

# Weekend Marred With Accidents, Thefts And Shooting

## Third Fatality

A rash of week-end automobile accidents, a burglary and a shooting, plus two car thefts kept local officials and State Troopers on the go. Franklin County recorded its third highway fatality, half of last year's total, when Fred Perry, 25-year-old Henderson, Rt. 1, Negro, was killed instantly in a two-car accident one mile south of Epsom.

Officers reported that Perry was traveling at a high rate of speed when his car left the road on the left, re-entered the highway and rolled over and flipped end over end several times. Perry was thrown from the vehicle.

A second car involved in the accident netted an undetermined injury to Lonnie Barnes, 34, Epsom Negro. State Trooper Kearney said Perry might have survived had his convertible been equipped with seat belts. The accident occurred on N. C. 39 around 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Escapes Injury

A passenger in the 1963 Ford, driven by a wounded Viet Nam veteran, received a broken leg when the car left the highway on State Rural 1707 west of Bunn last Thursday night around 11:30 p.m. Johnny Mack Tant, w/m/19, of Rt. 1, Louisburg was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital for treatment. Melvin Lewis Bell, w/m/21, Rt. 2, Zebulon, home on leave having been wounded in the arm and head in Viet Nam, was the driver of the vehicle, according to State Trooper James Byrd. Earl Bell, w/m/20, Rt. 1, Zebulon, and the driver received minor injuries. The car was demolished when it landed in a creek.

An Aiken, S. C., car dealer escaped injury last Friday morning around 10 a.m. when the 1961 Falcon he was driving and another like model being towed overturned on U. S. 1 five miles south of Franklinton. Cecil Owen Renew, w/m/40, told Trooper D. C. Day the two vehicles began to weave when he met an oncoming truck. Renew lost control and both cars overturned.

A 19-year-old Franklinton woman escaped injury when the car she was driving ran off State Rural Road 1116 south of Franklinton Sunday afternoon around 1 p.m. and struck a bridge abutment. Gale Winston Parker, 16, Ramey Circle, Franklinton, was not injured. Damage to the car and bridge was estimated at \$350.00.

Last Friday morning around 7 a.m. Henry Fielding Mitchell, Rt. 1, Kittrell, pulled his 1964 Chevrolet onto State Rural 1239 into the path of a 1966 Chevrolet driven by Charles Burch Fort, a salesman for National Biscuit Company, near Rocky Ford. Both cars were extensively damaged, and Fort suffered a minor leg injury. Trooper D. C. Day charged Mitchell with failing to see that movement could be made in safety.

## Home Entered

During Church Hours

The Henry K. Baker home near Pearce's was burglarized Sunday morning between 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., according to Franklin County Sheriff Joseph W. Champion. Sheriff Champion estimated the loss at between \$1200 and \$1500 in old jewelry, cash and bonds.

The thieves broke open a safe in the Baker home and removed some old rings, bracelets and watches from a jewelry box plus an undisclosed amount of bonds and cash.

Sheriff Champion said his department is continuing its investigation and that he has some leads.

## Wife Shoots

Husband

Earlene Bumper, Negro, of Route 1, Louisburg shot and wounded her husband Sunday morning around 11:30 a.m. at their home near Cash's Store between Louisburg and Youngsville, according to Sheriff Joseph W. Champion.

James C. Bumper, N/m/39, was shot in the legs and taken by the Louisburg Rescue Service to Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was later transferred to Duke Hospital in Durham.

Reports say that Bumper had beaten his wife Saturday night while drinking, and when he returned home Sunday in a drunken condition and began to threaten her again, she shot him.

## Weather

Sunny and cold today. Low, 28; high, 55. Wednesday, partly cloudy and continued rather cool.



3 Injured



Near Franklinton



Near Rocky Ford

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Shirley Jean Upchurch

## Youngsville Senior First Pageant Contestant

Miss Shirley Jean Upchurch, a senior at Youngsville High School is the first announced contestant for this year's Jaycee Beauty Pageant. Miss Upchurch is 17 years old, has blue eyes and blonde hair.

Her hobbies are dancing and singing and she lists her favorite sport as basketball. She is now or has been a bus monitor, a bus driver, member of the Youngsville F. H. A., 4-H, S. O. S. Club; a Marshal, Library Club and Glee Club. She has been a member of the basketball team for four years.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jack Upchurch, Rt. 2, Franklinton. The 1966 Miss Louisburg Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, in the College Auditorium.

## "If At First -"

### Negro Caught Again With Stolen Car

A 27-year-old Youngsville, Rt. 1, Negro man believes in the old adage that if at first you don't succeed, try, try again, according to reports from William T. Dement, Chief of Louisburg Police.

Emelius Dunston received a hearing in court this past week on the theft of a 1966 Pontiac from the lot of D. & J. Pontiac-

Olds Co. here two weeks ago. He was placed under \$500.00 bond and bound over to Superior Court by Recorder's Court Judge G. M. Beam, Sr.

According to reports, last Friday night Dunston stole a 1962 Plymouth belonging to Floyd Walters from the D. & J. lot, where the car had been

## Owners Of First-Citizens Bank Hold Waccamaw Stock

Disclosure by L. A. Tart, Dunn (N. C.) banker, in a hearing last week in Richmond, Va., that the Holding Family, owners of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., also hold stock in Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., has brought forth quite a stir in banking circles in the state.

Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., with the home office in Whiteville, recently received approval of their petition to locate a branch here in Louisburg. The temporary trailer to house the facility until a permanent building can be constructed arrived here Monday.

First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. has operated in Franklin County for many years with branches in Franklinton and Louisburg and more recently in Bunn.

Local banking officials declined comment on the disclosure, but B. L. Nesmith, Jr., Chairman of the Waccamaw Board, reportedly said Saturday in Dunn, "Since there has been some mention in the press recently regarding the Holding family's ownership in the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, I would like to clarify that with the permission of the Holding family. The number of Waccamaw shares presently owned by that family are as follows: Frank Holding, 965 shares; Lewis Holding, 885 shares; Robert Holding, Jr., 888 shares; and their mother, Mrs. Maggie Holding, 6,589 shares.

"This makes a total of 9,332

shares out of a total of 197,340 shares outstanding, or less than 5 percent. Furthermore, no member of that family has ever been a member of the Board of Directors of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., nor had any advice in its management."

The connection between the two banking firms in Louisburg had been rumored since the first announcement by Waccamaw that it would seek to locate here. First-Citizens did not oppose the Waccamaw application, presumably at the time because it preferred "friendly" competition to that of a national bank.

The ownership in competing banks by the same family was brought to light in recent hearings held in Richmond, Va., on applications for two national banks to establish branches in Dunn. It was in these hearings that the news of the Holdings' interest in other banks was revealed.

A reliable source said the original ownership came about due to the close friendship between the late L. A. Tart, Sr., and the late R. P. Holding, Sr., both early Eastern North Carolina bankers, who relied on each other in their early years. Holding's shares were left to his family at his death.

One point which has focused statewide interest in the disclosures is that Lewis Holding is a member of the State Banking Commission. He was an appointee of former Governor Terry Sanford but supported Governor Dan Moore in the 1964 race.

Governor Moore released a statement Monday in which he said, "Our banking laws provide that when any member of the banking commission owns an interest in any bank and a matter concerning that bank arises in the commission, the commissioner must disqualify himself and not take part in the decision. I think this is a very wise procedure, is customarily done, and so far as I know, it has been followed over the years."

The commission recently ruled on Waccamaw's application to operate in Louisburg in competition with First-Citizens. While the point has not been clarified, it is assumed by the Governor's statement that Commissioner Holding did not participate in that decision. Another decision, now pending before the commission, is the one on First-Citizens' application to close all day on Saturdays. Not included in the application, Waccamaw has indicated they, too, will observe the Saturday closing once they are opened here.

The First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina and Southern National Bank of North Carolina called Tart to the Richmond hearings as a witness to show that because of the dual ownership in the two Dunn banks, there had been no competition there for twenty years, according to press reports on



Planning Immediate Start

Youngsville businessman Archie Brown is shown above, right, with Cliff Barber, President and Chairman of the Board of Ben-Bar Electronics, Inc., who announced Monday the firm will open a manufacturing and design plant in the Lake Donna building in Youngsville. This is the second industry Youngsville has landed this month. Barber says operations will begin immediately. --Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Second This Month

### Youngsville Announces New Electronic Plant

For the second time this month Youngsville announces the acquisition of a new industry. The latest is the Ben-Bar Electronics, Inc., Company, which is to locate in the Henry Privette building, formerly known as Lake Donna in Youngsville.

The community announced on March 10 that the Diazit Company, Inc., of New Jersey would locate on U. S. 1 for the manufacture of whiteprint machines. Diazit is to construct its own building in the near future.

Ben-Bar is expected to begin

## Talton Seeks Florida Industry

J. Harold Talton, local bank official and Vice Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission reported today that his trip to Florida last week, in search for an unnamed agricultural related industry, seems promising.

Talton disclosed that a company engineer was visiting in the county last Friday to look over some facilities. The representative was sent from St. Louis, Mo. "I was very pleased to see these people come into our county and show this much interest in our efforts," Talton said.

The local banker toured the county with company representatives last Friday. The name of the company or type of industry is still being kept confidential by local industry-hunting officials.

The dispute at Dunn involved the Commercial Bank, which has now announced a planned merger with Waccamaw.

operations immediately. Cliff Barber, who celebrates his 30th birthday tomorrow, is President and Chairman of the Board of the corporation and will manage its Youngsville operations. He is a native of Colorado, lived nine years in New York and spent one year in Raleigh before entering service. He is an Air Force veteran. Following his discharge, he returned to Raleigh, where he has been connected with the Aerotron Company for the past six years.

Barber is married to the former Peggy Husketh of Youngsville, who is Secretary of the Corporation. They have five children. Archie Brown, Youngsville businessman, said he credited "Peggy with bringing us this industry."

Barber says he expects to employ between five and ten people within the next sixty days and to go upwards to 100 people within the next six to eight months. The Barbers plan to make their home in Youngsville.

## House Candidate

### Drake Issues Statement On E. C. C. Med. School

Representative Wilton R. Drake of Warren County, now seeking re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives from the 16th District of Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties, today released the following statement in which he strongly supports the position of East Carolina College's President, Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, in his bid for University Status and Medical School Facilities for the Greenville institution:

Drake said, "There is no question in my mind concerning the merits of Dr. Jenkins' bid to attain University Status for East Carolina College. If there is any hedging whatever on the

part of the State Board of Higher Education, then I would be most happy to see Dr. Jenkins bring the matter directly to the 1967 General Assembly where I am sure he would find overwhelming support for his proposal."

Drake stated further, "The same goes for the proposed Medical School at his fine institution which we worked diligently to initiate in the 1965 General Assembly Session. It now appears that a mistake was made in setting a deadline of January 1, 1967 for the establishment and accreditation of the Medical School and I feel that the 1967 Session will take

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## Bloodshed Boxcross

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, March 28:

KILLED TO DATE	331
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	312

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