

Drizzle early today followed by decreasing cloudiness and warmer this afternoon. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday. High today, 72; low today 55.

Careful drivers never know when they save their own lives.

Legislative News

by Representative James D. Speed



Adjournment Due Today

At the close of the 1965 Session of the North Carolina Legislature, we can look with pride to the many accomplishments made by this Session and the hard work that has been done to continue good government in North Carolina and promoting the growth and economy of our State. Likewise it is disappointing to see many shortcomings of this Session which in my opinion could have made the Session more productive to the people of North Carolina. Time and space will not permit me to discuss each of these matters; however, I shall briefly point out a few of the things which I believe are of special interest to the people of Franklin County as I have done through this column for the past several months.

chise Tax Distribution." This bill passed the House but died in the Senate Finance Committee and was a big loss to us in Franklin County as well as to the towns and counties throughout all of North Carolina. If this bill had passed the Senate, the following bi-annual distribution would have been made to us: County of Franklin—\$47,000.00; Town of Bunn—\$1,573.00; Town of Youngsville—\$2,507.00; Town of Franklinton—\$13,213.00; Town of Louisburg—\$14,122.85. The cost of local governments in North Carolina has continued to rise (more than 300% since 1950) for a number of years and has especially drained the home owners and land owners of said areas. The State has a much broader tax base and is able to return a small portion of this revenue to the local governments of the State. House Bill 915, if passed, would have returned only a small portion of the franchise tax that is collected and sent to Raleigh by the various counties and towns of North Carolina. I am disappointed that this bill did not pass, and I am surprised that Governor

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Officer Saves Life Of Woman

A 20-year-old Rt. 1, Elm City woman, wife of a county resident, was saved from an attempted suicide Wednesday night by a Louisburg Police Officer, with the help of an unidentified negro youth and a local grocery store employee. Mrs. Carl (Shorty) Moore was found hanging by one hand on the river bridge on Main Street, Wednesday around 6:30 p.m. by Officer Thurston Bottoms, who quickly grabbed the woman's arm and held on until his call for help was heard. Two unidentified negro youths ran to his assistance from a nearby cafe and a passerby, Pete Aycock, also assisted in the rescue.

Officer Bottoms transported the woman, who is known to be subject to some type of seizures, to the local jail and summoned a physician to examine her. No reason for the attempted suicide was given and Mrs. Moore is still in the Franklin County jail this morning.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, June 15th:

Charles J. Lloyd, w/m, arson. Case bound over to Superior Court. Bond set at \$1,000.00.

Crawford S. Wilson, false pretense. Guilty. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Barry Joseph Alford, w/m, 19, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Linwood Green (alias Linwood Williamston, Jr.), c/m, assault

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Meningitis Scare Subsides:

Hundreds Treated At Franklinton Following Death Of 14-Year-Old



with deadly weapon; damage to personal property. 6 months in jail, assigned to work under supervision State Prison department. Suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs. Notice of appeal to Superior

The meningitis scare, which grew to extensive proportions in the Franklinton area Tuesday following the death of a 14-year-old boy, has subsided somewhat today. Cecil Blake Askew, 8th grade student at Franklinton High School, died Tuesday morning around 4:30 p.m. in Duke Hospital after being sent there from Franklin Memorial Hospital following the discovery that the youth was suffering from Meningococcus Meningitis.

Warnings were issued immediately following the youth's death to all persons with whom he might have been in contact for a 72-hour period prior to his death. The warning came from County Health Director Dr. J. B. Wheelers.

Dr. Doyle Medders, a private Louisburg physician, diagnosed the ailment and much of the triple sulphur drug prescriptions have been dispensed in his name, according to Franklinton druggists. Bill Johnson, Corner Drug Store pharmacist,

Meningococcus Meningitis

Meningococcus meningitis, the disease which proved fatal for Cecil B. Askew, 14-year-old-Franklinton boy Tuesday, is defined as "An inflammation of the meninges." Menings, (from the Greek, meaning membrane,) consists of three different layers, dura mater, arachnoid, and pia mater. The top layer of the protective cover for the brain and spinal cord, the dura mater, (Greek meaning "tough mother") is the "tough fibrous membrane that envelops the brain and spinal cord external to the other two meninges." The middle membrane, called the arachnoid, (Greek "like a cobweb") is composed of soft loose hairs or fibers. The inner membrane, pia mater, (Greek, meaning "tender mother") is a thin vascular tissue and contains blood vessels.

The meningococcus bacterium effects these membranes causing meningitis. Symptoms of the disease, according to reports, are nausea, sore throat, headache, backache and the drawing of the head backwards. These are followed by fever and sometimes spasms.

Local health officials reports that the disease is not as contagious as feared by some. However, early treatment is necessary, but a person must come in direct contact with a carrier. T. H. Pearce, County Health Inspector, said it was unlikely that the disease could be contacted just by swimming in the same water as a person with the ailment.

said he filled several hundred prescriptions for the tablets and other drugs for those unable to tolerate sulphur on Tuesday. Charlie Hight, pharmacist at Henderson Drug Store in Franklinton, reported that he had filled 307 orders on Tuesday and did not quit work until 1 a.m. Wednesday morning. As high as thirty to forty persons were seen waiting in line for prescriptions in the drug stores at Franklinton Tuesday.

Young Askew evidently came in contact with a host of people during the period of contagion. He was known to have been at White-Lake Friday and Saturday of last week. Returning to Franklinton late Saturday, he attended a dance at Lake Donna near Youngsville. He spent most of the day Sunday in swimming at Lake Donna and spent Sunday night at the home of a friend, Tony Dorsey, on Mitchell Street in Franklinton. He reportedly complained of not feeling good Monday morning but did not become ill until Monday night. He was brought to Franklin Memorial Hospital after reportedly seeing a Youngsville physician, by private automobile and walked into the emergency room without assistance. It was reported that at the time his body had become drawn, a late symptom of the disease.

He was taken to Duke Hospital by private car following the diagnosis here. At Duke, he was reported able to again walk into the hospital.

State Highway Patrolman Bill Ethridge is reported to have clock 725 miles Tuesday in transporting drugs into Franklinton from Raleigh, Durham, and Wilson. By mid-day Wednesday, both drug stores were out again and Trooper E. M. Roberts was dispatched for another load. Some children were being given liquid. Dosage of the tablets were eight tablets immediately, and two four times a day thereafter. The treatment lasts three days. Some persons were prescribed lesser starting dosages when the drug became scarce during the day.

Young Askew lived in a trailer camp south of Franklinton with his mother, Mrs. Alma Dorsey Askew, and his sister, Connie Marie. His father, the late Matthew C. Askew, was killed in a shooting incident on May 2, 1962, in which Alvin Wheeler, a brother-in-law to Askew was tried and freed of a first degree murder charge last February. The sister, Connie, reportedly was swimming Sunday in the Franklinton Club pool. County Health authorities have taken proper measures to safeguard the sister and mother, it was reported.

Funeral services were held for the boy Tuesday at Sandling Funeral Home Chapel, conducted by Rev. W. M. Dameron. Burial was in the Askew family cemetery near Bobbitt.

Federal, State And Local Officers Investigating Shooting At Moulton

Unknown assailants sent a hail of shotgun and rifle fire into two Negro homes near Moulton late Monday night, without injury to any of the occupants. One of the homes had been fired at about two weeks ago in the same manner.

The family of Lenwood Arrington escaped injury in both incidents and no one was injured in Monday's incident involving the Sandy Jones residence. Both families live a few yards apart, a short distance from a paved rural road which runs from Highway 401 to Moulton.

Franklin County Sheriff's Department is investigating the

May 28 incident and the one taking place Monday night around 11 p.m. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has two agents in the area investigating the latest shooting. One stated they were here to determine if the civil rights of the two negro families had been violated. Both families have made application for their children to attend the white Louisburg High School next fall.

An automobile parked in the Arrington yard received considerable damage, as the gunfire tore out the rear window, punctured the trunk, fenders and gas tank. Shotgun pellet marks are visible at the

right of the front entrance of the Arrington home and rifle bullet holes were seen just to the left of the door. Several windows were broken. Bullets entered a side window of the Jones home and traveled through a bedroom coming out a window at the back of the house.

The Sheriff's Department called in the State Bureau of Investigation to assist in the case. This was before the FBI entered the case. Charles McClain, Field Secretary of the NAACP, was in the area Monday, also investigating the incidents. It was reported that he would request the state to

furnish protection for the two families involved.

It was learned that the Arrington family had received several telephone threats, the contents of which were not reported. A reliable source reported that it was believed that race was not involved, as such, in the case. The informant said nothing had been uncovered to indicate that the shooting was anything more than an isolated incident.

Officials are closemouthed about any clues or evidence they might have in the case and say only that they are continuing their investigation.



Homes Blasted

Pictures above show damage to two Negro homes in the Moulton Community Monday night when unknown assailants blasted the dwellings with what appeared to be a shotgun and rifle. House at left, above, is home of Lenwood and Irene Arrington; one at right is occupied by the Sandy Jones

family. Bottom photos show, left, holes near front door of Arrington house, middle, damage to car sitting in the Arrington yard, right, window of the Jones home. The FBI, SBI, and Sheriff's Department are investigating.

-Times Staff Photos.



The Rains Came And The River Rises

Photos above show Tar River flowing over the dam here in Louisburg, making a beautiful picture of white caps as it rose to 141 1/2 feet this morning. Lower photo shows Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy doing what has become a daily task recently, measuring the rainfall. Kennedy reports the area has had 7.25 inches in the past week.

-Times Staff Photos.

Area Gets 7.25 Inches Of Rain

The Tar River is nearing a record height following heavy rain for six of the past eight days here. The river measured 14 1/2 ft. this morning, according to G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman. The recorded peak is 18 ft. on January 8, 1962. It reached 16 1/2 ft. on February 9 of this year. Records have been kept only since 1960.

The area has had 7.25 inches of rainfall since Wednesday of last week, reports Kennedy, with 2.5 recorded Tuesday and Wednesday. Kennedy gave this rundown of measured rainfall for the past week: Wednesday 0.09; Thursday, no rain; Friday 1.34; Saturday 1.02; Sunday, no rain; Monday 0.95 and Tues-

day and Wednesday 2.5.

C. T. Dean, County Extension Chairman, reports that some tobacco has suffered from the heavy rainfall in the county. He says, that mostly, the need for additional fertilizer to replace that washed away, will be the biggest problem for most farmers. He also stated that he thought damage would be relatively small if it continues cloudy for a few days.

On Excise Tax Cuts

Washington, D.C.--The House has passed 401-6, legislation for a \$4.8 billion slash in excise taxes. It will bring prices down on goods from automobiles to lipsticks.

Asst. Town Clerk Hurt In Accident

Mrs. Curtiss Saunders, assistant Louisburg Town Clerk, received painful injuries in an automobile accident Tuesday morning. The car which Mrs. Saunders was driving was rammed from behind by an unidentified woman, as the Saunders car slowed for a stop, according to reports.

Mrs. Saunders suffered neck and chest injuries, not believed to be serious. This Youngsville woman is reported to be in Wake Forest Hospital. Her injuries are not known. The accident occurred on the Peach Orchard road between Louisburg and Youngsville around 11 a.m. Tuesday. Considerable damage was done to both vehicles.

Negro Held In Shooting

A wild shooting spree near the Taylor-Thayer Lumber Co. late Wednesday afternoon netted the arrest of a Railroad Street negro man here. Napoleon Stokes, n/m/28, was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct by arresting officer Thurston Bottoms.

Bottoms was assisted in the arrest by Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell, who was called to the scene when it was believed the incident took place outside the town limits.

Stokes was reportedly sitting on his porch and firing a rifle toward the lumber company yard, apparently without intent to hit anyone. Bullets did, however, strike a late model car belonging to D. C. Carter of the lumber company inflicting considerable damage.