

# Brame Meets With Local Road Group

Fifth Highway Division Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham was a visitor in Louisburg Tuesday for a special informal luncheon at Louisburg College. The Durham businessman was invited

to Franklin County by County Commissioner Chairman Norwood E. Faulkner. Attending the meeting were members of the Board of Commissioners, members of the Better Roads Committee,

special guests and members of the press. The luncheon held in the college cafeteria was also attended by district highway officials. The group heard a reading

of the list of highway projects given priority by the Better Roads Committee based on recommendations by the state highway engineers. Including improvements to N. C. 56 from Louisburg to Nash County,

there were ten projects listed. In answer to questions, Brame explained the modes of operation of the present Highway Commission. He pointed out that "money was all important" in obtaining

road construction. He also displayed maps indicating Trunk, Feeder Trunk and Rural Collector highways in the state, revealing that Franklin County has only one trunk highway, that being

U. S. 1. Brame praised the group for their efforts and interest in better roads for the county and encouraged them to continue these efforts. He made repeated reference to a series of front page editorials being currently published in The Franklin Times.

The Commissioner stated that the newspaper articles would have little or no influence on him or the Commission, but they did serve a purpose by creating local interest.

Practically all primary highways in the county came under discussion, but no com-

mittments were made or even indicated by the Commissioner.

He did, however, indicate that "all counties in the Division would get some "of the slightly over \$10 million allotted the Division under the Road Bond. He declined to answer a question as to what the likelihood of Franklingetting a portion might be, and said only that all counties would get some, according to present plans.

Following the luncheon, Brame was taken on a tour of several county primary roads by Times Editor Clint Fuller, See BRAME page 6

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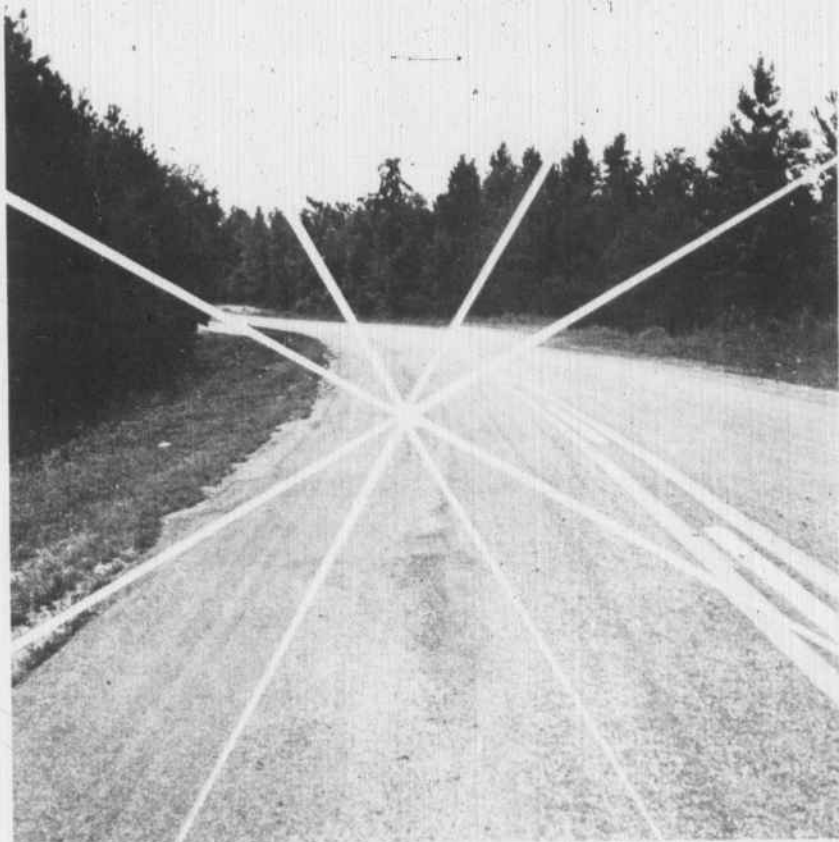
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From Youngsville To Granville County It's - - -

## Patches To Pocomoke

Folks living on and traveling N. C. 56 from Louisburg to the Nash County line can take heart. We have found a Primary highway in Franklin County in worse shape. Many will find this hard to believe.

Unfortunately, it is true. Thankfully, however, it is not a very long stretch, though it is long enough and serves enough taxpaying citizens to have been improved before it was allowed to get into its present deplorable condition.

It is the stretch of N. C. 96 from Youngsville, across busy U. S. 1 just south of Franklinton, westward to Pocomoke and the Granville County line. The highway (and we use the word advisedly) is in poor enough condition from Youngsville to the junction of U. S. 1, but you'll have to see it on to Pocomoke to believe it.

THERE IS NOT A CAR'S LENGTH OF THIS HIGHWAY FROM U. S. 1 TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY LINE, THAT IS WITHOUT PATCHES. In case you are a

sceptic or a Highway Commissioner, take a ride over it . . . but do be careful.

This next will come as no surprise. The road gets much better at the Granville County line. Though it still leaves something to be desired, there are no patches and it has been resurfaced in recent years in Granville.

To be perfectly honest about it, we have seen safer and better dirt roads. If the State of North Carolina is going to insist on designating highways such as this one, N. C. 56 and several others in our county, as Primary Roads, it had better get the meaning of the word changed in the dictionary.

The word means: "Something that stands first in rank, importance or value."

It has lost its meaning in Franklin County.

## Paula Presents Talent Tonight

Talented Paula Justice, Miss Louisburg, 1966, will face the huge audience in Greensboro's War Memorial Auditorium tonight in talent competition. Paula participated last night in the evening gown division and Tuesday night in the swim suit competition.

Miss Richmond County, Nell Jones captured the swim suit honors Tuesday night and Miss Kingston, Bettina Helen Lutz won in the talent division. Evening gown winners are not announced until the finals Saturday night.

Miss Justice, 18-year-old Louisburg College freshman, will present her rendition of a folk song about a love-struck girl asking to be taken with her soldier-lover to battle.

Miss Justice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice of Clayton, N. C. will not participate in the judging Friday night, but will appear with ninety-three other contestants on Saturday night. The finals will be telecast beginning at 10 p.m. Saturday night over Channel 11, Durham, N. C.

Several local Jaycees have traveled to Greensboro to view the contests, but none were available this morning for comments on Miss Louisburg. Others are scheduled to be present tonight, when the local representative presents her talent which has been described as one of the best.

Miss Justice won the Miss Louisburg contest in April over six other girls. She is

5' 2 1/2" in height; weighs 108, has brown hair and hazel eyes.



Photo courtesy of Pepsi-Cola and Jones Studios, Greensboro, N. C.

## Richards To Head Board

W. R. Richards, Jr. was named chairman of the recently formed Franklin County Planning Board here Wednesday in a joint meeting of the Board and the County Commissioners. Lee F. McLemore of Franklinton was elected Vice Chairman.

Present for the meeting were Commissioners: N. E. Faulkner, E. M. Sykes, George Harris, Richard Cash and Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold. Members of the Planning Board present were: Ronald Tharrington, Kenneth Fuller, Richards and McLemore. Mrs. Dawn Dickens was absent.

County attorney Charles Davis explained the duties to the newly appointed members and both groups discussed future plans.

The Board heard a secondary road petition request and discussed industrial development before adjourning. The meeting was held at 2 p.m. in the courthouse and was a special called meeting.

## First Bloom

The first cotton bloom of the season was brought into The Franklin Times office Wednesday. It was grown on the farm of Mrs. Olive Parnell by Robert Marshall, Rt. 1, Castalia. According to the report, the first bloom appeared late last week, but was not brought in.



## Two Others Damaged Three-Car Crash At Franklinton

A three-car smashup at the intersection of U. S. 1 and U. S. 1-A last night around 10:30 resulted in at least two injuries and perhaps more. Details were not available at the scene as to how many persons were injured. Some had been taken by private automobile to Marla Parham Hospital in Henderson. One was reportedly taken to Franklin Memorial in Louisburg.

Richard Earl Mitchell, n/m/24, Rt. 1, Wake Forest and an unidentified passenger in the 1966 Olds he was reportedly driving, were not injured. Mit-

chell, according to State Trooper Gary Kearney of Youngsville, was sitting still when struck by a car reportedly driven by a woman, tentatively identified as Director of Nurses of the Henderson hospital. The 1961 Chevrolet, driven by the Henderson woman, was thrown into the left side of the Mitchell vehicle by the impact of being struck by a 1963 Ford, reportedly driven by a Franklinton woman, identified as Mrs. Gilliam.

Trooper Kearney said his preliminary investigation in-

dicated that the car driven by Mrs. Gilliam was heading south on U. S. 1 when it struck a highway divider and struck the car being driven by the Henderson nurse, heading north. The Mitchell car had stopped behind the Henderson woman's vehicle when Mitchell saw the on-coming Ford.

Best estimates at the scene indicated there were six persons involved. Mitchell said he thought there were several perhaps three persons riding in the Chevrolet. He said he

## Franklinton Lowers Tax Rate

Citizens of Franklinton received good news this week in the form of an announcement by Mayor Joe Pearce of a tax reduction. The proposed new town budget lists the new rate at \$1.65 or ten cents below last year's \$1.75 rate.

The rate decrease is a result of revaluation in the county. The largest expenditure in the proposed budget is the \$63,976.71 allotted to the water and sewer department. Second largest item is the Street Department which is receiving \$40,358. This is followed by the Police and Administrative departments which are receiving \$27,846.90 and \$27,548.65 respectively.

Mayor Pearce also verified a report in The Franklin Times a few weeks ago when he announced that Franklinton has applied for a Farm Home Administration grant for water and sewer improvements.

## Weatherman Says:

### Heading For 100 Degrees

G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman, said this morning that the temperature was 75 degrees at 7 a.m. and "We're heading for 100 today." He reported the thermometer reached 99 degrees here Wednesday and "would have hit 100 except for a slight breeze Wednesday afternoon."

Kennedy reports that there is "nothing alarming about" the water situation here as of today. He pointed out that water department personnel are working extra hours to keep up with the increased demand brought on by the extended heat wave. Kennedy said around 400,000 gallons is a normal days use of water in Louisburg and that this has increased upwards to nearly 600,000 gallons this week. "We'll be alright for another few days," he remarked when asked about the water situation.

However, he reported that the Tar River level at the Main Street bridge, where measurement is always taken, stands at 1.7 feet this morning. Normal level is between 4 and 5 feet with measurements reaching 6 to 7 feet when there is rain. The intake for the town water supply is located west of the power plant here some distance from the point of measurement.

Kennedy reported the last rain in the area occurred on the night of June 30 and morning of July 1, when he measured .57 inches. Prior to that, .55 inches fell on June 29. The last markable rainfall occurred on June 18 when the area had .75 inches. "It's been quite awhile. I don't remember when it rained prior to this date," Kennedy remarked.

Predicted hail and windstorms late Wednesday, for this area, failed to materialize as did the forecast of somewhat lower temperatures. Predictions for today call for cloudy and warm, with a high of 90 degrees and a 30 percent chance of rain in the area served by the Raleigh-Durham weather station.