

Rain ending this morning, followed by clearing, and cooler. Low, 45; high, mid-50's. Partly Cloudy Friday.

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## Blown Engine

# Navy Plane Lands In County Road



### Leap For Freedom Scene

The arrow points to the path followed by Earl Thomas Hoyle 32 year old white prisoner, as he leaped from the second story window of the Franklin County Court House Tuesday. He was immediately captured by local police officers. - Times Staff Photo.

## Escapee Recaptured

Earl Thomas Hoyle, 32 year-old white prisoner, jumped to freedom Tuesday afternoon, while awaiting trial for breaking and entering and larceny. Hoyle made his leap from the second story window of the Franklin County Court house. Louisburg police officers Earl Tharrington and Gerald Eury captured the escapee a short time later near Louisburg Milling Company on Tar River. The Sheriff's department also aided in the capture. Hoyle had been returned here from Forsythe County to face trial for breaking into the

D. E. Lane Store on January 2, 1964. He also has three charges to face in Vance County and two in Forsythe for the same offenses. Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, of Lumberton, presiding over the current term of Criminal Court sentenced Hoyle to two to five years on the breaking and entering, larceny charges. The prisoner was moved Tuesday night to State Hospital in Raleigh for examination. No additional charges were filed in connection with the attempted escape.

## Wheeler Murder Trial Opens

The State will continue its questioning of a key witness today in the first degree murder trial of a 41 year-old Franklin man. Alvin Wheeler, a pulpwood dealer, is being tried in the May 6, 1962 slaying of his brother-in-law, Matthew C. Askew in Franklin. The major part of this session of Superior Court with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Lumberton presiding, has been taken up with the selection of twelve jurors and an alternate. The juror selection was completed around 3:45 Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Myrtle Falkner, a neighbor of both Wheeler and Askew, reportedly witnessed the shooting from her porch two doors away. Solicitor William G. Ransdell, Jr., and Attorney John F. Matthews began the State's presentation of evidence yesterday around four o'clock. The shooting took place on a Sunday afternoon in front of the homes of the deceased and the accused. Both men were married to sisters. Askew was dead on arrival at Franklin Memorial of a .38 caliber bullet wound in the left chest. Wheeler has been free under \$15,000 bond since the incident. He is represented by Louisburg Attorneys W. L. Lumpkin and Hill Yarborough. The jury was housed in a local

motel Wednesday night. Members of the jury are: Roy T. Kemp; T. S. Wilder; C. E. Pearce; L. W. Beddingfield; W. C. House; William T. Finch; John L. Spivey; Rufus Place; M. G. Gilliam; Jimmy Webb; Will Davis; Thomas Foster and Forest Harper, Jr. is alternate. The trial is expected to extend through the remainder of the term.

## Board Approves N. C. Fund Plan

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted the Franklin County Program for the North Carolina Fund in their meeting Monday. Mrs. Margaret W. Holmes, Chairman of the Franklin County Committee presented a detailed plan for the Commissioner's approval. The North Carolina Fund is an organization set up by Governor Terry Sanford in an effort to fight poverty in the state. Mrs. Holmes had presented the plan at an earlier meeting of the Commissioners, but action was delayed until Monday. The plan now goes to Fund Headquarters in Durham. It will be screened by the State Committee, along with plans from other counties. From these, the best ten plans will be chosen. The text of the Franklin County Plan follows:

### Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue Service answered a call at Louisburg College Tuesday around 7:30 to aid a student who had suffered a knee injury. Ronald George Foley 19, of Tabor City, N. C., injured his left knee playing basketball. The Rescue Squad transported him to Franklin Memorial Hospital where he was admitted with a possible fracture.

Franklin County is basically a rural county depending upon an agricultural economy that receives its main income from one crop—tobacco. The average income is \$2,366 per family, which is approximately \$700 per family less than the average family income in North Carolina. There are 2836 families in Franklin County with an income of less than \$3,600.

## Firemen End Training Course

Members of Louisburg Fire Company have completed a course in "Forcible Entry and Ventilation," under the instruction of Mr. Elwood Insoce of the North Carolina Insurance Department. Included in the course was class instruction, films and discussion periods. Since the department was unable to obtain a building to burn as a part of this instruction, the Department held a ladder drill at the Rescue headquarters, consisting of a study of the types of ladders, and the practical use of these ladders. A total of 241 hours was recorded for the Fire Department and Rescue Unit, with eleven members receiving cards for attending all four nights, in addition to four members of the Rescue Unit who are not also members of the Fire Company.

Those receiving cards were: Joe E. Edwards, Nelson Foster, Wyatt Freeman, Grey Moon, Joe Perry, Karl Parnell, R. G. Person, Jr., V. A. Peoples, W. J. Shearin, Jr., M. G. Wilder, Maurice Wynne, Dean Holton, Joe Shearin, Glenn Murphy and Bryant Best.

The department noted that this training paid off in the recent fire, for the section of town south of the River Bridge was brought up and thoroughly discussed during the training. In keeping with the training program, a class on "Equipment" was held on Monday night. W. D. Morton, Training Officer, says that he is making arrangements for an additional training course which will start in March. This instruction will come from the Wilson County Technical Institute, and is endorsed by the State Department of Education.



### Plane Lands At New Hope

A Navy T-28 Single Engine plane sits, moored, in the Billy Denton yard on Louisburg Rt. 1 near New Hope. The plane land-

ed on highway 1708 in front of the Denton residence shortly after noon Tuesday. - Times Staff Photo.

### Pilot Says:

## "I'd Rather Be Here . . ."

The lively young man said, "I'd rather be here than over there," as he pointed to a local funeral home across the street. Standing in front of the motel and talking with him, one knew that here was a man the fates had shown on this day. He was Lieutenant Ross Cafaro 32 years old from Tampa, Fla., and he had just recently met death head on and had won the skirmish. Beside him stood a rather quiet, reserved young man who had been a passenger in the T-28 Navy plane that had been forced to land in a road near New Hope. Fred Fischer, 25, from East Liverpool, Ohio, was glad to be alive, even if he had trouble expressing it.



### Two Lucky Sailors

Pictured above, the two Navy flyers that safely landed their T-28 Navy two seater in Franklin County Tuesday afternoon. Left, Crewman Fred Fischer 25, from East Liverpool, Ohio and Lt. Ross Cafaro 32, Norfolk Air Station to Pensacola, Fla. - Times Staff Photo.

Their nervousness was apparent. They posed with an air of nonchalance, for a pretty young television camera woman. They made jokes. The older one, a sailor in the true sense, told the pretty young woman, "I certainly am glad we landed here, so I could meet you." The young lady smiled, wished them luck, as if he needed it, and asked the directions to Durham from this reporter. It was a bright, beautiful day, and all was well with these two sailors. But, now, they were thinking of routine things. "Where do we eat," asked one. "We loaded them in our very noisy Ford and took them to a local restaurant. "Do you have any money?" we asked. "Plenty," was their reply. They had little trouble with the menu. "Is this a mild winter for this section of the country?" Cafaro inquired. We said, "No, it's always beautiful in Louisville." He didn't really fall for it. But, he did agree that today was a very special day. We told the Lieutenant, "That was a mighty pretty piece of country flying you did." "Oh," he said, "it wasn't much. The only worry I had was that I'd meet a car coming over the hill." Come to think of it, that would have been bad, a car-airplane collision. The shock of meeting an airplane in the middle of the road would have been fatal. "I think they'll come for us tomorrow. I have to fly one to Minnesota next." We could not help expressing our disbelief that he would, so soon, be ready to fly again, and we said so. "Going to hit it first thing, when I get back," Cafaro said. "Been flying for 12 years. I'll continue it." It seemed no more to this young man to go back to flying than if he were a clerk at the corner store. They are gone now. Back to their station in Norfolk. The airplane remains, parked in the yard of a kindly man in New Hope. What the Navy will choose to do with it is not known. They may disassemble it and truck it away. They may, as the Lieutenant suggested, fly it out. If they do, we know of no better candidate for the job than Lt. Ross Cafaro. If "intestinal fortitude" was a penny an ounce, he'd be a millionaire. We said goodbye to these newly made friends. And even though we didn't feel they really needed it, we wished them luck. Night was coming on and they had a choice of a local movie, a local high school basketball game or television in their room. They said they'd take the latter. We had the feeling they'd relish their incidents of this day and utter a silent prayer of thankfulness and go to bed.

A Navy T-28 single engine airplane, made a forced landing in the middle of rural highway 1708 near New Hope Tuesday afternoon. Lieutenant Ross Cafaro, flying out of the Norfolk Naval Station, reported that engine trouble forced him to land.

## Mental Health Council To Be Formed

Franklin County citizens who are interested in the advancement of mental health are urged to join a Franklin County Mental Health Planning Council, currently being formed.

The Planning Staff of the North Carolina Mental Health Council, working through State representatives to the Council, has requested the formation of the County Planning Council. Those who have been asked to form the nucleus of the local group include:

Dr. John T. Lloyd, representing the County Medical Society; Norwood E. Faulkner, Board of County Commissioners; Warren W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. J. B. Wheelless, Health Director; Mrs. Jane M. York, Superintendent of Public Welfare.

Councils are being formed in all 100 counties of North Carolina as part of a planning effort financed from State and Federal sources. Its aim is to develop a coordinated, comprehensive plan to meet North Carolina's present and future mental health needs. The investigations and recommendations of the County Councils will be communicated to the State level Planning Staff to provide basic components of the statewide plan being developed.

Crewman Fred Fischer said the plane was losing power and the sump indicator light warned of metal in the oil. One spectator, reported having seen flames coming from the engine.

The plane was on its way to Pensacola, Florida for a complete overhaul when it made the unexpected stop at New Hope. Cafaro said he planned to begin his landing at an intersection, which would have given plenty of straight road for a runway. His plan had to be quickly altered when a truck loaded with pulpwood pulled into his path. The engine was quickly "reved up" so as to miss the truck and the actual landing took place on a curve and slight hill.

Cafaro is from Tampa, Florida and Fischer is from East Liverpool, Ohio. Local residents carried them to a nearby store, from which they called their base. The State Highway Patrol brought them into Louisburg and registered them at a local motel.

The pilot said he thought the Navy would send for them and that the plane would be repaired where it sits. He also reported that it would probably be flown out, using the same paved road runway he had used to bring it in. The plane landed a short distance from the home of Mr. Billy Denton, Louisburg, Route 1, and was taxied into the Denton yard and moored. The landing took place around 12:30 Tuesday afternoon.

## Mrs. Clayton Named Schools Supervisor

Mrs. Mamie Beam Clayton, Louisburg High School English teacher, has assumed her duties as Franklin County High School Supervisor. Mrs. Clayton had been appointed by the Franklin County Board of Education several months ago, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mrs. Margaret W. Holmes to Director of Instruction. Mrs. Clayton is a native of

Franklin County, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Beam of Louisburg.

She was graduated from Mills High School, attended Louisburg College, and received an A. B. degree from Converse College. Mrs. Clayton holds an M. Ed. degree from the University of Michigan. For the past two summers she has done graduate work in the English Department of Duke University, having attended the English Institute in 1962.

Her teaching experience includes work in the schools of Nash and Wake Counties and Oxford, High Point, and Roxboro. During World War II she did recreational work with the army and for three years served as director of service clubs with the U. S. Army of Occupation in Germany.

Since her return to Franklin County in 1959, Mrs. Clayton has taught English in the Louisburg High School. She is active in the Alumni Association of Louisburg College, having recently served as President of the organization. A member of the Louisburg Baptist Church she is currently on its Board of Deacons and is teacher of the Berean Sunday School Class. She also belongs to the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, and Delta Kappa Gamma.



Mrs. Mamie Beam Clayton

## Local Merchants To Give \$100 Prize

The Mystery Merchant Sales Promotion has passed the halfway point and the public has three more weeks in which to register for a \$100 top prize. The eight-week town-wide promotion is sponsored by The Franklin Times and seventeen progressive merchants. A great deal of interest has been shown in the weekly sightings that appear in each Tuesday's issue of The Franklin Times. Persons identifying the merchant in the silhouette can win from two to five dollars. There have been winners every week. All seventeen businesses have in their stores a Registration Box and they urge their customers to come in and register each day. The drawing for the Grand Prize of \$100 in merchandise will be held at the end of the promotion. You'll find Registration Boxes in each of the following businesses: Johnson Cotton Co., Louisburg Tire & Recapping

Co., Midway Food Store, Benton Furniture Co., Pleasant's Drug Store, McKinnon's Seaboard Stores, Inc., Home Furniture Co., Town 'N' Campus, Mullen's Dept. Store, Rose's 5 & 10, IGA Super Market, Pope's, Inc., Louisburg Motors, Stewart's Jewelers, Economy Auto Supply, Quality Furniture & Appliance Co. and First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. See the advertisements of each of these merchants in Tuesday's issue of The Franklin Times for their Specials of the Week. Join the game. See if you can guess the weekly Mystery Merchants and register daily in all the stores.

Few men who possess a monopoly believe too strongly in the advantages of competition. You can't make driving safe for everybody but you can almost make it safe for yourself.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 Monday, February 3:

KILLED TO DATE	116
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	105