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## Missing Family Found In Va.

Bodies of the three members of the Ira Sidwell family were found near Emporia, Va. Wednesday, where their light private plane crashed last April. The Sidwells had been the object of a massive Civil Air Patrol search, which was based here at Franklin Airport last April 8th.

Sidwell, 40, his wife, Jacklyn, 37, and their daughter, Joslyn, 10, left their home in Newark, Delaware last April 4 for a flight to Cocoa Beach, Fla. and were not seen or heard from again. Three days later the CAP was alerted and the search began the next day.

Louisburg was headquarters for the search which was under the command of Major John R. Brigham. Three days after the search began operations were moved to Rocky Mount because of better air field facilities. On April 15, the search was abandoned. The search for Sidwell and his Cessna 172 extended from Delaware to North Carolina.

No details of the crash were learned here and it is unknown how the trio was found. The CAP used 18 planes in its search efforts covering an area thirty miles either side of a line from Raleigh-Durham Airport to Richmond, Va. as far north as the Roanoke River. The NC-CAP did not search the Emporia area. Sidwell was expected to have made a refueling stop at Raleigh-Durham.

## County Pair In Theft Airing

Charlie Canaday, 19, of Rt. 1, Youngsville waived a preliminary hearing Wednesday in Wake District Court in Wendell on a charge of stealing a credit card and was bound over for trial in Wake Superior Court.

Four others in a related case were convicted of fraudulent use of a credit card allegedly stolen by Canaday. The four are Jean Alice Kearney, 19, and her mother, Mrs. Olivia Elizabeth Kearney, 43, both of Rt. 4, Zebulon; Miss Kearney's sister, Mrs. Doris Kearney Williams, 23, of Raleigh; and Roy Edward Yancey, 18, of Rt. 1, Louisburg.

According to testimony the four made purchases in the amount of \$1,548 on a credit card issued by Southern National Bank of North Carolina to W. C. Ellington of Rt. 3, Raleigh.

Judge George Bason sentenced the four to one year in jail, but suspended the sentences on condition each pay a fine of \$100 and court costs, make full restitution. The four were also put on probation for two years.



KATHRYN MILLSAPS

## New Agent Named

C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman for Franklin County, announced the appointment of Kathryn Millsaps as Assistant Home Economics Extension Agent. Dean said that Miss Millsaps had been approved by Extension Officials at N. C. State University and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners which is customary for all Extension appointments.

Miss Millsaps is a native of Mooresville, North Carolina. She attended Catawba College in Salisbury and is a June, 1969 graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh.

Dean stated that Miss Millsaps will assume her duties in Franklin County immediately with major responsibility in the field of 4-H; however, she will be involved in all phases of Extension work.



## Cystic Fibrosis Month Proclaimed

Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples is shown above with Cystic Fibrosis Campaign officials as he proclaimed September as Cystic Fibrosis Month in Louisburg. Shown with the Mayor Wednesday are, left to right: Mrs. Ivor Daniel, Mrs. Betsy Brewer, Mayor Peoples, Mrs. Anne Stanley and Mrs. Margaret Pruitt. Mrs. Brewer is County Chairman and the others are Area Chairmen. The proclamation reveals that nearly 5,000 babies are born annually with this "inherited chemical disorder". Mrs. Brewer says the fund drive will continue throughout the month of September.

## Opening Day Average Exceeds Prediction

The Louisburg tobacco market exceeded a predicted \$72 opening day average here Tuesday as the leaf brought an average of \$73.42, according to William Boone, Sales Supervisor. The local warehouses sold 305,846 pounds of untied leaf for \$224,551.16 and the higher than expected average.

The opening of flue-cured sales on North Carolina's Middle Belt and the North Carolina-Virginia Old Belt brought all-time high prices, the Federal-state Market News service said Wednesday.

The news service said the average price was \$73.97 per hundred pounds on the Middle Belt and \$72.63 on the Old Belt.

That topped the previous Middle Belt record by \$3.68 and the previous Old Belt mark by \$2.67.

Middle Belt sales totaled 4,648,586 pounds for \$3,396,838. Old Belt sales totaled 2,796,819 pounds for \$2,031,288.

Tuesday's opening included all Middle Belt markets and seven of the Old Belt's 19 markets. The remaining Old

## CBE Holds Regular Meet

The Franklin County Board of Education met in regular session here Tuesday night and approved school bus routes, school treasurers and allotments for vocational training sections.

The routine session saw a discussion by the Board on eye protective devices for students and teachers working in shops and chemistry labs. The Board will supply such protective devices in all classrooms where needed. Students, teachers and visitors to such places will be required to wear the devices.

A delayed May Grand Jury report was read to the Board by Supt. Warren Smith with the observation that many of the items mentioned had already been corrected.

A lengthy discussion developed as Mrs. Margaret Holmes, Associate Superintendent, explained teacher assignments, block and team teaching plans for the year. The Board approved plans similar to the methods used last year.

Supt. Smith told the Board that approval had been granted by the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of eight acres of land at Youngsville High School for additional playground space. Board attorney E. F. Yarborough reported that no word has been forthcoming from either the federal courts or the Justice Department on the pending school suit.

Supt. Smith reported that Monday's first day opening was "very satisfactory" and that attendance was above opening day last year.

Belt markets will open Sept. 16.

Old Belt markets which began sales Tuesday were Winston-Salem, Stoneville and Roxboro in North Carolina, and Danville, South Boston, Chase City and Petersburg in Virginia.

Middle Belt markets are Durham, Henderson, Oxford, Sanford, Ellerbe, Aberdeen, Carthage, Louisburg, Warrenton and Fuquay-Varina.

The reported prices were fairly

steady Wednesday on North Carolina-Border South Carolina markets while more than one half the grades were down from \$1 to \$4 on the big North Carolina Eastern Belt. Volume continued heavy on both belts.

The news service reported that 12,600,532 pounds were sold on Eastern Belt markets Tuesday at a \$73.64 average-up \$2.20 from last Thursday. About 5.4 per cent of sales went to Stabilization.

Acting on a tip on June 15, 1966, we drove to below Pilot to view a stretch of highway in Nash County that had been newly resurfaced. The smooth black-topped road stopped abruptly at a point where stood a reflectorized green highway sign denoting the change Nash to Franklin County.

The road in Franklin was poorly kept. It had many cracks in the concrete. Many patches to the cracks. The improved Nash road ended at the county line. At that point stood a dilapidated farm tenement house replete with about twenty hound dogs roaming the yard. The State Highway Commission was to say later that the road was improved only in Nash because of the traffic count. We thought at the time dog travel in the area must have been tremendous.

Returning to Louisburg, we could hardly miss the significance when we spotted a crew of highway workers painting directional signs at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and NC-56 east. While Nash was getting paving, Franklin was getting paint. It had always been thus.

So, with this spark-paving and paint-began a series of front-page reports to the people on road conditions in the county. Six months and 23 such reports later, the dust settled somewhat with a host of promises from state highway officials. Franklin, they said, would get some road improvements.

The series brought this writer an undeserved top state award for editorial writing and this newspaper was chosen number one in the country in community service. But, what did the series bring Franklin County?

Perhaps, it brought most importantly an awareness that something could be done about Franklin problems when the people put a mind to them. Practically every civic club and community organization joined in the efforts. Letters were written to key government officials. Other newspapers took up the fight. So, too, did some radio and TV stations. It became

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## Uphold Dog Warden Action

# Commissioners Hear Centerville Delegation

The Board of County Commissioners held a routine report approving session here Tuesday with the only breach in the otherwise tranquil regular meeting coming from a delegation from Centerville.

Monthly reports from the various county departments were approved and the Board heard Louisburg attorney Charles Davis discuss travel allotments for employees of the Department of Social Services. A number of beer licenses were approved and two road petitions were added to the list. These were County Road 1200 and County Road 1223, both asking for paving.

Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith was on hand to request the Board to name an electrical inspector. State law requires that the Board of Education carry out certain regular electrical inspections of school facilities and new construction. The law requires that the Commissioners name the inspector. The request was granted but an inspector was not named Tuesday.

A delegation consisting of Centerville Mayor John Neal, Fire Chief Lemuel Ward and Rev. Lyman Wilson, pastor of the Centerville Baptist Church, appeared with County Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster. The group was apparently under the impression that Lancaster was to be discharged from his post as a result of a shooting and drag racing incident at Centerville two weeks ago. Lancaster is charged in four warrants with assault against some white youths, who were reported to be disturbing the peace at Centerville in the early hours of Sunday, August 17.

It had been reliably reported that the Board was considering the possibility of firing Lancaster. One report, unconfirmed, has it that parents of some of the youths involved in the fracas were circulating a petition asking that this be done.

All three Centerville men spoke highly of Lancaster and denounced the practice by some youths of racing in the Centerville area. One of the trio told the board that Lancaster had acted honorably in his efforts to break up the racing.

Lancaster apparently expected a

group of opponents to appear before the Board. This was revealed when he told the Board that "You see the others did not show up today".

He also revealed that "sixty persons" attended a meeting at the Centerville Fire House to discuss the racing situation with State Patrol Sgt. Weathersbee of Henderson. Mayor Neal asked that the Sgt. be publicly thanked for his assistance in curtailing drag racing at Centerville. Ward said things had been so quiet in recent weeks that he has been having trouble sleeping. He said that the Patrol "is doing an excellent job".

After Lancaster told the Board he did not think the incident should pose a threat to his job, the delegation left the meeting. "Now that you've heard both sides, I hope you'll change your minds", Lancaster said.

The Board took no action in the matter and one source said none would be taken until after Lancaster's trial set for September 8 in District Court.

## Officials Hear Director

Youngsville - Mr. Ken Schubart, head of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, was in attendance at the Youngsville Town Board of Commissioners meeting held Monday night of this week at the Town Hall. He came to discuss with the officials possibilities for improving the town water and sewage system. Interested in upgrading the local system, Mayor Roberts and the commissioners welcomed advice from Mr. Schubart. The first step in consideration of improvements will be a survey to determine needs.

Mr. J. T. Moss, who is a member of the County Industrial Commission, was also present for discussion.

At conclusion of business with visitors, the remaining portion of the regular monthly meeting was taken up with routine business.

## Road Picture Getting Better All The Time

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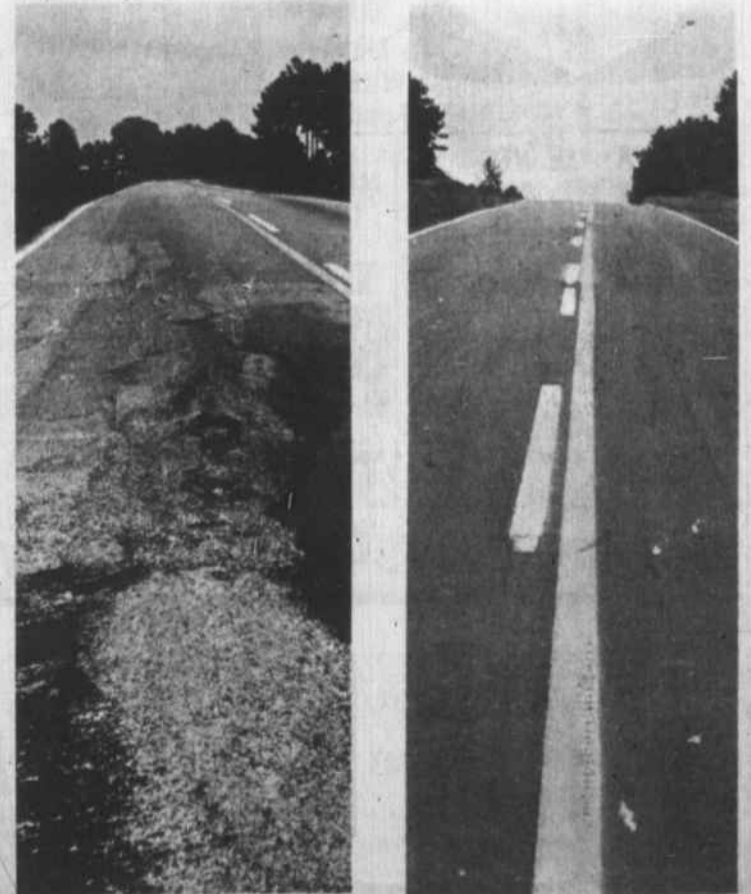
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