Weather

Decreasing cloudiness, not warm and humid today. as warm and humid today. Wednesday generally fair and mild. Low today, 65; high, lower 80s.

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Building Rammed

Scene above shows Friday morning accident in the New Hope community. Paul Belch, w/m/21, of Greensboro, is shown far right, seated, awaitig arrival of the Louisburg Rescue Service. Belch suffered head and arm injuries when the truck he was driving ran off N. C. 98 and rammed the Perdue Store. The truck, on lease from Tolson and Coleman Corp. of Greensboro was loaded with sheet metal used in air-conditioning installation and owned by Jim Hayes, Inc. of Greensboro. Both truck and cargo were

Small Child, Girl Bitten By Rabid Bat

A 15-month-old child and an 18year-old girl were both bitten by what proved to be a rabid bat last Thursday night in the Pocomoke section of Franklin County, according to Tyree Lancaster, county Dog Warden.

College Gets Federal Grant

Louisburg College has received ap-proval of the U. S. Office of Education for a grant of \$2,901, according to Secondo District Congressman L. H. Fountain. The grant is to be used for laboratory and other special equipment and materials.

The grant represents a matching fund arrangement under Title VI Higher Education Act of 1965, according to College Dean John York and will be used in the audio-visual center at the College. "This will help considerably in this department", York said and added that some of the funds will be used to make minor renovations in the center. He illustrated by mentioning cabinets and booths to be acquired with the funds. The College will match the amount under the agreement.

Inmate Sets Jail Fire

A 22-year-old Louisburg Negro has been charged with damage to property in the Saturday night fire at the county jail which threatened him and a cellmate shortly after 10 p.m.

Jack Evans, jailed around 9:30 p.m. on a public drunkeness charge was reportedly angered when denied cigarettes by county jailer Jim Finch. He reportedly set fire to mattresses in his cell block which, for a time, threatened to asphyxiate both Evans

threatened to asphyxiate both Evans and George Terry, c/m, jailed late Saturday on a worthless check charge. The fire was discovered by Louisburg police officers and Finch when they took a third prisoner upstairs to be locked up. William Otis Epps, c/m, was being jailed on a public drunkeness charge around 10:10 p.m. when the fire was discovered.

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Louisburg firemen quickly extinguished the blaze with fireman John Garrett needing treatment for too

Bunn To Head Gardner Campaign

A letter to The Franklin Times today, discloses the appointment of Mr. Archie Bunn of Pilot as Chairman of the Jim Gardner for Governor

Committee in Franklin County.

The letter was signed by Yates
Neagle and Jesse Austin, Gardner state

campaign officials.

Bunn presided at the Gardner rally staged here last week and had been considered as leading the Gardner cam-paign locally. The appointment was made official last Friday. Jeffre Lee Turner of Houston, Texas and the adult as Betty June Mitchell of Rt. 1, Franklinton. The child is here with her mother, Mrs. Roy Lee Turner who is visiting her father, Mr. Clarence Gresham who has been hospitalized.

The incidents occurred, according to Lancaster, when the Turners were visiting the home of Joe Mitchell. The small child was playing in the Mitchell yard when the bat attacked, biting the child on the hand. Miss Mitchell ran to aid the child and was also bitten. Miss Mitchell's brother, unidentified by name, pulled the bat off the girl and killed it.

Lancaster was summoned and the animal was taken to Raleigh to be checked by state health personnel. On Friday, the report was returned showing that the bat was rabid. Both the baby and Miss Mitchell are now taking the rabies shots.

Lancaster returned to the area Friday night in an attempt to capture other bats and to run checks on them, but reported Monday that he was unable to kill any others. He said he planned to return again. No other incidents have been reported, he stated Monday night.

He also said that he was informed

that this is the fifth incident of a rabid bat reported since January in the entire state.

In 1963 there was a statewide scare due to rabies-infested bats and some bats reportedly flew into windows of moving automobiles biting their vic-

Here in Louisburg, nine-year-old Larry Fuller, son of Times Editor and Mrs. Clint Fuller, underwent rabies treatment when he picked up what he thought to be a sick bird in the Wilbur Jolly yard. The bird proved to be a bat and it could not be determined if the youngster had been biten. State health authorities recommended the treatment, which consisted of fourteen shots, one each day. A report several weeks later revealed that the bat was not rabid. At that time, it took 21

Company Sets Franklinton **Improvements**

Franklinton-Improvement and expansion of the Franklinton telephone

exchange is now underway.

Howard T. Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone, said today that a \$23,000 program is in progress to expand the company's central office

equipment here. Included in the project will be installation of equipment to provide facilities to serve 300 new telephones for subscribers in this area and permit better grades of service to present

Pitts said that the growth of Franklinton in recent years has brought about an increased demand for tele-phone service. This demand has taxed

the capacity of present equipment.

Telephones in this area have in creased from 580 tomore than 1,100 in the past ten years.

"The construction program here is in keeping with Carolina Telephone's continuing program to fulfill the tele-phone needs of the communities it

days to determine if a bat had rabies and even then the report was sup-posedly only about fifty percent accurate, according to reports.

One other incident was reported in 1963 locally, but in that case youngsters playing near where a bat fell from e did not come in direct contact with the animal.

Commission Meets No **Director Yet**

The Industrial Development Commission met for nearly three hours here last Friday night without arriving at a decision in the selection of a new Director for the county.

Informed sources report that be-tween 15 and 20 applicants were considered during the meeting with some sentiment shown for applications by county men. However, it is believed that a number of well qualified applications have been received from out of county and even out of state people.

It is not known when the Commission will meet again to consider filling the vacancy left by the resignation last month of W. J. Benton. It was learned that state employment and industrial experts were to be consulted this

Washington, D. C. . . . Congressman L. H. Fountain urged Wednesday enactment of legislation he has introdu-

ced to consolidate overlapping grant programs and to provide for periodic

Congressional review of those pro-

Fountain testified on his bill, known as the Inter-governmental Co-operation Act, and similar bills before

a House Government Operations sub-

committee.
"Because the number and variety of

Federal grants has increased so greatly in recent years, the need for coordin-ation in their administration becomes

more pressing every day," he said.
"We have, for example, approxima-

tely 50 different programs to aid general education, 57 programs for vocational and job training; 35 pro-

grams involved in housing; more than

20 programs involving transportation; 27 for utilities and services; 62 for community facilities, 32 for land use;

28 for recreational and cultural facili-

dealing with community and water and sewer facilities.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation
Act would permit the consolidation of
some or all such programs, subject to
Congressional review. It also would
establish procedures for period reviews

"We are living in a dynamic age

and we cannot continue indefinitely to face new problems by enacting addi-tional grant programs without facing up to the necessity of phasing out

Pitts said, "The new improvement and expansion program at Franklinton was engineered to allow for telephone

in recent years.

serves," he pointed out.

growth in the future."

Fountain noted that five Federal agencies currently administer programs

Fountain Asks Programs Review

Louisburg Police **Face Salary Crisis**

A crisis is brewing in the Louisburg Police Department. Rumors of the pending exit from the force of all but two officers, have been circulating for weeks. The Franklin Times, in an effort to report the facts, has interviewed a number of persons directly

involved in the problem.

At the heart of the question is money. Already two veteran members of the seven-man force have resigned to accept a better paying position in private business. A third member is expected to accept a position with the State Highway Patrol in the immediate future and two others say they will leave unless the Town Council ups the salary. This will leave only Chief Earl Tharrington and assistant Chief Hubert Shearon on the force.

The starting salary for a po-lice officer was recently raised from \$66 to \$75 by the Council on request from Chief Tharrington. "I thought this would help get capable men to fill the vacancies, but thus far this hasn't worked," Tharrington said.

All members of the force are now paid \$85 per week with Tharrington and Shearon drawing slightly higher pay. The five officers are working eight-hour shifts, seven days a week without any time off. They have been doing this since the first vacancy occurred several weeks ago. Now there are two openings on the force.

Tharrington says he has at least one

replacement in mind, "But I know he won't come unless I can promise him he'll be making \$100 a week pretty soon.

Town Councilman Grover Hirris told The Times, "I think something should be done. I am in favor of increasing their salaries." Other town officials declined the use of their names, but most agreed that some increase in pay was needed, although all were not willing to commit themselves on the question.

The members of the department say that the pay should be upped to \$100 per week. One said, "I like my job and I'd work for less if I could live on it but I can't, I will definitely leave unless something is done." The Times could find no dissention in the depart-ment except over the salary schedule.

One council member said this is the type of thing that will recur. No sooner is this raise given than another will be sought. Another member said the force is too large and sug-gested the Chief might need to take a shift to relieve the situa-

some of the older programs aimed at problems of another time," Fountain

"The problems are pressing and the hour is late," he said of the need for

legislation to improve the multitude of

Federal programs

tion. There was one implication that it would be alright if certain areas were not patrolled at all as long as the public did not know

One major consideration in the minds of many of the town officials contacted seems to be the reaction of other departments to any pay increase for the police. Other departments were not contacted for the purpose of this article and no reaction can be assum-

In neighboring Franklinton there is also a rising problem, although not yet at the crisis stage. Officers there are paid \$77.50 weekly and receive \$1.25 per hour for overtime work. The overtime is not paid to Chief Leo Edwards whose salary is slightly higher than the other members of the four-man crew. Auxiliary police work some shifts for the \$1.25 at Franklinton. The starting salary is \$70 there and the Franklinton Department is seeking an up in pay to \$90 per-week for policemen. Franklinton police work a 48-hour week, At present, one member of the Franklinton force is hospitalized

Reaction to the situation by local citizens is mixed, although most agrée a salary increase is needed. Some cling to the hope that qualified people can be found without higher pay incen-tive. "We certainly have to be careful who we hire," said one local observer, "Just anybody can't do police work."

One officer with three years ex-

perience and making \$85 per week has reportedly been offered a job making a minimum of \$110 in a local business The two that recently resigned are believed making in the neighborhood of this safary. Highway patrolmen reportedly/start at \$412 per month.

The/Town Council in Louisburg meets Friday night to study the budget. One member suggests an across the board five percent-pay hike for most town employees. At least one other council member is opposed to an across the board type increase. "I believe we ought to take them department by department," he said.

Meantime, Tharrington is looking for two replacements. Thus far he has found none. According to him, those who he feels are capable of doing the job and who might be interested in police work are already making more money than is being paid policemen.

Town Council is obviously faced with an acute problem. One member of the council said this is not the way it should be handled. He said the request should be made to the council and not in the newspaper and

Thus far, it has seemingly been an issue that has escaped most local citizens. Very few are acquainted with the seriousness of the problem. "If we have a long hot summer; when trouble brews, they'll pay attention if there aren't any policemen around," one local observer said pointedly.

And there the situation hangs. The Council will come to grips with it Friday night. Unless it is successfi in its efforts, the public may come to

Rate Expected To Be \$1.69

Commissioners Expected To Set Budget Today

The Board of County Commission ers is expected to give final approval today of the new budget. Estimates early this morning say the new tax rate will probably be \$1.69 or five cents above last year's \$1.64 rate. There is a possibility that an additional two cent levy could be made to aid in financing a proposed water line for a new industry.

Details of the proposal are expected

to be revealed later today, but it is known that the Board has spent a number of hours searching for a means of obtaining financing for a \$70,000 water line. The nature of the new industry has not been made public.

Of the increase, 3.5 cents will go to

finance the ambulance service and 2 cents have been added to the school budget. A .25 cent cut in the hospital and industrial development budgets brings the total increase to five cents.

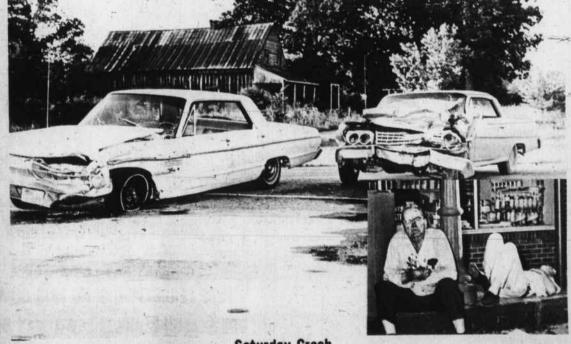
The Board is expected to take up

the ticklish question of land for the

proposed Methods and Material Center as requested by the Board of Education later today. At press time, the subject was being approached. The School Board has asked for an answer to whether or not the Commissioners will make certain land available on the county hill complex for the purpose, not later than Wednesday.

The Board of Education will be in Raleigh Thursday to appear at a hearing in federal court on a proposed school plan and Supt. Warren Smith is expected to go back before the State Review Panel on Friday with whatever proposal is made on the federallyfinanced Center project. Informed sources report that the

Commissioners are expected to seek a joint meeting with the School Board to iron out details of the property switch. The land is titled to the Board of Commissioners but transfer of title to the School Board is required in order to get funds for the project.



Saturday Crash

Accident scene at Mapleville around 7:15 p.m. Saturday is shown above. David Jones Hunt, 69, and Charles Phelps, 13, are shown (inset) awaiting aid from the Louisburg Rescue Service. Hunt was a passenger in the car at left, reportedly driven by Thurston Allen, 47, and Phelps was a passenger in the other car, reportedly driven by his brother, Johnny, 17. Neither driver was injured and both passengers were treated and released at Franklin Memorial Hospital. The accident reportedly occurred when the Allen car pulled out in front of the Phelps vehicle.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.