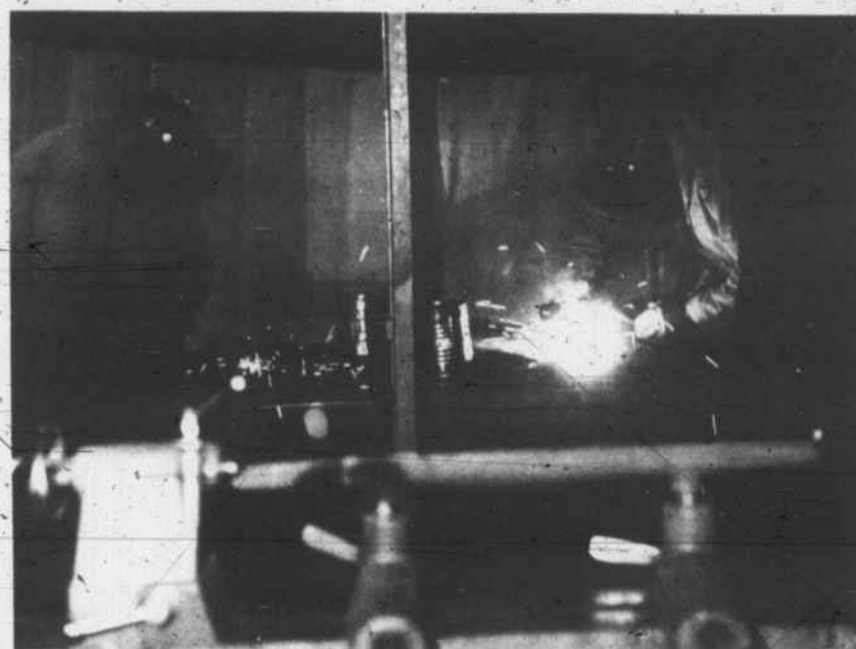
Kratzer said that he was highly appreciative of the hospitality shown them by local folks and the assistance rendered by local flyers. He added that he planned to pay a return visit on his northward trip, but this time of his own free will and not, he hopes, because of a forced landing.

For many years operator of an airport in Pennsylvania, he recalled that this was the second time he had made a forced landing in this same general area as the result of a fuel shortage. The first time he said he landed an old OX-5 powered plane down in a field near South Hill. That was in 1929.

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Some of a group of about 30 vocational agricultural program at Franklinton High School. - Times Photo.

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### Farmers Learn ArcWelding

For the past three weeks a group of thirty adult farmers has been meeting at the Franklinton Vocational Agriculture Shop Building, where they are taking an intensive 20 hour course in arc-welding.

The course was made possible through the extension program of the Industrial Education Center at Wilson in co-operating with Franklinton's Vocational Agriculture teacher T. N. Stephens and his Adult Training Program.

Stephens said that the Industrial Education Center had provided a teacher for the course, Wm. Avery Wilder of Franklinton, Rt. 2, while the Marquette Manufacturing Company, through W. C. Lyons Hardware in Durham, furnished the arc-welding machines used in the course. Each student pays a nominal two dollar fee for the expendable supplies, welding rods, etc., used in the training.

A portion of each Monday and Tuesday evening class period is used by Wilder in teaching the theory of the subject after which the class adjourns to the shop for actual experience in the various methods, types of weld, etc.

The class is concerned primarily with teaching the type of welding procedure which could be used on the average farm of equipment repair, simple construction, etc.

Stephens said that he is well pleased with the reception the course has received and the enthusiasm shown by those enrolled and that there is a definite possibility of classes in other fields being made available through the Wilson Center in the future.

### Dog Warden In Life, Death Drama

Franklin County Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster was the hero in a real life drama last Saturday night.

The curtain raised on a scene in the White Level section of the County just after dark. Mrs. Aussie Wood was mourning the death of her pet dog following a sudden but short illness when she remembered, much to her horror, that the dog had playfully bitten her on the arm several days before.

Mrs. Wood called Dr. O. J. Gupton, a veterinarian, who advised that the dog's head should be taken to Raleigh for a rabies test at once. There was a catch though - it was Saturday night and the lab was closed.

This was when Lancaster entered the scene. He picked the dead dog up and set out for the State Health Diagnostic Lab in Raleigh over steel slickened roads. Arriving in Raleigh, Lancaster got the night watchman to assist in locating a technician, who returned to the lab to make the tests.

An hour and a half later, Lancaster was able to call Mrs. Wood and tell her that her fears were unfounded and that he would begin his icy return trip home.

### GOP Elects New District Chairman

Wilson, N.C., Jan. 26 - GOP county chairmen and others from the Second Congressional District met here today and elected a new chairman to succeed Dr. Dan M. McFarland, who resigned the post for personal reasons. Dr. McFarland, on the faculty of Atlantic Christian College, has been district chairman since last February.

Unanimously elected to Dr. McFarland's unfinished term, which would have expired in February 1964, was John Adcox of Henderson, currently Vance County's GOP chairman. Mr. Adcox, a retired Army officer and advertising agency executive, said that he thinks the second district is a logical extension of the GOP trend that's moving east in what is now a two-party state.

The second congressional district consists of Vance, Franklin, Halifax, Northampton, Wilson, Edgecomb, Greene, and Lenoir counties. The group discussed other party matters but declined to disclose "at this time" just what these were.

### Notes From Your Navy Recruiter

Recently, we of the Navy Recruiting Station in Raleigh, have become quite concerned over the number of young men visiting our office, with the intention of dropping out of school and enlisting in the Navy.

While no specific amount of education is required for enlistment, it is obvious that a good educational background will contribute greatly to the effectiveness of those who must work in a vast technical organization such as the Navy. Because of this, the Navy encourages young people to stay in school, graduate, and go on to college if they possibly can. The Navy follows this policy because it is convinced that young people will serve themselves and their country better by obtaining the maximum of educational background before launching upon their lifework. So young people, "Stay in School" and graduate. Remember, a high school diploma puts everybody ahead.