

Weather

Partly cloudy, 30 per cent chance of rain today. Low, 67; high, 83. Friday, partly cloudy, rather warm with widely scattered showers.

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When an individual decides that it is time to work for what he, or she, wants, the individual is making some progress in life.

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Franklin, The "Have-Not" Not" County

Second In Mileage, Last In Money

An Editorial

Since March 3, 1921 the State of North Carolina has spent \$3,472,069,884.00 for Highway activities. This is through the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1965.

In the 29-year period beginning with July 1, 1937 and ending June 30, 1965, North Carolina has spent \$996,193,999.00 on highways. Had these funds been equally divided among the 100 counties of the state, Franklin County would have received, for all road purposes, \$9,661,939.00. Instead, Franklin County received less than one-third its share or, \$3,076,626.97.

Certainly no one would advocate that road funds be divided equally among the counties. Some counties have more registered vehicles than others; pay more tax than others; have more people than others.

Some counties, too have more Primary Road Mileage than others.

For instance, Franklin County has 56 percent as many miles in Primary highway as does Wake County. Reason would dictate that based on road mileage, since roads are where the money is supposed to be spent, Franklin County should be getting slightly more than half of what Wake County receives each year.

Wake is fourth in the State in miles of Primary roads with 275. Franklin has 154.70 miles of Primary highways. In 1965, Wake County received \$5,468,654.46. Franklin County received only \$149,364.97, a far cry from near half of Wake's total.

In the same year, Durham County, with 49 less miles of Primary roads than Franklin, received nearly twelve times as much or \$1,721,279.83. Durham County has 105 miles of Primary highways.

Vance County received \$135,221.80 or almost as much as Franklin, with only 77.5 or about half the number of miles of Primary roads.

Warren, with 87.5 miles of Primary highways, received nearly three times as much as Franklin with a total of \$384,728.74 in total road funds.

Granville County with 42 less miles of Primary roads received over \$26,000 more than Franklin County.

Person County, with 98 miles of Primary roads received \$313,987.35 or close to three times as much as Franklin County even though holding 56 less miles upon which to spend the funds.

These are all counties of the Fifth Division. All have received more total highway allotted funds than Franklin County, although Franklin has the SECOND LARGEST NUMBER OF PRIMARY ROAD MILES IN THE DIVISION. Again we ask: What constitutes a basis for the allotment of State Highway Funds?

If it is unreasonable to assume that money is allotted according to the number and miles of highway in a given county, exactly what does the State Highway Commission base their allotments on?

If it takes over 5 million dollars for Wake to maintain 275 miles of Primary roads and their secondary system, does it not follow that it would take a preproportionate share for Franklin to maintain its 154.7 miles of Primary roads plus its secondary system? (Note: Franklin has 609.47 miles of secondary roads, paved and unpaved, Wake has 1,316.45. Both include urban roads.)

At the risk of being repetitious, again we ask: Why has Franklin County not gotten its proper share of road funds in the past; and why are we not getting them today?

If the present Highway Commission doesn't know, why doesn't it say so? If it does know, why is it hesitating in making it public? The people of Franklin County have a right to know.



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Youngsville Gets \$165,000 Federal Construction Loan

An announcement by County Industrial Development Director W. J. Benton and a wire from Congressman L. H. Fountain, received Wednesday, said the Small Business Administration in Washington has approved Youngsville's application for a loan of \$165,000 for construction to house the new Tre 'Jay Manufacturing Company plant.

Youngsville Development Association President James T. (Joe) Moss disclosed that letters were going out immediately to all local citizens who had made pledges in the recent drive, asking that their pledges be honored as soon as possible, in order to get the construction underway.

Youngsville citizens and others in the area pledged close to \$40,000 earlier this year as the local share of the cost of locating the baby-gift manufacturing plant in Youngsville.

Benton said, "Moss stated that his association wanted to begin construction at once and that it is necessary to get the local money in before construction can begin."

The total cost of the project was announced at \$238,000.00 and the plant is to employ upwards of 150 persons.

The plant will contain 27,000 sq. ft. and is to be erected by Carroll Singleton and Associates of Henderson, N. C.

Noisy Mufflers Must Go

State Trooper James Byrd of Louisburg announced Tuesday that noisy mufflers in the area must go. Byrd said that local police and state troopers will begin an immediate crackdown on faulty mufflers on all vehicles, with particular emphasis placed on those on motorcycles.

The Trooper, quoting from State law, stated every vehicle must have a muffler in "good working order which does not cause excessive or unusual noise."

Citations will be given for violators, Byrd said and the crackdown is now in progress.

John Emery of Portland, Ore., head of the company bringing the plant to Youngsville, made a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Youngsville Development Corporation's fund drive when the location of the plant was originally announced last May 2.

Emery said at that time,

NOTE
We think you'll enjoy "A Letter to Dixie" on Page 4 of Today's Times.

Rep. L. H. Fountain Comments On Times' Road Efforts

Second Congressional District Representative L. H. Fountain, in a letter to Times editor Clint Fuller last week, disclosed that he had written letters to Governor Dan Moore and State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt, on behalf of road improvements in Franklin County.

Rep. Fountain stated that, in reference to the reply from Mr. Hunt, "... the substance of his letter was to assure me that he is 'distressed' about the condition that has existed for many years in Franklin County. He assured me that he would do everything he could and that he thought Mr. Brame, the District Commissioner, had already established a proper relationship with your local Board and people."

Congressman Fountain wrote the Raleigh officials following a letter to him from David Daniel, College Relations Director, in which Daniel pointed out some of the facts contained in front page editorials in The Franklin Times. Rep. Fountain wrote Mr. Hunt on July 1, "With respect to the roads upon

"This is good for you and it is good for me," referring to his plant's location. "I like this area. I like the attitude for industry and the labor market," he added.

The company also has a plant in Littleton, N. C. and in Lake Oswego, a suburb of Portland, Ore. The Youngsville plant is scheduled to be in operation by the first of the year.

This date is subject to change if there should be some delay in obtaining the local money within the next few days, one spokesman said.

which I have traveled in that county, I can sincerely vouch for what Mr. Daniel had to say in his letter of June 17 to the Governor. I sincerely hope you will do everything you can to comply with the wishes of Mr. Daniel."

Rep. Fountain's letter stated, in reference to the letter from Mr. Hunt, "He indicated he would do what he could when he said: 'You can tell your friends in this neighborhood I am trying to do all I can.'"

Rep. Fountain wrote Fuller, See FOUNTAIN Page 8

Franklinton Gets Water Ordinance

The Franklinton Town Commissioners passed a regulation Monday night, amending the town charter in order to regulate the use of town water during emergencies. The action gives the Board authority to say what water may be used for during the present and any future emergencies.

Franklinton officials have voiced concern over the depleting town water supply in view of the extended dry spell



Only Nightclothes Saved

Ruins of the W. H. Kelly residence at Bunn are shown above following the early Wednesday morning fire which destroyed the home and all contents. Mr. Kelly, alone in the house at the time of the blaze, managed to get out, but lost his clothing and household furnishings. Mrs. Kelly and a daughter were at the beach, according to reports. Bunn Fire Chief H. D. Mitchell reported the blaze started in the kitchen part of the house shortly after 4 a.m. Wednesday. At one point, the Bunn Fire Dept. was believed to have extinguished the fire, but flames which had reached the attic rekindled and the building was lost before Justice Fire Department arrived with additional water. Mr. Kelly is Principal of the Bunn School.

Local Head Start Program Under Controversial Warren Parolee

The controversy over the employment of a parolee from two life sentences as business manager of the federally sponsored Head Start and Neighborhood Youth programs in Franklin-Warren and Vance Counties continues to grow.

WRAL-TV News, Raleigh first disclosed that Charles A. Cheek, Warren County Negro, listed as business manager of the anti-poverty program in the three counties, was on parole following two life sentences plus a thirty-year sentence for crimes involving burglary. The disclosure came last week, and the Raleigh television station had aired several reports on the matter since.

The latest disclosure, based, as WRAL-TV News puts it, on their investigation into the matter, is that the bonding company was not advised of the fact that Cheek was a parolee.

The Board also passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer in Franklinton on Sundays.

Jack Slips, Car Falls Man Killed At Wood

A 21-year-old man, who planned to be married later this month, died instantly Wednesday around noon when an automobile he was working

under fell, crushing his chest. Alvin Junos Marshall, who returned from a six-month Reserve training tour just last Friday, was last seen alive by a friend around 11:45 a.m. His body was discovered 13 minutes later pinned beneath the vehicle. The bumper jack, reportedly being used, slipped according to Lemuel Ward, Assistant Chief of the Centerville Rescue Service. Death was attributed to a crushed chest and punctured lung, according to Coroner James Edwards' report.

Franklinton Woman Dies Suddenly

A 28-year-old Franklinton woman died suddenly this morning around 7:30 a.m. at the home of her parents, according to reports.

The young woman, Mrs. Elmarie Lindsey Finch, reportedly had been ill during the night, but was thought to be alright. Early this morning, according to reports, the woman lay down on a couch in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lindsey, S. Hillsboro Street, Franklinton.

Her parents heard her fall off the couch to the floor and she was dead when her parents reached her, according to one Franklinton official.

County Coroner James Edwards was summoned to the scene, but cause of death had not been reported late this morning.

Both the Centerville and the Louisburg Rescue Services were called to the scene, but Ward reported the youth was dead when the Centerville unit arrived shortly before the Louisburg Service.

Ward said he had known Marshall, known to his friends as "Shorty" for many years. "He was a mighty fine boy," Ward said. He had talked recently with Ward about renting an apartment after his forthcoming marriage. Ward had as late as Tuesday recommended the youth to a Louisburg garage operator as a "good man and a good mechanic."

The accident occurred in the field behind the home of his fiancée who lived with her mother, Mrs. Helen King, a restaurant operator near Wood.

Marshall's family lives in the Red Bud community. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Midnight Swim

Sit around the local police station for any length of time and one will soon collect a host of interesting, if sometimes doubtful, tales. Most have grown in exciting detail as the years have passed.

One recent experience by two local police officers, will undoubtedly take its place among the many and oft-told firehouse tales.

Last Sunday around midnight, officers Ned Lloyd and Larry Gilliam spotted an automobile traveling at excessive speed and gave chase. The race came to an abrupt halt on the Bunn road just outside of town.

The driver alighted from the stopped vehicle and took to the fields, not unlike a scared rabbit.

Lloyd and Gilliam gave chase on foot. The would-be escapee, running in the total darkness, failed to see the farm pond in his path and ran smack into it.

When officers arrived, the man was standing in the water up to his chin and at first, refused to come out. Gilliam went for more help and Lloyd stayed with the man. As Gilliam returned, Lloyd was seen leading the man back to the patrol car.

Frank Perry, N/m/43, Rt. 1, Louisburg, was taken to higher and dryer grounds and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Next thing you know, police officers will be required to take swimming lessons.