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Oops!

A construction company truck is shown above where it stopped after having traveled down the incline from Franklin Memorial Hospital striking the rear side of the Perry-Medders Clinic building here. It is believed that the vehicle rolled unattended into the building sometime Saturday night. Damage to the building and the truck was light.

Jaycees Endorse Times' Road Efforts

The Louisburg Jaycees have announced their support of efforts to get road improvements in Franklin County. In a letter to Times' Editor Clint Fuller, the local service organization said, "As a civic club, we are dedicated to the growth of Franklin County and we cannot grow very much without a good road system. We feel that you may be the candle that will serve to illuminate the entire County on our road needs and the spark that will motivate our people to positive action."

The letter referred to Fuller's writings as "your courageous campaign to improve the highway system of Franklin County." The Louisburg organization joins the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, Franklinton Lions Club and the Bunn Lions Club as public supporters of the road effort. For the past nine weeks, The Franklin Times has printed front page editorials and pictures pointing out the conditions of county primary highways. The articles have shown the county has fallen short of collecting what The Times says is "its fair share" of road improvements over the past thirty year period.

There has been no public statement by State Highway officials either on the articles or what, if anything, they intend to do about local road conditions.

Fuller expressed his appreciation to the Jaycees for their endorsement and stated, "The Louisburg Jaycees and the

other progressive county organizations who have indicated their support of efforts to get road improvements shows that our people are interested in this situation. If we are to gain attention of State officials, we must have the overwhelming support of these organizations and others. We will continue our efforts and we hope that others will join in them."

County Gets \$32,273 In Intangible Tax

County Accountant Lee Murray disclosed Monday that the county has received a check for \$32,273.02 as its part of the State Intangible taxes. In an accompanying letter, Allen Paschal, Director of the Intangible Tax Division cited G. S. 105-213 as the law under which the funds were to be distributed to the counties and G. S. 105-213 under which the money was to be used locally. This section of state law requires the money to be distributed in accordance with the tax rate for each budgeted department.

The Franklin County funds will be distributed as follows, according to Murray: General Purposes, \$3,259.57; County Accountant's office, \$325.96; Welfare, \$6,519.15; Farm Agent's office, \$1,468.42; Veteran's Service Officer, \$161.37; Health, \$1,629.79; Debt Service, \$1,468.42; Schools, Current Expense, \$6,193.19; Schools, Capital Outlay, \$7,822.98; Hospital, \$1,629.79; Industrial Development, \$651.91; Revaluation, \$816.51 and Courthouse repairs, \$325.96.

This year's amount tops that of 1964-65 by \$42,042.99. The check in 1964-65 was for \$28,030.03.

A Washington official has defended a Warren County Negro parolee who is employed as Business Manager of the Franklin-Warren-Vance anti-poverty programs. Fred Forbes, public information assistant to Sid Woolner, Middle Atlantic regional director of the Office Economic Opportunity, said in reply to inquiries by Congressman L. H. Fountain, "We have an audit of the organization's books up to August 2 and they are in perfect order."

He added, "Charles Cheek has done an excellent job so far." Cheek is a parolee from two life sentences plus a sen-

Pilot Woman Abducted, Murder Suspect Hunted

Negro Accused Of Killing Three Persons

A 39-year-old Negro, reported to have murdered at least three people in a wave of crime extending from Alabama to Smithfield, N. C. is being sought in connection with the abduction of a Pilot white woman. The incident took place late Tuesday afternoon, August 2, just south of Pilot on Highway 39.

The Franklin Times learned Monday that Mrs. Bufer Abrams, operator of a florist business in Pilot was forced by a Negro man, identified as Henry Smith, to drive to Selma, N.C. Mrs. Abrams was not harmed and the Negro got out of her car at the intersection of U.S. 301 and N. C. 39 near Selma. Smith is wanted in connection with the July 22 murder of Willie Fowler, 52-year-old Selma Negro near an open-air market in Smithfield. Smith also allegedly severely cut Fowler's wife. The Fowler woman and Smith's estranged wife are reported to be twin sisters. Smith had also killed a previous husband of the Fowler woman, according to Smithfield Chief of Police Jack Ray.

Both murders took place in Johnston County, according to the Chief. The first reportedly occurred some time ago on Brodgen Road near Smithfield. Smith was also charged with murder in Montgomery, Alabama and was extradited from North Carolina to stand trial. Because of the length of time which had expired and the unavailability of witnesses, he was found not guilty because of insufficient evidence.

According to informed sources, Mrs. Abrams had seen a picture of Smith on television just prior to taking a Negro maid home on the day of the abduction. When returning along a dirt road to N. C. 39 and while stopped for oncoming traffic, Smith jumped into the back seat of the car Mrs. Abrams was driving. The car was on loan from a Zebulon garage while Mrs. Abrams automobile was being repaired.

Smith is reported to have told Mrs. Abrams, "If you do like I tell you, I won't hurt you" and instructed her to drive "toward Selma." He spoke twice more, once when Mrs. Abrams slowed down near a rural store to issue his previous warning and again when he ordered her to stop the car near Selma.

Smith was wearing gloves and pulled Mrs. Abrams hair when ordering her to do as he told her. Smith lost his left arm between the elbow and shoulder in a shooting affray several years ago, according to reports.

He has a record in Central Prison in Raleigh and was out on \$900 bond, having appealed a Recorder's Court in Zebulon

sentence of six months for assaulting Q. B. Fowler, a Negro cellmate in the Zebulon jail. The incident took place on May 28 and Smith was tried, according to Zebulon Police records on June 8, 1966.

Mrs. Abrams and her family have lived in fear since the abduction that Smith might return to harm her. Johnston County Sheriff Rafoord Oliver said he wanted help in capturing Smith. Sheriff Oliver, Chief Ray and Zebulon and Wendell city police are searching for the suspect. Franklin County Sheriff's Department was called at the time of the abduction but it was later learned that the crime occurred in Johnston County.

Zebulon Police Officer W. H. Perry said he believed that Smith had killed two persons in Alabama, decapitating one. A number of wild rumors have grown out of the incident, due in part to a certain amount of secrecy which was thought to be in the interest of Mrs. Abrams' safety. However, when the incident became widely talked in the community, The Franklin Times investigated and discovered what has proved to be an amazing story of a dangerous criminal at large.

The incident had not been previously reported in any of the area newspapers, and Smithfield Chief Jack Ray said he was unaware of the abduction of Mrs. Abrams although his department was looking for Smith on the murder charges. Johnston Sheriff Oliver, aware of the abduction was not familiar with the Zebulon charges against Smith. Sheriff Oliver, however, did hold Smith for Alabama authorities about 18 months ago.

Smith's home address is listed as near Wilson Mills. He reportedly moved there on Sunday, July 17, four days before he is accused of murdering Fowler. He reportedly attacked Fowler while the victim was sitting in his car in front of an open air market. Mrs. Fowler jumped from the car and ran toward the store. She stumbled and fell and Smith allegedly jumped on top of her and cut her with a knife saying that he was going to find

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OEO Official Defends Warren Poverty Head

In Franklin County is the only project in this county under the direction of the Cheeks, Franklin, Vance, and Warren county commissioners have formed a three-county organization which is expected to administer federal funds in the future.

"We looked all over for a man to do that job. Cheek had a good record in prison. He was interested, and we gave him the chance. He has paid his debt to society, and so far he has proved our faith in him," Forbes said. "We hope the people down there are

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End Of Argument Over A Trip

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement is shown above, right center, inspecting the murder weapon, with which Willie Lee Jacobs, n/m/46, was killed early Sunday morning on Railroad Street. Jacobs' body lies where he fell in the street. Police Officer Ned Lloyd, left of Dement, views the body and off-duty Police Officer Earl Tharrington, left of Lloyd talks with a spectator, Herbert Leonard. Floyd Williams, n/m/29, is being held accused of the fatal shooting.

--Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

One Killed, One Wounded In Sunday Shootings

A 46-year-old Louisburg Negro was killed instantly Sunday morning around 9 a.m. when he was shot with a .32 caliber automatic pistol on Railroad Street here. A 20-year-old Negro was accidentally wounded in the leg with a shotgun blast while riding in a car near Ingleside late Sunday afternoon in the second shooting of the day.

Floyd Williams, n/m/29 of Louisburg is being held in Franklin County jail in connection with the fatal shooting of Willie Lee Jacobs at the Williams home early Sunday morning. According to reports, Jacobs was visiting Williams when an argument started over which of the men would drive to Duke Hospital to get a friend and bring him home.

Jacobs reportedly went to his automobile, parked in the street, and got a shotgun from beneath the rear seat. As he rounded the vehicle heading toward Williams, the younger Negro fired twice dropping Jacobs beside the car. According to Coroner James Edwards, one bullet hit Jacobs in the upper right chest, puncturing the heart.

Williams then walked to the Louisburg Police station and surrendered to Fireman Gray Moon, who called Police Officer Ned Lloyd. The Louisburg Rescue Service was alerted, but Jacobs was dead when the Rescuers arrived. In the second shooting, Hubert Williams, n/m/20, was shot in the leg while riding in a car containing seven Negro men. The gun accidentally fired, according to witness reports, when Freddie Perry

attempted to see if it was loaded. No charges have been made in the incident, according to Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten. Both men are from Route 3, Louisburg.

Rep. Fountain Opposes 1966 Civil Rights Bill

Washington, D. C. - Rep. L. H. Fountain (D. - 2nd District, N. C.) took an active part in opposing House passage of additional "civil rights" legislation. Fountain spoke in opposition to the proposed Civil Rights Act of 1966 on three separate occasions during House debate.

After stressing that he was opposed to the pending bill Shearon Heads Air Patrol

Capt. Joe Shearon was named Commander of the Franklin County Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol in the organization's elections held here last Thursday night at the air field west of Louisburg.

Nine other officers for the year were named along with Shearon. They are: Lt. Talmadge Fuller, Executive Officer; Sm. James W. Payne, Adjutant; Lt. Lorest Poythress, Testing Officer; Capt. Linwood Gupton, Deputy Commander; Lt. Dorsett Finch, Operations; Lt. Harlam Trogdon, Supply; Sm. Belmont Burnett, Transportation; Sm. Peter Eggman, Deputy Commander for Cadets; and Jesse Worley, Training.

Shearon announced that the Squadron is in need of more personnel to fill vacant positions. Particularly, he stated, the Squadron needs a Chaplain and a Communications Officer. He asked that anyone interested in becoming a Cadet or a Senior member contact him or the Adjutant. The group meets every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

because he believed it was "in part unconstitutional" as well as "unwise and unnecessary," Fountain pointed out that opposition to the bill was justified for a number of reasons entirely apart from the objectionable nature of some of its provisions. Fountain told the House that the complicated and potentially far-reaching changes the bill would make in existing law were not—and could not have been—adequately considered by the Judiciary Committee in the time available for studying the bill. Fountain also pointed out that the bill had been considered almost exclusively on the basis of its alleged effectiveness in promoting civil rights, although

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Middle Belt Opening Expected Early Sept.

Speculation has the Middle Belt Tobacco markets opening in early September, according to reports. The fixing of Wednesday, August 24, as the opening date for markets in Eastern North Carolina puts the Middle Belt next in line.

The Middle Belt, of which Louisburg is a part, usually opens about two weeks after the Eastern and if this custom is followed this year, this will place the opening around September 6 or 7. The Middle Belt Board of Governors are expected to meet soon to set the date.

There are ten markets in the Middle Belt. They are Durham, Henderson, Oxford,

Guardsmen Return

Members of the 5th Rocket Battalion from Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon returned Sunday from a two-week training encampment at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The men arrived by plane at the Raleigh-Durham Airport late Sunday afternoon, one plane landing around 6:30 p.m. and the second shortly after 7 p.m.

Two Guardsmen remained at Ft. Sill, hospitalized following a Jeep accident last Tuesday afternoon. Lt. William Nagle of Louisburg and SFC Sam Strother of Franklinton are expected to remain in the base hospital at the giant mid-western artillery base for at least two more weeks.

Nagle suffered several broken ribs and a broken shoulder, plus severe head and facial lacerations. Strother suffered internal injuries. Unofficial word from some of the Guardsmen returning indicated the condition of the two men had worsened since news were briefed on the accident last Wednesday in Ft. Sill.

Nagle's wife and parents are reported to be enroute to Lawton, Oklahoma where the base is located. Strother's brother, William, is also reported to be traveling to see the injured men.

The Guardsmen drew praise from regular Army evaluators for their performance, with particular praise coming for the efficient firing of the XM-50 Honest John Rocket by the Zebulon and Youngsville Firing Sections.

A large group of families and friends greeted the returning men upon their arrival at Raleigh-Durham Airport Sunday afternoon.

A Lot Of Lost Eggs

Dean Farms of Louisburg reports the loss of between \$7500 and \$8,000 as a result of an accident last Friday afternoon involving one of their trucks on N. C. 56 west of Louisburg.

Two Dean employees, a driver and passenger received injuries described as not serious when the vehicle overturned after colliding with a car driven by H. G. Jones, Route 2, Franklinton.

Joe Jordan, N/m/18, driver of the truck, was pinned beneath the vehicle for a short while and John Eden, N/m/35, was thrown from the truck. Both men received first aid from the Louisburg Rescue Service and were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Jones was not injured.

Loaded at the time, the accident destroyed 173 cases of eggs or a total of 5,190 eggs. Harris Spencer, manager of the firm, reported the loss in eggs was around \$2,000 and the truck, which he described as a total loss, was placed between \$5500 and \$6,000. He stated the loss was partially covered by insurance. He also reported the injured men were "doing alright" this morning.