

Weather

Mostly cloudy and mild with scattered showers today and Wednesday.

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U.S. No. 1 Highway

Aerial Photo by T. H. Pearce

Dotted Line Indicates Where Blaze Was Stopped

Rain Ends Fire Threat

Saturday's rainfall brought relief from the explosive fire threat in Franklin County, and relief also to the weary firefighters after two days and nights on the fire lines.

The welcome rainfall measured .68 inches in Louisburg and was general throughout all the county.

County Forest Ranger J. A. Pearce, after an aerial survey of the county's two biggest fire scenes Monday, reported that an estimated 2 to 3 thousand acres were involved in the Franklinton fire and another 500 acres in the Alert fire, which broke out while the Franklinton fire was in progress.

Pearce termed the Franklinton fire the worst in his 16 years with the Forestry Service.

The veteran Forest Ranger voiced thanks and appreciation to all the fire units and departments for coming to his aid and also the National Guard, Granville and Vance County Forest Service, the State Highway Department, Highway Patrol and Prison Department and all the volunteers from Louisburg College and other places.

Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce also issued his thanks and appreciation to all who helped in combating the fire. The Mayor said that he could not even begin to thank all those who aided in so many ways individually, but that all the help and offers of help were sincerely appreciated.

Miraculously, only three homes in the town received any actual fire damage, though many still smelled of smoke as late as Monday. There were, however, numerous buildings, barns, etc., out in the county west of Franklinton destroyed by the fire, as well as several unoccupied homes.



On Oklahoma Trip

Louisburg Jaycee Jimmy Allen, North Carolina's "Outstanding Young Farmer" James T. Moss and Mrs. Moss, and Jaycee President Ralph Knott are pictured prior to leaving for Tulsa, Oklahoma this past week end and the National Young Farmer Contest finals.

To Attend U. S. Schools Workshop

Emily Burt Person, Home Economics teacher at John Graham High School, Warrenton, has been invited by the United States Office of Education to participate in a curriculum workshop on "Development of Youth" at Merrill Palmer School in Detroit, Michigan, July 22-August 3.

The purpose of the workshop will be to identify concepts and begin the statement of generalizations in the home economics curriculum as related to the development of youth at the high school level.

This workshop is limited to 25 persons in the United States and attendance is by invitation only. Miss Person will be the only teacher from North Carolina attending the workshop.

Miss Person is the daughter of Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr., of 113 Person Street, Louisburg, and the late Mr. Person. Miss Person has held numerous offices in her home economics organizations, is vice-president of the Alumni Association of Louisburg College, and is president of the Warren County N. C. E. A. Unit.



Miss Emily Burt Person

School Questionnaires Are Sent To Parents

Parents of school children in all white County Administrative Unit schools are being asked to express themselves this week in regards to school opportunities, present and future. In questionnaires sent out by the County Citizens Advisory Committee on High School Consolidation.

The questionnaires are being distributed by the school children of the various schools. Committee Chairman F. A. Read said that he hoped each family would take time to sit down as a family and give the committee the benefit of their thinking on these matters as the future of the education of the children in Franklin County may well depend upon the reaction the committee gets from these questionnaires.

The questionnaire contains some 50 or more questions, and is divided into three groups, the first dealing with general information concerning the prospects of future enrollment; the second giving the opportunity to express opinion in re-

Local Rescuers On Go Over Week-end

While the various fire services were resting up over the week end, the Louisburg Rescue Service was catching it coming and going.

The local rescuers were forced even to press one of their own private vehicles into service in answering two calls Saturday and another in the wee hours Sunday morning after their big, heavy duty, number 1 truck was put out of commission while in fire service Thursday night.

The first call Saturday, about 1:30 P.M., sent the Rescuers out to the Joyner Farms on the Franklinton Highway where a grain chute had fallen on George Thomas, 23 year-old negro laborer, breaking his right leg above the knee.

Development Tour Set

The Capital Area Development Association has arranged a tour for Thursday, April 11th, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Agricultural Agent. The group has been invited to Johnston County to visit the Johnston County Ham and Egg Show and to see the "Smithfield Plan."



It Really Came Close

Dean said anyone planning to go on the tour should arrive at the Chamber of Commerce office in Smithfield at 3:00 p. m. We will have a review and presentation of the "Smithfield Plan," visit the Ham and Egg Show (plenty of ham and biscuits will be served), and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, topped by a prized country ham. Plans are now underway to invite the area group to visit Bunn Community in Franklin County in May, said Dean.

Photo above in the Ramey Circle residential section of Franklinton shows just how close the fire came to destroying a portion if not all of the town Thursday afternoon. One house in this section sustained an estimated \$1,500 in actual fire damage.

Fire Causes Fatal Attack

A 56 year-old Route 1, Louisburg farmer suffered a fatal heart attack near his home late Monday afternoon while seeking help to fight a grass fire.

Howard Bernard Cooke was dead by the time members of the Louisburg Rescue Service could reach the scene, about 2 miles west of Royal.

Cooke had apparently stopped his car, and opened the door to get out to enlist the help of a tractor driver in a field nearby after stopping at a neighbor's below his place when stricken. He had gone to seek aid when fire from the field he was burning off got out of hand and headed for the woods.

He was a member of the Junior Order, the Flat Rock Baptist Church and a former member of the REA Board of Directors. Funeral services will be conducted from the Flat Rock Baptist Church Wednesday at 4 p.m. by the pastor, the Rev. Grady Faulk. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Ethel Mariene Hedgpeth; 1 daughter, Miss Alice Marie Cooke, of Durham; 1 son, Charles Howard Cooke, of the home; 4 sisters, Mrs. R. N. Williams, of Youngsville; Mrs. Viola C. Kell, of Tarboro, and Miss Lillian Cooke and Miss Myrtle Cooke, both of Scotland Neck; 3 brothers, A. M. Cooke, of Route 1, Louisburg; Charlie M., of Wake Forest, and Dewey, of Franklinton.

Grower Group Picks Officers

Franklin County tobacco growers have organized a local chapter of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Association and elected officers.

Walter Dean, president of the association, met with the growers. Speaker for the evening was J. H. Cyrus, marketing specialist, N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Officers and directors were elected. Officers are: President, W. R. Richards, Rt. 1, Youngsville; vice president, E. W. Day, Rt. 2, Franklinton; secretary treasurer, N. E. Faulkner, Rt. 2, Louisburg.

Directors elected were Charles Dickens, Rt. 1, Franklinton; H. W. Hayes, Route 2, Louisburg; B. R. Gupton, Route 3, Louisburg; K. G. Weldon, Route 1, Henderson; Avon Brantley, Zebulon; R. W. Harris, Spring Hope; A. C. Daniels, Route 1, Castalia; Sidney Murphy, Route 2, Louisburg; R. L. Ward and R. E. Radford, both of Route 1, Louisburg.

Withdraws From City Council Race

The lone announced candidate for the City Council in Louisburg's upcoming May 7th municipal election, withdrew from the race Wednesday leaving the town without a single candidate, incumbent or otherwise, with the filing deadline little more than two weeks off.

Edward F. Kimball, local tobaccoist and druggist, announced that he was withdrawing from the race because he would be out of town for one year beginning in July.

Of the present five member administration, only one, Councilman A. F. Johnson, Jr., has made any announcements concerning plans for re-election, and Johnson announced that he did not plan to seek re-election.

Moss In National Contest Finals Tonite

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Moss of Youngsville, and Louisburg Jaycee Ralph Knott and Jimmy Allen are in Tulsa Oklahoma for the National Finals of the Outstanding Young Farmer Program, being held there April 7, 8, & 9th. The winner of the national honor will be named at a banquet to be held tonight.

Moss qualified to represent North Carolina in the national competition by winning the state-wide contest held last month.

The contest, sponsored by the Jaycees, is held annually to choose the nation's most outstanding young farmer, judged on a large number of achievements in both farm and civic endeavors.

Scheduled to give the contestants a view of diversified activities in the Tulsa area, the three day program got underway with a press party and dinner held at the Mayo Hotel Sunday night.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, along with the two representatives of the sponsoring Louisburg organization, were conducted on a tour of various industrial and agricultural enterprises in the area. The days activities were brought to a close with a barbecue supper.

On Tuesday, the big day for the contestants, things were set for an early send off with a buffet breakfast scheduled for 7 a. m. The days activities were to include a tour of the John Deere plant and participation in a panel discussion at Tulsa University. The Awards Banquet is to be tonight.

Moss's expenses to the national event were paid by the state organization with various business groups in the county adding the necessary funds to include Mrs. Moss. These contributors included, Hodges Ins. Agency, Farmers Tractor and Truck Co., Murphy's Super Market, James D. Speed, Warren Oil Co., Joyner Building Supply, Franklin County Farm Bureau, Southside Warehouse, F. C. X.

First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., McCracken Oil Co., Franklin Milling Co., First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Ronald Tharrington's Store, Louisburg Production Credit Assoc., Home Oil Co., Raleigh Tractor and Truck Co., Johnson Cotton Co., Weathers Mobile Milling of Youngsville, Franklin Oil Co., of Franklinton and Youngsville, Woodlief Supply Co. of Youngsville, Youngsville Lions Club, Franklinton Lions Club, Louisburg Lions Club, Allen Oil Co.

Ralph Knott, Pres. of the Louisburg Jaycees, was sent by the local group as their official representative. Allen went at his own expense as an interested member. Both Allen and Knott are taking some of their vacation time to make the trip.



Beauty Contestant

The third entrant in the local Jaycee sponsored Miss Louisburg Beauty Pageant to be featured in The Times is Miss Betty Wrenn, 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Wrenn, of Route 2, Louisburg.

Betty is a senior at Louisburg High School where she has had a very active career in a host of extra-curricular activities, including Glee Club, Beta Club, F. B. L. A., F. T. A. Latin Club, Science Club, Annual Staff, Marshall and Cheer Leader.

She is currently serving as Teen-Age Chat editor for The Franklin Times.

Standing five feet one inch tall, Betty weighs 102 pounds, has brown eyes and brown hair and measures 35-22-35. Without apology she lists Rock 'n Roll as her favorite music and prefers football to any other sport.

Native Dies In Wake Auto Crash

A Franklin County native, Mrs. Dorothy Baker Pearce, 43, of Route 4, Zebulon, was killed in a head-on auto crash near Raleigh Sunday morning.

The State Highway Patrol said that Mrs. Pearce was a passenger in a car operated by John Edward Powell of Route 1, Wake Forest when it was struck by a car operated by Harry Lee Nixon of Raleigh. Nixon was also killed in the crash.

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearce were held at 3 P.M. Monday at Pearce's Baptist Church.

Her special training includes piano lessons. - Photo by T. H. Pearce.