

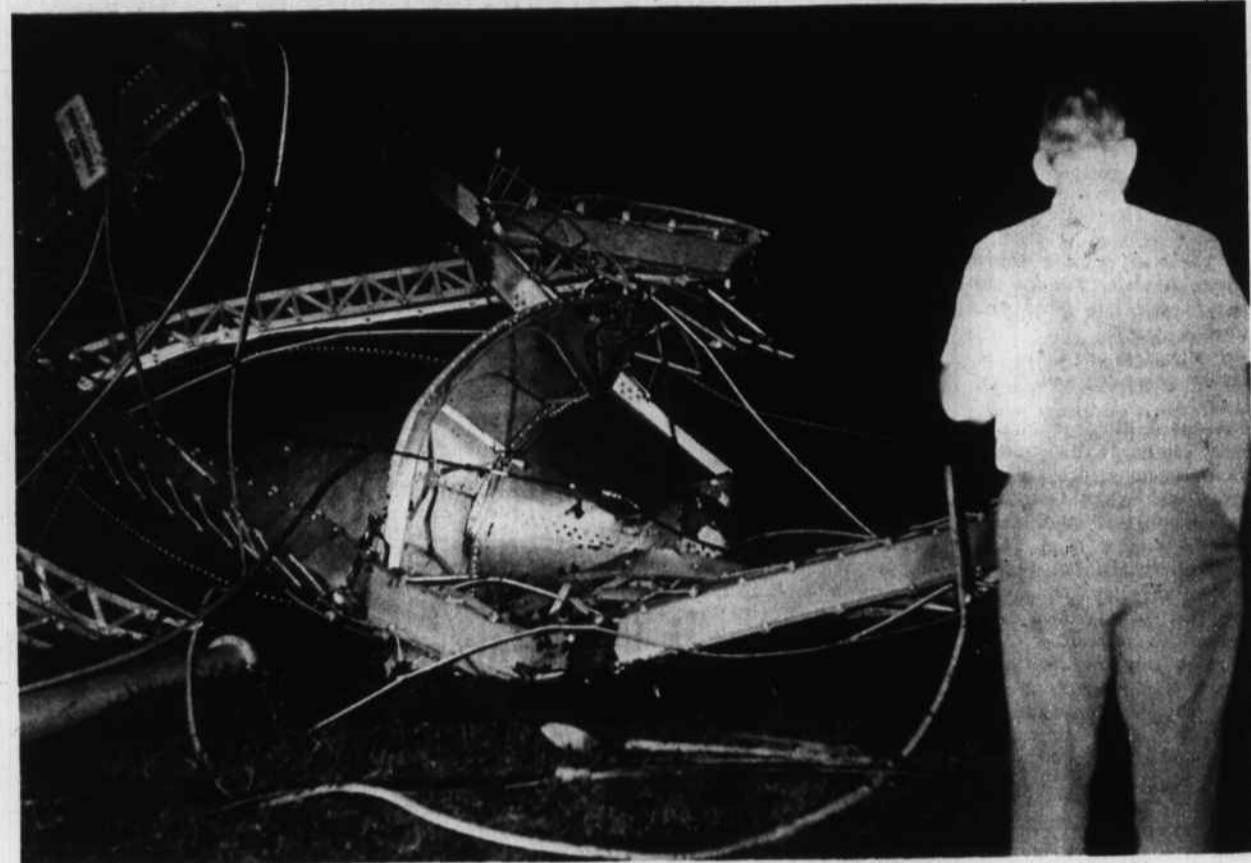
WEATHER
Mostly sunny and warm today. Friday partly cloudy and warm with a chance of afternoon thundershowers. Low today, lower 60's; high, middle 80's.

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FRANKLIN SHERIFF WILLIAM T. DEMENT, ACCOMPANYING LOUISBURG RESCUE UNITS, VIEWS FALLEN WARRENTON WATER TOWER.

Fire And Rescue Units Aid Warrenton

Fire fighting units from practically every department in Franklin County answered the Town of Warrenton's frantic call for help Tuesday night as the neighboring community suffered the biggest fire loss in its history.

Fire units from Louisburg, Franklinton, Justice, Centerville, Epsom and Bunn were dispatched to the scene. Three water tankers were sent from the Bunn Prison Camp and two units of the Louisburg Rescue Service traveled to Warrenton when the call came for "all available ambulances."

The 21,000 sq. ft. Warren Furniture Exchange warehouse on Franklin and Bragg Streets was completely destroyed by the blaze. The loss was tentatively placed Tuesday night at between \$200,000 and \$300,000, including the town water tank which collapsed during the fire.

It was following the destruction of the town's only water supply that the Fire Department sent out a call for "all available help." Response came from South Hill, Va., Mecklenburg County, Va., Rocky Mount, Kittrell, Middleburg, Littleton, Halifax County, Roanoke Rapids and several other communities plus the units from Franklin County.

The fire was reportedly spotted by a passer-by at 8:50 p.m. and spread swiftly through the furniture and appliance laden structure. Heat from the flames caused the giant legs supporting the 75,000 gallon elevated water tower to weaken, toppling the massive tank and water onto the residential street. Force from the falling structure scattered metal over a wide area, knocking out the front of three houses sitting across the street and spilling tons of water onto the street and into the dwellings.

Five persons were reported injured, including at least two firemen, one of whom was identified as Willie Joe Roberson. Another man, not a fireman, identified as Grady Moseley, was also taken to Warren General Hospital, according to spectators on the scene.

The building, formerly owned in a partnership by Edward Radford of Centerville, was reported to now belong to Scott Gardner of Warren Furniture Ex-

change. Mr. Gardner could not be found Tuesday night by reporters. The building was formerly used as Center Tobacco Warehouse.

The tank was erected in 1915-16, according to a former water depart-

Pruette To Be Installed As Lions District Governor

C. Ray Pruette, Chairman of the Science Department at Louisburg College and a leader in Lionism, will be installed as Lions District Governor in ceremonies here Friday night. The installation will be held in the Benjamin Duke Union on the college campus.

Pruette was elected Governor of District 31-G a few months ago after serving as Deputy District Governor and President of the Franklinton Club.

The banquet meeting will be presided over by William L. Johnson, Jr., President of the Franklinton Club of which Pruette is a member. Dr. Cecil W.

Robbins, President of Louisburg College, will give the welcoming address. Lion Amos Abrams will act as Toastmaster and W. Monroe Gardner of Warrenton, past District Governor, will introduce John L. (Jack) Stickle, past International President, who will be the principal speaker.

Lion F. P. Whitley will make the presentation of the Governor's Banner and Lion Aubrey Tomlinson of the Louisburg club will give the invocation and benediction.

Pruette, born in 1917, is a member of the Franklinton Baptist Church where he is a member of the Board of Deacons

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What Is Franklin's Answer To The Ambulance Service Problem?

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

Sometime within the next few months, Franklin County will find itself in a position of facing up to a most serious problem. Many counties in the area are already struggling with the problem of ambulance service for its citizens.

Under a new law, passed by the recent General Assembly, the North Carolina Board of Health is authorized to establish regulations controlling ambulance service in the State. While these regulations have not as yet been spelled out, it is reported that they will be too ex-

pensive for local operators to continue rendering this service.

One local funeral home executive reports that all funeral homes in the county have already indicated their desire to discontinue the service. It has been a losing proposition for these firms. Many trips are never paid for and any new requirements will most surely spell end for private ambulance service.

The three Rescue Services in the county, all made up of volunteer personnel, have reported that they are unable to offer ambulance service in anything other than emergency cases. Some of the units are already over-worked.

If the State Health Board's requirements prove to be too expensive for local private operators to continue, where does the citizen go for this service? If for instance, sometime after the ninety-day grace period as prescribed by the Board of Health, you or a member of your family needs to be transported by ambulance to the local hospital or to one in another city, whom do you call?

The answer is spelled out in the law itself. This however, is much easier said than done. The law says: "That, upon the failure of private enterprise adequate and continuing ambulance service in any county, the board of county commissioners of such county SHOULD be authorized to provide, or cause to be provided within said county, such services." The capitalization of the word "should" is ours.

Reasonable interpretation of this wording seems to indicate that the county commissioners are allowed, but not directed, to establish ambulance services. A different interpretation might be forthcoming as the problem grows, which surely it will.

At one point it was felt that the crisis would come on September 1, but

Schools To Operate On Short Schedule

Schools in the Franklin County system will operate on a short schedule for the first twelve days of the fall term which begins Thursday, August 31, due to the tobacco harvest. The announcement came following a meeting Wednesday by the Board of Education. The short schedule will end on Friday, September 15.

During the twelve-day period, all schools in the system will start at 8 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. Lunches will be served, according to the announcement.

Children missing classes due to tobacco harvest will be excused and given an opportunity to make up the work. Absences, however, will still count against perfect attendance records.

The Board, meeting after delaying the regular monthly session in anticipation of a ruling by the U. S. Eastern District Court in the two-year school case, set the fees for the coming school year. Elementary fees will consist of the following: Supply, \$2.00; NDEA, \$2.00; Insurance (optional), \$2.25; and Activity, \$1.00. High School fees were approved as follows: Supply, \$2.00; NDEA, \$2.00; Insurance (optional), \$2.25; Home Economics, \$2.00; Agriculture, \$2.50; Science, \$1.00; Typing, \$13.00; and Activity, \$1.00.

The Board also ordered that sale of all food items except milk and ice cream be halted. In the past some schools have been allowed to sell cold drinks and small food items. Wednesday's actions brings to a stop all such sales. Students are being encouraged to eat in the lunchrooms where a balanced meal may be obtained in lieu of spending their lunch money on snacks.

Several students were assigned to schools of their choice and three teacher resignations, filed prior to August 1, were accepted. Action was deferred on others rendering resignations inside the final 30-day period prior to school opening.

Archie L. Usher, science teacher in the Henderson City Schools, was named principal of Epsom High School. A native of Tabor City, Usher is a graduate of Ashboro High School and

a Sunday School teacher. He is a native of Stokes, N. C. and is married to the former Margaret Allen of Youngsville.

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The 40-year-old science teacher had taught for nine years.

The Board also approved the schedule of events for the three days prior to school opening on August 31. On Monday, August 28, a general teachers meeting is slated for Louisburg auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. A Reading Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for many of the teachers. Those not attending the Workshop will report to their schools following the general meeting.

ASCS Plans Committee Elections

The ASC community committee election will be held soon. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters about September 8, 1967. The voted ballots must be mailed or returned in person by September 18, 1967.

The community boundaries have not been changed from last year. A county map showing the boundaries is posted in each community. The communities are commonly known as Cedar Rock, Cypress Creek, Dunn, Franklinton, Gold Mine, Harris, Hayesville, Louisburg, Sandy Creek, and Youngsville.

A slate of nominees will be selected by the present community committee. The county committee may add additional nominees. Others may be added to the slate of nominees by petition if they are found to be eligible and willing to serve if elected. Petitions must be: 1. Limited to one nominee each. 2. Signed by at least 6 eligible voters in the community. (Eligible voters may sign as many petitions as they desire)

3. Received at the county office by August 24. Persons nominated should be (1) currently engaged in the operation of a farm and (2) well qualified for committee work.

In general a person is eligible to be a community committeeman if he lives in the community in which he is eligible to vote. If a person who is nominated by petition is found to be ineligible, he will be notified and given 15 days in which to appeal to the county committee.

Tuesday, August 29, Teacher-Principal Orientation will begin at 8 a.m. in each school. Teacher-Parent Orientation will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. giving parents an opportunity to visit the schools, pay fees and to meet the teacher.

On Wednesday, August 30, Teacher-Pupil Orientation takes place with all students required to attend from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. School buses will operate on Wednesday. Students will get class assignments, secure books, pay fees unless this is done on Tuesday, and prepare for the first full day on Thursday.

Monday, September 7, Labor Day, will be a holiday and except for the short schedule, schools will get into full swing on Tuesday, September 8.

County May Lose Express Service

Notices posted at Louisburg, Franklinton and Youngsville disclosed that within ten days of last Thursday, the REA Express Company will make application to the North Carolina Utilities Commission to close its offices in these towns.

The Louisburg Jaycees, meeting here Monday night, voted to write a letter in opposition to the closing of the Louisburg office to the Commission. Ralph Knott, past State Director of the Jaycees, said the matter was taken up by the group and agreed that the local service is essential to the Louisburg area. James Grady, President of the local Jaycees, was out of town and was not present at the meeting.

It is known that the Louisburg office serves a number of local businesses including the Gay Products plant here. The office also serves the Bunn and Centerville areas.

It is understood that the company is in the process of closing a number of offices throughout the state. Should the three offices in Franklin County be closed, it would eliminate all express service into this area.

Rock Throwing Incidents Being Investigated

Rock-throwing attacks on passing automobiles by unknown persons on South Main Street here has come to light this week. Assistant Police Chief H. P. Shearon said his department is investigating the reports. Chief Earl Tharrington is out of town attending a firemen's convention and could not be reached for comment.

The latest incident reportedly took place on Thursday night, August 10, around 11:15 p.m. Phillip McKinne, operator of Seaboard Stores here, was returning from a business trip to Greensboro. As he passed the area of the Shearin Grocery building, his car was struck several times with "rocks" or "bricks" inflicting considerable damage. McKinne reports that he did not see anyone because of the rain and fog at the time. He said he slowed down but did not stop.

He reported the incident immediately

to the police department and Officer Charlie Lambert investigated. McKinne said that Lambert failed to find anything when he visited the area.

A similar incident is reported to have happened to an unidentified man traveling through on the night of August 5. The rock-throwing took place at the same location.

Several months ago a group of young Negroes attacked two automobiles being operated by young white boys at the same location. At least one brick was thrown at one of the cars and a drink bottle was hurled at another. The report also said that the Negro youths attempted to block the street at the time.

Local officers are quiet on the matter, but indications are that a close surveillance is being kept on the trouble spot. South Main Street is a predominantly Negro residential area.



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