

Weather

Chance of scattered showers today. Scattered showers Wednesday, turning cooler by night.

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Franklin Man Is N. C.'s Outstanding Young Farmer

A 35-year-old Franklin County man who produces both crops and cattle was named North Carolina's "Outstanding Young Farmer" at a banquet in Rocky Mount Saturday night.

The honor went to James T. Moss of Youngsville, who won out over 310 young farmers entered by Junior Chamber of Commerce clubs throughout the State.

Moss, winner of the Franklin County "Outstanding Young Farmer" contest, was sponsored by the Louisburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He received \$200 in cash plus a trophy and plaque, and will be awarded an expense-paid trip to represent North Carolina in the national finals at Tulsa, Okla., early in April.

State Jaycee President John Kennedy of Fayetteville presented the State awards at the banquet held at Benvenue Country Club, Tom Farmer of Rocky Mount, State agriculture chairman for the Jaycees, was master of ceremonies.

George V. Allen of Washington, president of the Tobacco Institute, Inc., was the principal speaker.

Moss attended N. C. State College, where he received a B. S. degree in animal industry and a M. S. in agronomy. Returning to the home farm in 1949, he farmed as a 50-50 partner with his father, W. T. Moss, through 1961. Beginning last year, he leased the 1150-acre home farm and has been the operator of this land plus 50 acres of his own.

Louisburg Jaycee President Ralph Knott said that he felt the honor bestowed upon Moss was well deserved and that he was sure that the outstanding Youngsville farmer would bring much credit to Franklin County and the state in the National Contest.



James T. Moss... "Outstanding Farmer"

By Whse. Fire Here

Tank Car With Nitro Threatened

Fire which destroyed most of the roof section of a potato storage warehouse here this morning severely damaged some several thousand bushels of stored sweet potatoes and threatened a railroad tank car nearby containing an estimated 4,000 gallons of highly explosive liquid nitrogen.

The fire in the warehouse at the F. H. Allen Gin was believed to have started from a hot tar kettle left on the roof overnight by a roofing concern which was repairing the roof. Altogether there were some 15 to 16 thousand bushels of sweet potatoes stored in the warehouse.

Local volunteer firemen, hampered by heavy smoke, fought the blaze for some two hours in a steady downpour of rain before bringing the blaze under control. Most of the damaged potatoes belonged to a Windsor concern and were being stored here.

Spurring the efforts of firemen was the presence of a railroad tank car on a rail siding within some 10 to 12 feet of the burning building that contained an estimated 4,000 gallons of highly explosive liquid nitrogen. Had the flames gotten to the car an explosion possibly could have been set off that would have caused widespread damage in the area. Allen was unable to give an estimate of the loss either to the building or stored contents at press time. The roof covering one entire section of the warehouse, however, was virtually destroyed and hundreds of bushels of potatoes were baked well done.

Both of the town's fire engines were pressed into service to combat the blaze. Firemen first on the scene reported that they discovered a tar pot on the roof that had burned through and fallen partially through the roof.



Potato Warehouse Fire

Smoke pores from beneath the eaves of the roof at huge sweet-potato storage warehouse here this morning as firemen battle flames from within and through the roof.—Times Photo.



Thad Eure Sec'y of State

To Keynote Demo Dinner Here Saturday

North Carolina's popular veteran Secretary of State Thad Eure will keynote the annual Franklin County Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner at Louisburg School here Saturday night.

Eure will head the list of a large group of local and State Democratic Party officials at the annual \$5 a plate party fund raising affair.

Franklin Representative James D. Speed, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the event, which gets underway with a banquet supper at the school cafeteria at 6:30 p. m.

Speed announced that the popular and famous "Sons of Fun" quartet of Raleigh had agreed to furnish entertainment for the program that will also feature the annual drawing for seats at the \$50 a plate Statewide dinner in Raleigh on March 30.

Speed urged Democratic Party faithful in Franklin County to make arrangements for their tickets without delay as the event has always been a sell-out since its beginning. Only approximately 250 persons can be accommodated in the school cafeteria.

Youngsville Voters Split Bond Issue

Youngsville voters Saturday voted two-thirds of a three part \$42,000 municipal improvement bond election, but turned thumbs down on a proposal to issue \$25,000,000 in bonds that would have been used to extend and enlarge the town's sanitary sewer system.

Voting was described as light as compared to other elections there. The parts approved by the voters included \$7,000.00 for building and equipping a new fire station and \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck.

Voting Results

\$25,000 Sewer Bonds:

For 42
Against 88

\$10,000 Fire Truck:

For 89
Against 48

\$7,000 Fire Station:

For 76
Against 56

Delegates Invited

The GO EAST Industrial Mission headquarters announced today that the Governor is hosting the delegates of the New York trip at a coffee hour at the Executive Mansion at 4:30 next Monday prior to the group's departure on Eastern Airlines.

The Governor is expected to discuss with members from Eastern Carolina his last trip to the metropolitan area and to give his encouragement to this group of business men who are going to seek industry.

A large number of calls are expected to be made on executives in New York who have indicated an interest in North Carolina regarding expansion of their plant facilities. The purpose of this mission is to encourage them to locate in Eastern North Carolina.

Ice Company Safe Nets Yeggs \$500

One or more groups of robbers paid a visit to Louisburg last night and peeled open a safe at Little River Ice Company.

The spare tire was taken from a car parked in front of Vaughan's Body Shop, but the thieves entered the Phillips 66 service and removed tools from the garage.

SBI Agents were called in this morning to assist with the investigation. Officials could not say this morning whether the team of safe crackers that visited the ice plant were the same ones that ransacked Joyner's Wholesale and the other two establishments or not.

It was reported that some several drawers were pried open at Joyner's and that the place was thoroughly ransacked, but nothing was reported missing following a hurried check.

There are few unaffected by flattery and we are not among them, thankfully.

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