



# Youth Dies Following Sunday Accident

A 13-year-old Franklinton youth died in Duke Hospital early Monday morning following surgery for injuries received Sunday afternoon in an automobile collision near the Boarding Home here.

Bill Champion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Champion of Franklinton was struck Sunday around 1:15 p.m. while riding his bicycle along highway 56 between Louisburg and Franklinton. Joseph J. Waller, n/m/54 of Durham, driver of the automobile reported that he swerved into the left lane of the highway to give young Champion room, when suddenly the bike turned into the path of the car.

The bike was reportedly struck near the front wheel, throwing the youth against the windshield of the car. Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service answered the call and transported the youngster to Franklin Memorial Hospital where first aid was administered and the boy was sent to Duke for further treatment.

It was several hours before authorities could determine the youth's identity. There was no identification among his possessions in a bag on the bicycle or in his wallet. Radio pleas were sent out seeking information. It was reported that Franklinton police finally determined who the boy was and notified his parents. The youth was reportedly riding his bike from his home in Franklinton to visit relatives in Louisburg.

State Trooper James Byrd, who investigated the accident ruled it unavoidable.

This is the fourth highway fatality of the year for Franklin County. The first since May 20 when a victim of a May 7th accident died from injuries. The victim was James Edgerton, n/m/21 of Kittrell.

Funeral arrangements for the Champion youth had not been made public at press time.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 26:

KILLED TO DATE	783
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	821

## Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue Service answered a call Monday morning around 8:45 a.m. to the scene of a single car wreck on highway 56, two miles east of Louisburg. The car driven by Mrs. J. W. Cutlett of Plymouth skidded on the wet pavement and ran in a ditch. The woman reportedly complained of back injuries and was taken to the local hospital.



## Seek Identification

Scenes of Sunday's tragic accident, in which a 13-year-old Franklinton boy was fatally injured, are shown above. Top photo shows where the accident occurred and lower, officers searching for identification of the youngster; left to right, Charlie Lambert, Louisburg Police officer; M. C. Joyner, a bystander; State Trooper James Byrd and Joseph J. Waller, of Durham, driver of the car which struck the youth. The youth died at Duke Monday morning.

-Times Staff Photo.

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## New Town Budget Cut Taxes

The Louisburg Town Council meeting last Friday night approved a new budget and lowered the town tax rate by 15¢ for the new fiscal year. The rate, set at \$1.40 last year, is now set at \$1.25.

The decrease this year comes from a reduction in the Debt Service tax levy, as it did last year. The levy fell from 80¢ last year to 65¢ in the new budget.

Town Administrator E. S. Ford explained that water and sewage debts are being paid off through income from these sources and not through a tax levy.

The new budget includes a slight increase in the General Fund from \$159,484 last year to \$167,053 and there is a jump in the Electric Fund from \$167,233 to \$201,540.

Water and sewer expenditures fell from \$93,300 last year to \$84,363 in the new budget. A slight increase in town recreation funds was noted in the new budget, a rise from \$4,115 to \$4,460.

Expected income for the year is listed as General Fund, \$167,053; Debt Service, \$22,935; Electric Fund, \$240,900 with some transfer to the general fund and the water and sewer fund.

The total budget calls for income of \$480,351.00 for the new fiscal year. The Budget Ordinance was passed by the Council and adopted on July 23.



## Photographer & Klansmen

Warrenton photographer Bill Jones is shown above Saturday shortly before he was grabbed by Klansmen and forced to give up his film and camera. The incident has brought widespread publicity to Louisburg and a demand by a Raleigh newspaper for a full scale investigation. Jones reportedly had his shirt torn and his hand injured in the fray.

-Photo by Bill Birdyshaw.

## Klan Holds Rally, Street Walk Here

Around eighty members of the Ku Klux Klan held a street-walk here Saturday afternoon. The group came to Louisburg following a similar walk in Warrenton earlier. The caravan from Warrenton contained around 35 vehicles.

The parades proceeded a Klan rally near Warrenton Saturday night and followed a rally held about 3 miles east of Louisburg Friday night. The Friday night rally here, attended by what one local officer estimated at 2000 persons, was held in a vacant field where a similar rally was staged last October 16.

A host of speakers attacked the Johnson administration, some ministers, Communism, the negro, television, The Warren Record (Warrenton newspaper) and The Franklin Times. Grand Dragon James R. Jones of Granite Quarry, making his second public appearance here, was the featured speaker. Those on the program included an unidentified Klansman from Warren County, a lady member identified as "Mrs. E. C. from Salisbury," Rev. George Dorsett of Greensboro and Jones.

The lady appealed to the women in the audience to send in their trading stamps to help the organization obtain an airplane. Rev. Dorsett asked for \$600 in collections to pay the salaries and expense of four organizers for the Klan. A number of people from the audience went forward and made donations amounting to \$171.25, according to an announcement by the Grand Dragon.

A Louisburg College student, Bill Jones, 21, son of a Warrenton newspaper publisher was roughed-up Saturday afternoon as Klansmen were walking to a local parking lot, where they had assembled for the street walk. Jones said he was grabbed by two security guards and surrounded by robed Klansmen who took four rolls of film from him. They reportedly took his camera but returned it upon Jones' assurance he would destroy the film, which he said he did.

The incident reportedly occurred when young Jones photographed some Klansmen involved in a verbal fray with negroes on the street. The photographer was allegedly grabbed near the courthouse on Nash Street and taken to the parking lot, about two blocks away, where he was roughed-up and the film taken away. The film included color shots of the Klan march in Warrenton as well as the event in Louisburg.

## Attack On Photographer Brings Demand For Investigation By Raleigh Newspaper

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The incident involving a young Warrenton photographer and members of the Ku Klux Klan during the Klan street walk here Saturday has brought demands from a Raleigh newspaper for an investigation by the Governor's office.

The Raleigh Times, in an editorial in Monday's issue (See Editorial page 4) asked for a full investigation by SBI agents and an assurance by Governor Dan K. Moore that the "majesty of the law will be upheld" in North Carolina.

The incident involved the roughing-up of Bill Jones, 21, son of a Warrenton newspaper publisher and a student at Louisburg College. Jones had covered the Klan walk in Warrenton earlier Saturday and had traveled to Louisburg to continue his coverage.

According to Jones he had photographed the Klansmen during their walk here and snapped a picture of some of the Klansmen arguing with negroes on Nash Street across from the Franklin County courthouse. At this point, two security guards grabbed the youth and as Jones put it, "insisted that I go with them to the parking lot."

The guards took Jones camera from him at this point and Jones walked between them the two blocks to the parking lot where he was reportedly roughed-up.

On the way Jones said he passed a Louisburg Policeman, later identified as Ralph E. Lester. Jones said, and Lester agreed, that the policeman overheard the Klan guard say, "You can't take my picture. It's against the law." Jones said, "I did not call to the policeman." He did not explain why he did not seek help.

Lester, said he was directing traffic and while he overheard the statement by the guard, he did not sense any trouble since Jones was walking between the guards without them holding on to him. Lester also said that the guard had the camera in his hand at the time.

Jones said that at the lot, a number of robed Klansmen gathered around him, none in colored robes, indicating that state Grand Dragon James R. Jones was not involved. He said they asked for his film and he gave them one roll from his pocket. The Klansmen then demanded that he empty his pockets and he did, giving to the Klansmen three rolls of film plus the one in the camera.

In the scuffle, Jones had his shirt torn in the front and in the back. He later reported his hand was also injured. He told a reporter right after the incident that he did not wish to file a complaint with local police. "I don't want to get anybody in trouble or start anything," Jones is reported to have said.

When informed of the incident, Chief William Dement of the Louisburg police said he had heard of the incident but that when Jones passed him, he did not mention it. Dement later is reported as saying that he did not see the torn shirt. A Times reporter saw the shirt and verified that it was torn, but the reporter did not witness the alleged incident.

There has been no indication by local authorities that any investigation is to be held. Solicitor W. H. (Jack) Taylor, quoted in the out-of-town papers as having said he was on vacation and knew nothing of the happening except what he read in the papers, has made no indication that his office will conduct an investigation.

Governor Moore is out of state, attending a Governor's conference, and there has been no word from his office on the Raleigh Times editorial request.

## Senator Belk To Speak At Business Association Dinner

State Senator Irwin Belk, president of the North Carolina Merchants Association will be the featured speaker at dinner meeting scheduled for next Monday night here. The Louisburg Business Association, sponsor of the meeting, has made the announcement.

Members, their wives or husbands will attend along with members of the local civic clubs and their wives. The Town Council of Louisburg and the County Commissioners are also expected to attend.

Sen. Belk, from Mecklenburg County, will speak to the group on the value of the merchant's associations to their community. The dinner is to kick-off a special promotion by local merchants emphasizing the growth of retail business in the Louisburg area in the past five years.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Louisburg College Cafeteria. Arch Lee, local auto store operator, is president of the local organization and will preside at the meeting. The speaker was invited through the efforts of Al Goodwin, vice president of the organization and Thompson Greenwood of Raleigh, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Association.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Red Study Canceled

Washington, D. C.--The Army has canceled its controversial \$4-million Project Camelot. It was a study of how communists capitalize on revolutionary change in developing nations. The Pentagon said the study was impractical and not worthwhile.

### New Press Secretary

Washington, D. C.--Bill D. Moyer, an ordained minister, has replaced George E. Reedy as President Johnson's secretary. Reedy is scheduled to have foot surgery to correct a hereditary foot defect.

### More Troops For Vietnam

Washington, D. C.--President Johnson, predicting "darker days to come in Vietnam," has indicated a surge in the U. S. military build-up which could reach 100,000 men by late summer. The proposed reinforcement up to 75,000 American troops has almost been completed.

## Senator Jordan Explains Rural Water System Bill

Senator Everett B. Jordan of North Carolina issued a statement yesterday on a bill to aid rural citizens to set up their own water systems. The statement, from Senator Jordan follows:

Washington--The Senate has approved a far-reaching program, which I co-sponsored, providing for the establishment of water systems in rural areas.

Under the proposed program, the Farmers Home Administration will be authorized to make grants and loans to groups of rural citizens for the purpose of constructing community-wide water systems.

This new program will in

many ways do for the rural communities what the Housing and Home Finance Agency program has done for residents of larger cities and towns in assisting in the establishment of water and sewer systems.

The proposed program for the rural communities is especially suited to meet the needs we have in North Carolina and other largely rural states.

We have in North Carolina some very urgent needs in the area of providing water and sewer systems for our rural people. According to the United States census reports we have nearly a quarter of a million rural homes in North Carolina today without running water and over 340,000 rural homes without sanitary waste disposal systems of any kind. These figures take on special significance when it is remembered that we have in the neighborhood of 600,000 rural homes in the state altogether.

Although the proposed program to be administered by the FHA is primarily designed to meet the needs of farm people, others can certainly benefit from it because the bill provides that assistance can be given to towns up to 5,000 population. In North Carolina

## College Summer School Termed Best

"This is the best summer school that Louisburg College has had," states Dean John York.

"An enrollment of 199 for the second session and 201 for the first session yields an average for the summer of 200 per session or a total of 400 as compared to the 1954 total of 281.

"Thirteen faculty members are employed for this second session which began July 15 and ends August 20. The first session began June 7 and ended July 13," the dean reports.

"The summer sessions give students an opportunity to ad-

just to college work and to strengthen weaknesses in academic work before entering the full load of a regular session.

More and more students are availing themselves of this opportunity at Louisburg College."

## Local Youth Has Popular Durham Radio Show

Bobby Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones Beasley of Louisburg of Louisburg, and a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is spending the summer working for WTKR radio in Durham.

The Louisburg native, for several years an announcer with the local Louisburg station, is in charge of a much publicized radio program called "Speak Up." Reference to the programs and some of the controversial subjects discussed have appeared in the Durham newspaper and in Time, a national newsmagazine.

Beasley, a graduate of Louisburg High School, has announced that he has issued an invitation to Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and to North Carolina Grand Dragon, James R. Jones to appear on his program on Tuesday, August 3, at 8:30 p.m. He says that Shelton has accepted.

Beasley, who doubles as an announcer and an engineer, reported that he has many listeners in the Franklinton area. He does show more than the Speak Up program.

## Weather

Variable cloudiness and warm today and Wednesday, with thundershowers. Low today, 70; high, 87.

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