

Plant To Locate Here

The waiting ended today for local industrial leaders with the announcement shortly before 1 o'clock that a major furniture manufacturing plant will locate here on the Boarding Home property on NC 56 west of Louisburg.

Carolina Fine Woods, Inc. disclosed it will build a 130,000 square-foot furniture plant here to manufacture quality cabinets for the entertainment products industry.

Frederick C. Lohmueller, President of Carolina Fine Woods, said construction of the facility will begin about the middle of December. The plant will be of one-story masonry construction.

The new facility will be located on a 50-acre tract west of State Route 56 about two miles northwest of Louisburg.

"The plant will incorporate every new furniture manufacturing advance in equipment and building design," Mr. Lohmueller said. "Our objective is to produce cab-

inetry representing the highest state of the art," he added.

Cabinets will be produced for stereophonic phonographs, color and monochrome television sets and quality radios, Mr. Lohmueller said.

Mr. Lohmueller is a furniture manufacturing executive with wide experience, particularly in the North Carolina and Virginia manufacturing regions.

Mr. Lohmueller noted that wood cabinetry is one of the areas of short supply in the entertainment products industry. The pattern of consumer demand for fine furniture to house home electronic components has shown an accelerating trend.

We expect that trend to continue into the foreseeable future, he declared. "The pattern reflects the growing affluence of the nation's society and a broad distribution of that affluence."

Mr. Lohmueller said, "We are locating here because of the wonderful cooperation we have received from the

Industrial Commission, the Board of County Commissioners, state officials and those working on the labor survey. We feel the move will be mutually beneficial to you and to us."

Mr. Lohmueller, former vice president and plant manager of a furniture concern in Kenbridge, Va. will move to Louisburg shortly. Mr. Guerin, who will be charge in of Cost Accounting and Controller is expected to move in the next few months to Louisburg.

Asked by newsmen about the number expected to be employed in the new plant, Mr. Lohmueller pointed to the size of the building and commented, "How many can you get in that space?"

W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director, issued a prepared statement, which follows: "This is a great day for Franklin County. Carolina Fine Woods, Inc. will add greatly to the economy of the County. The prospect was brought to the area by Hunter Poole, Industrial

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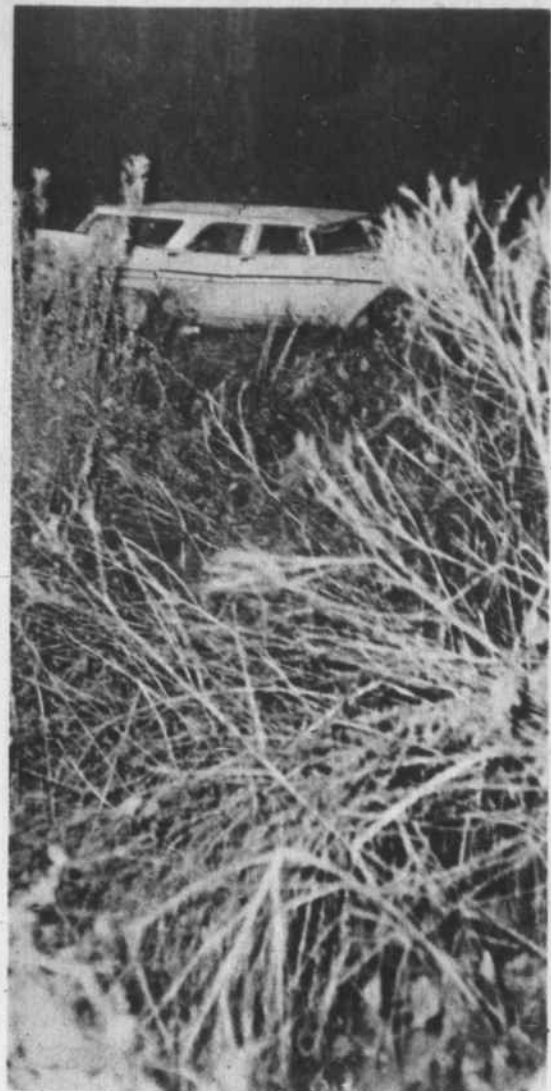
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Three Hurt

Station wagon in which twelve persons were riding is shown above several hundred yards off US 401 south of Louisburg Saturday night, where it ran off the highway and overturned, injuring three of the occupants.

Epsom Youth Found Unhurt After Accident

An 18-year-old Epsom youth returned home late Friday following an all-night search by Epsom Volunteer Firemen and others after the youth had walked away from an automobile accident in which his 1966 model car was completely destroyed.

State Trooper A. C. Gray of Henderson said a 1966 model car driven by Stephen Gregg Southerland, 18, of Route 1, Henderson, struck a utility pole on N. C. Highway 39, one mile east of Gillsburg, at 12:30 a.m. last Friday, then caught fire and burned. Southerland apparently escaped serious injury but the auto was listed as a total loss after veering

off of the road to the right, then back to the left and into the pole, catching fire.

The officer said Southerland disappeared from the scene after the crash but returned home about dusk Friday night. The youth was quoted as saying he "was addled" after the accident and had slept in the woods.

The Epsom Volunteer Fire Department was called to the blaze and subsequently firemen and other citizens launched an extensive search in the effort to locate the driver, fearing that he had been dazed and wandered away.

The car struck the pole and See EPSOM Page 4

County Records Eighth Fatality

A 20-year-old Louisburg man became the eighth highway fatality of the year in Franklin County when he was killed instantly around 1 A.M. Friday morning, four miles west of Bunn.

Johnny Gray Burnette of 625 South Main Street here, was killed when his car ran across NC 39 near Nathan Edwards' Store. Burnette was traveling at what officers termed a high rate of speed on State Rural road 1706 when he ran up on a dead-end stop at NC 39. The vehicle hit an embankment and overturned in

the yard of Mrs. Luna Bridges. James Hockaday, 18, Rt. 1, Louisburg, a passenger in the Burnette car, escaped without injury. He was taken to Franklinton Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service and later released.

Funeral Services for Burnette were conducted Saturday afternoon from White Funeral Home Chapel here by Rev. Buford Raffield, pastor of Maple Springs Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Scarlett Abbott Burnette; his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Burnette; one sister, Mrs. Nancy Tant, Louisburg; two brothers, Graham and Howard of the home.

The youth was the eighth fatality of the year for the county and the first since September 20, when a Selma serviceman died from injuries received near Pilot on September 18. Wire services registered Burnette's death as the 1,452nd of the year in North Carolina. The county has already passed the six highway fatalities of 1965 with over a month remaining in 1966.



Holiday Fatality

Scene above shows the county's eighth highway fatality, which occurred around 1:30 A.M. last Friday morning at the intersection of State Rural 1742 and NC 39 (see map inset).

Johnny Gray Burnette, 20-year-old Louisburg man was killed instantly when his car failed to stop at the intersection, hit an embankment and overturned in the yard of a private home.

Twelve On Car, Three Injured

A late model station wagon with twelve persons aboard, ran off the highway and overturned Saturday night around 8:15 P.M. near Elmo Cash's Store on US 401 six miles south of Louisburg. Three persons were injured.

The vehicle traveling north swerved when the accelerator pedal became jammed and ran off a deep embankment overturning. Injured in accident were, Blanche Wright, c/t/28, wife of the driver, John Davis Wright c/m/29, who was not injured; Milton Lee Washington, age 9 and Katie Ann Hicks c/t/17. All were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service. None of the injuries were believed serious. Most of the passengers were children.

Thieves Hit Youngsville Store, Get \$2000 In Merchandise

Sheriff's officers and State Bureau of Investigation agents are continuing their investigations today, into the Friday night robbery of Woodlief's Supply Co. in Youngsville. Thieves hit the hard-

Young Girl Hurt In Accident

A 13-year-old Franklinton girl was injured Saturday around noon when the car in which she was riding was struck by a car driven by Charlie Edward Trader c/m/24.

Judy Laverne West, a passenger in the 1965 Plymouth being driven by her mother, Mrs. Sallie Leonard West of 320 Bowen Street, Franklinton, received undisclosed injuries when, according to State Trooper Evans, her mother failed to yield the right-of-way and was hit by the 1958 Ford driven by Trader.

Damage to the West car was listed at \$400 and damage to the Trader car was set at \$200. Mrs. West has been charged with failing to yield the right-of-way. The accident occurred at the cloverleaf intersection of US 401 and NC 56 south of Louisburg.

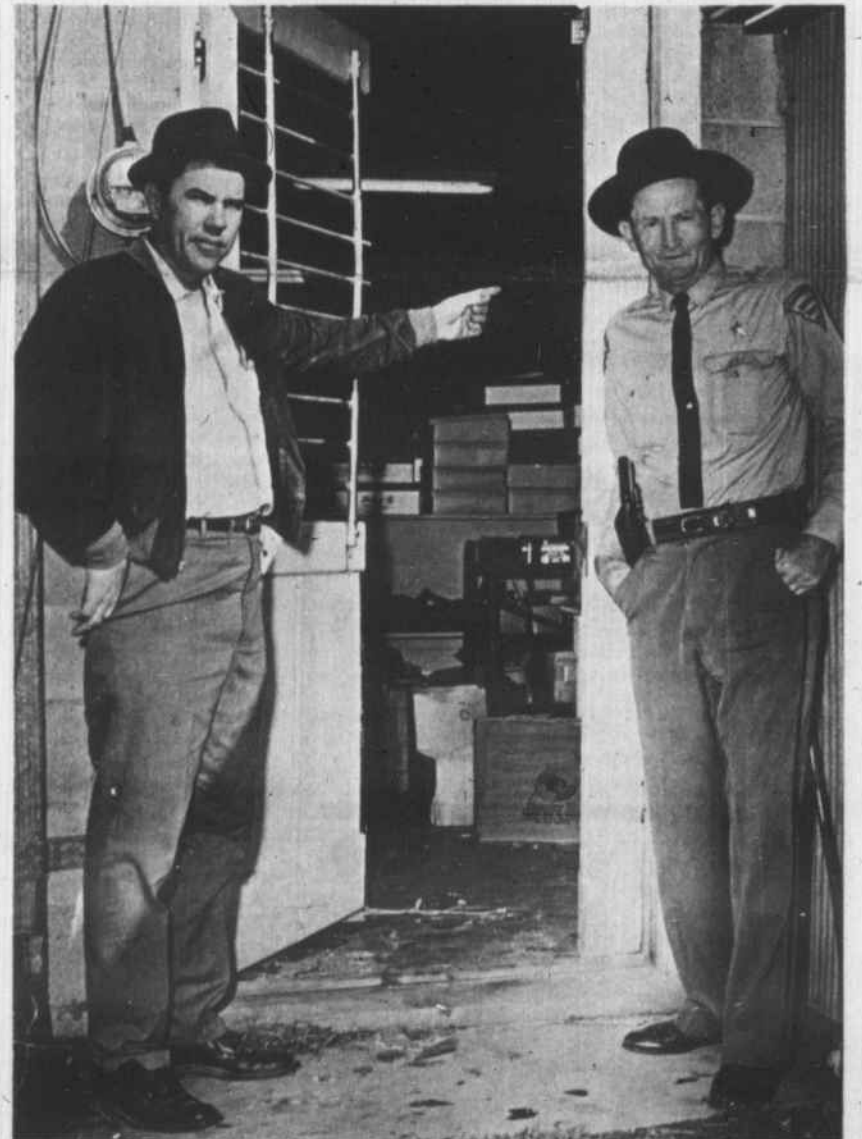
ware and furniture firm for over \$2,000 in merchandise, according to store operator Lelan Woodlief.

The theft was discovered Saturday morning around 7:15 by Woodlief as he opened the store. Entry had been made through a rear door where the entire door had been torn down. Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell said a truck had been backed up to the rear door and loaded with a host of small appliances and other merchandise. He set the time as between midnight Friday and 2 A.M. Saturday.

The robbers stripped the shelves of the massive store and Woodlief listed, among things missing, the following: 3 cases of shotgun shells, 3 power saws, 24 heavy duty (hunting) coats, 12 Chatham blankets, 15 GE electric irons, 10 wall clocks, 2 Thoren wrench sets, \$250 worth of pocket knives, 10 portable GE mixers, 3 large mixers, 6 spinning reels and rods and 4 electric space heaters.

Woodlief, who said his place has been hit eight times since 1952, reported that no money was stolen. He stated that it was his policy to leave the safe unlocked with a sign so stating. The thieves opened the safe doors and searched it as well as two cash registers, but no money was found. Woodlief reported that his store was robbed last spring with some merchandise missing. His safe has been blown three times since 1952, but he said, only the first time did thieves get any cash.

Powell found few clues to go See ROBBERY Page 4



"They Came Through Here"

Youngsville businessman Lelan Woodlief, left, points out the way thieves entered his store early last Saturday morning. At right, Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell, who headed the investigation. Robbers made off with over \$2,000 in merchandise on a stolen truck. No trace has been found of either.

Franklinton Death Ruled Suicide

Death by suicide has been ruled in the Friday morning shooting of a Franklinton Negro man.

The body of Chester Edgerton, 30, of East Mason Street, Franklinton was discovered Friday morning, in the front seat of his car which was parked near the gymnasium of the B. F. Person-Albion School. Edgerton had died of a .20 gauge shotgun blast in the neck.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell and Coroner James H. Edwards investigated the death with Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards. The shotgun was found in the dead man's hands. Coroner Edwards said death occurred somewhere around 7 A.M.

It was later reported that Edgerton had been despondent lately over finances. He operated a small garage near his home.

Franklinton Calls For Kids' Entries

Louisburg Parade Friday

The Louisburg Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 2 at 4:30 P.M. and Franklinton Parade officials have announced prizes for the entries by children for their parade slated for 7 P.M. on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The Louisburg Parade will consist of Mother Goose theme floats and is sponsored by the Louisburg Business Association. The Franklinton Parade officials have announced three classes of entries for children and asked that those wishing to enter the parade register with Mrs. Charles Julian not later than Saturday, December 3.

The categories are: Decorated vehicles, ages 5 to 9 and decorated vehicles, ages 10-14 and Pets, ages 5 to 14. Entries in Classes I and II will be judged on originality, beauty, appropriateness to the occasion and costumes. Class III will be judged on most unusual pet, best costume on the child and/or the pet and best controlled pet. Prizes will be awarded in each class. The Franklinton Parade is sponsored by the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce.

Both events will feature the arrival of Ole St. Nick as the climax to the parade which marks the opening of the

Christmas season in the two towns.

Christmas Display

Need ideas for decorating for Christmas? The Louisburg Garden Club will have a display of Christmas decorations and arrangements at the H. C. Taylor warehouse on E. Nash St. on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3. The public is invited to see the display on Friday from 1 till 5 P.M. and on Saturday from 9 A.M. till 5 P.M.