



Piggy-Back

Pictured above is scene of early morning accident Monday on Main Street here near the Methodist Church. Bill Hight, w/m/21, and Tommy Best, w/m/18, were riding inside the Corvette when Hight attempted to dodge a dog and ran the car underneath the parked Chevrolet, which in turn bumped into a parked Dodge behind it. Hight suffered facial cuts and Best suffered facial cuts and leg injuries. The accident occurred shortly after midnight Sunday. Louisburg policeman Larry Gilliam investigated the accident. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Connector Link Not Route Sought By Franklin Interests

The announced approval of an interstate 85-95 connecting link from Durham to Raleigh and on to Smithfield by the federal Department of Transportation last week is disappointing to leaders in Franklin County who had sought the link from Henderson to Raleigh through the western portion of the county.

At one point, some weeks back, Franklin interests, joined by Vance County leaders and Wake County Commissioners seemed to have some

chance to get the connector link and to open up a new area in the three counties. However, the State Highway Commission approved the chosen route and passed its recommendation on to the federal agency. Washington approval came last week.

The project is expected to cost \$81.6 million and will start at Interstate 85 at Durham, hit the new NC 54 highway, into Raleigh and connect with Interstate 95 near Smithfield.

At Franklin Memorial Hospital

Drive Launched For Intensive Care System

"We've had such success with our portable Cardiac Therapy Group, we have decided to try to establish a permanent Cardiac Intensive Care system."

Thus did M. M. Person, Jr. able administrator of Franklin Memorial Hospital announce, this week, that a drive is now underway to raise funds with which to purchase cardiac units for two rooms, plus a nursing station console for the care of heart patients

at the local hospital.

"We have found there is a great need for such a unit", Person added. With the addition to the present facilities, Franklin Memorial will take another step in a long series of actions designed to give the best medical care possible to citizens of the area.

The system will consist of a Bedside Unit, which will include an oscilloscope for visual EKG tracing; a cardiometer to provide continuous, integrated display of the heart rate and a Pacemaker, which the hospital already owns. Person says two such units are needed in order to set up two rooms or facilities for two patients at a time. In addition a Nursing Station Console will allow the nurse to monitor the information from outside the patient's room and this, says Person, will be done constantly around the clock.

A big step toward accomplishing the goal of the Intensive Care system was reached last week when Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lumpkin of Louisburg, long-time friends of the hospital, donated one of the room units. E. C. Bulluck, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, accepted the gift for the hospital in ceremonies at the hospital office last Friday. Also present for the presentation were Dr. Doyle Medders, a representative of the medical staff who has worked for such a unit for some time and Mrs. Janet Wood, Registered Nurse, who has just completed four-weeks of intensive training in coronary care.

Mrs. Wood was presented a certificate, denoting her successful course.

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Schools Close Next Week

Schools in the Franklin County system will be closed all next week for the holiday vacation, according to Supt. Warren Smith. Schools will reopen on Monday, December 30, but will close again for the Wednesday New Year's holiday.

A couple of days were trimmed from the Christmas holidays due to the late start of schools this fall. In the past, the vacation ran past the New Year, but classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday, with only a one-day break for New Years.

Louisburg youngsters received an unexpected holiday here Monday when the heating plant went out of order. Students were sent home at 11:30 a.m. when it was determined that some time would be needed to get the furnace operating. Classes resumed this morning on regular schedule.

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Invasion Witness To Speak Here

William F. Troxler, an eye witness of the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia last summer, will address the Louisburg Rotary Club Thursday night. He will give an account of his Czechoslovakian experience and will discuss the implications of this invasion and its effect on current international tensions. In addition to his trip to a scientific convention in Czechoslovakia, where he was caught in the unexpected takeover, Mr. Troxler has travelled extensively in Europe, New Zealand, and Australia.

Founder of Troxler Electronic Laboratories in 1956 as a proprietorship, Mr. Troxler is current president and chairman of the board of Troxler Electronic Labs, Inc.

The son of a Methodist minister, Mr. Troxler was born in Thomasville, N. C., and served in the U. S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945 as a bombardier. He was graduated from North Carolina State University in 1952 with a degree in electrical engineering and returned to North Carolina State the following year on a teaching fellowship to do graduate work in electrical engineering. He has published papers and articles related to nuclear methods of measuring moisture and density of engineering materials, etc.

Mr. Troxler and his family - Virginia-born Marian Troxler, and their four children - live in Raleigh.



Man Of The Year

Warren W. Smith, center, was named Louisburg's Man of the Year by the Louisburg Rotary Club last Thursday night for his outstanding service to education in the county. Pictured, at left Mrs. Smith and, at right, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College and a Rotarian, who made the presentation of the award to the County School Superintendent. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Smith Is Named Man Of The Year

"At a time of social upheaval and revolution, during a time of testing and trial, he remained calm and patient." This is the way Dr. Cecil W.

Homes To Be Judged

The Louisburg Garden Club will sponsor its annual Christmas Decorations contest for homes in the Louisburg area, according to an announcement made this week. The judging will take place Friday, December 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

Judging will be done by out-of-town judges and the Garden Club has asked homeowners in the area to have their lights turned on prior to the 7 P.M. start.

Robbins, president of Louisburg College, described the 1968 Louisburg Man of the Year in ceremonies held by the local Rotary Club last Thursday night.

Warren W. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, was named Man of the Year for his outstanding service to education.

Smith, a native of Kittrell, graduated from Zeb Vance High School in 1940; served 23 months in the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II; received his B. S. degree from Wake Forest University in 1948 and his M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1955. He also attended North Carolina State University and Randolph-Macon College and Duke University for special studies.

In 1948 he entered the teaching profession, as math instructor and basketball coach at Epsom High School. In 1953 he moved to Edward

Best High School as principal and in 1963 he was named Superintendent of Schools.

"He has worked prodigiously to keep open the public schools, to comply with Federal directives and at the same time to cooperate with parents, teachers, students and others who have been so deeply involved in the change-over from a dual system to a single system of public education. Often he has borne the brunt of attacks from both extremes sides—those pressing for total integration now and those resisting any change of the status quo," said

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Weather Not Year's Coldest

While Frosty has been nippy these past few days, the temperatures are quite away from being the lowest of the year. Memory might fade, but it was much colder in February of this year. The thermometer dropped to five degrees on February 12 and finally nudged upwards to a torrid nine degrees on February 2.

Considering this morning's low of 18 degrees - one less than Monday's 19 degree reading, the February weather seems frigid indeed.

Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy says it might be a "little below normal" for this time of the year, but it's really "nothing unusual". He reports Sunday's high was 36 degrees and Monday's high reading was 42 degrees.

The prediction is for fair and a little warmer today; increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight with a chance of rain Wednesday. High today is expected to reach the upper forties.



TROXLER

Congressman L.H. Fountain Is Visitor Here

Congressman L. H. Fountain was a visitor in Louisburg last Friday on his annual tour of the Second Congressional District. The Tarboro native met with friends and supporters at the local post office for about an hour and attended a luncheon at The Murphy House restaurant before leaving Louisburg for a visit to Bunn.

At the luncheon meeting, Congressman Fountain spoke to a gathering of about thirty local leaders, telling of his experiences on his recent 28-day tour of the Far East. He and other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee toured a number of Far East countries last month to see firsthand how American aid is working and to talk with leaders and private citizens

of the countries in what the Congressman termed, "this critical area."

Fountain said the greatest need in foreign affairs is much the same as that in domestic problems. "We need better communications between nations and people", he stated. "More wisdom is needed", he added.

Fountain was introduced by Sixteenth District State Representative James D. Speed and was welcomed to Louisburg by Hill Yarborough, Louisburg precinct chairman. Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee, also spoke briefly in welcoming the Congressman.

Fountain also touched on the local school situation and said that it is his hope that the new President will "set the tempo" and that his actions will be

noted by "other administrative branches of government, including the Office of Education and HEW."

He reported that American servicemen are receiving the "very best in medical care" and talked particularly about a burns hospital he visited. His references were to casualties in the Vietnam War. He also spoke of the threat of North Korea intervention again in the affairs of South Korea and he said he was told by a number of high-ranking leaders that the Far Eastern area would surely fall to communism if the United States appears to surrender in the Paris peace negotiations.

The Congressman was accompanied to Franklin County by his administrative assistant Walter Pittman and Edgar Norfleet, also a congressional aide.



Lumpkins Make Hospital Gift

Participants in ceremonies launching a drive by Franklin Memorial Hospital for a Cardiac Intensive Care system are shown above at the hospital last Friday. Pictured left to right are: Dr. Doyle Medders, representative of the medical staff who fostered the idea; Mrs. Janet Wood, R.N., who just recently completed a four-week course in coronary nursing; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lumpkin, who are shown donating one of two room units of the system to Board of Trustees Chairman E. C. Bulluck, M. M. Person, administrator, announced that two room units and a nurses station console are needed for the system. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.



Greet Congressman

Congressman L. H. Fountain is shown above, second from left, on his visit to the county last Friday. Pictured with the Congressman are, left Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples, Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee and Charles Davis, local attorney. Fountain spoke briefly at a luncheon meeting in Louisburg. He spent most of the day visiting in the county. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.