



Miss Louisburg



Wheless



deHart



Childers



Talton

# Ground Breaking Ceremonies Held For New Plant

Another major step in the location of a new aluminum furniture plant near Louisburg was taken Tuesday morning as Ground Breaking ceremonies were held at the building site.

A crowd of nearly one hundred attended the event on the land formerly owned by T. Kemp on the Franklinton - Louisburg highway. Harold Talton, President of the Franklin Building Corp. and Chairman of the Finance Committee for the erection of the building, presided and introduced several speakers.

## New School Counselor Announced



Durwood S. Pegram

Durwood Stone Pegram, teacher at the Bunn High School during the 1963-64 school year, was elected by the Franklin County Board of Education in regular session on Monday, July 6, 1964 to fill the position of Attendance Counselor for all the schools in Franklin County, including Franklinton City Schools, beginning with the new school year.

Prior to teaching at the Bunn High School, Mr. Pegram resided in Franklin County for eleven years, his father being pastor at Poplar Springs, Pilot, and Pine Ridge Baptist Churches. He attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and has done work at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

In his position as Attendance Counselor Mr. Pegram will work closely with parents, students, and teachers in an effort to control drop-outs and to maintain the highest possible attendance standards. This is the first service of this kind to be initiated by the Franklin County Schools, and it is felt that it will be of extreme significance in the over-all educational program of the county.

## Linesman Has Close Call

A linesman for the local telephone company narrowly escaped death today around 11:30 a.m. when he became entangled in high voltage lines while working atop a pole across from the post office on Main St.

Earl Littleton, 27, of Henderson, was shaken but otherwise unharmed by the incident. Spectators believed that a fuse blew at the time of impact which could have accounted for Littleton's escape. He said something caught him up there; he could not turn loose or yell. Littleton said, "Something caught me up there; I could not turn loose or yell. Then suddenly, it turned me loose." Davis Perry, who operates a service station nearby and witnessed the incident said, "He's a mighty lucky man."

The Louisburg Rescue Service answered the call for help.

United States farm production in 1963 was 4 percent above the previous record, according to the North Dakota State University College of Agriculture.

Talton made reference to his short time in Louisburg and introduced native born Raymond Burnette, a member of his committee, who recognized the distinguished guests. Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisville College, who Talton said, was one of Franklin County's "most dedicated citizens," gave the invocation.

County Commissioner Chairman, W. P. Childers, spoke briefly and praised the efforts of all citizens who had made an effort in behalf of the new plant. He spoke of the future of the county and the splendid cooperation shown by the people.

Mayor Louis Wheless of Louisburg welcomed the industry and pledged, on behalf of the Town officials to "do anything we can to help." He, too, praised those who had worked to get the plant to come to Louisburg.

Allen deHart, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission of the county, commended Director, W. J. Benton, who was absent, for his fine work and pointed out the value of others who had devoted time and efforts in securing the new plant.

Marshal Shepard, Representative of the Commerce and Industry Division of the N. C. Dept. of Conservation and Development, spoke to the group expressing his pleasure in having been a part of this development. He praised Carolina Power and Light Co. for initiating the plant location through a power company in Texas. He warned the crowd, "Treat these plant people right. Never take undue advantage of them and remember, this industry is in a very competitive field. It must be competitive to survive and if this area is to benefit through increased job opportunities." Shepard had visited Louisburg Monday afternoon with a representative from Turkey, who is making a tour studying methods of industrial development.

Shepard spoke for the State officials and was obviously pleased with the response of local citizens in their desire to secure industry.

Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce, County Commissioners Norris Collins, Claude Arnold, George Harris and members of the Industrial Commission were present for the ceremonies. Miss Louisburg, Sandra Goswick, handled the shovel in the opening dirt moving.

Miss Goswick was followed by Chairman Childers, Mayor Wheless, Chairman of the Development Commission, Allen deHart and Harold Talton. Each moved a shovel full of dirt and cleared the way for the huge earth moving machines that had sat waiting their turn, while the speeches were being made.

Even though farms are getting bigger, most of them continue to be family businesses, according to the U. S. D. A. The department reports that 70% of farm products marketed come from family farms.

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## 9 Year Old Killed

A nine year Negro youth met his death instantly Wednesday evening when he turned his bike into the path of an oncoming automobile on a rural paved road about 11 miles south west of Louisburg.

Leroy Crudup, son of James

and Annie Crudup of Youngsville, Rt. 1 was killed instantly when struck by a late model Ford convertible driven by Billy

David Kinton, 19, of Youngsville, Rt. 1, around 6:30 p.m. The younger died of a broken neck. Witnesses said that Kinton

was headed west on the Tarboro Road, meeting a truck, heading east. The Crudup boy was riding his bike behind the truck and turned to his left to enter the drive to his yard, when struck by the Kinton car. The boy's parents witnessed the accident from their front porch.

The accident was ruled unavoidable by State Patrolman E. M. Roberts. Kinton, a life guard at Lake Donna in Youngsville and a former basketball player on the Youngsville High School team, was visibly shaken by the accident. Patricia Ann Brady, 17, of Rt. 2, Wake Forest, a passenger in the Kinton car, was not injured.

Patrolman Roberts said skid marks at the scene measured 184 feet and asked that drivers be warned to be extra careful of bike riders and also issued a request of parents to instruct their children on bike safety. This was the fifth road fatality of the year of Franklin County and the second Negro boy. Jesse Lee Williams 6 years old was killed while waiting for a school bus on February 27 on highway 401, seven miles north of Louisburg.

## Microfilming Of Records Begins

Microfilming of county documents is underway in the old Welfare building on Court St. this week. Walter R. Langston, cameraman for the State Dept. of Archives and History, is photographing all the county and town records. The job is expected to take several weeks.

The camera setup is an elaborate affair, with floodlights and meters, but can microfilm a double page as fast as the operator can turn the pages. Langston said one 100 ft. roll of film will hold the contents of two 600 page books.

Admiral A. M. Patterson, Assistant State Archivist, is in charge of the operation here. He has announced that his department will be happy to microfilm any old church records of value at no charge for any that bring them in.

Each county department is to have all their records of value microfilmed during the program, as well as all the municipalities in the county. The work is a result of an act by the 1959 legislature, passed as a result of many counties having lost valuable records in fires.

Dr. Christopher Crittenden is Director of the Department of Archives and History and H. C. Jones is State Archivist in charge of the overall project. The program consists of an inventory service, which aids local officials to determine which records are of value; a repair service for damaged documents and the microfilming.



A Bike, A Boy, A Car

Scene above tells tragic story of Leroy Crudup, age 9, whose body lies at left after being struck by convertible, center, while riding bike on a rural paved road around

6:30 P.M. Wednesday. The Negro youth was killed instantly while his parents watched from the porch of their home.

-Times Staff Photo.

## Weather

Warm with scattered afternoon and evening showers today and Friday. High today, 90; low, 68.



Mrs. John C. Pernel

## Named To Voter Post

Mrs. John C. Pernel has been chosen Franklin County Voters Identification Chairman.

Mrs. Pernel will work with the Democratic County Chairman and the Young Democratic Club to organize each precinct, setting up a card file on each voter, finding people who are not registered, and enlisting as many Democrats as possible to work on a precinct level to win for the Democrats in November.

Pupils must not be encouraged to think that there are short cuts to knowledge.

- Bertrand Russell

## Breakfast Meet Told:

# Industry Fund Now \$62,500

Around thirty business and professional men met for breakfast at Louisburg College this morning and heard a report by Harold Talton, president of the Franklin Building Corp., stating that the industry bonds sales had now reached \$62,500.

Talton told the group, "We are getting close, but still not close enough," as he urged a renewed effort on the part of the teams soliciting purchases of the bonds.

The goal of \$85,000 is needed as the local portion of the cost

of \$225,000 set for the erection of a building to house Gay Products, Inc., an aluminum furniture manufacturing firm. Ground breaking ceremonies were held Tuesday and erection of the building is to begin next week.

Talton said that he, Raymond Burnette and Jimmy Allen, all members of the Finance Committee, would meet later today

to rework the prospect list and coordinate the efforts of the various teams.

Talton said that there are plenty of pledge forms still available and a number of prospects that have not yet signed one. The pledges call for the money to be available by October 1, and the bonds bear 4% interest for the first ten years and 8% thereafter.

## Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called out early this morning to aid Ennis Strickland, 45, Rt. 1, Castalia Negro, who had been snake bitten. The squad met a private auto, driven by Raymond Wilder, and escorted the injured man to the Franklin Memorial Hospital Emergency Room.

## Legion Post To Meet

There will be a Dutch supper held at George Leonard's cabin Friday night by the Jambes Post 105 of the American Legion. The supper will start at 6:30 and officers will be elected at the meeting.

## Bureau Commends County Commissioners

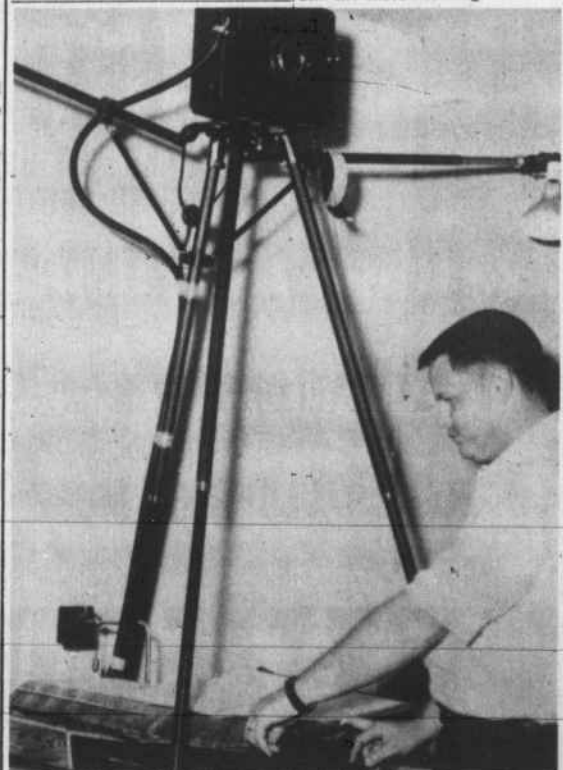
The Franklin County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, in a regular meeting Tuesday night, commended the Board of County Commissioners on hiring a North Carolina firm to revalue property and appointed a committee to study the method of evaluation and compare values on different types of property.

President Melvin Nelms said that Farm Bureau Presidents in other counties highly recommend local firms to appraise property. Out of state firms have proven unsatisfactory in most counties where they have worked.

James T. "Joe" Moss of Youngsville will act as chairman of the tax committee. Ben-

nie Ray Gupton, W. R. Richards, Jr., O. T. Murphy, and Simon Collier will work with Mr. Moss on the committee. Mr. Nelms said the purpose of the committee is to assure Farm Bureau members that all values will be equitable in Franklin County regardless of the type or location of property. "While we do not anticipate any inequities in tax values, experience in other counties shows that it is to the best interest of all parties involved to have an active committee of this type," said Mr. Nelms.

A successful person always encounters petty jealousies, especially among his childhood acquaintances.



Microfilming

Walter R. Langston, cameraman for the Dept. of Archives and History, is shown microfilming county records. The work is being done in the old Welfare building on Court St. and is expected to take several weeks.

-Times Staff Photo.