

# September 10th Is Officially Set For Middle Belt Tobacco Market Opening



**Warehousemen**

Members of the Board of Governors of the Middle Belt Tobacco Warehouse Association are pictured above at their meeting last Friday in Durham. Pictured, left to right, Fred S. Royster of Henderson, managing director; C. R. Watkins of Oxford, Board member; C. B. Turner of Henderson, secretary-treasurer; S. Walter Stone of Durham, Board president; Charles E. Ford of Louisburg and C. N. Castleberry of Sanford, Board members. The group officially set Sept. 10 as opening date for local markets. Durham Sun Photo.

The Board of Governors of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association rejected a move by some members to move the Middle Belt openings to an earlier date, and approved the original Sept. 10th date in a meeting held in Durham last Friday.

Charles E. Ford, Louisburg warehouseman, and a member of the Board of Governors, stated Monday that, "We believed the tobacco would be ready and I made the motion to approve the September 10th date that had been recommended by the Advisory Committee."

Ford's motion was carried

and thereby officially set the opening day for this year's tobacco auctions as September 10. The date had been announced a few weeks ago by the Advisory Committee, but was not official until approved by the Board of Governors.

The Board noted that tobacco in the belt is literally "falling off the stalk" and felt that an earlier date would have met approval by the growers. However, Ford's motion was passed, after Fred S. Royster, Director of the Association, pointed out that through last Wednesday, markets on the South Carolina-North Carolina

Border Belt had sold only around 70 million pounds of leaf, as compared with around 100 million on opening dates of the Middle Belt in the past.

Royster reported that six or eight markets on the Georgia-Florida Belt closed last Friday and that the Eastern Carolina Belt Committee has fixed Thursday (August 27) for their opening.

Royster pointed out that there are 12 more selling days for the Border Belt before Sept. 10, and that volume probably will average out about the same as in previous years with the date set as recommended.

The meeting, presided over

by S. Walker Stone of Durham, the association's president, found leaf officials filled with anticipation of this being the best year in recent history.

Despite drought conditions during the early growing season, which some of the leaf officials feel were to the advantage of growers, the crop appears to offer the best quality in recent years.

Walker Stone, Jr., who attended the meeting, said that some suffering during the early growing stages tends to assure blue chip quality in the mature leaf. He said early drought was not serious enough to cause great damage, and might have at-

tributed some to the better-than-average quality of this year's crop.

The first seven days of the season will be devoted largely to the sale of untied leaf, although tied tobacco will be accepted and sold. The schedule is the same as was the start of the 1963 season.

Price supports are less for untied offerings than those marketed in tied and graded selections.

Middle Belt markets are also at Aberdeen, Carthage, Ellerbe, Fuquay-Varina, Henderson, Louisburg, Oxford, Sanford and Warrenton.

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# Bunn Man Killed In Wreck

A 25-year-old Rt. 1, Louisburg man, who narrowly escaped death in an accident in 1962, was killed instantly early this morning when his car ran into a bridge abutment on Highway 39 three miles east of Louisburg.

Durwood Phil Fuller of Bunn was believed to have fallen asleep at the wheel of his 1960 Ford Convertible on fog shrouded N. C. 39 when he struck the second bridge heading east at Four Bridges.

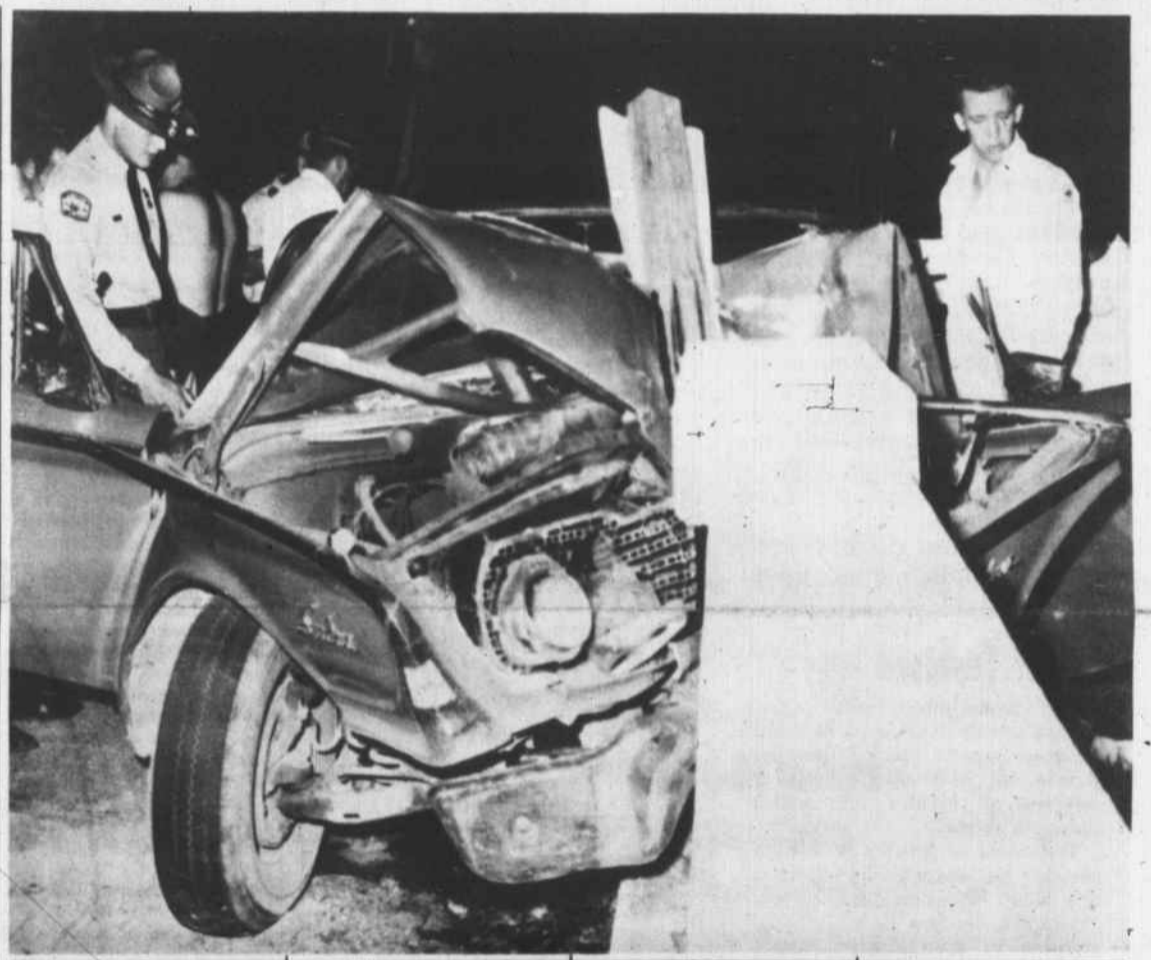
Skid marks at the scene indicated that brakes were applied apparently right at the point of impact, leading investigating officers to theorize that Fuller might have awakened just before striking the bridge structure. The car was demolished.

Fuller, an employee of Burlington Mills in Franklinton, was involved in a fatal crash on November 31, 1962, which took the lives of Claude Vernon Hill, 39, and his son Claude, Jr., 7, near the Flat Rock Parsonage east of Youngsville. Fuller suffered severe head injuries in that accident and was hospitalized. Mrs. Hill and another child were seriously injured in that accident, which occurred when Hill backed his car onto the highway into the path of the one driven by Fuller.

Fuller was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood "Dick" R. Fuller of Rt. 1, with whom he and his young son lived.

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called at 4:30 a.m. by a passerby that reported the accident. Officers could not determine the exact time of the wreck, but the motor of the car was cold when tested around 5 a.m. indicating that the accident had occurred between one and two hours earlier.

One observer who lives near the scene reported that the road had less traffic last night than he had seen in a long time and that in his opinion, the accident could have happened much earlier. Rescuers worked over a half hour in freeing the body from the wreckage, the impact forcing the dash and steering column about two feet into the car. Funeral arrangements for Fuller have not been announced.



**Death Scenes**

Pictures above show early morning wreck scene on Highway 39 at Four Bridges, which claimed the life of Durwood Phil Fuller, 25, of Bunn. Shown top photo, State Patrolman James Byrd, left, and Louisburg Rescue Service member Dean Holton, right, facing

camera. Lower photo, left to right, Willard Morton and Robert Hicks, Rescuers, and Coroner James Edwards. Fuller ran into bridge abutment in heavy fog sometime in early morning. Rescuers were called at 4:30 a.m. —Times Staff Photos.

## Boy Scout Fund Drive Plans Set

Final plans have been completed for the annual Boy Scout Fund Drive in Louisburg, Bunn and Youngsville, it was announced today by Tom Wainwright, District Scout Executive for Franklin County.

According to Mr. Wainwright, the campaign is to be a one-day effort, to be conducted in September. He pointed out that the Membership Campaign is

part of the Oconeechee Council's yearly effort and that each of the Council's 12 counties will conduct drives simultaneously.

"In our area more than 1,000 Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers take part in 68 units and over 300 adults give generously of their time and talents in building the moral and physical character of our local youths. I feel that our citizens will want to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor," declared Mr. Wainwright.

Nello Teer, Jr., of Durham is Council President, Bertie Fesmire, Divisional Manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, is Council Campaign Chairman.

Warren Smith, Franklin County Superintendent of Schools, has been named Louisburg Chairman and W. A. Andrews, cashier of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Bunn, has been named Bunn Chairman. Mack Dement of Youngsville will lead the drive in Youngsville.



Warren W. Smith



William A. Andrews

## Fires Keep Departments On Go

Fire departments around the county were kept busy over the week end with a host of fire calls. Two fires at Epsom last Saturday kept the Epsom Rural Department on the go. A barn burned on a farm identified as the Hawkins barn at 1:55 a.m. and an out building was destroyed around 6:15 p.m. belonging to Claude Goodson.

A gas stove caught fire at the home of "Les" Spivey, about a mile and a half east of Justice around 4 p.m. Saturday. The Justice Rural Department answered that call. A house owned by Mrs. John Wheeler and occupied by a tenant, "Buddy" Branch, was de-

stroyed around 3:30 a.m. Monday. The call was answered by Justice, Centerville and Castalia fire departments. The house was located about 4 miles east of Justice.

The Louisburg Department

were called Monday night at 8 o'clock to the River Road farm of Mrs. L. J. Peoples, where a burner had exploded in a barn. No damage was reported and the fire was out when the local unit arrived.

**Accepts Position**  
Thomas C. Wilson has accepted a position with the Plant Managing Department of the Philip Morris Tobacco Company of Richmond, Va.

He is the son of Mrs. T. C. Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson of North Main Street, Louisburg. He is married to the former Miss Sidney Knox of Richmond, Va. He and Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Anne Katherine, reside at 6804 Lawrence Ave., Richmond, Va.

**Weather**

Partly cloudy and warm today and Wednesday with scattered afternoon and evening showers. Low today, 66; high, 90.



Thomas C. Wilson

## Error

Archie Lee, Commander of Jambes Post 105, American Legion announces that the date on cards delivered to legions this week was in error. The Dutch Supper to be held at the George Leonard cabin is scheduled for August 27.



**Methodist Lay Leaders**

Pictured above are leaders in the week-end Methodist Laymen's Retreat held at Louisburg College. Back row, left to right: John Turner, Elizabeth City; Bill Marley, Goldsboro; Joe Holmes, Burlington; and T. B. Hough, Burlington; Middle Row: R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City; Robert Rose and Walton Thompson, both of Goldsboro; George Foreman, Burlington; Jim Patrick,

Durham, N. W. Grant, Raleigh; Olen Hunt, Raleigh; Mark Lawrence, Goldsboro; Barney Danielson, Fayetteville, and Roy Turnage, Ayden; Front Row: Ernest Smith, New Bern; Charles McCullers, Dunn; Bob Allen, Fayetteville, and Taylor Oakes, Roanoke Rapids. Fifty-six eastern counties were represented by 325 Methodist men at the conference.

## Methodist Laymen Hold Conference Here

The Methodist Conference Laymen's Retreat was held here at Louisburg College Saturday and Sunday, bringing 325 Methodist men to the college campus. Walter F. Anderson, head of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, was the principal speaker Saturday evening and conducted the worship services Sunday morning.

Fifty-six eastern North Carolina counties were represented in the conference, which is an annual affair with the laymen. The members began registra-

tion Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with Rev. Walter N. McDonald, Louisburg, Retreat Registrar.

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, college president, welcomed the group in the Saturday afternoon session. Robert Rose, Goldsboro, Conference Director of Lay Evangelism, made the principal address in the afternoon session.

Bishop Paul N. Garber and his Cabinet were presented Saturday evening to the laymen along with District Lay Leaders and Associate Conference Lay

Leaders.

The two-day session ended Sunday afternoon, after the delegates had attended worship services Sunday morning and were served a farewell luncheon at the college cafeteria at 12:30 p.m.

Roy Turnage, Ayden, N. C., was leader of the Laymen, during the conference, which included eight discussion groups. The discussion leaders were: George Forehand, Burlington; Bill Marley, Goldsboro; Wade Pierce, Wilmington; Rev. L. C. N. Y.

Vereen, who also led the singing; Rev. C. W. Goldston, Louisburg; Walton Thompson, Goldsboro; Robert C. Rose, Goldsboro; and Charles McCullers, Dunn.

The New Bern District Board of Lay Activities served as host; and the St. Luke Methodist Men of Goldsboro sponsored the Prayer Vigil.

If it weren't for Edison, we'd all be watching TV by candlelight. —Hyades Hurricane, Fleet P. O., N. Y.