

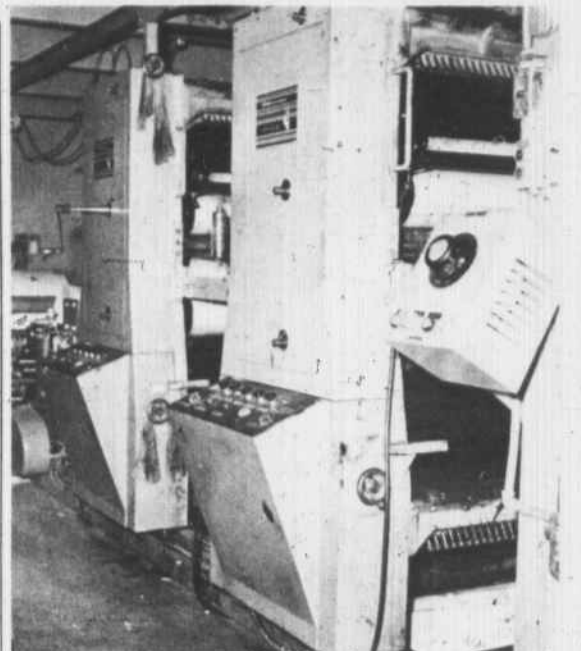


WASHINGTON HAND PRESS USED TO PRINT THE FIRST ISSUE OF THIS NEWSPAPER IN 1870, SHOWN ABOVE FOLLOWING RECENT FIRE AT THE JOHNSON HOME WHERE THE PRESS WAS STORED.

# The Times Marks Start Of Ninety-Seventh Year Today

Today marks the completion of 96 years of service to this area by The Franklin Times. It also marks the beginning of our 97th year. It's been a long time. When this newspaper began publication in 1870: Abraham Lincoln had been dead only five years. Ulysses S. Grant was 46 years old and President of the United States. Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt had not even been born. General William T. Sherman was Secretary of War and Napoleon III surrendered to the Prussian leader, Bismarck. It was still one year before the disastrous Chicago fire and six years before Wild Bill Hickok was to be shot in the back, holding aces and eights in a card game in Deadwood, North Dakota. Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming had not been admitted to the Union. Queen Victoria was in her 33rd year as reigning monarch of Great Britain with 21 more years to go. General John J. Pershing was nine years old.

Ralph Waldo Emerson was still writing poetry and such giants of history as Thomas A. Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Cyrus McCormick, Samuel F. B. Morse, Oliver Wendell Holmes, General George A. Custer and General Robert E. Lee were still active. Henry Ford was seven years old. The cash register had not been invented, nor had such useful items as celluloid, disc cultivators, automobile engines, graphophone, magazine guns, incandescent lamps, the typewriter, motorcycles or the movie machine. Even the fountain pen had not been invented, or the phonograph. The telephone was six years away. Trolley cars were unknown and barbed wire still had four years to wait before being invented. Yes, 96 years is a long time. This newspaper has recorded weekly and more recently, semi-weekly, history as it happened in the area it serves. As intended by its founders, today's management and staff have dedicated themselves to the continuation of this service.



NEW MODERN OFFSET PRESSES NOW IN USE BY THE FRANKLIN TIMES IN ITS MODERN PLANT ON BICKETT BLVD. THE PRESS ALSO PRINTS A NUMBER OF OUT-OF-TOWN NEWSPAPERS.

**Weather**

Partly cloudy and cold today and Wednesday. Low today, 18; high, mid 40s. Chance of rain or snow Wednesday.

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**Comment**

You have a right to your own life if you have the courage to live it.

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**Two Injured**  
Rescue workers lift small compact car in photo above early Monday morning to free trapped Negro teacher. The accident occurred at Harris Crossroads on Highway 401 south of Louisburg when Annie Jean Wilson, N/1/23, of Raleigh, science teacher at Riverside School here, lost control and ran off the highway, overturning the vehicle. Peggy J. Sloan, N/1/20, bookkeeper-secretary at the school, of Raleigh, was a passenger. Both women were injured and taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Wake Memorial. —Staff Photos by Clint Fuller.

## Jaycees Planning Pageant

The Louisburg Jaycees have begun their plans for this year's Miss Louisburg Pageant, according to Bill O'Neal, Publicity Chairman for this year's event. The Pageant date is tentatively set for sometime in April, and local Jaycees are in the process right now of contacting prospective contestants and their Pageant book advertisers. W. A. Peoples is Pageant Chairman this year, and he stated, "We expect a larger turnout for this year's performance and a much better pageant."

## Locals Aid In College Concert Plans

The 1966-67 Friends of the College concert series at North Carolina State University has begun its membership drive, which will continue through March 15. The series will offer performances by the National Orchestra of Belgium, the American Ballet Theatre, Anna Moffo-Richard Tucker, Jose Greco and His Spanish Dance Company, Arthur Fielder and a Pops Concert, pianist Van Cliburn, and the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam. Interested concert-goers should place orders for season tickets before the March 15th deadline. No memberships will be sold after that date, and no admissions to individual concerts will be offered. The Friends of the College is the largest concert series in the United States. Current membership exceeds 16,000 and a budget exceeding \$115,000. Concerts are given in the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on the North Carolina State University campus. Each concert is given on two or three evenings to accommodate patrons comfortably and to allow for optimum sound effects. Local patrons may contact Allen de Hart at the College, or Mrs. James Clayton, in Louisburg, or Mrs. Richard Whitfield in Franklin for tickets and information.

## County Records First Highway Fatality In Head-On Crash Saturday

A grinding head-on collision Saturday night near Jackson's Pond seven miles east of Louisburg resulted in the first highway fatality in Franklin County this year. Six other persons were injured, two seriously. William Lonce (Ray) Richardson, N/m/27, Rt. 4, Louisburg, driver of the 1956 Ford involved, was killed instantly when his car hit a 1963 Ford, reportedly driven by Lucy Anne Blackman, N/1/25, Rt. 4, Louisburg, around 9:15 p.m. Saturday night on Highway 581 east of Mapleville. Riding in the Richardson car were: Jerry Richardson, N/m/23, Charlie Trader, N/m/23, and Ollie Alston, N/m/27, all of Louisburg, Rt. 4. Trader was injured seriously, and his condition was described as "poor" when transferred from Franklin Memorial Hospital to Duke late Saturday night. The other two men suffered minor injuries. Riding in the Blackman car were: Martha Williams, N/1/29, and Lucy Collins, N/1/32. Both received minor injuries. The Blackman woman was reported to be seriously injured and was taken to Duke Hospital in Durham. Jerry Richardson and Alston were taken to Franklin County jail following the accident, by Sheriff Deputy Dave Batten, charged with shooting at a place operated by Norman Perry, N/m, near Louisburg. The two, with the dead man and Trader, had reportedly "shot-up" Perry's place just a short time prior to the accident with a .410 gauge shotgun. The stockless weapon was found in the wreckage of the Richardson car. State Trooper D. C. Day, investigating officer, reported that the cause of the accident was Richardson having crossed the yellow center line into the path of the Blackman car. Both automobiles were extensively damaged. The Richardson car was thrown down a deep embankment, and Louisburg Rescue Service members had a difficult time freeing the injured man and later in extracting the body of the driver. This was the first fatality on Franklin County highways this year. Six persons were killed in the county last year, for a new low in recent years. Fourteen met death on local highways in 1964. The first fatality occurred last year on January 10 and the second on May 7.

## Commissioners Award Contracts

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners met in special session last Wednesday and awarded contracts in two projects involving county-owned buildings. The Board declared Brannan's Sheet Metal and Roofing of Nashville, N. C., to be low bidder on roof repairs for the Ben Franklin Boarding Home and awarded the company with a contract for such repairs at a cost of \$3995.00. Of the four specified type shingles bidden upon, the Board selected 290 # Self-sealing Class "C" asphalt. Wheeler Exterminating Company of Kinston was awarded contracts for pest control of the Franklin County Library building on Justice Ave. at a cost of \$180.00 and the Old Welfare Building on Market St., soon to be used as the Tax Collector's office, at a cost of \$175.00. Chatter is a very expressive word when applied to some conversations.

## 74 Approved Welfare Department Processes 184 Food Stamp Applicants

The Franklin County Welfare Department has processed 184 applicants for the Food Stamp Program, as of last Wednesday, according to Mrs. Jane M. York, Director of Welfare. These applications involved 973 persons, Mrs. York reports. Of this number, only 74 have thus far been approved involv-

## Local Negro Shooting Victim

A 29-year-old Louisburg Negro man is in serious condition in Veteran's Hospital in Durham today, following a shooting spree here early Saturday evening. Clarence (Jason) Stallings, N/m/29, was shot in the face with a .12 gauge shotgun blast around 8:30 p.m. at the home of Floyd Wood, N/m, on Perry's Street here. Willie (Popbill) Thomas, N/m/28, reportedly shot Stallings following an argument. Thomas claims he did so in self defense. Louisburg Police Officers Earl Tharrington and Thurston Bottoms investigated the incident.

## Meeting

Sam Rope, U. S. Department of Agriculture official working here to aid in setting up the Food Stamp Program, has announced a final make-up meeting Thursday afternoon for any grocers in the area who failed to attend the two previous meetings held here. Pope announced a meeting for 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon in the meeting room of the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co. building on Bickett Blvd. He urged any food merchant who has not attended the other meeting to be present for this final session. It was also announced that 93 grocery store operators have been approved to handle stamps customers, with a number of others awaiting interviews.

## Addition

In the list of Franklin County students making the Honorable Mention List at Louisburg College for the fall semester, the name of George Thomas Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Overton, Route 1, Henderson, N. C., was omitted through error. Not many workers overlook the approach of a holiday. —Emotions are valuable, but civilization teaches self-control.

## Alford Speaks To Epsom Lions Club

Mr. J. B. Alford, District Supervisor of the N. C. Highway Department, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Epsom Lions Club on Thursday night. Mr. Alford spoke about the progress of North Carolina roads since their beginning and discussed what the bond issue will mean in terms of better roads locally. The regular semi-monthly meeting was held in the Education Building of Liberty Christian Church at Epsom, with Kenneth Fuller, president, presiding over the meeting. About twenty-four Lions were present.

## Notice

Any parent residing in the Franklin Township School District who has a child who will be 6 years old on or before October 15, 1966 is asked to call Mr. Whit Shearin at Franklin 494-2332 before March 4.

## Prayer Day

The World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, February 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It is jointly sponsored by the local Methodist, Baptist, and Episcopal churchwomen in Louisburg. The offering will go to the United Church Women's mission schools abroad and migrant ministers in this country.



**One Dead, Six Injured**  
Body of William Richardson, N/m/27, Rt. 4, Louisburg, lies beneath sheet in top photo shortly after he was killed instantly Saturday night in a head-on collision near Jackson's Pond. This is the first highway fatality of the year for Franklin County. Six others were injured, two seriously. Louisburg Rescue members Kyle Prince, left, and Bryant East are shown after the local service organization removed the injured. Lower photo shows second car involved in which driver was seriously injured. —Staff Photos by Clint Fuller.