

Weather

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

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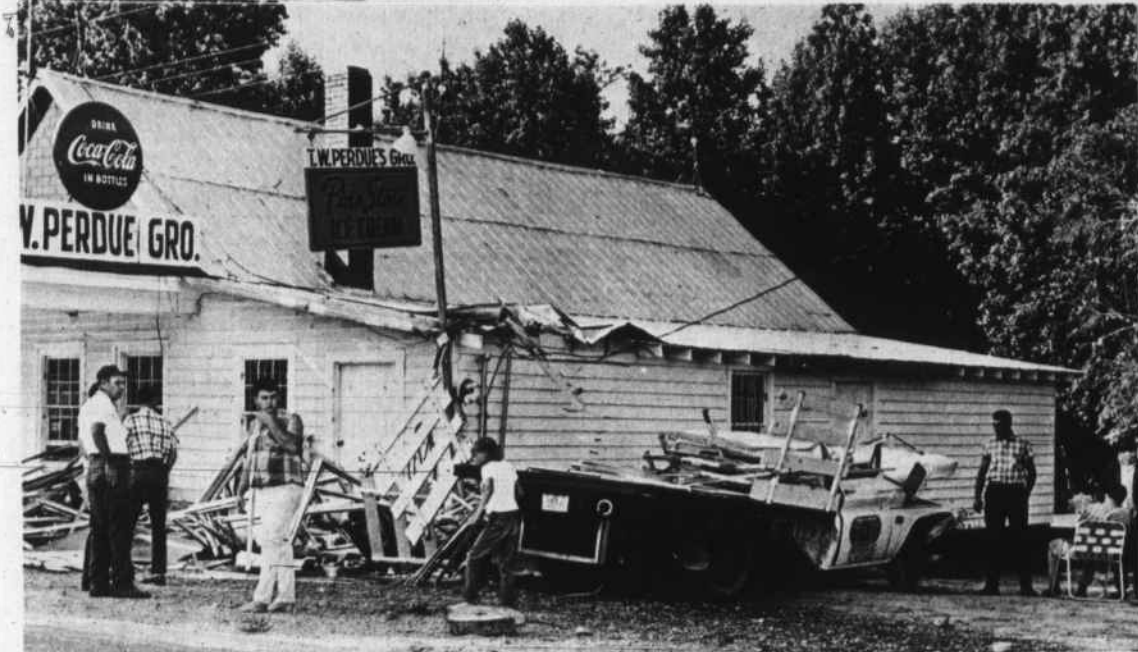
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Building Rammed

Scene above shows Friday morning accident in the New Hope community. Paul Belch, w/m/21, of Greensboro, is shown far right, seated, awaiting 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 badly damaged.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Louisburg Police Face Salary Crisis

by Clint Fuller

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 police 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 Harris 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 dissent in the department 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 suggested the Chief might need to take a shift to relieve the situation.

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 between 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 week.

Fountain Asks Programs Review

Washington, D. C. . . Congressman L. H. Fountain urged Wednesday enactment of legislation he has introduced to consolidate overlapping grant programs and to provide for periodic Congressional review of those programs.

Fountain testified on his bill, known as the Inter-governmental Cooperation Act, and similar bills before a House Government Operations subcommittee.

"Because the number and variety of Federal grants has increased so greatly in recent years, the need for coordination in their administration becomes more pressing every day," he said.

"We have, for example, approximately 50 different programs to aid general education, 57 programs for vocational and job training; 35 programs 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 facilities."

Fountain noted that five Federal agencies currently administer programs 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 in recent years.

"We are living in a dynamic age, and we cannot continue indefinitely to face new problems by enacting additional grant programs without facing up to the necessity of phasing out serves," he pointed out.

Pitts said, "The new improvement and expansion program at Franklinton was engineered to allow for telephone growth in the future."

Small Child, Girl Bitten By Rabid Bat

A 15-month-old child and an 18-year-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.

Lancaster identified the child as

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 victims.

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 bitten. 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 subscribers.

Pitts said that the growth of Franklinton in recent years has brought about an increased demand for telephone service. This demand has taxed the capacity of present equipment.

Telephones in this area have increased from 580 to more than 1,100 in the past ten years.

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

College Gets Federal Grant

Louisburg College has received approval of the U. S. Office of Education for a grant of \$2,901, according to Second 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 drunkenness 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 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 drunkenness charge around 10:10 p.m. when the fire was discovered.

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

Bunn To Head Gardner Campaign

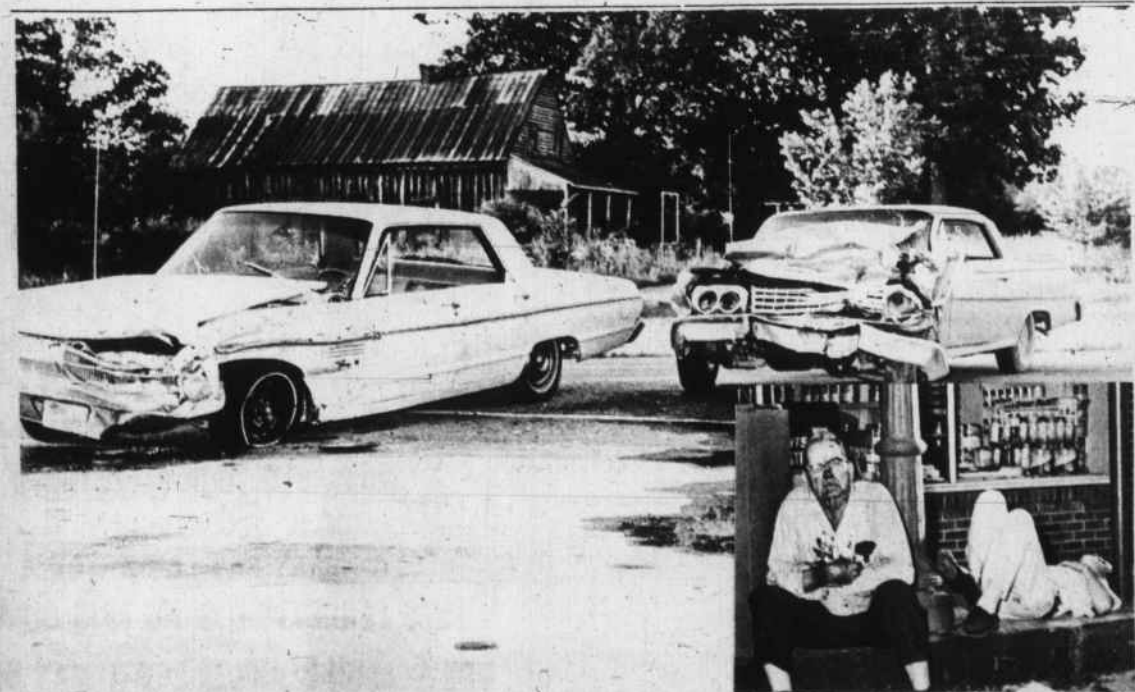
A letter to The Franklin Times today, discloses the appointment of Mr. Archie Bunn of Pilot as Chairman of the Jim Gardner for Governor Committee in Franklin County.

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 campaign locally. The appointment was made official last Friday.

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

"The problems are pressing and the hour is late," he said of the need for legislation to improve the multitude of Federal programs.



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.