

### Weather

Variable cloudiness and warm today and Wednesday with chance of scattered showers or thundershowers. Low today, 65; high, mid 80s.

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## Local Youth Wounded In Vietnam

Sgt. Thomas Glenn (Tommy) Ball, 20-year son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ball, North Main Street, Louisburg has been wounded in combat in Vietnam. He suffered serious wounds of the right arm near the shoulder, according to reports and is presently in the army hospital at Saigon.

Ball was wounded by mortar fire around 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, according to word received here, when a mortar round landed in the midst of his platoon. Two members of the platoon were killed. The action took place about six miles outside Saigon.

He was treated at a nearby hospital and later transferred to the hospital at Saigon where a skin graft was performed and injuries to an artery were treated. He is to later be transferred to the army hospital in Japan for repair to the arm nerves. He is expected to remain in the Saigon hospital for 10 to 15 days.

Sgt. Ball has been in the army for 14 months and in Vietnam for about two months.

## Franklin Gets Emergency OEO Funds

Jerry Elliott, News Secretary for Governor Dan Moore, announced last week that an appropriation has been approved in the amount of \$42,738 to finance an "Emergency Food and Medical Care Program" in Franklin and Warren Counties.

The program's purpose, according to the announcement, "is to serve low-income families by the purchase and issuance of food stamps".

The funds will go to the Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. the three-county anti-poverty organization. The announcement states that "250 low-income families residing in Franklin and Warren counties will be served."

## Local Scouts Off To Camp

Scouts of the Louisburg Troop 555 left Sunday for a one-week encampment at the Oconeechee Council Boy Scout Camp Durant in Wake County, according to a report from Scoutmaster H. H. Steelman of Louisburg. Steelman and Richard Alston accompanied the Troop as adult advisers. Life Scouts Steven Humphrey and Bennett Steelman left Friday to attend a two-day leadership training class and will join their Troop upon arrival at Camp Durant.

Other Scouts attending the Camp include Buck Lee, Dwight Neal, Craig Saunders, Kent Henley, Bob Hicks, Donnie Davis, Walter House, Craig Walters, and Ken Snyder.

# Crop Damage Reaches \$300,000



Off To 4-H Camp

Local 4-H youngsters are shown above here Monday morning awaiting a bus that was to take them to camp at Roanoke Island, Manteo, N. C. for the week. The locals will get instruction in swimming, handicraft, recreation, electricity, wildlife and other camp activities, according to Mrs. Polly O'Neal, Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent. The youngsters will also see "The Lost Colony", an outdoor drama. Agents accompanying the 4-H'ers on the trip are Bernice Harris and Parke Brown. Vance and Granville county youngsters are also attending the camp this week.

## Council Fails To Act On Raises

# Resignation Of Third Policeman Stirs Some Members Of Town Council

The announcement here Monday that a third member of the Louisburg Police force has tendered his resignation has caused a stir among some members of the Town Council. Chief Earl Tharrington disclosed that Ned Lloyd, one of the most popular police officers to serve here, has handed in his resignation to become effective in two weeks. Lloyd's actions follows the resignation of officers Kyle Prince and Charlie Lambert, both of whom entered private business for more pay, according to reports.

Lloyd's resignation had been rumored for the past several weeks as the department attempted to get salaries increased from \$85 per week to \$100. A number of local citizens have become disturbed with the repeated resignations from the force and some are opposed to pay increases.

At least two other officers are rumored to be planning to follow Lloyd's move. This would leave only Chief Tharrington, assistant Chief Hubert Shearin and patrolman Furman Burnette, who was hired last week.

Three members of the seven-member Town Council favor increasing police pay to \$100 and issued statements this morning to that effect. Other members, who may or may not be opposed to such a move, did not call in a statement. Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal, only woman on the Council, said, "I am one hundred percent in favor of raising the police salary to \$100. Three of us wanted to take action in the last two meetings. We did not want to put it off." She referred to two meetings of the Council in the last two weeks, where salaries were discussed but no action was taken.

Councilman Grover C. Harris, Jr. stated this morning, "I have been for the police having a raise. I am for the police getting \$100 per week. I tried the last two meetings, but didn't get anywhere. I think something should have been done before now to prevent what is happening right now." He expressed regret at the loss of patrolman Lloyd, saying, "He's a good officer."

Councilman George T. (Jolly) Bunn also issued a statement this morning saying, "For the last couple of weeks, I've been working hard for the police department. I think it vital — more so now than ever before — and I've been battling for \$100 per week for the officers. I think that's what we've got to pay to keep good men."

Chief Tharrington was high in his praise of Lloyd, saying Monday, "I am certainly sorry to lose him. He is a real good officer."

Lloyd was not available for comment and his future plans were not disclosed. It was reliably reported sometime ago that unless a pay hike was forthcoming, he too would quit to take a position in private business. One other police officer is expected to resign shortly to join the State Highway Patrol, which pays more money and still another said some time ago that he would resign unless the Council acts on a pay hike.

One member of the council commented in a recent meeting that he would not allow the police to tell him what he should do about pay increases. Some members view the reported threats of resignation as pressure. However, no action has been taken on salaries for any town department. Presently the town is operating under a temporary budget resolution as a hold-over measure until the final budget can be adopted.

## Tobacco Hardest Hit

Damage suffered from last Wednesday's hail storm has now been estimated at slightly over \$300,000 by C. T. Dean, Jr. County Extension Chairman. A preliminary estimate issued last Thursday morning placed the figure at \$200,000. Dean said at the time that the \$200,000 figure was a "wild guess."

The Extension Chairman and specialists from N. C. State University visited the areas of the county hardest hit late last week and the estimated has been upgraded.

Dean rated damages to various crops as follows: Tobacco, 275 acres for a loss of \$260,000; Soybeans, 350 acres for a loss of \$10,000; Corn, 300 acres, loss \$15,000; Cotton, 60 acres, loss \$3,000; Cucumbers, 40 acres, loss \$4,000; and Small grain, Garden, etc., no acreage given, loss \$10,000.

Dean was assisted in the appraisal of the situation by S. N. Hawks, tobacco specialist and John Clapp, grain and soybean specialist.

"As a result of recent rains", Dean said, "crops conditions are much improved." He added, "Prospects for all crops, except cotton, appear to be good."

Dean termed last Wednesday's storm as "large and disastrous" and said "considerable damage occurred in both the eastern and western parts of the county."

The Extension Chairman has issued a paper, "What Can Be Done When Hail Hits Tobacco?" and has distributed it throughout the hail-damaged area. Parts of its contents follows:

"The big decision is whether to cut off stalks or keep what is left. Do not cut off stalks of young tobacco below knee high. Most of these plants have not unfolded from the bud and you can probably save 12 or more leaves. Tobacco that has reached the stage

that most of ours in Franklin County has at the present time and more than half of the leaves are destroyed, it will frequently pay to cut off the stalks and grow a crop from suckers.

Listed below are suggestions for cutting off and growing a crop from suckers: 1. If you cut off, use a sharp tool and make cuts at an angle, 6 to 8 inches above the soil line. A mowing machine is not suited for cutting off stalks as it splits the stalks and cuts them off at irregular lengths. 2. When cutting the stalks, you must be careful not to spread Mosaic with the cutting knife. As a precaution have workers dip knives in milk at frequent intervals. 3. If the crop has already been fertilized adequately, no additional fertilizer is needed unless heavy rains have caused considerable leaching. Where leaching has occurred, use around 100 lbs. of 15-0-14 or 13-0-44 per acre. 4. About six to eight days after cutting off the stalks, go through the field and remove all but the

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## Wagoner Quits, Alston GOP Chairman

The Franklin County Republican Executive Committee met recently at the residence of the chairman, William F. Wagner. At this meeting Mr. Wagner resigned as county chairman and appointed Richard W. Alston as temporary chairman.

At the same time, Mr. Wagner appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Archie Bunn, Wallace Pruitt, Willis DuPree, and Larry Robbins. This committee will nominate a slate of candidates for the county party offices which will be presented to a county Republican convention to be held in the near future.

## Middle Belt Opening On August 26 Likely

Monday, Aug. 26, has been set, at least tentatively, by the board of governors of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association as the date for opening of tobacco markets in the ten auction centers in the belt, it was learned today.

It is possible the date might be changed later, depending upon schedules for those belts which open ahead of the Middle Belt, and neither of which has announced its opening date.

A meeting is scheduled for July 12 in Macon, Ga., to set the opening for the Georgia-Florida Belt. Speculation in advance is that markets there will begin auctions on either July 24 or July 31. The South Carolina - Border North Carolina Belt will follow, and then Eastern North Carolina.

The 36-member Flue - Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee has suggested an opening on a limited sche-

dule for markets of the Old Belt of North Carolina and Virginia two weeks earlier than usual. Hitherto, those centers have started sales late in September.

The crop in North Carolina had begun to show signs of deterioration as a result of hot, dry weather in late June and early July, but rains the past week which were general apparently overcame that condition, with prospects now that the 1968 crop will mature a very good crop, much of it desirable quality of smoking leaf.

After opening schedules have been set in the Georgia - Florida Belt, the other areas are expected to act quickly. A committee of the Georgia - Florida Belt will propose the opening date there, and which must be confirmed by the Georgia commissioner of agriculture. A decision is due at a meeting July 12 in Macon.



Holiday Accident

Scene above shows car in which two Youngsville area youths escaped serious injury last Friday. Charles Bowers and James Smith were uninjured when the car ran off State Rural Paved Road No. 1116 around 3 p.m. a few miles south of Youngsville. In a separate accident, Sidney Seal of Franklinton received serious injuries when his car ran off the road and struck a utility pole near Harris Crossroads early Sunday morning. Treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Seal was later transferred to Wake Memorial Hospital.

Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

## Local CAP Alerted, Called Off In Search

The local Civil Air Patrol was alerted last Thursday to aid in the search for a plane missing enroute from Rochester, N. Y. to St. Augustine, Fla. Poor flying weather hampered the local effort and the alert was later canceled.

The cancellation followed news that the missing plane, which left Buffalo, N. Y., about 5 A.M. Wednesday, was overdue at a Pennsylvania airport.

There were no survivors in the family of four in the crash. It was piloted by Gale Sleight of Honeoye Falls, N. Y. and his passengers were his wife and two daughters. The plane had a scheduled 8 A.M. Thursday fuel stop at the Raleigh-Durham Airport.

Local CAP members were alerted early Thursday morning and were on standby for most of the day. Rain and fog prevented any North Carolina craft from ever getting airborne in the search.



Road Improved At Franklinton

State Highway maintenance crews are shown above black-topping N. C. 56 near the Franklinton Fabrics plant at Franklinton. The strip, pictured in a front page editorial in the Franklin Times on September 1, 1966, was in need of repairs. Spokesmen for the project said the work began Monday and is expected to be completed this week. The strip is about a mile in length.

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