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Franklinton Man Hurt In Wake Wreck

A former Raleigh city councilman received minor injuries and a Franklinton man was more seriously hurt in a three-car collision at 3:20 p.m. Friday on Rock Quarry Road.

Former councilman John Wesley Winters, 49, of Rt. 3, Raleigh, was treated and released at Wake Memorial Hospital. His car was struck by a vehicle driven by James Canady of Franklinton. Canady, who received head and leg injuries, was admitted at Wake Memorial Hospital. His condition was reported as fair by medical officials Saturday.

Officer Charles Hairr, who investigated the mishap, said the Canady car moved into Winters' path, bounced off the Winters vehicle and struck a parked car beside Rock Quarry Road. Canady was charged with driving left of center.



Staff photo by Astor Bowden.

Telephone Company To Expand

Centerville - Improvement and expansion of the Centerville telephone exchange is now underway.

Howard Pitts, local manager for Carolina Telephone, said today that a \$30,000 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 320 new telephones for subscribers in this area and permit better grades of service to present subscribers.

Pitts said that the growth of the Centerville area 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 590 to more than 775 since service was inaugurated from the exchange in 1966.

"The construction program here is in keeping with Carolina Telephone's continuing program to fulfill the telephone needs of the communities it serves," he pointed out.

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

Georgia Governor Invites Board Chief To Meeting

Georgia Governor Lester Maddox, disturbed over recent events by federal authorities in the area of school desegregation, has invited a number of leaders in Southern states to a seminar in Atlanta on August 16. Invited from Franklin County is Board of Education Chairman Horace Baker.

In a letter, dated July 29, Gov.

Guess What's Missing

Thieves Hit Bunn School

With all the conversation in recent days about chickens getting the air conditioners taken from the county courthouse, it is interesting to report that thieves entered the Bunn High School over the weekend and walk off with—you guessed it—an air conditioner.

The unit was taken from a window in the office of School Principal W. H. Kelly. The same chickens-thieves-branched out to bigger things at Bunn Elementary School where they hauled away a riding lawn mower. Sheriff William Dement's office is investigating.

Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards reports that thieves entered Red Front Grocery and carted off 25 cartons of cigarettes sometime Saturday night. These chickens apparently failed to note that cigarettes may be hazardous to their health.

The Franklinton department is investigating this latest break-in there. Robberies have declined in the Franklinton area in recent months and this is the first reported in sometime.

Rain-Slick Highways Bring Accidents

Louisburg Police Officer Ned Lloyd is shown above directing traffic on busy Bickett Blvd. Saturday afternoon following a crash into the Tar River bridge by the Mustang, driven by Dottie Finch, w/f/25 of Route 3, Louisburg. The woman suffered what was described by rescuers as not serious injuries. The Louisburg Rescue Service transported the victim to Franklin Memorial Hospital for treatment following the accident. The car, which skidded into the bridge abutment in a downpour of rain, was heavily damaged.

Slick highways also contributed to an accident at White Level around 6:30 P.M. Monday. Roy Stewart, Louisburg barber, was hospitalized following a two-car crash which practically destroyed Stewart's 1966 model Mustang. The crash reportedly occurred when Stewart's car struck a 1959 Chevrolet reportedly driven by Willie Lee Nash. Nash was not injured, according to reports.

Board To Purchase Land At Gold Sand

The Franklin County Board of Education agreed to purchase 11.7 acres of land adjoining the Gold Sand High School property in its regular monthly meeting held here Monday night. The land, to be purchased from C. C. Perry, is slated to cost just under \$12,000.

Superintendent Warren Smith informed the Board that all teaching positions in the unit have been filled except four. He listed open positions at Bunn Elementary, Edward Best High School, Epsom and Gold Sand High School. Each has one vacancy at present. The Board expressed satisfaction at the teaching situation noting that it is better than in previous years.

In other actions, an hourly wage of \$1.50 was approved for janitors and maids and the American Defender Life

Insurance Co. was approved to sell Tax Shelter Annuities to teachers in the Franklin system.

The County's Comprehensive Plan for Special Education Program and Services was approved and Smith was authorized to present the plan to the State Department for final approval.

The start of the fall term was set for 1 to 3 P.M. on August 28 with Teacher-Pupil Orientation. Buses will operate on that day as pupils are required to attend.

The fee schedule was also approved

Franklinton To Fully Integrate This Fall

The Franklinton City Board of Education has passed a resolution to totally integrate the two schools in the unit this fall, according to reliable reports.

Explaining that Board attorney Bill Pearce is expected to release details of the newly adopted plan in the next few days, a high unit official confirmed that grades 1 through 3 will be housed in the former Negro B. F.

Local Option Sales Tax Vote Set For November

Franklin voters are going to get the chance come November 4th, to vote on an additional one-cent sales tax. The recent General Assembly passed a bill which requires all 100 counties in the State to vote on the issue.

Counties whose voters approve the additional sales tax will receive half the tax to be divided among the municipal and county governments. The other half will go into a State pool and will be distributed to all counties whose voters approve the issue on a per capita basis.

The bill was a compromise measure supported by the League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. When the main issue these two organizations wanted—that was a state wide one-cent tax—met heated opposition from Governor Scott and others, the two groups pushed for the one-cent optional tax.

Mecklenburg is the only county in the State with the one-cent tax at present. It's been reported that Mecklenburg derives around \$6 million annually from the extra one cent sales tax.

Should Franklin voters not approve the issue in November, the county, of course, will not participate in the

for the coming term as follows: ELEMENTARY: Supply, \$2.00; NDEA, \$2.00; Insurance (optional) \$3.00; and Activity, \$2.00; HIGH SCHOOL: Supply, \$2.00; NDEA, \$2.00; Insurance (optional), \$3.00; Home Ec., \$2.00; Agriculture, \$2.00; Science, \$1.00; Typing, \$13.50; and Activity, \$2.00.

Tentative teacher assignments were approved by the Board but announcement of such assignments was withheld.

Person-Albion school buildings. Grades 6 through 12 will be contained in the present Franklinton High School buildings.

Franklinton had the top three grades totally integrated last year at Franklinton High School. The Franklinton system is under jurisdiction of the Health, Education and Welfare guidelines. Further details of the plan are expected to be disclosed this week.

revenue. However, counties defeating the issue the first time, may vote again later.

The tax will be collected by the State Department of Revenue just as the three-cent state tax is now collected.

Some criticism of the General Assembly is heard in some quarters. Many believe that the lawmakers should have passed a statewide one-cent addition to the present three-cent tax. They say the money should have been collected by the state and returned to the county from whence it came.

These same people contend that it will be impossible for any county to determine until after the vote just where it will stand when the money is doled out. Most agree that the small counties have a slight edge over the larger ones. However, few believe that this possibility is going to be strong enough to cause the voters to approve the proposed new tax.

The League of Municipalities sponsored several other local-oriented legislations in the recent General Assembly. The tally, according to the organization's official publication "Southern City" is 18 bills passed into law and five bills that failed.

Union Vote At Durham Hosiery Plant Thursday

Workers at Durham Hosiery plant at Franklinton will decide whether or not the Textile Union of America will be their representative in a special election Thursday. The vote is slated between the hours of 2:30 P.M. and 4:15 P.M.

The TUA represented workers when the plant was located in Durham but many of the employees did not continue with the company when operations were moved to Franklinton last year. The company contended the Union no longer was the proper representative of plant employees in Franklinton. The Union claimed the old contract carried over from the Durham plant to the new Franklinton operation.

The impasse led to a request by the company to the National Labor Relations Board for an election, according to reliable reports. Sources say the Union objected to the request. At a subsequent hearing before the Board, an election was ordered and the vote was set for August 7. The Union contract expires on August 31, according to reports.

Some bitterness has accompanied the controversy preceding the election and a vigorous campaign has been

underway by Union forces to muster support of the now unaligned workers. A meeting of Union forces was held in Franklinton last Sunday afternoon. Reports say that attendance was poor. Management has held in plant meetings to present its position and both sides predict victory in the coming election.

George A. Cralle is President of Durham Hosiery and said in July, 1968 when his plant move was announced that he was leaving Durham because the plant there was "completely insufficient and inefficient for use as a hosiery mill."

The new one-story modern plant is located on U. S. 1 North at Franklinton. It is well equipped with a modern snack rest area, modern lighting and other functional equipment for the manufacture of ladies hosiery.

In the only other union vote held in the county in recent years workers at the Sportswear plant in Louisburg defeated a bid by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America 121-39 on October 12, 1967. The case is still in the hands of the NLRB and eventually is expected to be decided by the courts.

And The Rains Came

William Shakespeare wrote in the Twelfth Night: "For the rain it raineth every day". If he were alive today, he might well write the same about Franklin County. It has rained here twelve out of the past 15 days.

In the 24-hour period ending this morning at 7 A.M., the area had received 2.50 inches of rain at the Louisburg reporting point. In some sections of the county, the downpour was obviously much greater. This is heaviest rainfall to hit the area since May 22, 1966 when 2.55 inches fell.

G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman, reports that the modern record was set on November 7, 1963 when 3.85 inches fell in a 24-hour period.

The Tar River is rising at a rapid rate, although at this stage, the rise is not alarming. From a slightly above normal of 3.85 feet Monday, the Tar measured 12.25 feet this morning. Kennedy says he predicts it will rise to 18 feet before it recedes.

Several years ago, when waters rose above south main street and poured over in the basement of Murphy's Super Market on E. Nash Street, Kennedy says the river measured about 21 feet. His prediction falls short of this flood stage.

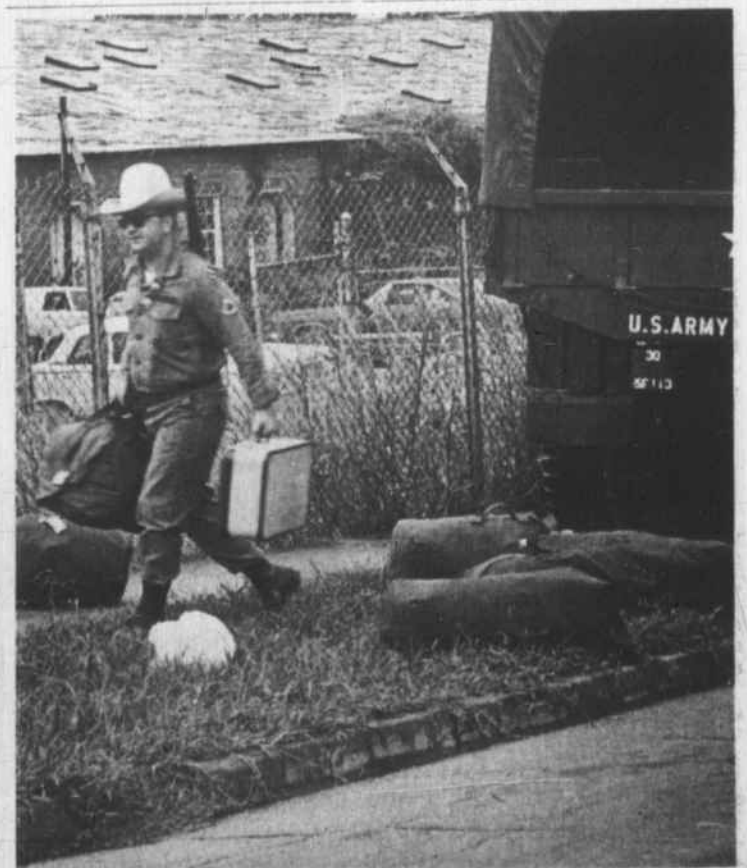
Rainfall as reported by Kennedy for the days in August are as follows: August first reading, .95; August 2, .66; August 3, .26 and August 4, 2.50. Today's measurement will be taken Wednesday at 7 A.M. He reports the normal height of the Tar River is between 2½ and 3½ feet.

Sidewalk Sale

Ten Louisburg merchants, members of the Franklin County Business Association and Credit Bureau, are planning to stage the second annual Sidewalk Sale here Thursday. The event, termed a huge success last year, has been looked forward to by merchants and customers alike for several weeks now.

The participating businesses have said they expect to have a sizable display of sale merchandise on the sidewalks as well as inside their stores for the event. Last year's sale blocked sidewalks throughout town and customers poured out into the streets in many cases.

Veteran merchants reported it was the biggest sales event held here in modern times.



Staff photo by Astor Bowden.

Doubtful GI Issue

Sgt. Billy Harris, one of around 200 local area National Guardsmen, is shown above following his unit's return Sunday from a two-week training encampment at Fort Sill, Okla. As the photo shows, Harris brought a bit of the old west back with him. Although he appeared in too big a hurry to be questioned, it is doubted that the ten-gallon lid is GI issue. Locals landed at Raleigh-Durham Saturday afternoon. Many of the men from Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon areas were met by family and friends but some traveled home by GI truck. The Louisburg section arrived around 5 P.M. Reports say this year's tour was void of any accidents or mishaps but most Guardsmen avoided using the term "pleasant" in describing the experiences. They did report that Oklahoma heat was still holding out strong.