

Attorneys Negotiate Local School Suit

Closed door negotiations between attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education and attorneys for eleven local Negro plaintiffs and the U. S. Justice Department, are expected to continue today in U. S. District Federal Court in Raleigh in the long awaited decision in the Franklin County school suit.

Attorneys spent the entire day Monday in private arguments at Raleigh with the sessions ending shortly after 6 p.m.

There was no announcement as to the points discussed in private chambers by the attorneys, but the lengthy meetings indicated that some type of settlement of the dispute

was being considered.

The suit was brought by eleven Negro parents on behalf of their twenty children, all of whom were denied transfer to previously all white schools by the Board of Education in the fall of 1965. The U. S. Justice Department entered the case with the plaintiffs shortly after the suit

was filed last December.

In the preliminary injunction hearings held last February in Clinton, N. C. and Raleigh, Judge Butler ruled the Board had acted in good faith in complying with the county plan of desegregation as approved by the U. S. Office of Education.

In the present suit, the Justice Department and the Ne-

gro plaintiffs are expected to charge that "massive community hostility" prevents the Negroes from having a free choice of schools under the Board's present plan. The suit asks that another plan be ordered by the court.

In a recent Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling involving Durham schools, the

court ruled that free choice plans are sufficient except where there exists massive community hostility.

Louisburg attorneys E. F. Yarborough and Wilbur Jolly and Raleigh attorney Irvin Tucker are representing the Board of Education. LaVonne Chambers of Charlotte is representing the local Negro

plaintiffs and at least six U. S. Justice Department lawyers were present in court Monday.

Board members were dismissed around 6 p.m. Monday, having waited in court since 9:30 a.m. Some witnesses were dismissed earlier.

Closed door negotiations are expected to continue today with

Board attorney E. F. Yarborough and Schools Superintendent Warren Smith scheduled to attend. Other witnesses, including some Board members are expected to be heard Wednesday.

Unless some settlement is afforded, the case is expected to last for at least two to three weeks, according to reports.

Weather

Continued warm today and Wednesday. Only a 20 per cent chance of thundershowers today. Low, 70; high, 90.

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Paula Gets Warm Welcome

Miss Paula Justice, Miss Congeniality of the N. C. Beauty Pageant received a rousing welcome home here Monday afternoon at the courthouse. The Miss Louisburg, 1966 won the coveted honor over 91 other girls in Greensboro earlier this month. The festivities Monday were sponsored by the Louisburg Jaycees, who also sponsors the Miss Louisburg Pageant here annually. Shown above are Miss Justice, Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples, Jaycee Vice President William O'Neal, who was in charge of the event, and Jaycee President W. A. Peoples who presented the floral bouquet in behalf of his organization. Around 100 local officials and private citizens attended the ceremonies. --Photo by Jeff Bartholomew, Louisburg College.

Franklinton Head Start Program Reported

(Frk. B.W.) The average daily attendance at the Franklinton Head Start Program is 60. The original enrollment was 81 but with 13 drop outs the present membership is 68.

The daily schedule is as follows: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Greeting, sharing, planning work and play; 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Midmorning snack and rest; 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Work and play activities; 11:30 - 12 noon - Lunch; 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. - Dismissal.

According to the Director - Ollie W. Burrell, the Head Start Program is primarily a child development program. Every effort is made to meet the various needs of these children to remove deterrents to learning. Medical needs - physical and dental - are given the utmost attention. Many experiences are made possible through active participation in the class room and field trips to open their minds to the world of knowledge.

The social agencies are aiding in helping to bring about more parent participation. This serves as a developmental feature for parents as well as pupils.

The personnel, involved with Head Start, believe that this

program has tremendous value in promoting the adjustment necessary for the preschool child and will prove vital to his success as a beginner in school.

Working with Director Burrell are the following teachers - Miss Mabel Hill, Mrs. Lucy Green, Miss Carolyn Sanders and Mrs. Velma Brown; teacher aides - Betty Henderson, Mrs. Bertha Cutchins, Coppie Green and Mrs. Edna Williams; volunteer workers - Rosalind Rogers; social worker - William Leathers, III; Dietitians - Mrs. Mattie Barnhill and Mrs. Thelma Joyner; bus drivers - Jessie Milton Perry and Ernest Sanford Perry; clerical worker - Beverly Perry and custodian - Jessie Milton Perry.

The medical staff includes Dr. Arthur Mallette, medical director; Dr. Spurgeon Eakes, dentist and Dr. Richard Whitfield, optometrist.

In 1951, the Rev. Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth invented a better beehive, and beekeepers beat a path to his door in Oxford, Ohio. Mr. Langstroth revolutionized beekeeping by devising a hive with removable frames for honeycombs. His basic design still is almost universally used.

Suffers Broken Arm In Wreck

Three scattered accidents in the county Sunday netted relatively minor injuries to one teen-ager and at least three other men escaped injury.

Leon Mills, n/m/20, Rt. 2, Franklinton, escaped injury when the 1963 Ford he was driving overturned shortly after midnight Sunday morning on Rural Paved Road 1211, 2.3 miles west of Franklinton. The car, according to State Trooper D. C. Day was owned by Ethel Wright Mills, Rt. 2, Franklinton.

According to reports, Ronald Pearce, w/m/25 of Pearces, lost control of his 1966 Ford convertible while backing it, in the Pearces Community Sunday afternoon and overturned. Pearce was uninjured, but the vehicle suffered considerable damage.

A 16-year-old Mitchner Crossroads youth suffered a broken arm when the car he was driving overturned in a curve on State Unpaved Road 1224 just off N. C. 56 three miles west of Louisburg Sunday afternoon. Fred Clarke was taken by the Louisburg Rescue Service to Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was later transferred to a hospital in Fayetteville for treatment. Sidney Laughter, w/m/16, a passenger in the Clarke car was uninjured.

HEW Denies School Plan Approval

The Office of Education in Washington has informed the Franklin County Board of Education that its plan of compliance to the 1965 Civil Rights Act, as proposed for the coming school year does not meet with the approval of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

It refers to an increase in desegregation of from 0.1% in 1965-66 to 0.7% for the coming school year "lack of sufficient progress." It also denied approval of faculty desegregation efforts.

The letter, from John Hope II, Director, Area I, Equal Educational Opportunities Program, states "Your school board should consider what additional steps it could take in order to make adequate progress in both student and staff desegregation for 1966-67."

The Board of Education, involved presently in a suit in Federal Court, on its 1965-66 plan, has not issued any statement in connection with Washington's denial of approval for the coming year.

Several other county units in the state have also been denied approval including Nash County and Pender County. Franklin County had executed government form 441-B declining the Board's intention of complying with the new guidelines much on the same order as was done in the 1965-66 school year. Twenty three Negro students have been granted admission to previously predominant white schools thus far this year.

Rowe New NCADA Area Chairman

B. T. Rowe, Jr., Rowe Chevrolet-Buick, Inc., Louisburg, has been appointed to serve as Area Chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association for Franklin County, according to an announcement made by NCADA President C. Odell Matthews of Winston-Salem.

Rowe will act as liaison officer between new car and truck dealers in this area and NCADA and the National Automobile Dealers Association.

He will also head a county-wide membership campaign for both organizations in the fall.

Mr. Rowe succeeds John F. Green of Franklinton.

Shelton Calls NCSA Meeting

Announcement is made by W. F. Shelton, president of the Raleigh Chapter, N. C. Society of Accountants, of the July 26th Chapter Meeting to be held at Fuquay Springs, N. C.

The group will meet Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Yohanna Restaurant. Representatives of the National Cash Register Company will be program guests.

A long head is fashionable on the Pacific Island of New Britain, the National Geographic says. Mothers bind their infants' heads with bark cloth to give the desired shape.

Air Force Officer Sixth Road Fatality

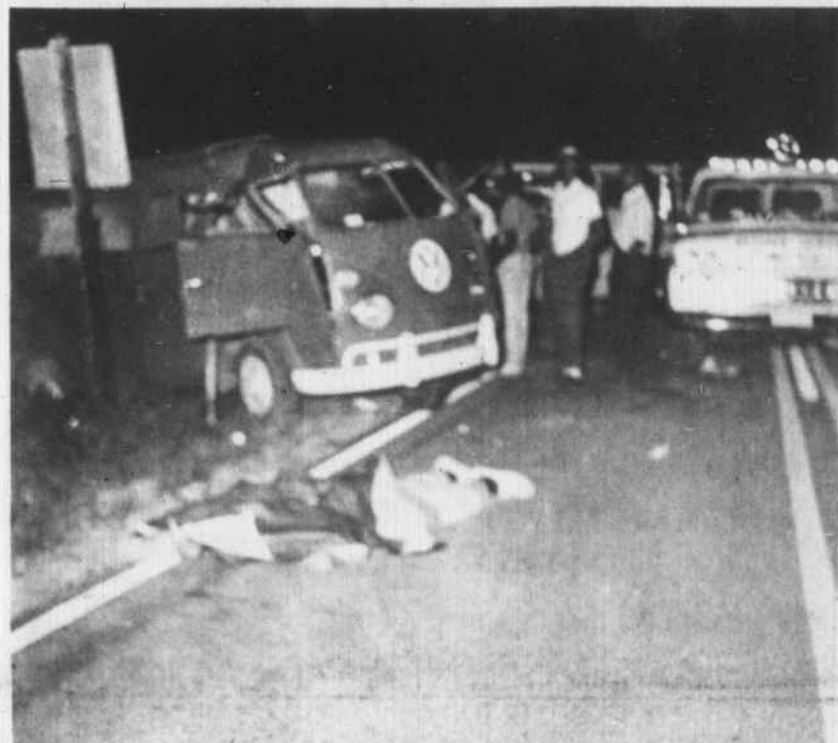


Photo above shows scene of sixth highway fatality in the county as Lt. Col. Albert A. Farnsworth met death on N. C. 39 early Sunday morning when his station wagon pulling a boat and trailer overturned. The victim was a native of Mississippi and presently stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Base in Goldsboro. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. --Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Negro Dies Of Shotgun Wounds

A 27-year-old Louisburg, Rt. 2, Negro is being held in Franklin County jail on charges growing out of the fatal shooting on Saturday of Dwight Alston, also a Rt. 2, Louisburg Negro.

James Lee Arrington allegedly fired a 12 gauge shotgun blast into the right thigh of the victim at the home of Arrington's mother, near the T. H. Dickens Store in White Level around 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

According to Mrs. Judy Mae Arrington, the suspects mother, Alston had struck her in the mouth and dragged her sister, Snookie Hedgepeth from one room of the house into the kitchen threatening to "kill her." Alston, says Mrs. Arrington, had her rifle in his hand.

The affray started earlier when Alston, who lived in the Arrington woman's home reportedly, had grabbed her at a neighbor's house and forced her to return to her home where, according to Mrs. Arrington, "He told me I was going to sit here all day." She said her sister was with her and that she sent her 10-year-old daughter, Shirley to "Buds," referring to Mr. Eugene Bobbitt on whose place the Arringtons lived.

Bobbitt, according to the Arrington woman came and told Alston to leave. "Tell her (Mrs. Arrington) to get my clothes and I will leave," Alston is quoted as having told Mr. Bobbitt.

When the Arrington woman entered the house and "bent over to get his clothes," she says, Alston struck her in the mouth, grabbed her sister and dragged her by the leg

into the kitchen.

Meantime, James Lee Arrington had heard the noise as Alston reportedly broke some glass and he heard his mother scream.

Arrington ran the short distance to his mother's home and, according to him, Alston "saw me and backed into the house, pointing the rifle out the door and I shot him." Bobbitt reportedly had just left the scene, but returned and attempted to aid Alston. The Louisburg Rescue Service was called, and Alston appeared to be in fair condition when he arrived at Franklin Memorial Hospital. He died later while

enroute to Duke Hospital from loss apparently of blood.

Arrington said he returned to his home following the shooting. Later when "he heard they were looking me," he said he drove to Sheriff Joseph Champion's home (which is in the community) but, according to Arrington, "he wasn't at home."

He says he met Mr. Van Champion (Township Constable) on the way back to his home and blew the horn for Champion to stop and surrender. He was jailed following the death of Alston.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell is the investigating officer.

Lt. Col. Albert A. Farnsworth, 43, 207 Bolling Drive, Goldsboro, N. C. became the sixth highway fatality of the year in Franklin County when the late model Volkswagen station wagon he was driving overturned early Sunday morning eight miles north of Louisburg on N. C. 39.

The accident, which occurred sometime after midnight and before 2:30 a.m. was discovered by passersby who were unidentified. Rescuers from the Louisburg Service searched the area for other possible victims, believing that there might have been other occupants of the vehicle. None were found.

Farnsworth, believed to have been enroute to Kerr Lake was pulling a boat and trailer behind the Volkswagen and it was theorized that he lost control in a curve causing the vehicle to overturn, throwing him through the left front window. The vehicle and boat came to rest in an upright position against a road sign. The vehicle was apparently not damaged to a great extent.

This is the second fatality of the month, both single car accidents and both on N. C. 39 north of Louisburg. This is the fourth highway death to occur on N. C. 39 in Franklin County this year, the sixth in the county on N. C. 39 in the past three years.

This was the first road death since the accident which claimed the life of Stephen Virgo Mullen, Louisburg Negro on July 3. This passes by two, the number killed at this time last year and matches the six highway dead in the county by this date in 1964.

Farnsworth was Chief of Tactical Training of the Fourth Tactical Fighter Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Base. He was a native of Pascagoula, Miss. and a combat veteran of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. He had been stationed at Seymour Johnson since August, 1965.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Joyce Farnsworth and three daughters.

Franklinton Lions Endorse Times' Better Roads Efforts

The twenty-two member Franklinton Lions Club has endorsed the efforts of The Franklin Times for improved road conditions in Franklin County. In a letter from Lions Club Secretary John F. Gonella, the Franklinton civic club pledges "our wholehearted support and cooperation in your efforts to secure for Franklin County our fair share of our highway tax dollar."

Clint Fuller, Managing Editor of The Franklin Times and writer of the front page editorials which have brought attention to road conditions in the county, said in expressing The Times' and "my personal gratitude to the Franklinton Lions, that this was the first endorsement of the road efforts by an organized body in the county."

Fuller said he had received a letter from the President of the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce which encouraged the writings and that he considered this to be

somewhat of an endorsement.

The Board of County Commissioners and the Better Roads Committee held a joint meeting with Fifth Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame several days ago, but neither organization has issued an endorsement of the newspaper efforts.

The Lions' letter urges, "More power to you. We really have been awakened by your expose of the highway situation in Franklin County." The letter concludes, "If we can do anything to help, just let us know."

Later in the meeting, Councilman Jonah Taylor moved that the revised salary schedule be adopted and Foster seconded the motion with all members voting in favor.

The Council agreed to accept Terrell Place from Mr. S. R. Allen for installation of water and sewer lines after the street is constructed to serve the development.

mentations on future salaries be followed. The Council approved the motion with Mayor V. A. Peoples and Councilman S. C. Foster abstaining from voting.

Council Sets .80 Tax Rate

The Louisburg Town Council gave final approval to the 1966-67 budget in a special meeting last Friday night, setting the new tax rate at 80¢ per \$100 valuation.

The total budget was set at \$501,701.00 and the new rate represents a decrease from the \$1.25 set for last year. Increase in the property valuation is credited with the lower rate.

In other actions, the Council approved certain salary increases and Councilman E. F. Thomas moved that the Town Administrator's recom-