

Mostly cloudy and warmer today with a chance of scattered showers late in the day. Friday, cloudy and little change in temperature. Chance of rain. Low, 25; high, 53.

Few people have the courage to resist the crowd, even when they know the crowd is off base.

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Federal Government Joins In Suit Against County Board Of Education

Attorney General Certifies Suit

U. S. Attorney General Nicolas Katzenbach personally certified the local complaint by a group of Negro parents against the County Board of Education as "meritorious" and thereby placed the federal government through the Justice Department into the suit in behalf of the Negro parents.

The Attorney General acted under Section 902, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says:

"Whenever an action has been commenced in any court of the United States seeking relief from the denial of equal protection of the laws under the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution on account of race, color, religion, or national origin, the Attorney General for or in the name of the United States may intervene in such action upon timely application

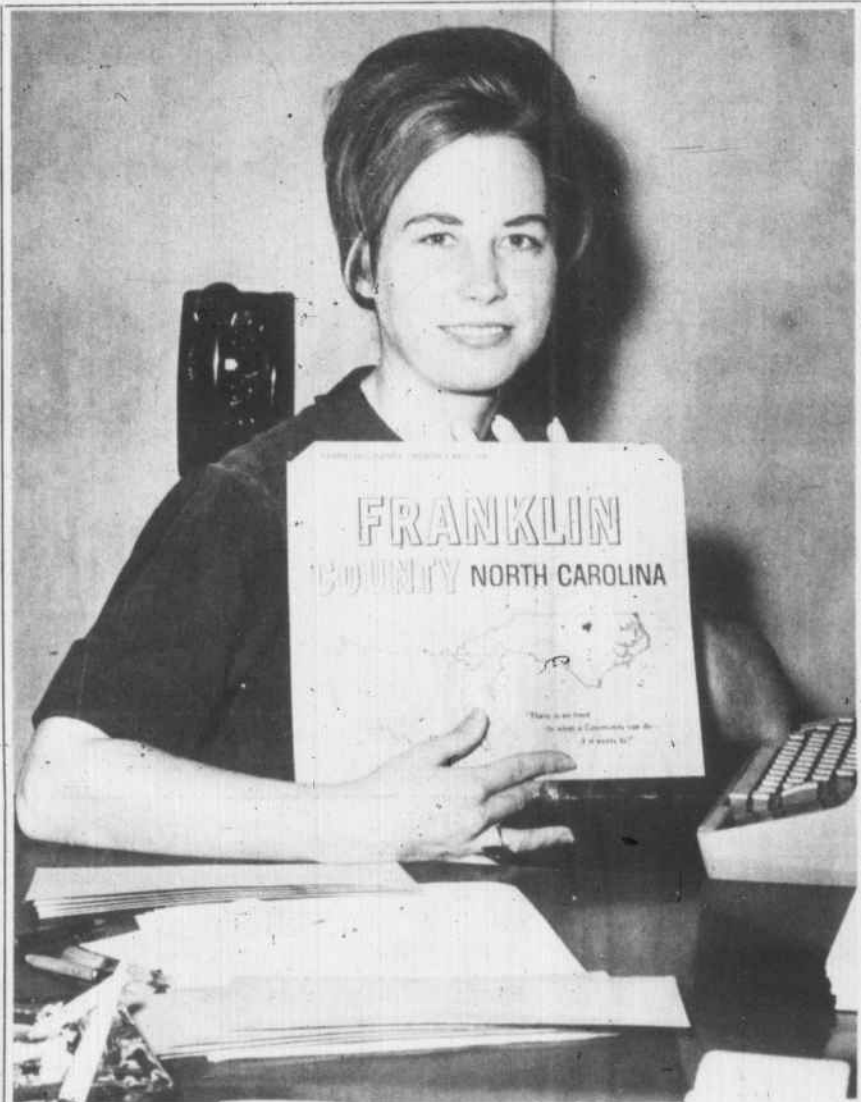
if the Attorney General certifies that the case is of general public importance.

"In such action the United States shall be entitled to the same relief as if it had instituted the action."

The law also allows the Justice Department to institute a suit on behalf of the plaintiffs when the Attorney General receives a complaint in writing and certifies the complaint as meritorious. That section follows: Section 407 of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

"Whenever the Attorney General receives a complaint in writing -- (1) signed by a parent or group of parents to the effect that his or their minor children, as members of a class of persons similarly situated, are being deprived by

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New Brochure Out

MRS. SUSAN GUPTON, Secretary in the office of the Industrial Development Commission here, is shown above showing the new brochure just completed by the Commission on Franklin County. The brochure is to be sent to industrial prospects and industry-seeking agencies. Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

New Brochure Published By Industrial Commission

The Franklin County Development Commission has released initial copies of a new, colorful brochure on industrial and com-

munity data this week. The folder, which holds prepared copy and may be used to store additional material, is a pastel

green in color with black and white shadowed lettering with superimposed maps of the United States and North Carolina, both carrying an exaggerated location of Franklin County.

The brochure contains four pages of information, hand-somely presented on Livability, Community Data, Labor and Utilities relative to the county. There are six pictures, in black and white, of county churches, schools, Louisburg College, the hospital, plus a detailed map of the Franklin County area.

Two other maps, pointing out the mileage from Louisburg to large cities throughout the country, are printed on the inside front and back cover of the folder. The back cover has an impressive picture of the Franklin County Courthouse with the wording, "County of Franklin, North Carolina." The slogan appearing on the front is the one adopted by the Commission, which reads, "There is no limit to what a Community can do—if it wants to!"

W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director, and the Commission have been working on the brochure for quite some time. It is reportedly the first ever produced on the county as a whole by a local agency. Mailings will go out to such agencies as the State Department of Conservation and Development, the power companies and railroads and to industrial personnel and prospects.

Board Good Faith Questioned; First Action Against N. C. Unit

The federal government, through the Attorney General, has served notice of a motion to intervene in a suit brought by a group of local Negro parents against the Franklin County Board of Education. The suit charges discrimination on the part of the Board in denying transfer of certain Negro students to previously all-white schools.

The Notice of Motion to Intervene was served on local school officials Tuesday afternoon here, following an announcement in Washington by Attorney General Nicolas Katzenbach.

The federal action seeks to gain from the court permission to appear as plaintiffs, along with the Negro group, in the original suit. The action does not constitute a new suit. It does, however, seek to make each Board member a defendant in the case. The original suit, filed by the Negro group on December 1, 1965, acted against the Board collectively, as a corporate body.

The new development serves to cloud the status of the case presently. An answer to the original charges is scheduled to be presented to the federal court in Raleigh tomorrow. Normally, in federal cases, twenty days are allowed for an answer, and it has not been made clear whether this newest move on the part of the Justice Department will alter the schedule.

The federal charges include a claim that the Board failed to inform the Negro parents who sought lateral transfers for their children, of the conditions upon which transfers would be granted. Actually, the Board was required by the Office of Education to send a letter to each parent, dated May 10, 1965, informing them that instructions for applying for a lateral transfer could be obtained from their principal or at the Superintendent's office. The guideline, spelling out the criteria for transfers, dated April 30, by the Office of Education, was not presented to the Board until after the letters had been sent. The only criteria contained in the federal guideline was the one which granted a transfer to a student to obtain a course of study in a school which was not

being given in the school he was presently attending.

The federal motion to intervene also charges that the Board caused to be printed, a list of names of those seeking transfer and thereby caused these people to be "intimidated and threatened, including cross burnings

and the shooting of firearms at homes of Negroes."

The list of names was not released by the Board, according to Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times and Vice Chairman of the Board, until they were an-

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R. E. STROTHER
— Speaker



AL GOODWIN
— New Prexy

Goodwin New Business Prexy

Al Goodwin, manager of Johnson Stores, Inc. here, was named President of the Louisburg Business Association at the annual banquet meeting held last night at Louisburg College. He succeeds Archie Lee, local auto parts store operator, in the post.

Clay McBride, Program Director of WYRN radio station was named Vice President and J. P. Timberlake, Jr. and Clint Fuller were elected to two year terms as directors. Timberlake is a former director and Fuller is a past president of the organization.

R. E. Strother, Superintendent of Greene County Schools was the featured speaker. He gave an hilarious address sparked throughout with wittisms and jokes, mostly political and satirical in nature. He stressed the point of cooperation as the main theme of success in any venture. He touched on some problems faced in Greene County by the schools, similar to those being experienced here.

Strother pointed out that members should consider these points: Identification, Participation, and Projection and related each to the members present.

Outgoing prexy, Archie Lee, gave a resume of the organizations activities during the past year and gained praise from the association, through Goodwin, for his "outstanding leadership" during his term.

Rural Fire Reminder

The Justice Fire Department has issued a reminder to all who might need to report fires in rural areas. The rural phone number to call is 496-3894.

In the case of the Justice Department, it was reported that some are continuing to call the fire house, which delays the alarm. There is no one on duty at the Justice Fire Station, and the number listed above will cause the county alarm system to be put in operation from the home station located in the Louisburg Fire House.

Goodwin announced that a Car Give-A-Way Promotion is now getting underway, with donations being applied to the association's work in community betterment. He also announced that a Community Activity Calendar will be set up in the association's office to allow all organizations a quick reference to other activities on any given date in the year. This, stated the new president, would avoid duplicate meetings, etc. by organizations. He also asked that the association "Give careful study to the problem of opening and closing hours" in Louisburg during the coming year.

Goodwin introduced the speaker and Robert Stanley was chairman of the nominating committee which presented the names of the two new directors.

County In District With Vance, Warren

The North Carolina General Assembly enacted into law the redistricting of the State Senate Wednesday and put an end to speculation of this phase of the reapportionment battle which has raged for several weeks.

The passage of the law, assures Franklin County its original place in the Seventh Senatorial District with Vance and Granville counties.

Sen. Fred S. Royster of Henderson represents the district presently and under a questionable rotation system, Granville County will supply the senator for the next term. Louisburg attorney Wilbur Jolly was the last Senator from Franklin County.

The Assembly continues today to work on redistricting the House and aligning the Congressional Districts. Under committee proposals, Franklin would be in a two-representative district with Warren and Vance counties for the House and remain in the Second Congressional District of Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Services Today For W. H. Allen, Jr.

Funeral services for William Henry (Hoot) Allen, Jr., 70, former Louisburg Tax Collector, were conducted today at 2 p.m. from the Louisburg Baptist Church, conducted by

the pastor, Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Allen, attended N. C. State College, where he starred as a baseball player and later played professional baseball for the Raleigh entry in the old Piedmont League. He was associated for many years here with his brother in the Allen Transfer Company.

He was Tax Collector for the Town of Louisburg for eight years and had recently retired as local manager for the Wake Forest concrete firm. He was an overseas veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Anne Liverman Allen; one daughter, Mrs. Louis Strickland of Hampton, Va.; one son, William H. Allen III of the home; five sisters, Mrs. G. M. Beam, Mrs. George W. Cobb, Mrs. W. A. Huggins, all of Louisburg, Mrs. J. W. B. Thompson of Franklin, Va. and Mrs. Lucy Allen White of Greensboro; two brothers, Jim R. and Sam R. Allen, both of Louisburg and three grandchildren.

Watson Resigns At Franklinton

(Frk. B.W.) On Monday evening, the Franklinton Township Board of Education met at the Franklinton High School with Mr. John Moore, chairman, presiding.

During a short business session, Mr. F. H. Watson's resignation was accepted. The chairman appointed a committee composed of Mr. C. H. Weston, Mr. Howard Conyers and Dr. R. C. Whitfield to present names to be considered as a replacement for Mr. Watson.

The board members, directed by Supt. Fred Rogers, made a tour of the school buildings in the township and found them to be in reasonably good condition.



Masonic Officials

Officers of the Louisburg Lodge No. 413, A.F. & A.M. are shown above following installation ceremonies held Wednesday night. Pictured, left to right, front row: Past Master Robert W. Knott, Treasurer; Hal B. Perry, Jr., Senior Warden; George M. West, Master; James H. Wheelless, Junior Warden; D. D. G. M. James A. Johnson, Secretary and Installing Of-

ficer; and P. M. Perry Beasley, Installing Marshall. Back row, left to right: Candler Strickland, Junior Deacon; Douglas F. Gupton, Senior Deacon; Randolph Alford, Jr., Steward; Dean G. Holton, Steward; Clayton McBride, Chaplain; and Raymond E. Burnette, Tyler. Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.