

Weather

Mostly cloudy and cool today and Friday. Probability of precipitation 50 per cent. Low, 64; high, 75.

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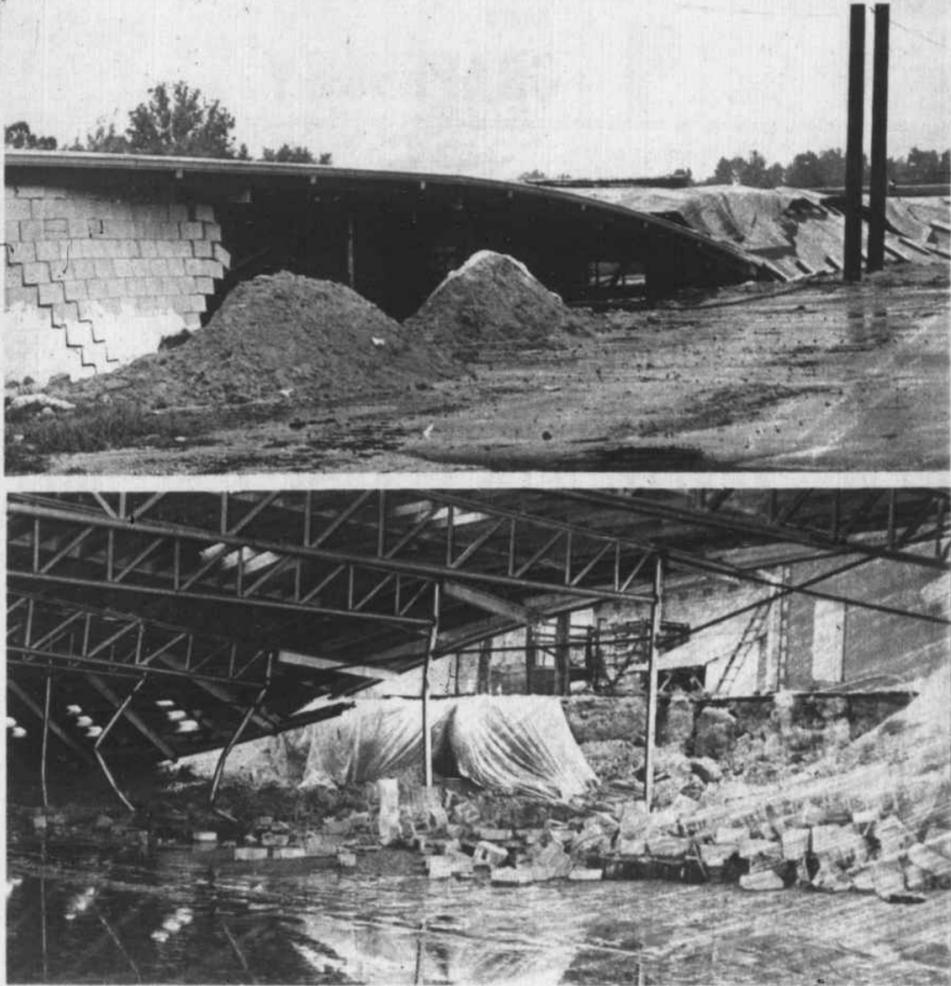
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Rains Came, Walls Fell

Damages suffered to Ford's Warehouse here, when heavy rains caused the walls of a new addition to crumple early Wednesday morning are shown above. Charlie Ford, owner-operator estimated damages will run between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The new addition was planned in order to allow growers to unload their tobacco without the long waiting lines experienced last year. Ford said, "Tell them we'll

be ready when the market opens," in reference to the short time remaining in which he must repair the damage. The wall gave way around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, causing the roof to tumble. The structure was to have received more substantial support Wednesday, following a check of the construction Tuesday, according to reports.

—Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

In Production Of 11 Leading Crops

County Moves Into 19th Place In State

Franklin County, with 61.8 percent of its total land area in farms, has moved from 22nd place to 19th in production value of the state's eleven leading crops. Franklin is 16th in production of tobacco in North Carolina and fifth in the 33 county Old Belt.

In a release this week by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, it is revealed that while the number of farms have decreased, farm income is on the rise. The figures deal for the most part with the 1964 seasons.

A Department of Agriculture report lists 316,160 acres of land area in Franklin County. Land being used for farming has declined from 72.0 percent in 1959 to 61.8 listed in 1964. Total number of farms fell from 2,950 in 1959 to 2,366 in 1964.

Income listed for the eleven leading crops for 1963 is \$13,638,655. The income for 1964 topped this figure by \$2,924,595 for a total of \$16,563,250 for the year.

A breakdown of part of the eleven crops shows Franklin County ranks 12th in the state in cotton production, harvesting 9,080 bales in 1964. Franklin is 24th in production of peanuts with 1,400 pounds listed as the 1964 crop.

In the production of soybeans, Franklin falls to 40th place, having produced 119,000 bushels in 1964. Corn for grain places the county in 35th position among the 100 with a 1964 output of 719,000 bushels.

Not listed as one of the eleven principal crops, the count of all chickens on Franklin County farms shows a decline from 134,000 in 1959 and a high of

147,000 in 1962 to an eight-year low of 120,000 in 1965. The eleven principal crops are listed as tobacco, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, corn for grain, wheat, oats, lespedeza, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and all hay.

The report shows that Franklin farmers used less fertilizer in 1964-65 than in any year since 1961. Mixed fertilizer, measured in tons by the survey, shows that Franklin used 13,507 tons in 1961-62, moved upwards to 14,937 in 1962-63 and fell to 13,843 tons in 1964-65.

In the report on population

Four More Barns Burn

Four tobacco barns have been lost to fire in the county in the past few days, according to scattered reports. The latest barn to burn occurred this morning at the T. O. Nelms farm near Wood. The Centerville Fire Department reportedly answered the 6 a.m. call and prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings.

The Centerville Department answered a call to the Foster Ball farm near Alert Tuesday around noon. No report has been made on the damage.

Justice firemen answered two calls, one last Friday night around 9 p.m. to the Theodore Cope farm below Justice. The firemen managed to save the barn but the tobacco inside was destroyed. The second call came Saturday to the Graham Ball farm between Edward Best School and Justice. Both the barn and the tobacco contents were a total loss.

Other fires have not been reported. However, several barns have burned in the county since the beginning of the curing season.

Franklin was shown to have 25,893 persons living in rural areas and only 2,862 residing in urban localities. Since the population of Louisburg alone

is 2,862 and Franklin's population in 1960 was 1,513 plus that of Youngsville, Bunn and Centerville, this figure relating to urban population

is in obvious error.

However, according to the report, of the 25,893 residing in rural localities, 12, See COUNTY Page 6

A number of Franklin County citizens have asked during the past several weeks, in view of the continued silence by state highway officials, whether or not road funds were being allotted on the basis of politics.

We've been led to believe over the years that politics is a game in which winners take all and losers get nothing. In keeping with this theory we erroneously assumed that Franklin County has been among the losers during the past 29 years. This is not true.

Of the eight Governors serving during the 29 years for which records of highway expenditures are available, Franklin supported all winners in the General elections, two in four second primaries and three of the five carried Franklin County in first primaries. Franklin supported Governors J. Melville Broughton, W. Kerr Scott and Luther H. Hodges in each of their races.

So, the record shows that Franklin County has been on the winning side almost half the time during the past 29 years.

Whether or not politics has played a part in the deficient road fund allotment for the county is still not quite clear.

Governor Umstead, serving two years gave Franklin \$94,677.55 in Primary Road funds. Under Governor Hodges' two years, Franklin received \$226,161.44 or MORE than under any other Governor. Franklin voted against Gov. Umstead in the primary.

In Governor Hodges' four-year term, he allotted Franklin a meager \$4,326.19 for Primary Roads. Franklin voted for Hodges in both elections.

Going back to 1936, Governor Hoey allotted Franklin in his four years, \$143,498.61. The county supported Dr. McDonald in both primaries.

In 1940 Franklin County supported Governor Broughton in the only primary and in the general elections. His administration gave us less than any Governor prior

HEW Officials Visit Franklinton Schools

Franklinton City school officials disclosed today that a four-man team from the Health, Education and Welfare Department from Washington met in Franklinton Wednesday and presented certain demands on the system designed to further desegregation of the Franklinton schools.

The officials declined to disclose the nature of the HEW team requirements nor would they discuss the possibility of further negotiations with the

Washington officials.

In a prepared statement, released today, Superintendent Fred Rogers stated, "A team from the United States Office of Education is working with the Franklinton Board of Education concerning the desegregation problems."

Rogers' statement continued, "Applications for more than \$80,000 to begin new educational programs are being held up pending adequate resolution of school desegregation in Franklinton, but it

has been made clear that adequate desegregation of the schools is mandatory whether money is involved or not." A reliable source, not connected with Franklinton schools, reported the HEW officials had made very strenuous demands on the Board involving the transfer of stu-

dents from one school to another. This was neither denied nor confirmed by Rogers and Board attorney W. P. Pearce, Jr.

A similar team of HEW officials told Wake County school authorities this week that they must transfer at least 1,000 Negro students to predominantly white schools and a like number of white students to former all-Negro schools. Supt. Fred Smith of Wake stated, "In line with the requirements, the officials suggested that we give consideration to adopting a geographic zone plan or consider exchanging a sufficient number of white and Negro children in the schools throughout the county to achieve the degree

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College Program To Start

The Louisburg College night program for adults will begin its fall semester on September 15, Dean John B. York has announced. The program, started almost two years ago, has been well received by adults from several counties, including Durham, Wake, Vance, Warren, and Franklin. Adults eighteen years of age or older are eligible to apply, choosing courses of study from the regular college curriculum. Each adult may choose whether he would want to take a course for credit, or to audit without college credit. Costs are moderate.

Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning at 7:30 and concluding at 9:00. Members of the regular Louisburg College faculty will be teaching in the night program. Persons interested in the program should be present in the College Auditorium on Thursday evening, September 15, at 7:30. Any course in the regular curriculum will be offered if there are ten persons or more who desire it.

Dean York, commenting on the program, said: "Our night program for adults provides an excellent opportunity for personal enrichment in the most vital pursuit of our day-education. We at Louisburg College are anxious to serve the community in every way possible. We hope that this program will continue to be utilized in the fine way it has in the past."

Many Locals Fail Draft Examination

The local Selective Service office reports 76 men were sent to the Raleigh Induction Station from the county last Friday and another 37 were sent Monday. All were called to report for physical examinations.

Quite a bit of publicity has been given nationally to the rate of rejections by Selective Service for failure to pass the required examinations.

Of the 76 reporting last Friday, only 37 or slightly less than half were found acceptable. Monday's group rated an even lesser rate when only 12 or about one-third were found acceptable.

The August call for induction was set at nine men, according to Mrs. Mary Lumpkin of the local office.

Of these, six joined the reserves or national guard or enlisted. Only three were inducted. The September call is set at eight from Franklin County.

Those reporting for examinations were taken from the 19 through 24 year old group. "We are sending those born in the years 1942 through 1947," said Mrs. Lumpkin. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara stated publicly Tuesday that 40,000 men formerly rejected due to failure to pass the examinations would soon be called and used by the armed forces. There is no record of the number of rejections from Franklin County and no explanation of how the Secretary's newly stated policy might affect these men here.

The usual procedure, explained Mrs. Lumpkin, is that the local office send along its records on each man when he is sent for the physical examination. These records are returned to the local office with an attachment which notifies the local Selective Service Board of the man's acceptance or rejection. Mrs. Lumpkin said the report on the men sent recently had not yet been returned. She had, however, received the number of those accepted.

How Much Politics In Road Allotments?

An Editorial

Administration and if winners take all as the game goes, may Heaven help the losers for the next two years.

Hodges. Franklin received \$55,594.40 during the Broughton years. Governor R. Gregg Cherry lost the county to Dr. McDonald in 1944 but allotted the county three times as much as Primary roads as had Broughton. Under Cherry we received \$170,826.36.

Governor W. Kerr Scott was a favorite of Franklin County. He carried the county in two primaries and the general elections. He was the "Road Governor". Even though the Scott Administration fell short of the unsupported Umstead group by over \$116,000, the Scott years were second best of the 29 years. Scott allotted \$204,326.59 to the county.

Franklin County's real trouble in Primary Road fund indigence began with Governor Hodges. He did not need Franklin to win.

Governor Terry Sanford won in spite of the fact that Franklin supported Dr. I. Beverly Lake in both primaries. Sanford did not need Franklin's help in the general elections. Under Sanford, Franklin received a trifling \$901.97.

Dr. Lake carried the county in the first primary against Governor Moore. In fact, L. Richardson Preyer gained a few votes more than that of Governor Moore in the first balloting. But, Franklin supported Governor Moore in the second primary and the general elections.

Whether Governor Moore needed Franklin's support is something for him to decide. In the twenty months of the Moore Administration, Franklin County has RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NOTHING for Primary highways, although, under this administration, it is expected that ALL ROAD SPENDING RECORDS WILL BE SHATTERED.

Perhaps, it is not politics which decides where highway funds will be spent. At any rate, if Franklin considers itself to be on the winning side with the Moore

A Picture Of What Franklin Has Gotten Over The Years



Notice

No X-rays will be made at the Health Office until further notice, according to an announcement made today by Miss Esther Andrews.