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## Injured In Weekend Mishaps

Five persons were injured, two seriously in various weekend mishaps involving a shooting, a stabbing and at least one automobile accident.

Eugene Wardrick, c/m/37, Rt. 3 Warrenton is the object of a search by Warren and Franklin county officers following the shooting of his brother, Ellis Lee Wardrick, c/m/19 Rt. 3, Warrenton just inside the Franklin County line last Saturday afternoon. The younger Wardrick was reportedly on a hunting trip when he shot his brother with a 16 gauge shotgun, in the face and neck. The older negro was taken to Duke Hospital in serious condition. At last report, the younger Negro was still at large.

Richard McAbee, w/m/33 of California received 62 stitches to repair knife wounds in the chest, arms and legs following an affray reportedly with Tom Pendergrass, w/m/40 near the Franklin-Wake line Saturday afternoon around 2 P.M. Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell reported the incident took place at Owen White's Place on U. S. 1. Both men are under \$500 bond facing charges of starting an affray. A second warrant has also been issued against Pendergrass for the knifing of McAbee.

Three persons were injured when two cars hit head-on on Bickett Blvd. Sunday night around 11:15 P.M. near the Little River Sinclair Station. The accident reportedly occurred when a car driven by Linwood Smith, w/m/40 skidded across the center line into the path of a car being driven by Henry C. Mosely of Raleigh. Smith, Mosely and Mosely's brother all received injuries. The Louisburg Rescue Service rendered first aid at the scene.

Another two-car collision near the N. C. 561 intersection and Bickett Blvd. occurred Sunday night. A late model Corvair, reportedly driven by Phillip Shearin of White Level turned into the path of a car driven by James Johnson of Louisburg near the Taste-Freez around 7 P.M. There were no injuries, but damage to the Johnson car was considerable.

## Franklinton Group To Form Rescue Squad

A group of interested Franklinton citizens met last Thursday night in the town court room to discuss the possibility of organizing a rescue squad for the area.

Bill Johnson, President of the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, was said to be the spearhead of the move with a number of

others, including Police Chief Leo Edwards, Rev. Lloyd Jackson, Jerry Ball, J. J. "Red" Johnson, Wilson Gupton and several others. The latter three were named a committee to get the project underway with Ball being named chairman.

J. A. Sanderlin, operator of See RESCUE Page 6

Error Of 200 Votes Found:

## Dement Edges Speed As Top Vote Getter

An error by the Louisburg precinct in last Tuesday's election returns, corrected by the Board of Election's canvas here Tuesday changed the vote-getting honors to Sheriff-elect William T. Dement.

The report came in giving Dement 742 votes in Louisburg when actually, he had received 942. Interest has grown in the race between Dement and Representative-elect James D. Speed as top vote getter as the returns filed in last Tuesday night.

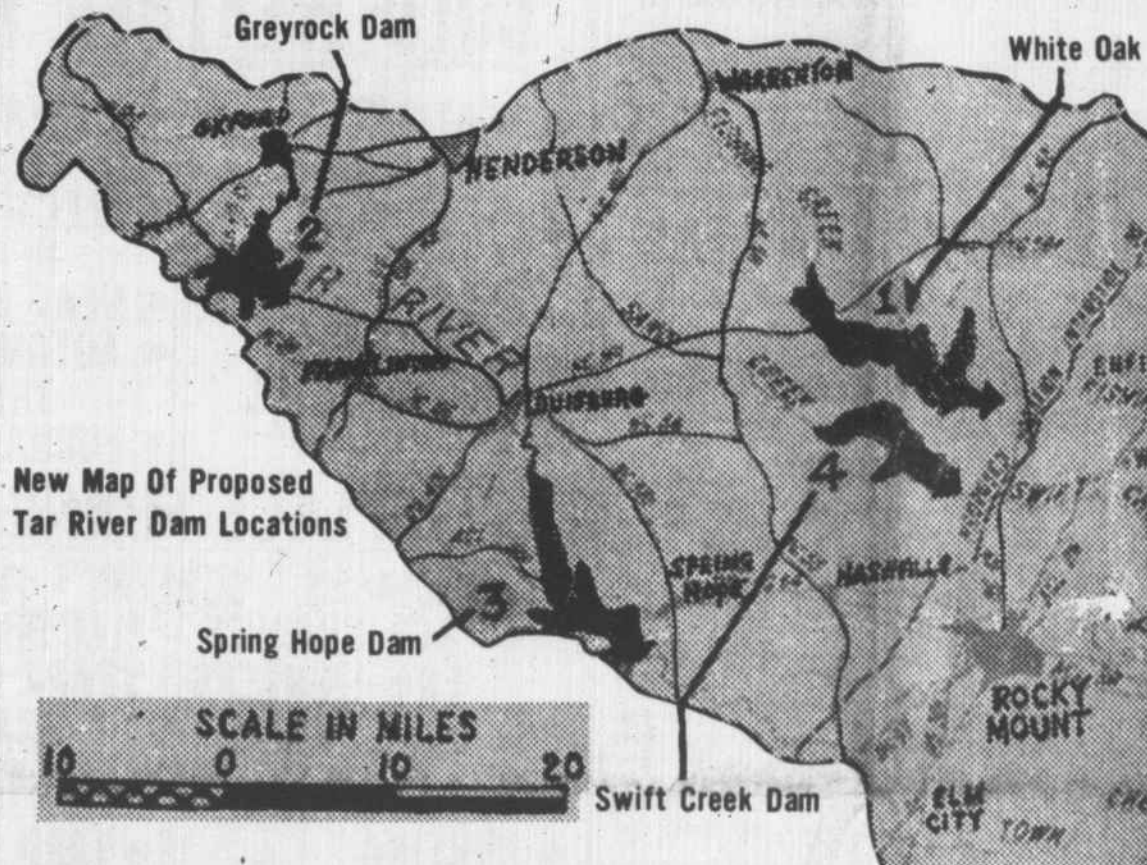
With each precinct reporting the race moved closer and closer. With Dement leading by four votes, Franklinton returns have him and Speed the exact same tally. When Louis-

burg came in, the error had Speed winning the unofficial honors easily. The correction gave Dement a one-vote edge. Speed had led the county as vote getter in the May primary, but had no local opposition although he ran against two candidates from Vance and Warren Counties.

Interest in this side race grew with the absence of any torrid race returns in Tuesday's tally. Usually large crowds were absent from THE FRANKLIN TIMES elections returns headquarters. Many local citizens preferred to stay home and watch regional and national returns on television.



WILLIAM T. DEMENT



New Map Of Proposed Tar River Dam Locations

## Sheriff-Elect Names New Assistants

Sheriff-elect William T. Dement announced the appointment of three deputies and two jailers today. Dement, who takes office on Monday, December 5, said he had been working since June in an effort to secure the best men available for the positions.

The new Sheriff has named Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten as his Chief Deputy, a post Batten has held for most of the

four years he has served under outgoing Sheriff Joseph W. Champion. Also named were Lonnie G. House, Franklinton building contractor and H. Lloyd Gupton, also a building contractor who has been Township Constable of Gold Mine for the past 14 years.

Veteran jailer W. L. Faulkner is also being kept by Dement. Faulkner has served under Champion for the past five to six years. Also named as jailer is retiring Louisburg police officer Thurston Bottoms. The County Commissioners made provisions for two jailers sometime ago and Dement says he will have Faulkner and Bottoms work 24 hour shifts on and 24 hours off in an effort to relieve the work load at the jail.

Dement, a former deputy sheriff under Sheriff Willis Perry has been Chief of Police in Louisburg for a number of years. He successfully opposed Sheriff Champion in the May Democratic Primary and

won without opposition in the General Elections last week. In making the appointments, Dement has acquired representation on his staff from all sections of the county. Batten 41, is from Bunn; House

## Franklinton Youth Morehead Nominee

A Franklinton High School senior has been named winner of the county's Morehead Scholarship nomination. Barry Joseph Mangum, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Mangum, Rt. 2, Franklinton was selected by the Morehead Scholarship Committee Thursday.

Four candidates from the county were interviewed by the Committee before the final selection was made. Other than Mangum, the others were: Robert Spencer Griffin, Jr. of Edward Best High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Griffin, Rt. 1, Castalia; John McCray Dement of Franklinton High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dement, Jr. of Franklinton and Curtiss Neil Dunn of Louisburg High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Dunn of Bunn.

The winner must now face the state committee in a bid for the coveted award.

Basis for selection by the Committee are spelled out in the memoranda distributed by the John Motley Morehead Foundation. They include "scholastic ability and attainments; qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship."

Also included in "Basis of Selection" are such things as "evidence of moral force of character and of capacities to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates" plus, "physical vigor, as shown by interest in competitive sports or in other ways."

Charles Yarbrough, Chairman of the Franklin County Morehead Scholarship Committee,

40, is from Franklinton; Gupton 50, is from Centerville; Faulkner is from the Epsom section of the county and Bottoms is from the Louisburg Area. Dement is also a resident of Louisburg.



BARRY JOSEPH MANGUM

## Takes Course

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards is taking a special course in Police Administration at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. The three-week course is to extend over a six month period, it was explained, with Edwards attending on a regular basis when his other duties will allow.

The comprehensive course is being given to a number of administrative officers involved in police work, it was reported.

Edwards reported that he was getting a great deal from the sessions he has already attended and was looking forward to completing the course in due time. He said he attended three sessions last week.

as figured now, would appear about two and half miles southwest of Spring Hope, three-quarters of a mile downstream from the Webb's Mill dam and immediately below the U. S. Highway 64 bridge.

The Salem damsite would be about three miles north of Red Oak and two miles southwest of Salem. It would appear a mile and half south of Swift Creek School, two miles upstream from S. R. 10003 bridge.

A third dam, White Oak, would be situated on Fishing Creek in Nash and Halifax counties, about 10 miles west of Enfield. The damsite would be one and three-quarters miles below the mouth of Little Fishing Creek, immediately upstream from Melton's Bridge.

Colonel Snow said that several changes have taken place since that last report on the development project was presented about a year ago, and that further changes were anticipated before final adoption. He inferred, however, that each of these proposed dams is very much in the program's inclusion.

Remaining to be done, he stated, are (1) completion of project evaluation studies; (2) the coordination with Federal Water Pollution Control Administration to determine optimum amounts of storage to be included in projects for water-quality control; and (3) coordination with local interest to determine amounts of water-supply storage to be included in the projects.

In connection with the latter, he pointed out that the city of Oxford has expressed a strong interest in obtaining water-supply storage in the Grey Rocky project.

The program also must be coordinated with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine final evaluation of fish and wildlife benefits from the projects; and final project formulation including the determination of the optimum size of each project and the most feasible sequence of construction.

The lake resulting from the dam at Spring Hope would cover 4,000 acres, Snow stated. In answering questions from his audience, he said that the Corps of Engineers would do all within its power to cooperate with local and private interests as to location of the dams, lakes, etc.

Snow told the Farm Bureau audience that the development project is underway, primarily, to insure flood control for this area. A 70 percent reduction is expected throughout the basin, 90 percent in Nash County, when the plan is put into effect.

It comes, too, to create sufficient water supply for the area. The proposed plan would insure adequate water supply sources for the basin within the next 50-year period. (Water needs are expected to triple within 34 years--by the year 2000, Snow asserted.)

The plan is to insure water-quality control whereas water in the basin is expected to deteriorate markedly unless additional treatment works are provided, the reservoir plan would assure "best water" for the area.

Also to be considered are the recreational benefits which the four reservoir projects would provide. Nearly 50 percent of the water area and land area would be situated in Nash. Visitation to these projects are estimated to increase from 1,600,000 annually soon after the projects are constructed to about 5,000,000 annually by the year 2020. Recreation (including fish and wildlife benefits are estimated to amount to about \$1,500,000 annually.

It is surprisingly easy to improve the conduct of other people, if they follow your own expert advice.



EARL THARRINGTON

## Council Names Tharrington Chief

The Louisburg Town Council named recently appointed Assistant Police Chief Earl H. Tharrington to be Chief of Police, in a meeting here last Friday night. The appointment is to become effective on December 5, when the present Chief, William T. Dement, takes office as Sheriff of Franklin County.

Tharrington was named Assistant Chief last September 9 and speculation was at the time that Tharrington would later be given the top post. The 32-year-old, a veteran of the local force, has served for six years, having moved to the Police Department after a number of years with the electrical department of the town. He is a graduate of Gold Sand High School and is married to the former Sue Calicut of Montgomery County. He is the father of two sons, Tony 11 and Greg 2.

Chief Dement tendered his resignation, effective on December 5, when he is to be sworn as Sheriff. Veteran Officer Thurston Bottoms, also gave the Council his resignation. It was reported that Officer Bottoms is resigning due to ill health. He has served as a Police officer for the



T. B. BOTTOMS

past 23 years.

Voting for Tharrington were Mayor V. A. Peoples, Councilman Louis Wheelless, who made the motion that Tharrington be named, Councilman E. F. Thomas, who second the motion and Council Member, Mrs. Breattie O'Neal, and Jonah Taylor. Abstaining from the voting on the Chief were Councilmen S. C. Foster and Hubert Jeffreys.

The Council voted to "express sincere appreciation for

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## Mulkey Dies, Earl To Be Brought Back

B. J. Mulkey, 31-year-old carnival worker, wounded critically while working with the Franklin County Fair here last October 7, died in Duke Hospital in Durham, last Wednesday. Herbert Gene Earl, 37, charged with the shooting of Mulkey, was tried in Recorder's Court here and sentenced to 18 months on the roads earlier this month on charges of assault against Mulkey.

Placed on work release with the Vance County Prison farm, Earl escaped earlier this month, returned to Springfield, Mass. where he is accused of stabbing his estranged wife and another woman almost to death. He remained at large for several days, but information received here says he is in custody, being held on the Springfield charges.

Earl reportedly shot Mulkey several times with a .22 pistol in a trailer on the fairgrounds around 4:30 P.M. Friday afternoon, October 7. No reason has been given for the shooting. Mulkey had been in critical condition since the shooting. He was first taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital, but was sent to Duke when it was learned there was no blood here to match the victim's. His condition had deteriorated in recent days with death coming last Wednesday. Mulkey's mother and brother had visited Louisburg two weeks ago en route to Durham on a visit.

Earl will probably now be brought back here to face murder charges in the shooting.



JAMES MADHU

The principal of a Methodist High School in India, Mr. B. James Madhu, will be guest of Louisburg College November 15-20, 1966.

A native of Raichur, India, Mr. Madhu, has been a school administrator, teacher and preacher for The Methodist Church in India since 1938. In addition to two college degrees from Indian universities, he holds an M. A. in education from Syracuse University, where he was a Crusade Scholar in 1955. He has also studied at the Duke University Divinity School.

He is in the United States to attend the General Conference of The Methodist Church and See VISITOR Page 3