

WEATHER

Rain ending and turning a little cooler today. Wednesday partly cloudy and cooler. Probability of rain 60 per cent today. Low today, 61; high, near 70.

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Water Supply Critical At Franklinton

Franklinton is faced today with a water supply shortage every bit as critical as any in its history. Charlie Hight, Chairman of the Water Committee of the Franklinton Town Board said this morning that unless water usage is curtailed, "we will be forced to go to an allotment basis." He also said, "This we do not want to do."

"The water level is as low as it was last year," he stated. "We still have restrictions, but it seems more water is being used than ever before." He called on all citizens to curtail their use of water immediately. He reported, "We have about eleven inches more to go before we will be forced to use irrigation pipe and follow the water on out of the lake."

"If the people would go out and take a look," Hight said, "it would shake them in their boots."

Nine-Year Old Is Seventh Road Fatality



THIS IS THE SCENE OF THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACCIDENT AT "INFAMOUS INTERSECTION", U.S. 401-N. C. 39, WHERE NINE-YEAR-OLD BILLY CHILCOAT WAS KILLED. THE YOUNGSTER THUS BECAME THE SEVENTH HIGHWAY FATALITY OF THE YEAR IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. HE WAS A PASSENGER IN THE OVERTURNED TRUCK. BACKGROUND AND DIED A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT REX HOSPITAL IN RALEIGH.

A nine-year Roanoke Rapids youth became Franklin County's seventh highway fatality of the year, Saturday afternoon. Billy Allen Chilcoat, injured at "Infamous Intersection," U.S. 401-N.C. 98 12 miles south of Louisburg, died in the emergency room at Rex Hospital, Raleigh shortly after 2 P.M.

Young Chilcoat was riding in a rental truck, loaded with his family furniture and driven by his aunt's son-in-law, Cecil Thomas Ausley, when a car reportedly driven by Carroll Edward Ball 19 of Elizabeth City, ran the stop sign and plowed into the side of the van. The truck overturned several times, strewn household furnishings for several hundred yards along the busy stretch of highway.

Charlene Winslow, 18, of Elizabeth City, a passenger in the Ball car, is still in critical condition at Rex, suffering head and other injuries. Ball, a patient there, is believed not as seriously injured. Ausley and his four-year son, Cecil, Jr. were treated and released following the accident.

State Trooper D.C. Day said Sunday that he had charged Ball with failing to stop and with manslaughter. The Ford convertible in which Ball was riding was demolished and the truck was heavily damaged.

The dead youth and his mother were in the process of moving from Roanoke Rapids to Raleigh. Mrs. Ausley and her mother were following the truck, but did not witness the accident, according to reports.

Miss Winslow's father said Sunday that he had particularly warned the young Elizabeth City couple of this intersection, reminding them that others from his home town had been injured in an accident there. Ball is reported to have told Trooper Day that he did not see a stop sign.

Young Chilcoat is the seventh fatality of the year in the county, not including the death of a 5-year-old boy at Franklinton which was not considered a highway death. He is the first to die at Infamous Intersection since December of 1963 when an elderly man was struck and killed while walking along the road, although there have been a number of multiple-injury accidents to take place there. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chilcoat and an 18-year old sister. Funeral services were not announced here.

3 to 2 against reinstatement of the program. Commissioners Norwood Faulkner, and George Harris voted "No" with Chairman E.M. Sykes breaking the tie by voting against the motion. The same division existed when the Board killed the program a few weeks ago.

Other matters were discussed briefly, but no actions were taken and the meeting adjourned shortly before 4 P.M.

Sportswear Union Vote Thursday

Employees of Sportswear, Inc. here will vote Thursday morning on whether to allow the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America to act as their bargaining agent. The pending election has caused concern among local businessmen and others who oppose the union.

Official organizers for ACWUA have been in the area for several weeks, contacting workers and holding meetings. Thus far there have been no clearly defined issues other than references by union supporters to "better working conditions". The Union, itself, claims not to be promising any pay increases or other benefits other than adequate negotiations.

Non-union forces have made a two-page appeal in today's Franklin Times for workers at Sportswear to vote "No Union." Union forces, for the most part, are keeping their strategy to themselves and handbills have been the prime method of getting their message across.

Voting will take place between the hours of 10 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. Thursday morning at the plant here. Union and management representatives will observe the election along with a representative of the National Labor Relations Board.

MEMBERS OF THE LOUISBURG RESCUE SERVICE WORK FRANTICALLY TO SAVE 19-YEAR-OLD LOUISBURG COLLEGE COED JO ANN WOLOZIN, FOLLOWING A SINGLE CAR ACCIDENT ON N. C. 561 EAST OF LOUISBURG SUNDAY AFTERNOON. MISS WOLOZIN, EDITOR OF THE COLLEGE NEWSPAPER AND A COMPANION, TOMMY O'NEAL OF SANFORD WERE TAKEN TO DUKE HOSPITAL WHERE HER CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED MONDAY AS FAIR. BOTH SHE AND O'NEAL SUFFERED SEVERE HEAD INJURIES. A BLOWN TIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED THE MISHAP.



Justice Plant Operator Gets Invention Patented

From The Nashville (N. C.) Graphic

J. W. Morris of Nashville, who operated garment manufacturing plants at Stanhope and in the Franklin County community of Justice, has been granted a patent on an invention that could have a wide practical application in the sewing industry.

Morris' invention is a simple device which causes a sewing machine to skip stitches while the machine continues to operate.

The attachment consists of a small nozzle near the needle of the machine through which compressed air is released by the machine operator when she wishes to skip stitches. The compressed air simply blows aside the loop of thread carried by the needle so that it does not connect with the shuttle

thread to form a stitch. When the air is released, the loop of thread drops back into place and stitching is resumed.

The attachment is simple to operate, is inexpensive to produce and can be easily installed on any type of swing machine, Morris said.

Its value to the sewing industry is in saving production time and thereby reducing production expense.

Morris said an inexpensive stitch-

skipping device has long been needed in the sewing industry, and many would-be inventors have worked on the project.

None have been successful, however, until Morris came along with his practical attachment which operates on the simple principle that a gust of air will blow aside a looped thread.

Why does a sewing machine operator need to skip stitches?

An example of the practical application of skip-stitching is in the manufacture of belts for women's and children's dresses. The belt is sewn up wrong side out, but an opening must be left at some point so that the belt can be turned right side out by pulling the inside through the opening.

The conventional way of leaving the opening is for the operator to stop the machine, lift the device that holds the material down, and move the cloth two or three inches, or whatever distance is needed to leave the required opening.

Then the operator resumes sewing. The stopping and starting of the machine takes only a few seconds, but the average operator can make from 2,000 to 3,000 belts a day and this total, multiplied by even a few seconds, adds up to a substantial amount of time.

With Morris' invention, the stopping and starting are eliminated.

The operator merely depresses a switch on the floor with her foot, without stopping the machine, and the stitch-skipping begins. When the operator lifts her foot, stitching is resumed. The machine maintains the same rate of speed whether stitching or skipping stitches.

"Even in a small plant, the attachment will save a substantial amount of time and money," Morris says. "I believe it will have application in garment manufacturing plants throughout the country."

Morris has not yet decided whether he will sell his invention outright or get a firm to market it on a royalty basis. If somebody comes along with an offer that he considers attractive enough, "I would consider an outright sale," the inventor said.

Newcomer To Field

Morris is a relative newcomer to the garment manufacturing field. He established his first plant in an old fairgrounds building in Spring Hope in 1963, starting operation with only five employees. He recently purchased the old Stanhope School building at Stanhope and has moved the Spring Hope operation there. He has 30 employees at Stanhope.

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Police Get Tear Gas

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington disclosed Monday that the local department has added tear gas bombs to its regular gear as a means of self defense for officers and to prevent undue use of force in making arrests.

The newly added weapon - choroacetophenone - sets in a black leather holster, measuring seven inches long by 1 1/4 inches in diameter.

Tear gas, as it is more commonly called, was purchased by Chief Tharrington "as a means of eliminating unnecessary rough stuff."

The chief said, "We ordered the tear gas to use rather than using the night stick. It will make arrest easier and will be used in making arrests and as a measure of self-defense for our seven police officers."

The seven man force was recently armed with the Del-Defend, self-defense aerosol which shoots a one-second spray from 10-15 feet. The push-top tear gas is highly irritating to the eyes and nose, and costs the department just over \$7 per unit.

Officers Get Three Stills

Franklin County Sheriff William T. Dement said Thursday his department assisted by ATTD agents had destroyed three whisky stills located in Franklin Township.

All stills were of the submarine type, and none was in operation at the time.

The first two, of 800-gallon capacity each, were located between Louisburg and Franklinton in the Mitchiners' Crossroads section. They contained spent mash and had not been in operation for some time.

The third still, of the 500-gallon capacity, was located about two miles north of Franklinton and also contained spent mash.

All three were destroyed by dynamite. No arrests were made.

Student Editor, Companion Injured

Jo Ann Wolozin 19, Rt. 2 Louisburg, editor of the Louisburg College student newspaper, Columns, is in critical condition in Duke Hospital, following a single car accident on N.C. 561 Sunday afternoon shortly after 1 P.M. Her companion, Tommy O'Neal 19, of Sanford, also a student at the College is hospitalized with a skull fracture suffered when the foreign make car overturned.

A blown tire is believed to have been the cause of the accident, which took place about two miles east of Louisburg.

The Louisburg Rescue Service administered first aid to the critically injured girl at the scene and transported both her and the boy to Franklin Memorial Hospital for further treatment. O'Neal was taken by Rescue ambulance to Duke and Miss Wolozin was transported by private ambulance.

Board Again Hits Program

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting in special session here Saturday, heard a report for the Ambulance Committee and local ambulance service operators.

A.F. Johnson, Jr. and Dr. John Vassey reported for the Committee and W.G. Lancaster was spokesman for the operators. Johnson told the Board that he believed the Rescue Service in Louisburg or other such units in the county would be interested in operating the service. He estimated the annual cost to the county would be around \$15,000. Lancaster said he believed the cost would be nearer \$35,000 for adequate ambulance service for the entire county. Dr. Vassey told the Board that he felt that the Rescue units should be contacted as well as the Town of

Louisburg Board to determine their thinking on the matter.

Following a lengthy discussion, Johnson was named to contact the other agencies, as suggested.

Lancaster informed the Board that ambulance operators in the county would discontinue service around January 1. Increased wage requirements and newly passed state regulations on ambulance operations were given as the reason. Other counties are also faced with this problem.

A letter from the County Firemen's Association was read, in which the organization asked the Board to reinstate an adequate electrical inspection program. On motion by Commissioner Brooks Young, seconded by Commissioner Richard Cash, the Board voted



"Ponderosa" Burns

Pictured above is the ruins of the "Ponderosa", a Negro nightspot west of Franklinton on N. C. 56. The cigarette machine was broken into last Thursday night, according to Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement, and the place set afire.

Dement says arson is definitely suspected and his department, assisted by A. E. Pearce, Chief Investigator for the N. C. Dept. of Insurance, is continuing their investigation.