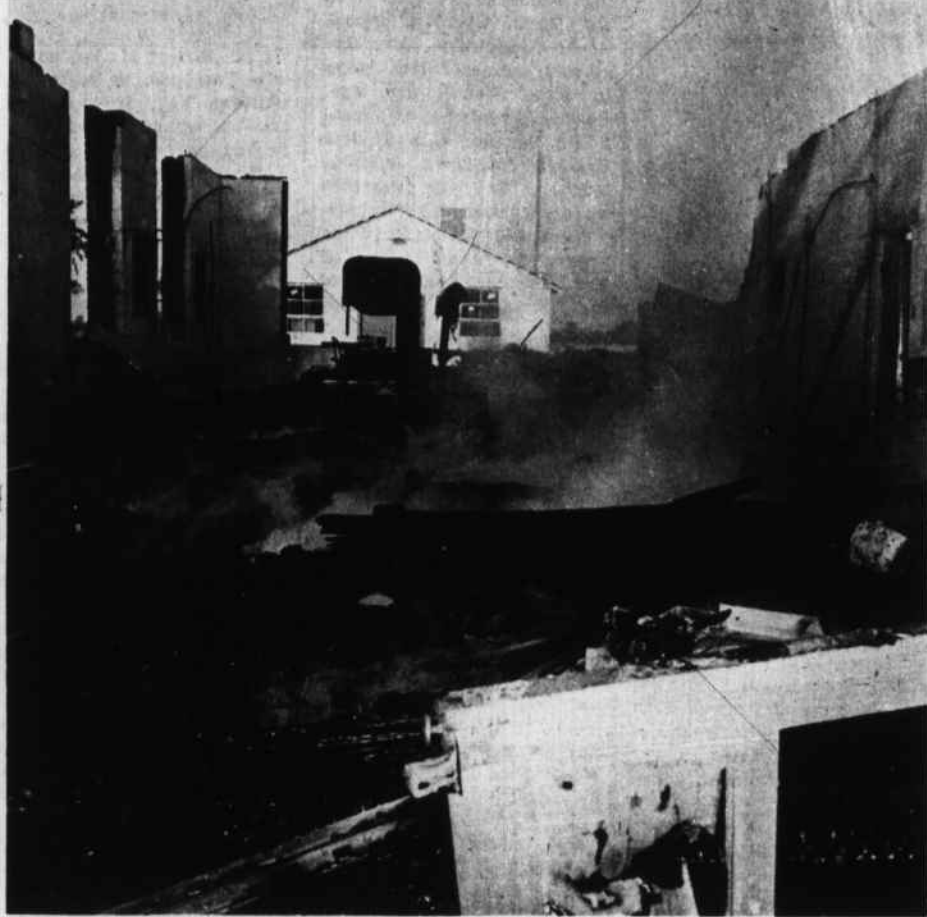


Fair to partly cloudy today and Friday. Cool at night, warmer in the afternoon. Low today, 57; high, 84.



Still Smoking Early This Morning

## Fire Destroys School Shop

A fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the Gold Sand School Agricultural-Vocational Shop this morning around 4:30. Warren Smith, Superintendent of Schools, estimated the loss at slightly over \$30,000 for the building and between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in equipment.

School Principal James Marshall said he was called around 4:40 this morning by a neighbor, Mrs. Bud Marshall, both of whom live within sight of the school, and told of the fire. He called the Centerville Rural Volunteer Fire Department, which later called in units from the Epsom and Justice departments.

Marshall said that flames were pouring from the roof when he arrived and Centerville Chief L. S. Ward said little could be done to save the building when the fire units arrived. Marshall voiced the opinion that the fire could have started from wiring in the northwest corner of the building where it appeared the flames began.

Supt. Smith said he felt the building would be replaced and that he would contact Mr. Horace Baker, Chairman, to call a meeting of the County Board of Education as soon as possible to act on such replacement. He said the building was covered by \$15,500.00 in insurance and the equipment was covered by \$6,000.00.

A pickup truck, some files and a welding machine were saved from the blaze. All other equipment was destroyed.

## 5-Year-Old Boy Killed In Franklinton Mishap

The tragic death of a 5-year-old boy Tuesday night at the Franklinton Speedway has thrown a veil of sadness over the entire communities of Franklinton and Youngville and throughout Franklin County.

Rudolph Allen Paschal was riding in the cab of a water truck with his father, Barney Paschal, and his younger brother, William Randolph, age 3, around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday when a sudden jerk by the vehicle, laden with 9,600 gallons of water, caused the youngster to fall out of the vehicle. He was crushed by a rear wheel. Death was instantaneous.

The youngsters had just eaten sandwiches as they watched their father fill the truck with water from a small pond adjacent to the race track. He had been watering down the red clay strip in preparation for Sunday's races.

One report said the father believed the youngster was standing against the door of the truck, which sprang open. Another said the youngster was sitting on the seat.

The father, with the injured child in his arms, raced on foot almost to busy highway US 1 seeking aid. When he found none, he returned to the truck and transported the boy to Franklinton. The child was pronounced dead on arrival at a local physician's office.

Mrs. Paschal was away from home at work at the time. Deputy Sheriff Lonnie House and a brother-in-law of the mother went to the place of her employment to inform her that an accident had taken place. Mrs. Paschal was taken to the home of her husband's parents in Youngville, where the family remained.

This was the second death at the speedway, neither connected with the weekly races held there. On Sunday morning, March 13, 1963, a 22-year-old Franklinton youth was killed when the car he

was driving on the dirt oval overturned. Kurt H. Roth was killed instantly.

Funeral services for young Paschal were held today at 3 p.m. from Flat Rock Baptist Church, conducted by Rev.

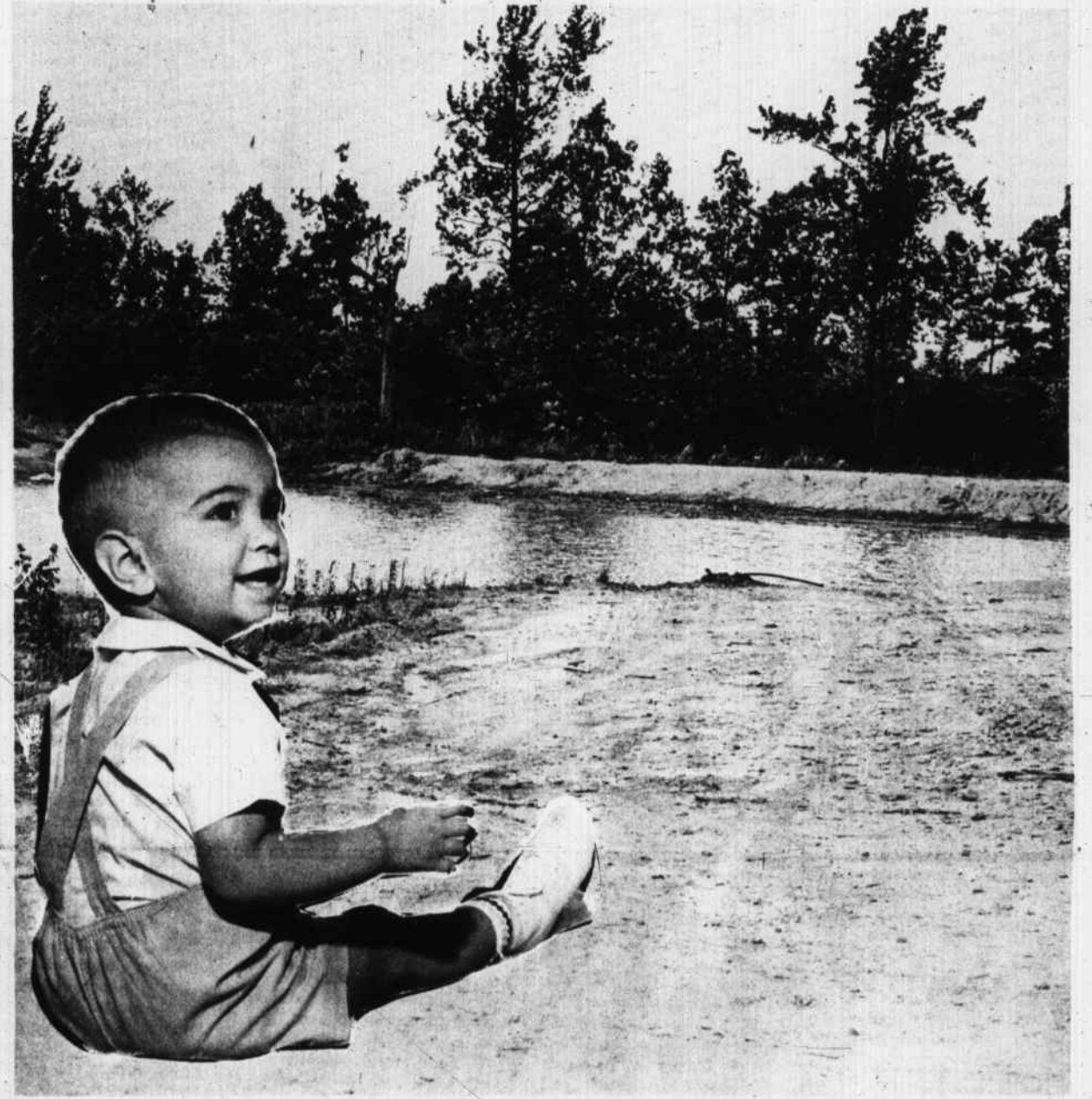
Floyd Benfield, Pastor. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving in addition to his parents and younger brother are his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

Hall of Lillington and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Paschal of Youngville.

Pallbearers consisted of Stewart Woodard and members of the Youngville High

School basketball squad, of which an uncle, Larry Paschal is a member. The players, acting as pallbearers were E. J. Wilder, Jesse Freddy, Jr., C. L. Wrenn and Ralph Brown.



Allen Paschal And Scene Of Fatal Accident

## C. Ray Pruette Named Lions District Governor

C. Ray Pruette, popular member of the Louisburg College faculty, was elected District Governor of Lions International District 31-G at the annual Lions Convention held this week in Charlotte. Pruette, serving this year as Deputy District Governor, has been a member of the Franklinton Lions Club for the past six years.

Pruette becomes the fourth Franklin County Lion to gain the high position. G. M. Beam, Sr. of the Louisburg club was first to be named a District Governor in 1947-48. Samuel M. Holton, serving as President of Louisburg College at the time, was named in 1953-54, and James T. (Joe) Moss of the Youngville club was named in 1960-61.

Pruette will lead a district made up of Caswell, Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Alamance, Orange, Durham,

Chatham, Wake and Franklin counties.

He will be in charge of 37 clubs in the district and will visit each club during his



C. Ray Pruette

year. He will take office at the National Convention which starts in Chicago on July 5. He succeeds Monroe Gardner of Warrenton.

Pruette has served as Zone Chairman as well as Deputy District Governor and has been a popular after-dinner speaker at a number of Lions Clubs over the past years. He was educated at East Carolina College, Wake Forest College, and UNC at Chapel Hill. He holds the B. A. and M. A. degrees and is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges. He teaches chemistry and physics and is Chairman of the Science Department and Head of the Chemistry Department at Louisburg College.

A member of the Franklinton Baptist Church, he has served on the Board of Deacons for fifteen years, has been Chairman of the Board, and has taught a Sunday School class in addition to serving as Sunday School Superintendent.

Pruette is 49 years old and married to the former Mar-See PRUETTE Page 4

## Solicitor, Clerk Named In Prisoner's Suit

Seventh District Solicitor W. G. (Buck) Ransdell, Jr. and Franklin County Clerk of Court Ralph S. Knott have been named in a \$250,000 law suit filed by an inmate of a California prison, according to reports received here.

John H. Vester, an inmate at the Correctional Training Center at Soledad, California, is claiming that his constitutional rights were violated when Ransdell and Knott "deprived him of the due process and equal protection of the laws of the State of North Carolina and the 14th amendment of the U. S. Constitution."

Vester received an eight-month prison sentence for escape here in 1960. He

pleaded not guilty to the charges. Vester contends that a post-conviction hearing which he had requested was not brought before Judge William A. Johnson. He says that the petition for the hearing was requested six months prior to a second trial in 1966. Knott is included in the actions because Vester claims that he, Knott, failed to present the petition to a judge "immediately after it was received by him."

Contacted in his office here Wednesday, Knott declined comment on the matter, saying he wanted to read the charges before making a statement. He indicated that he would have some comment in the near future.

## Dean Farms To Be Subject Of WPTF Show

Dean Farms, a local home-owned industry, will be featured on the popular WPTF Radio show, "Profiles" this Sunday, June 11th at 6:15 p. m., according to an announcement today by Don Fowler, Promotion Manager of the Raleigh station.

The show, known as a tribute to North Carolina industry, is conducted by Bob Farrington, WPTF newsman, and will feature an interview with J. Jackson (Jackie) Dean, owner of the plant here.

## Board Meet Canceled

The Board of County Commissioners canceled a scheduled special session slated for Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. without explanation yesterday. The meeting had been called to further study the budget and to take up the matter of approval of a request from the County Board of Education that the board be allowed to purchase some additional land.

Unofficial reports have it that the preliminary budget requests are considerably higher this year than those of last year. The Commissioners have been working on possible trimming in some departments.

In the board's regular session Monday, routine reports were received and a delegation of Negro ministers, consisting of Rev. S. G. Dunston, Rev. Luther Coppedge, and Rev. E. L. Broddie, were before the Board requesting information on the possible padlocking or supervision of

## Escapees Captured

Two Negro prisoners who walked away from the Bunn Prison camp Wednesday afternoon around 1 p.m. were recaptured around 4:40 p.m. near the Gettysburg School about a mile south of Bunn, according to a prison official this morning.

Albert Nelson, Jr., 21, and Earl Strickland, 19, both of whom live in Wilson, N. C. were serving terms for misdemeanors when they made their escape Wednesday afternoon.

## Recorder's Court Three Youths Fined In Vandalism Case

Three former Louisburg College students were fined \$50 and costs in Recorder's Court here Tuesday and ordered to make restitution of one-third each for all damage not covered by insurance. The fine was levied on one of eight charges which were consolidated for trial. The youths were ordered to pay costs to save the county harmless in the other seven cases.

Brian Eugene Bromstead, 19, of Waukegan, Ill., William Lee Lewis, 22, of Kilmorock, Va. and Jerry White Lanier, 20, of Oxford were charged with hurling rocks through a plate glass at Louisburg Dry Cleaners, the new College library and breaking glass in at least five private automobiles belonging to College faculty members and students on the

night of May 3. All three were arrested and jailed the next day and remained in the local jail overnight.

Other cases disposed of during Tuesday's Court session were:

Walter Ewell Bracknell, Jr., w/m/47, Motor vehicle violation; operating auto intoxicated. Plea of careless and reckless driving is accepted by the State. State takes nol pros with leave to second count. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Isaiah Eaton, w/m/35, careless and reckless driving. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Peter S. Zachrisson, w/m/19, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

George David Inscoc, w/m/19, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Thomas Perry, worthless check. 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$10.00 fine and costs and payment of check.

Royce Dewey Hales, w/m/39, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Charles Toleston Eaves, w/m/44, allowing unlicensed person to operate motor vehicle. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Teasley, c/m/24, no operator's license; speeding. Nol pros as to first charge. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Arthur R. Morton, w/m/33,

forgery. Defendant bound over to Superior Court under \$500.00 bond.

Claude Coley, c/m/20, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Martin Joseph Dalla Pozza, w/m/20, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Irene Upchurch Perry, w/f/52, allowing unlicensed driver to operate motor vehicle on public highways. \$25.00 fine and costs.

John Richard Mann, c/m/24, non support. State takes nol pros upon payment of costs.

## Heads Hospital Group

M. M. Person, Jr., Administrator of Franklin Memorial Hospital here since 1958, has been elected Chairman of District IV, N. C. Hospital Association. The election came this week at the organization's annual convention held in Bur-

lington. The Association consists of hospitals in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill and Burlington areas. Franklin Memorial is a member of the North Carolina Association and the American Association. Mr. Person is also a member of both organizations.

The purpose of the organizations is to promote better patient care and to stimulate interest among young people to go into the health field.

Person, who had drawn much praise for his work at the local hospital, is a native of Franklin County. He graduated from Gold Sand High School and Bowling Green College, Bowling Green, Ky. with a B. S. in Business Administration.

Presently he is in charge of a massive renovation and building project nearing completion at the local institution.

Person and his wife, Mary Ann, live on Jeffress Drive here with their two sons, Matt and Brad.

## Assistant Agent Resigns

James D. Stephenson, Assistant Agricultural Extension

Agent here since June 1, 1965 has tendered his resignation to the Board of County Commissioners. The action becomes effective on July 1, 1967.

Stephenson pointed out that he had enjoyed his stay here and gave no reason for resigning except to say, "I have decided to make a change in my career."

A native of Johnston County, Stephenson came here after graduating from North Carolina State University in 1965. He succeeded Harold Stegall who resigned to enter private business earlier that year.

Since coming here, Stephenson has worked primarily with 4-H clubs and in educational work. No replacement has been announced.



James D. Stephenson



M. M. Person, Jr.