

Partly cloudy and warm today and Wednesday. Low today, 70; high, 90.

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By the time most of us get old enough to understand the value of rest and recreation it does us little good.

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Family Of Six Escape Injury In Gas Explosion

A family of six narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday morning when a gas explosion wrecked the newly occupied dwelling in Hillcrest Acres, a Louisburg subdivision. The family of Mr. Seth L. Washburn, a biology instructor at Louisburg College, was reportedly eating breakfast directly over the basement of the house when the explosion occurred.

According to reports by the Louisburg Rescue Service, which was dispatched to the scene, Washburn had cleaned his basement floor with gasoline shortly before the blast. After returning upstairs, the furnace came on, igniting the gas fumes and causing the explosion, which a neighbor, Howard Harris, described as sounding "like a dynamite blast."

The explosion blew the brick veneering from the rear of the house, breaking windows and buckling the walls and outside

structure. Inside walls were separated from the ceiling showing large cracks from the blast. Windows and doors were warped and binding so they were not able to be closed. Outside gutters were blown from the structure and cement blocks were moved from their original location.

Some odd pieces of furniture were slightly damaged by the blaze in a corner of the basement, but no other fire damage was sighted. The explosion occurred around 9:30 a.m. Saturday.



Booom!

Scene above shows rear of the Seth Washburn home in Hillcrest Acres here, following a gas explosion early Saturday morning which tore off the brick siding and did considerable damage to the interior of the house. None of the six members of the

Washburn family were injured. The incident reportedly occurred when the furnace came on in the basement after Washburn had used gasoline to clean the basement floor.

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Telephone Users To Get Tax Benefits

Tarboro--Carolina Telephone customers will get the full benefit of the excise tax reduction on telephone service.

The law, signed by President Johnson on June 21, calls for the excise tax on telephone service to be reduced from 10 per cent to three per cent beginning January 1, 1966. It will be further reduced one per cent each year until eliminated on January 1, 1969.

Last year, Carolina Telephone subscribers paid more than \$3,000,000 in excise taxes. This money was collected by the company and remitted directly to the federal government.

It is estimated that about \$2,500,000 will be added to the local economy in Eastern North Carolina during 1966 because of the tax reduction for Carolina Telephone customers alone. This exceeds the annual payroll of some of the industrial firms in the area, and should provide a stimulus to the continuing growth of this section of the state.

Epsom Home Damaged

Fire that was discovered during an electrical storm Thursday night about 6 o'clock destroyed the interior of a brick veneer home one and a half miles south of Epsom.

Epsom volunteer firemen said the blaze was at the home of James Hawkins, located on Folly road in Franklin County.

Origin of the blaze is not determined, but a fire department spokesman said his men were told it was first noted near a radio. Firemen said the house was ruined and most of its furnishings destroyed.

Trustee Scholarships Awarded At College

Trustee scholarships have been awarded to students at Louisburg College for the academic year 1965-66. These scholarships are in varying amounts and are based on scholarship, character, leadership ability, and financial need. In addition to these basic requirements a student must have a B plus average or be in the top 15% of his High School graduating class to qualify for a \$500 scholarship, and in order to qualify for a \$250 scholarship a student must have a B average or be in the top 25% of his High School graduating class.

Those awarded scholarships in the amount of \$500 were as follows: Karen Ann Knopf, 719 B. Windsor Lane, Martinsville, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Knopf; Dennis Allen Stokes, Route #3, Box 512, Greenville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Stokes; Larry Stewart Dean, Route #1, Wendell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dean; Rachel I. Batts, Box 91, Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Batts; Anna Kathryn Collier, 506 Kenmore Avenue, Louisburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Collier; Milton Taylor High, RFD #1, Garysburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee High.

Those awarded scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 were as follows: Patricia Ann Dement, 112 Justice Street, Louisburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dement; James R. Drie, Route #4, Louisburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Drie III; Ramona Gail Digh, 1312 Millbrook Road, Raleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Digh; Tessie Faye Moody, Route #1, Wake Forest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Moody; Phyllis Dianne Strickland, 2713 Fort Drive, Alexan-

dria, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Strickland; Jane W. Wilder, Route #2, Franklinton; Susan Ann Southerland, 513 W. Main Street, Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Southerland.

Alice Faye Rudd, 111 Church Street, Louisburg, daughter of Mrs. Alice Rudd, received a Trustee scholarship in the amount of \$165.00. Miss Rudd also was the recipient of the Lions Club Scholarship in the amount of \$150.00.

Other tuition grants in the amount of \$100 each were awarded to: Patricia A. Bowers, 1511 Anderson Street, Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowers; Mildred Marie Harris, Route #1, Kittrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harris; Steven Allen Midgett, Stumpy Point, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Midgett; Nancy Jon Thomas, Route #1, Box 208, Moncure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas; Carolyn I. Smiley, 605 Grades Ferry Road, South Hill, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smiley; James Ward, 108 East F. Street, Butner, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Ward, Sr.; and Brenda Wester, Route #4, Louisburg, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Wester.

The John Jesse Myrick and Mrs. Emma Brown Harris Myrick Scholarship, which was established by Mrs. Emma Myrick Rose of Henderson, has been awarded to William L. Harris, Jr., Route #4, Box 257-A, Henderson. Mr. Harris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Harris. This scholarship is available to deserving young people from Vance and Warren Counties, and is based on scholarship, character, leadership ability,



Sam A. Hennis, Jr.

Grand Master Here Friday

Sam A. Hennis, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, will make his official visit to the 21st Masonic District on Friday evening at 5 o'clock in the Louisburg Masonic Temple. The District is made up of Youngsville Lodge #377, Franklinton Lodge 123, Louisburg Lodge 413, John H. Mills Lodge 624, Henderson Lodge 229, Francis S. Packard Lodge 830, and Johnston-Caswell Lodge 10.

District Deputy Grand Master James A. Johnson says that this is a very important meeting and all Master Masons are cordially invited. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

and financial need. The amount of the Rose Scholarship is \$500.00. Mr. Harris is also the recipient of the Valectorian Scholarship which is offered by the college to high school valedictorians. This scholarship is in the amount of \$200.00.

Unidentified Flying Object Causes Stir Here Sunday

Quite a bit of stir was caused Sunday afternoon when some unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Ferrell's Store on the Bunn Road. Talmadge Fuller, former Louisburg resident, visiting in the area and Elmore May, who lives in the area, were among several to see the object and to report its sighting.

Fuller described the "thing" as looking "like a ball of fire, with smoke above it. It appeared to just hang in the air for about 30 seconds." The object was seen around 3:30 p.m. about 1000 feet in the air, according to Fuller.

Local Civil Air Patrol planes were dispatched to try to determine what the object was and where it fell. Sheriff's Deputies were on the scene. Local airport manager Joe

Shearon said no trace could be found of the object during the afternoon search.

Things buzzed for awhile, with talk of "flying saucers" and UFO's and it seemed the area had a real mystery going until Sunday night when Forest Poythress, local flying enthusiast, reported that he had been told by a reliable source that "some boys were in the woods shooting flares." The source,

said Poythress, would not identify "the boys."

Wonder if "the boys" were little green men from Mars? Or were they green from something else? At any rate they caused a flare-up (ardon the pun) here Sunday, and who knows, maybe some Sunday Franklin County will have visitors from outer space, flares and all.

Theives Enter Epsom Home

Bobby Moss, of the Epsom community reported to the Vance County Sheriff's department, Monday, that his home was entered over the weekend. Theives reportedly took a suit and a ladies dress valued at \$60. The family was away from home at the time of the alleged theft.

Moss reportedly told the Vance Sheriff of similar incidents occurring lately in the same vicinity of Epsom, but across the line in Franklin County.

Two Weekend Accidents Reported

Two accidents were reported during the weekend, neither resulted in any serious injury to those involved. A collision with a power pole Friday afternoon on South Main Street resulted in considerable damage to a car driven by John Owen Eden, n/m/34 when he skidded down the sidewalk, hitting another vehicle and ramming the power pole.

The accident reportedly occurred when a car allegedly driven by "Chick" Winstead of near Bunn, failed to stop at the Bunn Road-Main Street intersection, causing Edens to swerve onto the sidewalk. Winstead who continued on to Baltimore, Md. following the accident is charged with failing to yield right of way. Edens is charged with exceeding safe speed. The parked car belonged to Jonas C. Jeanette of

South Main St. and no damage estimates were given.

Around 10:30 p.m. Sunday, a 1955 Ford pulpwood truck, driven by Charlie Green, n/m overturned in the roadway on Rural Paved road 1103, about 1/2 mile west of Royal. Green received facial lacerations and was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service.

The truck belonged to Ernestine Thomas, n/m of Louisburg and suffered around \$500 in damages, according to State Trooper Bill Etheridge, who is continuing his investigation.

A minor traffic accident near the spotlight at the Main Street-Nash Street intersection occurred Friday afternoon when Dr. A. J. Holton reportedly struck another car nearby. Only minor damages were done, according to one witness.

Council Approves Budget Increase

The Louisburg Town Council approved an Interim Appropriations Ordinance for the fiscal year 1965-66, at its regular meeting Friday night. Listed in the appropriations are services and allotments totaling \$432,696.00 for departmental expense. An additional \$41,330 is listed for bonds retirement and interest, bringing the grand total to \$474,026.00.

The Council set Friday, July 23, 1965 as the date for adopting the new budget. Broken down by departments, the new appropriations are: General Services, \$48,019; Police Department, \$45,470; Fire Department, \$20,357; and Rescue Service, \$3,811.

Other allotments include: Cemetery, \$2,382; Sanitation, \$22,844; Water, \$36,353; Sewer, \$19,752; Recreation, \$4,460; and Contingency, \$14,538. The Electric Department rates the highest appropriation with \$196,540.

The ordinance proposes an increase of \$14,971.00 over the grand total of \$459,055.00 budgeted for 1964-65. Police, Fire, Rescue, Street and Cemetery Departments are receiving slight cuts in their budgets. Sanitation is getting a small increase. Debt Service rises from \$28,933 last year to \$41,330 for the new fiscal budget.

The Budget Estimate was moved approved by Councilman Jonah Taylor, seconded by Councilman Hubert Jeffreys and passed. Councilman E. F. Thomas was not present at the meeting. Mrs. Breattie O'Neal and S. C. Foster, other Council members, with Mayor V. A. Peoples, were in attendance.

Wildlife Protector Honored



James Hal Duke, Jr.

Local Wildlife Protector James Hal Duke, Jr., is honored in the July issue of "Wildlife in North Carolina," the official magazine publication of the N. C. Wildlife Commission. Duke is listed under the "Know Your Protector" section of the magazine, which regularly runs the picture and biography of the outstanding Wildlife Protector.

The magazine article follows: "Wildlife Protector James Hal Duke, Jr., son of Mrs. James Hal Duke of Kittrell, was born in Warren County, but moved to Vance County at an early age. Prior to his employment, Hal spent two years with the U. S. Army at various stations in the United States. He was engaged in a grocery business in Henderson also.

Duke attended the Wildlife Protectors' Pre-service Training School at the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill in January, 1962 and went to work as a wildlife protector stationed at Louisburg, North Carolina in February of that year. During this time of employment, Hal won the respect and admiration of all of the sportsmen of Franklin County for his fair and impartial enforcement of the game, fish and boat laws and his sincere interest in conservation of the natural resources of that area.

He is married to the former Carolyn Wells of Henderson, and they have two children, Dick and Scarlet. They now are making their home in Louisburg.

leaving scene of accident. \$25.00 fine and costs.

June Alston, c/m/46, motor vehicle violation. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Owen O'Neal, unlawful possession of whiskey; unlawful possession of whiskey for sale. Directed verdict of not guilty.

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Cecil Ashley Bolton, w/m, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$25.00 fine and costs.

Bettie Baker, c/f, Unlawful possession of whiskey and unlawful possession of whiskey for sale. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$200.00 fine and costs of court. \$250.00 compliance bond.

Thomas Dudley Earls, w/m/47, motor vehicle violation. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Theatis Hunt, c/m/25, non support. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$25.00 per month for benefit of minor children. Appeal. Bond fixed at \$200.00.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a term of Recorder's Court Jury Trials last week:

Ralph Grant Loftin, w/m/19, careless and reckless driving. Pleads not guilty. Juror withdrawn and mistrial ordered.

James C. Lancaster, w/m/41, motor vehicle violation, operating auto intoxicated; careless and reckless driving. State accepts a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving; \$25.00 fine and costs.

Vernon Varnard Farmer, w/m/41, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Walter Barbour, w/m/21, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Wesley Earl Richards, w/m/37, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Rayford Creech, assault on female. Nol pros with leave.

Murphy Perry, w/m, disturbing public worship. Jury verdict - guilty. Defendant to be confined to the common jail of Franklin County for not less than 8 nor more than 10 months to work under the supervision of State Prison Dept. Notice of appeal. Bond fixed at \$1000.00.

Edward Donald Perry, disturbing public worship. Jury verdict - guilty. Defendant to be confined to the common jail of Franklin County for not less than 4 nor more than 4 months, to work under supervision of State Prison Department. Notice of appeal. Bond set at \$1000.00.

Rayford Creech, worthless check. Nol Pros with leave.

Kenneth Edwards, w/m/26, operating auto intoxicated. Jury trial request withdrawn and pleads guilty to Careless and Reckless driving, which is accepted by the State. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Junious Neal Edwards, w/m/25, motor vehicle violation. Jury trial request withdrawn and pleads guilty to Careless and Reckless driving, which is accepted by the State. \$25.00 fine and costs.

William Earl Lamm, w/m/30, speeding. Nol guilty.

Roger Edward Nines, w/m/31, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Alvin Buellie Hampton, w/m/41, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Homer Warren Atkins, w/m/33, speeding. Upon payment of \$25.00 fine and costs, prayer for judgment continued.

William Howard Garner, w/m/34, speeding. \$50.00 fine and costs.

Larry Frederick Leonard, w/m/18, motor vehicle violation. Nol pros.

Henry Joe Godfrey, w/m/50, careless and reckless driving;



New Rotary Officers

New Rotary officers, installed last Thursday night, are pictured above, left to right, D. R. Saunders, 2nd Vice President; Ed Pittman, Director; Carey Perry, President; Bill Beckham, Director; Bob Vers-

teeg, 1st Vice President; Al Goodwin, Director, and Raymond Rarick, Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Cecil Robbins, past president of Rotary, was the installing officer.

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