

Weather

Generally fair and cooler with less humidity today and Friday. High today, 85; low, 70. Louisburg Rainfall: 2.11 inches in the past two days.

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OES To Meet

William B. Barrow Chapter No. 29, OES, will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. All members are urged to attend.

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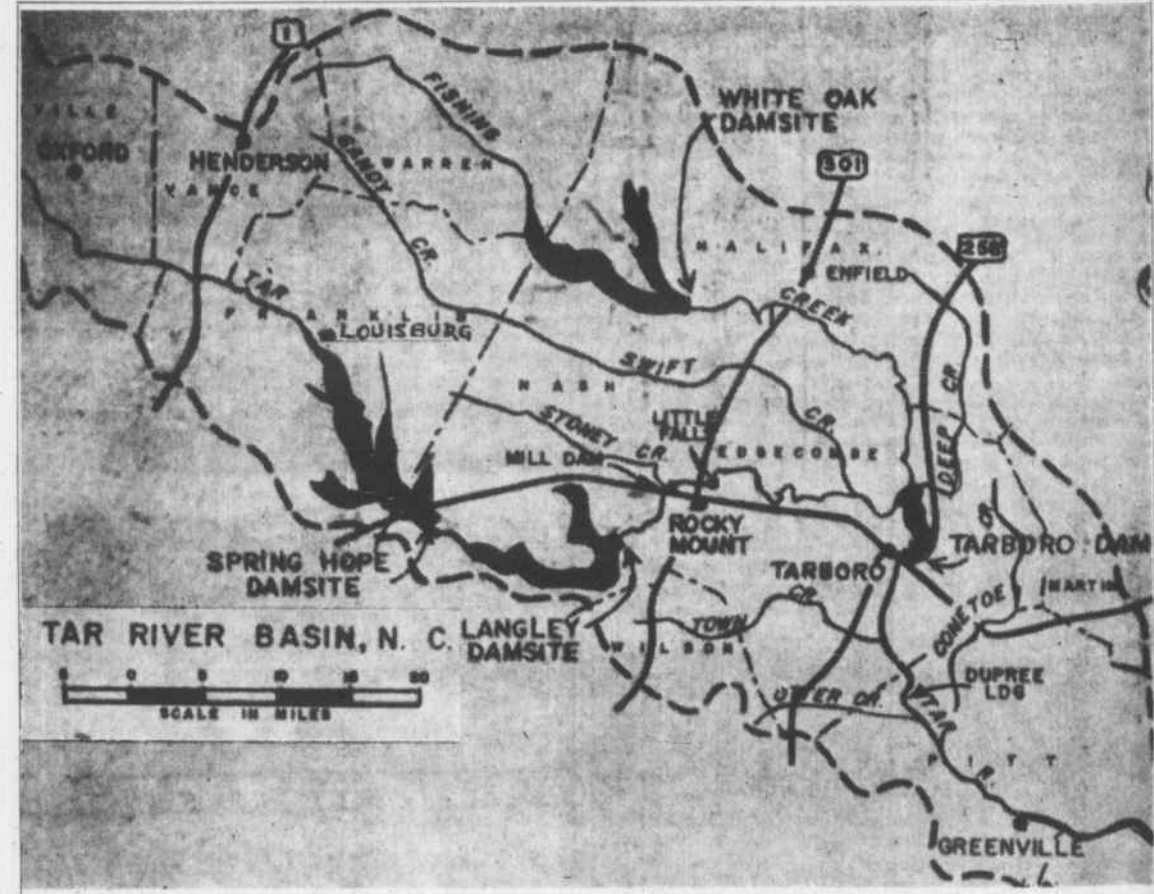
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Tar River Development: Hearing Set For Saturday



Proposed Tar River Dams

This map was prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in a 1931 study of the Tar River Basin. A new study has been ordered by Congress and a public hearing is slated for Saturday morning in Rocky Mount. Map shows how Tar River would be

pushed back into a lake reaching from Spring Hope to Louisburg, should the 1931 plan be carried out. A number of local officials plan to attend the meeting and present statements.

A hearing has been called for 10 o'clock Saturday morning in Rocky Mount, to review a 1931 proposal for water development in this area. The meeting, announced several weeks ago by State Water Resources Director, Walter Fuller, is for the purpose of presenting views from the counties that could be affected by the development. The U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, who made a survey of the Tar River Basin in 1931, have been authorized by a Congressional Resolution to make another survey, for which the money has already been appropriated. The project, thus far called The Tar-Pamlico River Basin development, would affect ten counties in the area, according

to the 1931 plan. At that time four dams were proposed, the largest of which would be located between Spring Hope and the Franklin County line. Waters from the Tar River would be backed up into a lake, reaching almost to Louisburg. The location of the other three dams, according to the old survey would be the White Oak Dam site in Halifax County, the Langley Dam site in Warren County, the Langley Dam site in Nash County, west of Rocky Mount and the Tarboro Dam site at Tarboro. The four lakes would impound a total of 107,203,979,000 gallons of water, and in 1931 was shelved because, at that time, it was "not economically feasible." Fuller points out

that "Now people know more about controlling water than in 1931 and it is now time to take a fresh look at these plans to see if they are practical now or if they should in any way be revised and put to work." W. P. Childers, Chairman of the Franklin County Commissioners, will lead a delegation from his county to the meeting Saturday. Several local leaders are preparing statements to be presented at the time of the meeting. Nash County has already formed a permanent organization to promote the project with C. Settle Bunn, a former state senator and chairman of the State Water Board of Commissioners. C. T. Dean, Jr., County Farm Agent, who is preparing a paper

to be presented at the hearing said, "Our organization is temporary here in Franklin County, but I understand there is to be a permanent organization formed after the Saturday hearing for the entire area." Dean also reported that there are 20,000 acres of flood plain along the Tar River in Franklin County. "Much land in this area could be cultivated with proper flood control," states Dean, "where it is now idle or producing low grade hardwood because of flooding." The Agent continued, "There was no irrigation in 1931. The first tobacco irrigated in the county was in 1953, and last year 30% of the tobacco received irrigation, which increased the income on these crops from \$300 to \$500. It is interesting to note that 83% of Franklin County is in the Tar River Basin."

The meeting Saturday is expected to be attended by Governor Terry Sanford, Congressman Harold Cooley and L. H. Fountain and other state and national leaders. A statement from Walter Fuller issued Tuesday said, "My concern at the possible lack of interest in the Tar River study comes about because of the sort of questions I understand are being asked by some residents of the basin. "For example, although there has been considerable publicity, a question on this theme recurs: 'What is the hearing about?' " The answer is that the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer, Wilmington, has been directed by the Chief of Engineers as a result of a Congressional resolution to restudy the comprehensive development of the water resources of the Tar River Basin. "As a first step, the Corps desires an expression of the views of the inhabitants of the region. As a rule, the pattern of possible development may vary considerably based upon the needs of the regions, its economic status, its own plans, and the extent of water problems such as flooding, pollution, lack of stream flow and the like. Any sound plan must evolve with the complete cooperation and understanding of the people and they must be partners in the planning."



Barring Tobacco

Workers take a short break in "putting in tobacco" operation on the J. B. Perdue farm in Hickory Rock yesterday. Crops

are about two weeks late, according to Farm Agent C. T. Dean, Jr., and are expected to be one of the best crops in years.

Tobacco Crop Best In Years

The tobacco crops in Franklin County are a little late in maturing, according to C. T. Dean, Jr. County Farm Agent, but they are looking good. Dean says, "The crop is running about two weeks late at this

stage." Many farmers have already barned some tobacco, but some still have their entire crop in the field. S. N. Hawks, Tobacco Specialist, N. C. State College, said Tuesday, after touring the county, "This is the best crop I have ever seen in Franklin County."

The Federal-State Market News Service reported lugs and cutters were up chiefly \$2 a hundred pounds while most primings and nondescript sold \$2 to \$5 higher. The top price paid by companies in most cases was \$68 with a few selected baskets bringing \$70. The principal offerings con-

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Request Mrs. Jane York, Superintendent of Welfare, announced Tuesday that the Welfare Board is requesting all citizens of the county to report anyone refusing work, that is receiving assistance from the department. Mrs. York said the Board felt there was ample work available at this time and would cut off assistance to any recipients that refused to accept a job offered them.



Construction Delayed

The weather has delayed the construction on the new Gay Products building on the Franklinton highway here. Harold Talton, Finance Committee Chairman, reports the drive for

pledges to finance the construction has reached \$70,200 of the needed \$85,000. The plant is scheduled to begin operations November 1. -Times Staff Photo.

"REMEMBER WHEN...?"

"REMEMBER WHEN" IS A NEW FEATURE OF THE TIMES WHICH WILL APPEAR PERIODICALLY. IT IS AN EXACT COPY, TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE TIMES, OF AN OUTSTANDING NEWS STORY OF THE PAST. READER COMMENT ON THIS SERIES IS WELCOMED.

Friday, February 12, 1937

Four Killed In Airplane Crash

COSTLIEST, IN LIVES, OF ANY AVIATION ACCIDENT IN STATE'S HISTORY--PLANE COMPLETE WRECK--COMMUNITY STIRRED IN EXCITEMENT--BODIES BROUGHT TO LOUISBURG AND PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT--THE DEAD WERE TAKEN TO AKRON, O., AND CHARLESTON, W. VA., MONDAY--U. S. INSPECTOR VISITS SCENE MONDAY--THOUSANDS VISIT SCENE SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Possibly the most gruesome sight ever witnessed by the populace of Franklin County was that near Gold Sand School Sunday afternoon when a four-passenger Waco privately owned airplane crashed, after having torn off a wing by striking a tree when attempting to escape a fog or get its bearings. The accident occurred about 1:20 o'clock Sunday afternoon killing all four of its occupants, two of whom were business men of Akron, Ohio.

The dead were identified as Pilot Chester H. Betz, 2230 Manchester, Akron; Arthur S. Conn, 41 North High Street, Akron; Daniel Leonard Breen, 1120 Broad Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron; and Miss Caroline Danley, who carried papers revealing that she checked out of the George Washington Hotel at Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday, but giving no other address. Residents of the rural community near Gold Sand High School were horrified when the red, four-place Waco cabin ship swung in a low circle, ripped

off two wings in a clump of trees and shattered in a field. The occupants were mangled almost beyond identification. The crash cost more lives than any in the State's aviation history.

"Complete Wreck" "It was the most complete wreck I've ever seen," said R. A. Bobbitt, Franklin County coroner. "The plane was torn to pieces and strewn over 10 or 15 acres of land."

K. S. Leonard, a farmer, heard the crash and dashed to his front door to discover the wreckage wrapped around a tree in his front yard. Two bodies had been thrown out and two were tangled in the shattered ruins of the plane. A part of the head of one of the two thrown from the ship smashed through a window of the Leonard home, while the body fell outside. Mrs. Leonard fainted.

Bodies in Louisburg The bodies were removed to Louisburg and officials began collecting the scattered baggage and personal belongings of the victims for purpose of identification. A telegram to Conn from his wife in Miami indicated the party left Miami at 6:15 a.m. Sunday and stopped in Jacksonville. The plane was numbered NC-15226, and Betz held pilot's license 191297, identifying him as a veteran. Though it carried two tanks of

gasoline, one full and sufficient for a long trip, the plane did not explode or burn. Reports indicated that Betz ran into a rain squall with a zero or near zero ceiling, lost his bearings and clipped off the ship's wings when he dived too close to a clump of timber, looking for a landing spot.

The Betz plane was equipped with radio and the headphones were still attached to the pilot's ears when he was thrown from the ship. From the United States Department of Commerce radio station, messages were giving a ceiling of 3,800 feet and four miles visibility at (See Remember When Page 8)

Your Car?

Want a good conditioned 1959 four door Dodge? The Sheriff's department is looking for someone to claim one. The car was found Tuesday morning in the Poplar Springs Church yard. It is registered in the name of Russell Taylor, a onetime candidate for County Commissioner, who has been dead for several years. The Sheriff's department is anxious to find the current owner. They fear his canning and freezing process will suffer without the 1500 pounds of sugar found in the vehicle. Anyone wishing to claim said car will get a warm reception from the department plus an extremely strong automobile, fully equipped with truck springs.



Runs In Family

Broken bones come in bunches for the C. A. Tharrington family in the Hickory Rock Community. Ricky, age 5, suffered a broken collar bone Friday when he fell from a cart being pushed by some other children. Rick said, "They were just flying." Janet, age 10, broke both arms on Monday. "I just fell out of a tree," she giggled. -Times Staff Photo.

Power Interruption

Necessary maintenance work on Carolina Power & Light Company's Franklinton to Method 66 KV line, caused by recent lightning storm, necessitates an interruption of power on Sunday morning, August 2, 1964, from 4:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M., according to E. P. Bazemore, District Manager for Carolina Power & Light Co. in Henderson, N. C. This interruption of power will affect customers' electric service in Youngsville and surrounding rural areas and the town of Wake Forest. Bazemore stated the time for the interruption was chosen in hopes that it would cause the least amount of inconvenience to the majority of customers affected by the interruption.