

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy and warm today and Friday with a 10 per cent chance of afternoon thundershowers today. Low today, 68; high, 89.

Comment

The careless use of adjectives is what makes some people liars.

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Principals at Tuesday's Lions Club meeting here are pictured above, left to right, Lion President G. M. Beam, Jr., Tom Broughton, C & D official, featured speaker, Lloyd West, program chairman, Lion Harold Talton, Chairman of Franklin County Industrial Development Commission and Commission Director W. J. Benton. Broughton spoke on the regional offices of the State agency. --Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Mrs. Arnold Resigns, Knott Appoints Young

Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold, appointed to the Board of County Commissioners last January 18 to fill the unexpired term of

her late husband, Claude A. Arnold, has resigned. Ralph Knott, Clerk of Superior Court, has appointed Commissioner



MRS. JEANETTE P. ARNOLD resigns



BROOKS W. YOUNG appointed

nominee Brooks W. Young to fill the vacancy.

Young was top man in a three-way race for the post in last May's Democratic Primary and is a past Commissioner.

Mrs. Arnold stated in resigning the post that she could not do an effective job as Commissioner and perform her duties as a business teacher at Louisburg High School. "There are only three more scheduled meetings," she said, "and the next comes on the sixth of September, which is a most busy time in schools."

"The first two or three weeks are terrific," Mrs. Arnold said. "I would like to express my appreciation to the people and to Mr. Knott for the confidence placed in me. I have enjoyed serving. It has been a most wonderful experience. It has been a real pleasure for me to serve with the present Board. They are a fine group of men and they have been very nice to me," she added.

Knott stated in revealing the

resignation, "I want to commend Mrs. Arnold for her service to the county, particularly in view of her having accepted this responsibility during a most trying time for her personally. I believe that her leadership and business ability have been recognized and appreciated by all having business with the Board."

In appointing Young, a former chairman of the Board, Knott stated, "In view of the fact he was the people's choice in the Primary, and in light of his experience as a former commissioner, I believe he is the man for the position."

Young said, "I will be glad to serve. I look upon election to the Board of County Commissioners as a trust and opportunity for service." Young has served in the position of Commissioner from Harris-Dunn Townships for twelve years. His consecutive string

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I. T. Valentine

Demo Chief To Address Local Women

I. T. Valentine of Nash County will address the annual husband-wife meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Women here Friday night. The Nash attorney is Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee.

The meeting will be held in the Louisburg College Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. All members and prospective members have been urged to attend. Mrs. Agnes Merritt is in charge of reservations.

Lions Hear C & D Industry Official

"Tight money or no tight money, North Carolina is on the go." That was the word given the Louisburg Lions Club here Tuesday night by an official from the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Tom Broughton, Chief of the Commerce and Industry Services Section in charge of Regional Offices, spoke to the local civic club on the work being done by the Regional offices of C & D set up by the Moore administration.

Broughton explained that Regional representatives are not "industry hunters" but act as liaison men in helping to solve problems confronting local industrial development organizations. He praised the Franklin County Development Commission and Director W. J. Benton for the work the organization is doing.

Broughton, a graduate of Wake Forest College, pointed out there are five Regional C & D offices in the state, each manned by one official. "These men do not go around with industrial prospects in their pockets," he said, "but they are there to help local communities get their house in order."

Introduced by Lion Lloyd West, Secretary of the county Industrial Development Commission and Program Chairman for Tuesday meeting, Broughton told the group of the tremendous growth and expansion of existing industry in the state. He said that eventually, existing industry would match the economic importance of new industries coming to North Carolina. He stated, "Precious little time is being spent on existing industry," in referring to local organizations. He disclosed there are over 250 industrial development organizations in the state and 30 commissions "like the one you have here."

Following the Raleigh official's address, Lion John Lloyd moved the club go on record in praise of efforts by local development leaders in "behalf of Franklin County." The club voiced a unanimous vote of approval of the motion.

Earlier in the meeting, Lion Edward F. Yarborough moved the club endorse efforts to get better roads in the county by The Franklin Times. This motion won unanimous approval also.

G. M. (Buddy) Beam, club president, presided. Guests of the club included R. S. Lucas, new member of a local banking staff, W. J. Benton, industrial development director and Clint Fuller, local newspaper editor. Lion Paul

Mullen explained the calendar drive to club members and announced that the second week in September would be the deadline for turning in names to appear on the calendar. This is one of the prime fund raising projects of the club each year.

Rep. Fountain Confirms Resignation Of Cheek

Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain, in a wire to The Franklin Times Wednesday, confirmed an earlier report that Charles Alvin Cheek, controversial business manager of the anti-poverty programs in the three county area, has resigned.

Cheek, a parolee from two life sentences plus a thirty year sentence in connection with charges of first degree burglary, has been the object of much criticism since it was disclosed several weeks ago

that he had a prison record. Cheek's father, Rev. G. E. Cheek, heads the Head Start and Neighborhood Youth Corps programs in the Franklin, Warren, and Vance-county area. The younger Cheek, listed as business manager, is said to be in charge of around \$188,000 in federal funds. The operation is called the Recreation Council of Memorial Recreation Forest and is located in Warren County along U. S. 401 midway between Warren and Louisburg.

Congressman L. H. Fountain has issued a request to the Office of Economic Opportunity and the U. S. Labor Department for explanations as to just how Cheek's employment and approval of these programs were handled. At last report, Rep. Fountain had not received a satisfactory answer.

Cheek's behavior as business manager has not been brought under fire, and Wash-

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Vet's Office Closed For Vacation

George Champion, Jr., Veteran's Service Officer for Franklin County, announced yesterday that the Veteran's Service Office will be closed all next week, August 22-26 for vacation.

The office will reopen on Monday, August 29.

Industrial Commission, Louisburg Lions Back Road Efforts

The Franklin County Industrial Development Commission and the Louisburg Lions Club are the latest organizations to express support of efforts by The Franklin Times to get road improvements in the county. The Commission voted Monday night to endorse the movement and the Lions extended their backing in a Tuesday night meeting.

Lloyd West, Secretary of the Development Commission relayed the group's actions to the Times by telephone, stating that a letter would follow. The Lions Club followed their actions with a letter from Secretary L. D. Moon.

Mr. Moon's letter stated, "It would seem that tax moneys should be apportioned to the counties in proportion to the needs and the amount of taxes taken from the various counties." The Lions Club letter also stated, "The members... unanimously

agreed to support Clint Fuller and The Franklin Times in their efforts to get the roads of Franklin County improved."

The endorsement this week by these two groups brings to six the number of county organizations going on record as being in support of efforts to gain road improvements in the county. Others are: The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, Franklinton Lions Club, Bunn Lions Club, and the Louisburg Jaycees.

Times Managing Editor Clint Fuller expressed the appreciation of the newspaper staff for these latest endorsements. The Times has published front page editorial and pictorial comment on road conditions for the past ten weeks in an effort to publicize what Fuller describes as "the gross discrimination Franklin County has experienced in the matter of roads for thirty years."

- BACKERS OF EFFORTS TO GET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY**
- Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce
 - Franklinton Lions Club
 - Bunn Lions Club
 - Louisburg Junior Chamber of Commerce
 - Franklin County Industrial Development Commission
 - Louisburg Lions Club

What About Franklin's Bond Money?

An Editorial

On November 2, 1965, 2239 Franklin County citizens voted in the State Road Bond elections. Ten of the eleven county precincts voted against the issue. There were 451 more people voting against the Bonds than for the Bonds. This means that had 226 voters gone the other way or had 452 of the over 10,000 who did not bother to vote at all cast their ballot in favor of the bonds, Franklin would have been in the win column.

Much has been said about Franklin being one of only two counties in the state voting against the Road Bonds. In light of the complete lack of road improvements over the years, many feel this negative vote was most appropriate.

However, November is a long time passed. For or against, the issue passed. Agreed or not, Franklin citizens are paying the tax to retire the bonds. They will be doing so for many, many years. Since Franklin is included in the state highway system, Franklin is also included in the Road Bond allotments.

A question posed to Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame on his recent visit here asked what Franklin could expect from the Road Bond funds. Mr. Brame would only say that every county would get something.

The administration stated publicly prior to the Bond vote just how the money was to be allotted. However, in most cases, funds are allotted to the Division. It did not say how the Division Commissioner would allot funds among his counties. This gives the Commissioner an unusually strong hand when it comes to doling out the money.

Under the provisions of the Bond issue, Primary Road funds were to be allotted to the Division, based on "their respective percentage of the total rural primary mileage."

The Fifth Division received \$10,192,000 based upon 911.21 miles of Primary roads. Franklin County has 155.70 miles of Primary highways. The county share is \$1,734,140.00. This, according to the 1965 estimate of \$25,000 per mile of highway improvement, should gain Franklin 69 miles of resurfaced and improved roads. Note the word "should."

In the provisions governing Secondary Roads, the administration has said that funds were allotted the Division based on the "respective percentage of the total unpaved rural secondary mileage."

The Fifth Division has 2,313.10 miles of unpaved rural roads. The Division allotment is \$6,098,000 for the seven counties. Franklin County has 265.40 miles of unpaved rural secondary roads. Franklin County should receive \$698,540 in funds or, based on the state estimate of \$20,000 per mile to pave these roads, Franklin should gain nearly 35 miles of paved roads. Again, note the word "should."

There is nothing in the provisions which says that Commissioner Brame must give Franklin County its share based on the same criteria as that upon which the Division received the total sum. He, with the approval of other members of the Commission, can place the money anywhere in the Division he deems advisable.

We believe that Commissioner Brame and the Highway Commission will allot these Primary and Secondary Bond funds in accord with the guidelines laid down in the original allotment to the various divisions. This would certainly be fair and no one could be critical of this procedure.

An announcement to that effect should be forthcoming. It would show good faith on the part of the Commission. It would greatly ease the concern of Franklin citizens.

Franklin's share of the Primary and Secondary Bond funds totals \$2,432,680. This, added to the amounts due municipalities within the county, gives a grand total from Bond funds of \$2,640,580. This is over half the total of ALL FUNDS received by Franklin County in the past 29 YEARS. It is far MORE THAN THE TOTAL FEDERAL-AID AND STATE PRIMARY FUNDS received by the county in the PAST 29 YEARS. It is more than the TOTAL STATE MAINTENANCE received by the county in the PAST 29 YEARS.

We ask our share of the Road Bond funds. Getting them will be a blessing to this county. It's going to be tough if we don't.



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