



No. 1 School Plan, Desegregation, Suit

WELCOME TO LOUISBURG FIRST IN PERCENTAGE RETAIL SALES GROWTH IN NORTH CAROLINA

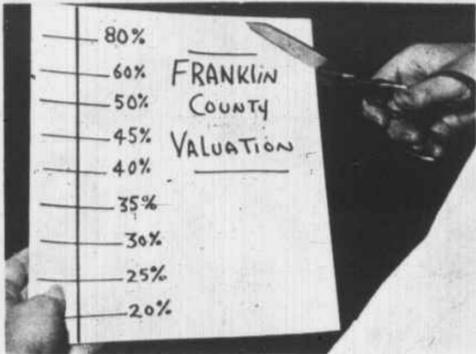
No. 2 Louisburg Tops State In Growth



No. 3 "No" Vote On Roads, Courts



No. 4 Farm Income Decline



No. 5 Revaluation, Value Cut

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Top Ten Stories Of 1965

School Plan, Integration, Suit Top News

Choosing the top stories of any year is usually a difficult job. The year just ending is no different. Many things happened during the last twelve months locally or of concern to local people.

The Times has picked the top ten news stories of 1965 based on their interest to the majority of Franklin County citizens.

Leading the events of the past year as the number one news event is the desegregation of Franklin County and Franklin city schools. Included in this category are such side events as the County Board's request and subsequent denial of funds for long-range consolidation by the County Commissioners.

Schools made news in areas other than integration, which added to their being selected as number one in news stories for the year.

The disclosure that Louisburg was tops in the state in retail sales growth for the past five years rated the number two spot in the top ten. Louisburg registered a fabulous 112.7% increase in retail sales from 1959 to 1963.

Almost as though contradicting the number two story of progress, number three, the "No" vote on the road bonds and courts issues in November, brought puzzlement to many political observers.

Farm income decline, disclosed this fall, showing the county income off by around \$2 million, rates the number four spot in the top ten. Coupled with this are such related items as the uncertain marketing sales this fall.

Number five is the revaluation of county real property and the recent 20% cut granted to property owners by the County Commissioners. This story in all probability will crop up again in 1966.

The Klan rates the number six place in the ten biggest stories of the year. The rallies held in the county, the Louisburg street walk on a busy

Saturday afternoon, the attack on a free-jance photographer and the cross burnings in the area, including one burned on the lawn of The Times office, all brought emphasis to the organization's activities locally. Side items included petitions, handbills, the Senate investigation and a denouncement by the Tar River Baptist Church organization.

Elections in the five towns in the county are listed as the number seven news event of the year. V. A. Peoples was elected Mayor of Louisburg, Joe Pearce won at Franklin, Marvin Roberts was re-

lected at Youngsville, John Neal was named Mayor at Centerville, and W. A. Andrews was elected at Bunn.

Number eight goes to the tragic death of a Franklin youngster, which brought about a meningitis scare and caused hundreds of Franklin area citizens to take treatments against the disease.

Number nine was the unusual actions by a Franklin attorney and a Superior Court Judge. Judge Hamilton Hobgood jailed and fined Hubert Senter for contempt of court. Senter filed a quarter of a million dollar suit against Hob-

good and later nontended.

Number ten is the appointment of veteran Louisburg Attorney Gailther Beam, Sr., to the Recorder's Court bench without regard for three prominent applicants by the County Commissioners last January.

There were other stories which made the larger headlines. Schools were hit by typewriter thieves; Gay Products plant held open house; Mac Joyner started a new industry here; Lelan Woodlief was taken off the County Board of Education by Rep. James Speed and Jones Winston was named to fill the post; highway fatalities dropped from 1964 but still were too many, as six lost their lives on county highways.

There was a record-breaking number of local people honored by appointments, or awards, or other distinctions, and the county had its usual toll of citizens passing from the scene.

While incidents and accidents made top news stories in 1965, it was, as always, the people who really made the front pages. It was people who made the news interesting. Some of them made good news, some tragic, but when the year's events are recorded, these are names that appeared on the front page of The Times. There were others; many gained new positions, headed drives or won contests in their schools or clubs. These are not mentioned here. They are too numerous.

There were a number of outstanding speakers to visit Louisburg in the past year. Some of them were: JUDGE POU BAILEY of Raleigh, CHARLES McCULLERS of Dunn, IRVIN BELK, President of the N. C. Merchants Association of Charlotte, and THOMPSON GREENWOOD, Executive Secretary; DR. NAPOLEON PADILLA, Cuban refugee; VANCE PACKARD spoke at the College; MRS. L. Y. BALLENTINE spoke to the Democratic Women; SAM A. HENNIS, JR., Grand Master, addressed the local Masonic Lodge.

JIM TAPP, N. C. State University Assistant Coach, and Wolfpack Quarterback CHARLIE NOGGLE spoke to the local Monogram Club; BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER spoke at the College, as did JUDGE HAMILTON HOBGOOD; CONGRESSMAN L. H. FOUNTAIN spoke several times in the county, including Commencement Exercises at Franklin; newly-named U.S. Commissioner of Education HAROLD HOWE II spoke at Franklin to an area School Boards meeting; N. C. Agriculture Commissioner JIM GRAHAM spoke to the local Rotary Club, and MRS. ANNIE COOPER, Principal Clerk in the State House of Representatives, spoke to a group of local women. Gubernatorial aid JOE BRANCH also addressed a local women's group.

A number of county citizens received honors and awards during the year. Some of the more outstanding went to C. T. DEAN and MRS. FRANCES FULLER for service in the field of agriculture and home demonstration work; MRS. W. H. HORTON was awarded a Cripple Children service Award; DONNIE

Speed, Board Of Education, County Commissioners Top Newsmakers

Franklin County Representative James D. Speed was the top newsmaking individual of 1965, and the County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners were the top newsmaking agencies locally for the year.

Speed began the year with a prepared published statement on his views of the impending session of the General Assembly. Later, as the legislative body convened, Speed wrote a regular weekly column in which he explained certain actions of the legislature and expressed his thoughts concerning some of the legislation.

In early April, he became involved in a heated controversy when he removed Youngsville businessman Lelan Woodlief from the County Board of Education and named another Youngsville businessman, Jones Winston, to the seat. Woodlief had been appointed earlier by the Democratic Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Richard H. Cash, who made a successful bid for a post on the Board of County Commissioners.

The cry of politics was heard, particularly in the Youngsville area, and citizens' groups conferred with Speed in Woodlief's behalf. Winston was reportedly a supporter of Speed, while Woodlief had allegedly supported Speed's opponent in the primaries, James T. Moss.

Speed opposed the changes in the Speaker Ban Law and voted against it during the special session of the General Assembly called by Gov. Dan Moore to amend the controversial legislation.

Speed's comments on the proposed redistricting of Franklin County into a three-county district with Warren and Vance Counties made front-page headlines a few weeks ago.

A relatively minor incident in

Speed

Education

Commissioners

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Founders Day Set At Louisburg College

Founders' Day ceremonies marking the 179th anniversary of the school charter will be observed at Louisburg College on Wednesday, January 5.

Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Librarian of Duke University, will deliver the Founders' Day address at the 10:00 a.m. chapel hour. Dr. Powell will be introduced by Dr. Herbert J. Herring, former Vice-President of Duke and now Consultant at Louisburg. During the planning and early construction of the new Louisburg College library building, Dr. Powell served as consultant. President Cecil W. Robbins will preside at the chapel service.

After the chapel program Bishop Paul Neff Garber, resident bishop of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, will preside at the formal opening of the new library building at which time memorials will be named. The Reference Section in memory of Mrs. Mary Duke Biddle; The Faculty Study in memory of Frederick B. Edwards; and The Librarian's Office in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Poole. Memorials of furniture and equipment will also be named.

Following the opening of the library building the program focus will move to the new women's dormitory where Board Chairman James E. Hillman of Raleigh will preside as the dormitory is officially named in honor of Professor Ruth Willard Merritt, long-time teacher of English at Louisburg. Tributes to Miss Merritt will be given by Professor Umphrey Lee, Chairman of the Department of English; Miss Diane Jones of Durham, President of the Women's Council; and Mrs. Carol Bessent Hayman of Jacksonville, Trustee and Alumna of the college.

Committee To Meet

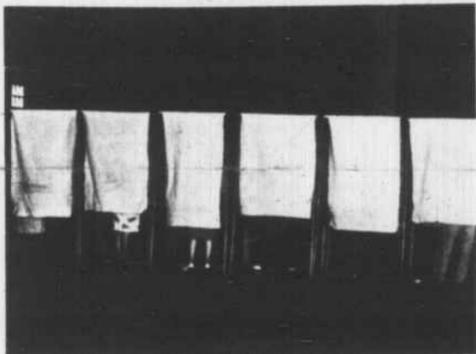
A meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee has been set for Friday, January 7, 1966 at The Murphy House here, according to an announcement received today from A. E. Pearce, Chairman.

The meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m., is to be a dinner meeting, said Pearce, and "I urge everyone to be present as a very important matter will be discussed," he continued. He also stated that "certain leaders of the county have also been asked to attend."

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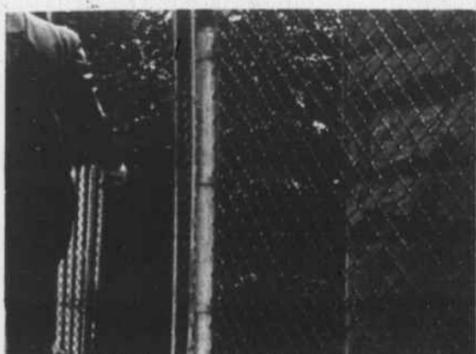
No. 6 KKK Rally, Walk, Attack



No. 7 Town Elections



No. 8 Meningitis Scare



No. 9 Attorney Jailed, Sues



No. 10 Beam Named Judge