



Where 3 Died Smoking ruins is all that remains of house near Epsom where three Negro children died Wednesday afternoon.

Three Die In Blaze At Epsom

Three small Negro children were burned to death Wednesday afternoon when flames destroyed their home near Epsom.

Ronald and Donald Williams, 8 month-old twin boys, and their 2 year-old sister, Barbara Jean, children of Lloyd and Dorothy Williams, died in the flames while a fourth child, 3 year-old Lloyd, Jr., was pulled to safety by his mother.

The mother said she was gathering wood 100 feet behind the house when she heard the older boy screaming. She turned to the home and saw smoke and the boy trying to get out the back door.

She said she ran to the house and pulled the youngster to safety but when she tried to enter the house she found it filled with flames and smoke. Her husband said that he was working in a corn crib a quarter mile away and rushed to the house but was unable to rescue the children inside.

The Epsom Rural Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene immediately, but the fire was too far under way. The house was owned by C. E. Finch of Rt. 3, Louisburg. Franklin Corner James H. Edwards said all three bodies were burned beyond recognition. Epsom firemen assisted in the body removal some two hours following the fire.

The house was located about 3 miles southwest of Epsom. All of the family's clothing and household furnishings were destroyed also.



Bridge In Poor Repair

All that stands between motorists and pedestrians and sudden death on the Main Street

Tar River Bridge here is the crumbling railing pictured above. - Times Photo.

Group To Attend Meeting

A delegation from Franklin County is planning to attend a meeting sponsored by the Conservation and Development Department of the State on Wednesday, February 20, at Buck Overton's Restaurant. This meeting, starting at 9:30 A.M., is one of a series of four throughout the state to bring to people at a local level activities, needs, and interests of industry locating in North Carolina. An interesting program of outstanding speakers has been arranged. Following each of the principal addresses, a panel discussion headed by local Development representatives will answer questions from the audience.

G. D. Zealand, director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, is one of the panelists.

A dutch treat luncheon is arranged, as well as coffee breaks in the morning and in the afternoon. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn promptly at 4:10 and will be followed by an interesting discussion on the GO EAST mission, which is achieving a great deal of interest in Eastern North Carolina.

A number of prominent individuals in Franklin County are scheduled to go on this trip including County Commissioner W. P. Childers; Town Administrator E. S. Ford; City Councilman W. J. Benton; Bland B. Pruitt, President of Development Corporation; Farris Kannon and Fied Ramey, prominent businessmen in Franklin; Ben Fox, owner of two businesses in Louisburg; and Gordon D. Zealand. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is also considering sending one of their members on this industrial trip. Space is still available for others interested in going to New York on March 18.

Negro Draws 10-15 Years For Rape

A 25 year-old negro, charged with rape, drew a 10 to 15 year prison sentence in Superior Court here last week.

Judge William Y. Bickett continued prayer for judgement for 3 years on an additional charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill against Alfred Crudup, Jr.

Crudup was charged with raping Mrs. Lois Bishop, a white Wake County woman after chasing her husband off with a pistol last June 3. Evidence given at the trial indicated the Bishops were riding with Crudup when he pulled off the road in a secluded section of the county and raped Mrs. Bishop after chasing her husband off with the gun.

In 1962

Gross Farm Income Tops 18 Million Here

Franklin County's gross farm income for 1962 was \$18,910,414, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Agricultural Agent. Dean said the income for 1962 was an all-time high. The 1961 farm income was \$16,452,014. Dean said that a very favorable growing season was one of the prime factors in the record breaking income.

Crop income for 1962 totaled \$15,535,449. As to be expected tobacco was the big income producer, accounting for \$13,923,300 of the crop income. Livestock income amounted to \$2,255,750 in 1962. Beef cattle, hogs, and eggs made up the bulk of the livestock income.

Other big income items last year included forestry products \$635,000 and Government payments \$464,215.

Dean said that county agricultural workers and leaders set a goal in 1961 to try and increase the county's income a million dollars a year for five years. This is part of North Carolina's 1.1 billion dollars in '66 program.

Guard Unit Opens Drive

Captain William A. Bass, Jr., commander of Youngsville's Honest John Missile Battery, 113th Artillery, announces the opening of the National Guard's "Operation Muster" recruiting drive in this area. The entire month of February, Capt. Bass said, has been designated as the period for "Operation Muster 1963" and the local unit will point to the observance of National Guard Muster Day on February 22, the birthday of George Washington.

"This is a very old tradition," says Capt. Bass, "and one which has a very special meaning this year. Muster Day dates back to an early colonial practice when it was the custom to hold an annual muster of the Militia, usually on the village green, to see how many able-bodied men were available to bear arms in an emergency."

George Washington's birthday is of special significance to Guardsmen because he was one of the most outstanding citizen-soldiers of all time. He commanded a regiment in the Virginia Militia as a young man. Young men who have passed their 17th birthday and who can meet the physical and mental standards can join the local Guard unit at the Youngsville Army in Youngsville. "High school students," says Capt. Bass "do not leave for six-months active duty training until after graduation."

Cancer Clinic

The monthly cancer detection clinic will be held at the Franklin County Health Dept. on Wednesday afternoon Feb. 20, starting at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend should call Miss Esther Andrews at Gy 6-3553 for an appointment.



1916 Vintage Even the corner stone of the 1916 vintage Main Street Tar River Bridge here gives mute testimony as to the present state repairs the bridge is currently in. - Times Photo.

Hospital Here Gets Duke Fund Grant

CHARLOTTE, N. C. -- Appropriations of \$1,374,165.33 to assist North Carolina and South Carolina hospitals, \$573,297; 27 North Carolina child care institutions, \$308,329.75; 42 South Carolina hospitals, \$346,548; 16 South Carolina child care institutions, \$146,990.58; North Carolina total, \$881,628.

Much poor conversation results from the conviction of some people that they have to say something.

Name List Worth Money

The names of Franklin County residents are worth money.

Business firms are willing and anxious to pay from one cent to as much as one dollar a piece for them on mailing lists.

The price depends on the selectivity of the particular list and on the comparative value of those on it as prospective purchasers of goods and services. Easy-to-get listings, such as doctors, lawyers and dentists, can be had for less than two cents a name.

On the other hand, if what is wanted is the names of persons in a community who have traveled to Europe within the last five years, that would cost much more.

Most residents of Franklin County appear on one or more lists that are available for a price from companies that are in the business of compiling them.

The unsolicited mail these people receive from insurance companies, from charitable organizations, from magazine publishers and from others indicates the number of lists that carry their names.

This is the way they are used. Suppose an investment company wants to pinpoint its approach to Franklin County families, with incomes over \$10,000.

If it were to go to a listing concern that has all the local families in this income bracket, it would be getting 189 names.

Or, it may be a fund-raising organization that is aiming particularly at college graduates. It would find that a full list of such people, locally, would provide 598 names.

Others might be interested in new families in town, in families with more than one car or in parents of new babies.

OES To Meet

Wm. B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 19th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street.

Jolly And Speed Get Committee Assignments

Committee assignment handed Franklin County's two representatives in the State General Assembly this week are expected to give Franklin County a strong voice on at least two important issues—money and court reforms.

State Senator W. M. Jolly got the ultra important chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts—ultra important this time because of the pending courts and judicial reforms coming up. Other committee assignments included Judiciary I; Insurance; and Appropriations.

Representative James D. Speed was assigned the chairmanship of the House Journal Committee and vice-chairmanship of the Agriculture Committee. Other committee assignments included Appropriations; Health and Counties, Cities and Towns.

While their assignments won't give either of the two a committee voice in how much or where the money is coming from, it will give them an important committee vote on money appropriations—that is who and for what the money will be spent.

Husband Gets Term For Aiding

Epsom Community man accused of aiding and abetting his wife on charges of embezzlement of funds from a bank was sentenced Tuesday to 10 years in prison.

Fletcher Fuller pleaded guilty Monday to four counts of aiding and abetting.

Federal Judge Algernon Butler deferred the sentencing of Mrs. Fuller, 34, until after her baby is born in April.

She pleaded guilty Monday to embezzlement and making false entries in transactions totaling more than \$134,000 from the First National Bank of Henderson where she had worked as a teller.

Two other of Speed's assignments are considered of vital interest to Franklin County. They are Agriculture and Health both of which need no further explanation to this principally agricultural area.

Still other committee assignments are expected to be released at a later date, but the plumbs have been picked and Franklin County's representatives were in on the harvest.



Sen. W. M. Jolly



Rep. James Speed

E. F. Yarborough, Guest Phi Beta Lambda Panelist

Mr. Edward Yarborough, local lawyer, was one of several guest participants in a panel discussion held on Monday evening, in the auditorium of Main Building at Louisburg College.

Other participants in the discussion, which was part of the program of the regular February meeting of Phi Beta Lambda (College Future Business Leaders of America), were: Sue Edge, Vice President of the Women's Student Government; Sandra Hardison, Parliamentarian of Phi Beta Lambda; Billy Joe Frazier, member of the Men's Student Government;

Fire Alarms

The Louisburg Fire Department answered two out-of-town fire alarms this week.

A call about 11:15 Wednesday morning sent the firemen to Pruitt Lumber Co., just west of Louisburg, where a tractor had caught on fire. The fire had been extinguished by the time firemen arrived.

The second call, about 6:15 Thursday morning, sent the firemen to Ingleside to a car fire.

Walt Pugham, President of the Men's Student Government; and John Herring, President of the Glee Club. Moderator for the panel was Mr. L. D. Moon, teacher of economics at the College.

The subject under discussion was "A Comparison of Certain Aspects of the American and Communist Economies." These aspects were: (1) Distribution of wealth (wages, taxes, etc.) (2) Government control of the freedom of the individual (3) Use made of human and natural resources.

This program was in keeping with the national and state FBLA themes for the year, both aimed at "economic literacy."

Nancy Marshburn of Durham had charge of the program, to which all interested persons were invited.

During the business session plans for attending state and national FBLA Conventions were discussed.

Selfishness never built a town into a city. Let all the people in Louisburg pull together unselfishly and we will be on the road to progress.