

Town Wide Washington's Birthday Sale Thur.

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WEATHER

Generally fair and quite cool today. Wednesday, variable cloudiness and rather cold. Low today, 20; high, upper 40's.

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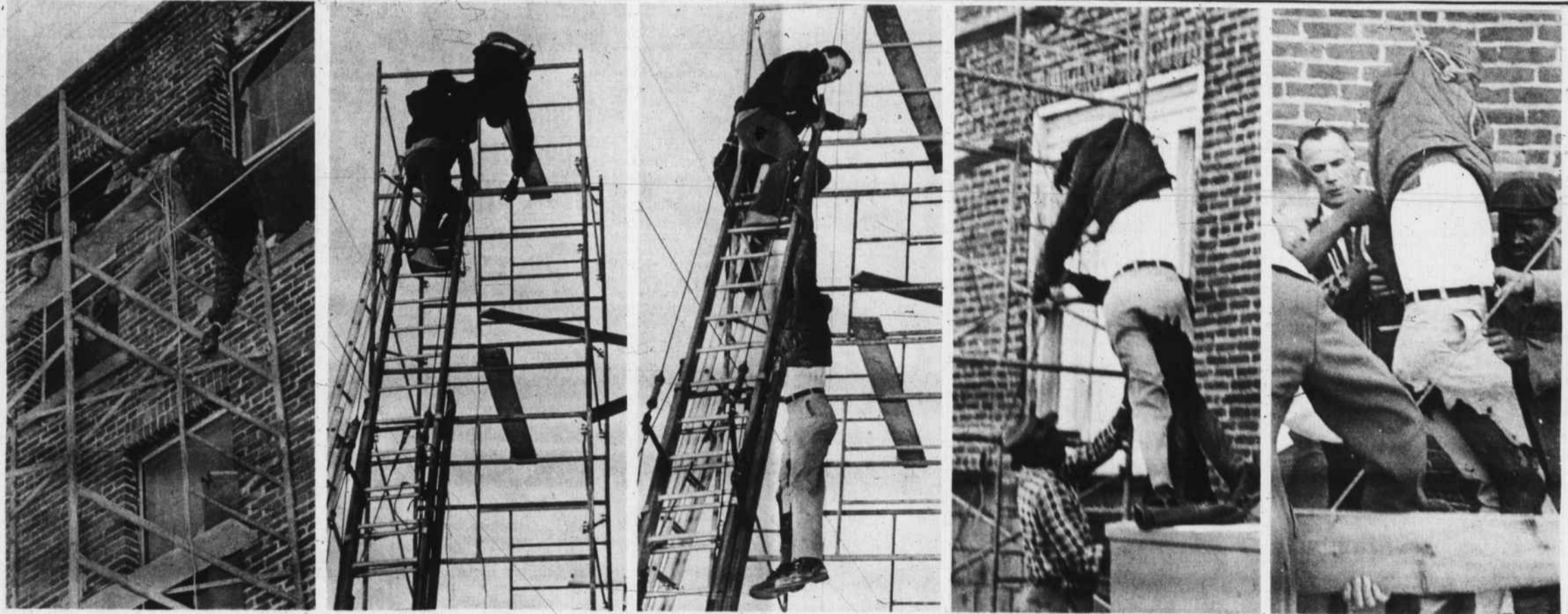
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Local Rescuers Save Life Of Raleigh Man In Morning Accident

Pictures above show gallant rescue, this morning, of Roscoe Thomas, 21-year-old Raleigh, Route 6, Negro, by members of the Louisburg Rescue Service and local police and firemen. Thomas, a Vietnam veteran, became meshed in electric wiring while working on the Ford Metal Molding building on South Main Street. He was hit by 4,160 volts and suffered severe leg burns plus internal injuries. He was admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital but his condition was not disclosed. Louisburg Rescuer David Minnich is shown atop the ladder tying the rope around the victim. Photos by Clint Fuller.

Forest Fires Sweep County

Forest fires destroyed almost 150 acres of woodland and grass fields over the weekend, according to Willie Bartholomew, Assistant County Ranger. Four county rural fire units and two from Nash county were kept busy fighting the blazes which struck in widely separated areas Saturday and Sunday.

Heavy winds and freezing weather hampered efforts of fire fighters, but all flames were extinguished before weary fighters called it quits.

It started Saturday around 1 P.M. when two calls came in at almost the same time. Centerville and Justice units answered the first call to the W.D. Fuller farm at Wood where fire, believed started by hunters spread over and destroyed 15 acres of woodland and grass fields along the Collins Mill Road. The blaze also destroyed an abandoned house and a panel pickup truck belonging to George H. Murphy, Jr., Louisburg restaurant operator. Murphy had parked the truck in the yard of the abandoned house

while hunting in the area. Justice firemen were forced to leave the Wood fire to aid in a blaze at White Level.

The White Level fire destroyed about 30 acres on the Fred Parrish and Curtis Crowder farms and is believed to have started from a fire built around a wash pot. Sparks from the blaze ignited a nearby trash pile and spread into the nearby woods.

The "biggest and roughest" fire of the weekend, according to Bartholomew, occurred near the intersection of N.C. 98 and U.S. 64 below Bunn around 4 P.M. Saturday. Over 100 acres of woodland and grass fields were destroyed on the J.H. Cone Estate farm on Spring Hope, Route 1. Fire units from Bunn, Spring Hope, Middlesex answered this call. The blaze came within 10 feet of one occupied dwelling and threatened several other homes before firemen finally brought it under control around 8 P.M.

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CHARLES BEST

BRYANT BEST

County Ambulance Service Gets Underway

The long-awaited county supplemented ambulance service began operations here Monday. Located in the old Griffin building on Court Street here, that new service is owned and operated by Bryant Best, local businessman.

Best will be assisted in the operation by Charles H. Howard. Both live on Jolly Street here.

The service will be maintained 24 hours a day and Best says there are three telephones to insure service. The number as announced is 496-5193. The operation consists of one late-model ambulance with 26 required pieces of medical and first aid equipment.

The equipment consists of usual medical aids, including splints, boards, bandages, See AMBULANCE Page 4

Capacity Crowd Attends Area Tobacco Meet

By C.T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman

The series of district meetings of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation continued with the eighth district session in Louisburg Friday afternoon, and remaining groups will have their meetings by the end of February.

T.W. Allen of Creedmoor was re-elected to a 3-year term as Director of Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative

Stabilization Corporation from District #8 by an overflow crowd at the Courthouse in Louisburg. District #8 comprises the Middle Belt counties of Warren, Vance, Granville, Franklin, Durham, Orange, Wake, Chatham, Lee, Montgomery, and Moore.

Highlights of the meeting consisted of a report to the membership on See TOBACCO Page 4

Pledge Cooperation To New Industry

Board Asked To Hire Three Negro Deputies

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here last Thursday, discussed a petition signed by over 300 Negro citizens and which asked that the Board "immediately, do whatever is required on your part to add three or more Negro deputies to the Sheriff's Department of our county."

The petition also called for the Board "as the governing body of our county to use the influence of your office to eliminate such cruel actions" in referring to intimidation in general and the case of the Christmas Eve shooting into the home of Rev. Luther Coppedge in the Justice community, in particular.

The Board sent an answer to Rev. E.L. Brodie of Louisburg, one of the petitioners in which it noted the requests and stated, "We... most certainly deplore violence and lawlessness in any fashion in our county. We have the utmost confidence in the Sheriff's

Department in Franklin County and know that they will continue to see that the rights of all citizens are protected."

The letter continued, "We point out that the makeup of the Sheriff's Department is controlled to a great extent by Legislative enactment and we as the Board of County Commissioners, have no authority to act in this area."

The Board meeting was called originally to hear a discussion by W.J. Benton, Industrial Development Director, on aid from the county on utilities for new industry. Following the discussion by Benton and Commission Chairman J. Harold Talton, the Board recorded that it would "cooperate as usual in every way possible for the benefit of Franklin County, but wanted to know more about the industry and cost of utilities before making any definite commitment on what they could do."

Merchants To Stage Washington Birthday Sale

Members of the Louisburg Business Association are planning a townwide George Washington's Birthday Sales promotion for Thursday of this week. Eighteen businesses are participating in the event.

The George Washington theme will be carried out throughout town and signs, banners and specially priced merchandise will highlight the promotion. The February 22 event is staged in a number of areas of the county usually with great success.

The sale in Louisburg will be a one-day only affair with consumers urged to take advantage of the bargains on

display during the regular sales day Thursday.

Participants in the event include, Rose's; Pope's; Allen Oil Co.; Fox's Dept. Store; The Fashion Shoppe; Economy Auto Supply; Farmer's Tractor and Truck Company; First Federal Savings and Loan; Little River Fuel Co.; Louisburg Dry Cleaners; O'Neal Pharmacy; Quality Cleaners; Quality Furniture and Appliance Co.; Leggett's Dept. Store; Town 'n Campus; Pleasant's Drug Store; Wilson Building Supply; Shannon Village Esso Station; and Joyner's Wholesale Building Supply Co.

The Times, Second Oldest In State, Starts 99th Year

Today marks the beginning of the 99th year of service to this area by The Franklin Times. Only one other non-daily newspaper listed by the North Carolina Press Association has served longer. Only four daily newspapers were established before The Franklin Times in 1870.

The year 1870 started on a Saturday and while the first edition of the newspaper has long since been lost, it is likely that sometime during that first year, its headlines ran somewhat like this:

January 24, SS ONEIDA SINKS

OFF YOKOHAMA, 115 PERISH; January 26, VIRGINIA READMITTED INTO UNION; January 28, CITY OF BOSTON GOES DOWN IN ATLANTIC, TAKING 191 LIVES; UNION ADMIRAL DAVID FARRAGUT DIES; RITES HELD FOR GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE AT LEXINGTON, VA.; March 30, TEXAS READMITTED INTO UNION; GERMAN INVADERS FRANCE, FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR STARTS; MISSISSIPPI READMITTED INTO THE UNION; September 7, BRITISH WARSHIP CAPTAIN GOES DOWN OFF

COAST OF SPAIN, 472 PERSONS KILLED.

It is far more likely that headlines in the issues of 1870 covered more local happenings than those mentioned above. This is because The Franklin Times has always been a local newspaper, striving to serve the needs of the people of this area.

The Times is grateful to all those who have over the years offered cooperation, encouragement and support. Ninety-nine years is a very long time and without the sup-

port of its readers and advertisers, this newspaper nor any other could long survive.

As we near the century mark, the management and staff of The Times look with great expectations to the future. The privilege of serving the people of this area is never taken lightly and we shall continue to strive to maintain, not just a newspaper, but one in which you, the reader can take pride. This is our pledge as we head ever nearer toward the century mark.

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