

Weather

Wind shifting to northerly and turning colder today. Friday fair and quite colder. Low today, 55; high, 64.

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Moulton Man Killed In Early Morning Tractor Accident

A 60-year-old Moulton man was killed instantly this morning around 8:45 a.m. when the tractor he was driving overturned pinning him beneath. Harold Hudson, popular Route 3, Louisburg farmer, was in the process of clearing land for a plant bed, according to reports. Two men, helping him, attempted to raise the tractor off the victim, but were unsuccessful.

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called, but the victim was beyond aid when the units arrived.

Mr. Hudson is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Charles Hudson, both of Route 3; four daughters, Mrs. Owen (Joe) Debnam of Louisburg, Mrs. Vivian Gonzales of Raleigh, Mrs. Douglas Cottrell of Greensboro and Mrs. Fern Horne of Mebane; three sons, Billy, Larry and Ronald all of Louisburg; two brothers, C. B. and Paul of Route 3, Louisburg and three sisters, Mrs. Edna Downey of Gastonia, Mrs. Elnora Phelps of Louisburg and Mrs. Hallie Parrish of Henderson.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Sen. Hancock Comments On Legislative Issues

Editor's Note: This is the second article in the series reporting on the three men representing Franklin County in the current General Assembly. Today's article deals with answers to a questionnaire sent out by The Times and relates opinions and positions of State Senator Willis Hancock of Granville County who is representing Granville, Vance and Franklin. In fairness, Mr. Hancock's answers were recorded before the General Assembly convened last week.

State Senator Willis Hancock reports to The Times that he favors legalizing whiskey-by-the-drink on a local option basis and also the legalizing of the practice of brown-bagging provided it is "Limited-Strict enforcement and restrictions".

Sen. Hancock comments, "This is a most difficult issue requiring the best in judgement. A personal and moral issue".

Sen. Hancock says he favors making "North Carolina teacher salaries competitive." He sees the road situation as a "difficult issue" and adds, "Solution would ap-

pear to lie in more state money and bond issues".

On the issue of East Carolina College becoming a university, Senator Hancock says he needs more information on this. Obviously an advocate of highway safety, the Granville native favors a larger highway patrol force; use of airplanes of catch speeders and stiffer penalties for persons convicted of drunken driving.

Cub Scouts To Organize

Parents of boys 8 to 11 years old who want to join in Cub Scouting are invited to attend an organizational meeting Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p. m. in the Louisburg Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. District Executive Lin Finch and Cubmaster Bob Versteeg will explain the CubScout program and leadership needs. The meeting is designed only for the parents of boys who are not currently Cubs.

Duke Endowment Gives Local Hospital \$50,000



Hospital Officials View Check
E. C. BULLUCK
Chr. Board of Trustees
J. K. THARRINGTON
Treasurer

Judge E. C. Bulluck, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Memorial Hospital, announced today that The Duke Endowment has given \$50,000 to the local hospital for additional renovations and improvements.

James R. Felts, Jr., Executive Director, Hospital and Child Care Sections of The Duke Endowment, stated in his letter, "We are happy to have this part in providing these expanded facilities for the people in your area." He stated the gift was "for assistance in your current expansion program."

The gift will allow renovations to the first floor of the present building, originally planned but deleted when it was found that funds would not stretch far enough to include these improvements.

Judge Bulluck said, "The gift is to be used for additional renovations and, according to the requirements of The Duke Endowment, this money cannot be applied to the cost of any previously planned construction, nor be applied to any bonded indebtedness for hospital construction." Chairman Bulluck, Board Treasurer J. K. Tharrington and Administrator M. M. Person, all expressed their personal appreciation and the gratitude of the people of the area for this "wonderful gift".

Initial contact with the Endowment people was made after the plans and specifications were drawn for the present renovations about two years ago. Plans were sent to them first and again following the awarding of bids. A careful study of the plans and the deletions was made and in the opinion of the Endowment people, Franklin Memorial Hospital qualified for this donation.

By coincidence, the announcement was made today also of the annual Duke Endowment aid to hospitals under its Hospital and Child Care Section. Franklin Memorial's share this year is list-

ed as \$3,152, slightly less than the \$4,162 last year and the \$3,401 received in 1965. The amount is based on the number of free days of care given.

Contributions to the hospitals are based on \$1 a day for each day of free service in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, 1966. The North Carolina and South Carolina institutions reported a total

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OES Plans Pancake Supper

Plans were announced this week for an "Aunt Jemima Pancake Supper" to be held on Friday, February 24th, at the Louisburg High School Cafeteria, sponsored by William B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star. James Johnson, general chairman, stated that the serving hours will be from 5 to 7 p. m.

Chairmen for the committees were named as follows: Tickets - Mrs. John Godfrey; Food procurement - Mrs. H. M. Dickens; Kitchen - Mrs. W. E. Debnam; and Serving - Mrs. W. B. Joyner;

Rep. Speed Heads Ag Committee

Franklin County's Representative, James D. Speed was named Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Wednesday by House Speaker Dave Britt of Roberson County. Speed was also named vice chairman of the Committee on Highway Safety, and the Committee on Penal Institutions.

In addition to these appointments, Speed is a member of the Committee on Appropriations; Committee on Public Welfare and the Committee on Roads.

Franklinton Robbery Solved

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards reports the arrest of two men in connection with the November 25 break-in at Evans' Garage near Franklinton.

Chief Edwards identified the two as John W. Chatman, w/m/21 of Durham, formerly a resident of Franklinton and Click I. Billings, w/m/50 of Franklinton. Edwards reported that the twosome will be charged with taking around \$400 in tools and wheels, tires and batteries from vehicles on the lot, valued at \$150. Most of the tools were recovered, said Edwards. The wheels and tires were thrown into a creek near Knightdale, he said.

The Chief credited the break in the case to Buck Ball, a special deputy, of Franklinton. He declined to elaborate on what the break constituted. Both men are to be charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

and Publicity - Mrs. James Johnson.

Tickets are now on sale by all members of the local Eastern Star Chapter, or may be obtained from Mrs. Godfrey. The public is urged to support this fund raising effort and to enjoy a delicious Pancake Supper.

Council Meant Annexation, But Passed On Zoning

An article in Tuesday's Franklin Times uncovered the fact that the Louisburg Town Council passed the wrong resolution in its meeting here last Friday night. The minutes of the meeting showed that the Council approved a motion to request Sixteenth District Representatives James

D. Speed and John T. Church to have Franklin County included in a present law from which the county is now excluded. The designation of the particular statute was recorded as G. S. 160-181.2 which deals with zoning within a radius of one mile outside the town limits.

What the Council discussed and intended to do was to make the same request of the Representatives pertaining to General Statute 160-453.12 which deals with annexation. Article 36, "Extension of Corporate Limits", authorizes

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Eighty-Five Year Old Building Comes Down

It stood for almost 85 years. It was built sometimes around 1882 by the late George W. Ford, Sr. Legend has it that as the building was being constructed by fifty-cent a day labor, a disagreement arose between the owner and the laborers.

This led to Mr. Ford sending the workmen home. He and Mr. Paul Griffin completed the construction, according to the story, laying all the brick for the third floor. Originally, the three story structure, which for a time had a fourth floor, counting the

basement, housed a tobacco drying operation. At the time buildings next to it contained retail outlets on the ground floor and a tobacco warehouse on the second floor. This connected directly into the old building.

Later, it was used for a stable; a dry cleaning plant and an Essex automobile agency.

In 1931, R. C. Beck, Sr. purchased the structure and opened a garage and automobile parts business. Mr. Beck died in 1961 and R. C. (Buck) Beck, Jr. has operated it

since, still as a garage and parts business.

The end came Wednesday. "The Lord's been with me twice this week", said Beck busily at work in his new location in the old Ford place on Court street. He referred to the near tragedy when parts

of the building collapsed unexpectedly Wednesday morning with several spectators standing in the front door wayand to the fact that he had called off a planned removal of the front plate windows just prior to the collapse.

"I have never seen people

move so fast", reported one observer, referring to the near miss when a large portion of the building fell Wednesday morning as workmen were preparing to tear it down.

One person reported that a high county official didn't stop running until he had crossed

the street and was half way down the aisle of Murphy's Super Market. Others told of similar speedsters.

The Wade Moore Construction company personnel had a time getting the old structure to give up the struggle. The walls swayed, cracked and

then, almost as if they were human, braced themselves and continued to stand.

Workmen kept pecking away, first at one weak spot, then another until the will to live was taken from the gallant old landmark.

Tugging at the northwest corner with all the power in the huge tugging machine, the end came. First the corner bricks fell, accompanied by a scattering of dust. Then, as though planned, the mighty structure gave one last sigh for all the memories it might have had and came roaring

down in one giant swoop. When the dust settled, all was quiet.

As though it did so out of respect for its neighboring buildings, some of which had stood nearby for almost as many years, the giant building held its brick and mortar to its side of the street. Not a scar was made on any other building. Not even the streets were damaged.

"Didn't it fall pretty", said one spectator. "Just right", said another. "They're lucky", said a third. Wonder what the old building thought.



The Struggle



The End



The Remains