

New Industry Hinges On Labor Survey

An intensive survey of available labor is planned for the area starting Monday, according to a joint announcement today by Industrial Commission Chairman J. H. Talton, Director W. J. Benton and officials of the State Employment Commission.

"The outcome of this survey will determine whether or not a major industrial prospect will locate in the area," Talton, who is heading the Labor Survey project, said.

Benton disclosed that work had been in progress with officials of the undisclosed firm for about two months. It was not disclosed what prompted the urgency for a labor survey other than to say that the location of the plant would hinge upon the availability of labor in the area.

Talton pointed out that both men and women will be needed and both skilled and unskilled labor would be used. He stated that those employed would be trained.

D. R. (Rocky) Saunders, President of the Louisville Rotary Club, and Mrs. Louis Oxnevad are co-chairmen for the distribution of the forms to be filled out and returned not later than September 23. Joe Lane and A. F. Johnson of WYRN radio and Clint Fuller of The Franklin Times are Publicity Chairmen. Talton is General Chairman of the project.

Forms are to be turned in at any bank in the towns of Louisville, Franklinton, Bunn, Youngsville and at L. S. Ward's Store in Centerville. Forms are to be sent home by school children and may be returned to the child's teacher. State officials asked that they be re-

turned as soon as possible but not later than the September 23 deadline.

Civic organizations, schools and churches are being asked to aid in the survey, Talton said. Benton reported that those represented at this morning's meeting were: Rotary Club, Louisville Lions, Jaycees and two women's organizations, the Louisville Garden Club and the Junior Women's Club. Others are also expected to participate in the survey.

Talton said, "We urge as many men and women as possible to complete the form and to return it as soon as possible to the nearest designated place." He pointed out that a person does not have to be unemployed to take part in this survey.

"Areas outside Franklin County are also being poll-

ed", Talton stated. Forms are expected to be mailed to most boxholders and rural patrons early next week.

The industrial prospect, if officials decide to locate here is expected to employ "several hundred persons", according to local commission officials.

"The importance of full cooperation on the part of every citizen in filling out and returning these forms cannot be overemphasized", said one official.

Forms may be obtained at any store in the county, the Industrial Development office, banks or by contacting any member of the Survey Committee listed in this article. Thousands will be mailed and distributed through schools in the area. Distribution is expected to begin Saturday with the project getting underway Monday.



KNOTT YOUNG

Young Sworn As Commissioner

Brooks W. Young, former member of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and nominee-elect to the post, was sworn in to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold in ceremonies held here Tuesday.

Young was administered the oath of office by Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott just prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Board. Mrs. Arnold had been appointed last January 18 to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Claude A. Arnold. Young, who won the Democratic Primary race over two opponents will be sworn in for a full term the first Monday in December. Mrs. Arnold had given the need to allot more time to her tire recapping business and her duties as a business teacher at Louisville as her reasons for tendering her resignation.

Knott immediately named Young to the post. He had previously appointed Mrs. Arnold to the Board.

The Board approved the General Audit of county offices of the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff's Department and the County Accountant as prepared by Lonnie R. Shuping, Louisville C. P. A. Also approved was a separate audit of the Tax Supervisor's office.

In other actions, the Board received reports from the various county agencies and received an invitation from Wallace Tippet to attend the Democratic Party Fish Fry at Dorton Arena in Raleigh on September 16. Tippet managed Governor Dan K. Moore's campaign here and is a local administration leader.

announcement was made of any decision on the matter.

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, September 6:

C. T. Breedlove, bad check. State takes Nol Pros with leave.

Cora Breedlove, embezzle. Based upon statement of State's witness, the court finds no probable cause and orders case dismissed.

Mary Catherine Branch, c/t/22, no operator's license. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Staley Whitebur Franks, w/m/43, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

David Foster, c/m, murder. Continued till such time as Order of Judge Hamilton Hobbgood dated September 5, 1966 shall expire.

Joseph Dennis Eakes, w/m/43, careless and reckless driving. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Eighteen other cases which appeared on the docket were either continued or the defendants asked for a Jury trial.

Bloodshed Boxscore

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 6:

KILLED TO DATE 1,069
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 987

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To Federal Requests

Franklinton Board Votes "No"

The Franklinton City Board of Education reversed a previous action Wednesday and voted unanimously not to comply with recent requests made by the U. S. Office of Education. In a special meeting in the Franklinton High School library, attended by about 100 citizens, the Board approved a motion made by Board member William Avery Wilder to continue operating the Franklinton Schools under the Freedom of Choice plan adopted last Spring. Board member Brodie Green seconded the motion and all members voted aye.

The meeting was delayed about twenty minutes while the Board and attorneys W. P. Pearce of Franklinton and E. F. Yarborough of Louisville

conferred in private. Chairman John Moore opened the meeting and called for any motions. Dr. Richard Whitfield, a Board member, moved that the action previously taken approving the transfer of two seventh grades and two Negro teachers from the B. F. Person-Albion Negro School be rescinded. Following a second, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chairman Moore then called on Louisville attorney Edward F. Yarborough, who accompanied several Franklinton school officials to Washington last Thursday to confer with federal authorities, to explain that conference and to comment on the present status of the Franklinton situation.

Yarborough told that Health, Education and Welfare Department officials had offered an alternative to the original request for transfer of Negro children to the predominantly white Franklinton School. They offered, according to

Yarborough, to have Franklinton reopen the free choice period for a limited time, apparently one week, in an effort to see if enough new applicants would be obtained to meet certain HEW percentages. Mention was later made that the percentage was around 12 percent which would involve transfer of an additional 80-90 pupils.

The Louisville attorney, who is also attorney for the Franklin County Board of Education, now under federal court order in the operation of its schools, answered a number of questions from the people gathered for the meeting. T. H. Pearce and Franklinton attorney Hubert Senter, spokesmen for the citizens group, asked the

Board to continue the school operation under the freedom of choice plan adopted last Spring, which resulted in seven Negro applicants being assigned to the predominantly white Franklinton High School.

After a lengthy discussion and several additional requests for immediate action by the Board, Chairman Moore announced first that the Board had by its action Wednesday morning, reverted back to "where we were three weeks ago." He added, "We will now consider more deliberations before making a decision. Any decision will be made public immediately."

At this point, T. H. Pearce asked, "Are you saying that the Board is not going to take action with us here?" Pearce added, "If this is true, our people would like to know how do we go about removing certain members of the school Board?"

Moore admitted that he could not answer the question, as

did attorney W. P. Pearce. Yarborough stated there were some provisions in state law whereby the State Superintendent could remove board members for cause, but that he was not familiar with the entire section.

Moore answered Pearce by saying, "We are looking for a reasonable solution to this problem." Rev. Tommy Clarke, pastor of Perry's Chapel Church near Franklinton, then addressed the Chairman and said, "We would like to see every Board member stand up and be counted by saying I will vote with the people or against the people."

The Chairman remarked that "The Board is attempting to gather information on the feelings of the people at this time."

Several of the citizens group made brief remarks urging an immediate vote on the business at hand. At this point, Wilder asked if it would be in order to make a motion. Receiving an affirmative reply he made his motion, which was worded almost exactly as the requests of the group had been. Whitfield then sought to gain an answer to a question on dual school systems and the possibility of future integration from Yarborough. Following an explanation by the Franklin County Board attorney, Moore called for a vote.

It was eleven minutes to twelve, or an hour and 29 minutes from the time the meeting had begun. It followed two weeks of heated controversy in the community which saw an invasion by eight FBI agents last week and a postponement of school opening for a week.

Over 100 private citizens held a meeting in the Franklinton Town Hall Tuesday night to discuss the pending Board meeting. Senter and Pearce were named as spokesmen for the group for Wednesday's session.

The action is likely to make permanent a holding order on future federal funds for the system. Presently this involves \$80,000 but is expected to ultimately lead to the cut off of regular funds used for Vocational teacher's salaries, National Defense Education funds and aid to the school cafeterias.

T. H. Pearce, following the action Wednesday morning, assured the Board that the people would support them "one hundred percent" in the action.

Members of the Franklinton City School Board are: John Moore, chairman; Rupert Pearce, Howard Conyers, R. C. Whitfield, W. A. Wilder, Clement Weston, Brodie Green and Pete Colbert. Vance Estes, absent from Wednesday's session, has resigned the position, according to a reliable source. However, no action was taken on the resignation or mention made of it in Wednesday's meeting.

Notice

There will be a stated communication of Louisville Lodge 413 Tuesday evening, September 13, at 7:30. Work will be in the Entered Apprentice degree. All Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft and Master Masons are cordially invited.

Prices Off As Market Opens

The Middle Belt tobacco market opened today with prices on the Louisville market off somewhat from those of opening sales on the Eastern and Border Belts, according to reliable sources.

As sales concluded at the Friendly Four Warehouse early this morning, indications were that opening day averages would be around 3 cents below averages on other markets, according to one market official.

Practically all the tobacco on the early sale was untied with just a few piles of tied leaf on the final row. The government got the last pile for the only basket of the sale.

William Boone, Sales Supervisor of the local market, said, "I think we'll end up with a pretty good average, but some farmers are dissatisfied with prices on some good tobacco."

He reported that 73 cents was the highest price he had seen and 48 cents was the

lowest on the sale. Another source said prices were off today as much as eight cents per pound from Eastern Belt prices this week.

Still another observer predicted today's average would run around 64-65 cents, or three cents below the opening 67-68 cents on other belts.

Most warehouses here were filled for today's opening. Prices quoted here are early morning sales and there were possibilities that prices would pick up as the day continued. Farmers and market followers were keeping a close watch for indications of an upward trend.

Offerings were described as average with some comments that most was "sorry" tobacco. Others said there was "good tobacco on the floor." No one would say that local growers were happy with today's early sales although one warehouseman commented, "We're having a good sale. The government hasn't gotten a pile yet and that's good."

As College Starts 180th Year

Freshmen To Arrive Sunday

Some four hundred freshmen will arrive on the Louisville College campus Sunday as the new school year begins with the Orientation Program. Dean of Students, Thomas A. Patterson, reports that a concentrated Orientation period the first three days will acquaint the new student with all phases of the College program. Sophomore students arrive on Wednesday and classes are scheduled to begin on Thursday morning at 8:00.

The students will be entertained at a dance on Friday evening by the popular Embers Combo. President C. W. Robbins will greet the incoming freshmen on Tuesday at a reception in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union Building.

All faculty members are returning to Louisville with the exception of Lindsey Butler, History professor, who is taking leave of absence to re-

sume his graduate study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Robert Butler, Sociology professor, is returning to his teaching duties after studying at the University of North Carolina for the past year.

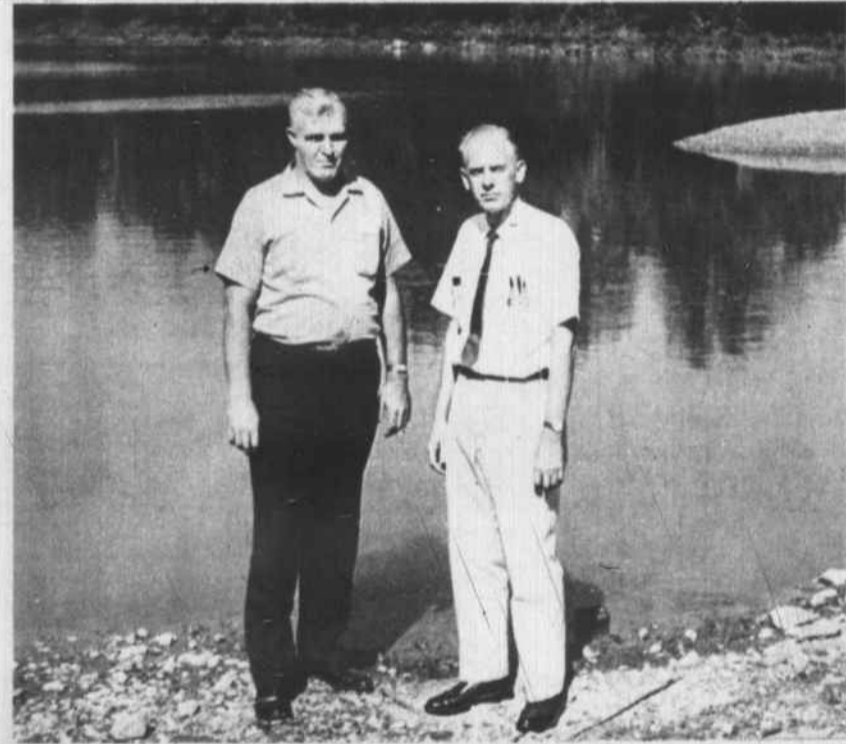
Whitman Shearin, former Franklinton principal, is the new addition to the faculty, teaching in the Business Department, and serving as Adviser to Men. The Faculty Workshop Retreat, held September 8-10, had "The College and the Student" as the theme for the sessions. This event is to be climaxed with a picnic dinner for College personnel and their families on Saturday evening.

Louisburg is beginning its 180th year since the dating of the school charter and will celebrate the anniversary year with a program emphasizing the historical traditions and the changing patterns of

science, art, education and religion.

The 180th Anniversary Program, headed by Professor Allan deHart, begins on January 6, Founder's Day, with a lecture by Dr. Frank Graham, special United Nations mediator. Dr. William Arthur, editor of Look magazine, speaks on March 16, and Dr. Joseph W. Matthews, Director of the Chicago Ecumenical Institute, on April 12. A public affairs representative from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration lectures in February. James Clouser, ballet master and choreographer of Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet will direct a special cultural attraction written by Walter Terry on April 27.

Other cultural attractions during the year on the Louisville campus include: the Don Cossack Chorus and Dancers on November 30,



PEARCE HIGHT

Officials Watch Water Supply

The summer drought has hit many small communities with critical water shortages. Franklinton is such a community. Mayor Joe Pearce reported Wednesday, however, that the situation is easing. He credited this to the cooperation of town water users and the generosity of citizens allowing the town to use private water on their land.

Wednesday morning the level at the town lake was five and a half inches higher than the day before. This was due to town water personnel having drained a pond owned by Dr. J. S. Nowell and emptying it into a stream feeding the town's storage lake. "This will take care of this week," said Town Water Commissioner Charlie Hight.

Last week, town officials report, water was used from the Ralph Moore pond. Both private lakes are about two acres in size.

Mayor Pearce reported that regardless of the water sup-

ply, "We can only have one day's supply on hand because of plant facilities." The town uses an average of between 350,000 and 400,000 gallons per day. This is just slightly less than the pumping capacity of the water plant, it was explained. The facility has been operated overtime most of the summer.

Mayor Pearce disclosed that he and the Town Commissioners have applied for a federal grant and loan with which to remodel the present plant and to pipe new water from Cedar Creek about a mile and one half from the present water lake.

The loan and grant, being handled by the Farm Home Administration office in Louisville, calls for a grant of \$285,000 and a loan of \$295,000. The loan would be secured by a bond issue voted on by the people, said Hight. "Right now, the holdup on the grant and loan is with the engineers," Pearce said, "We've been promised their

report by the end of the month."

"The last time water has gone over the spillway," said Hight, "was in June." He said the dam measured about four feet at the spillway.

The Mayor said that Cedar Creek has been measured and has a flow of 3 million gallons per day during normal times. He pointed out that this would be more than adequate for Franklinton's needs once the source is tapped.

Meanwhile, town officials are keeping a watchful eye on the water level at the lake. A major breakdown, continued drought, or any unusual drain on the present water supply would present Franklinton with a most serious problem.

In light of this, Mayor Pearce and Commissioner Hight are pushing ahead with plans for the loan and grant and the early renovation and updating of the water plant plus the tapping of what they believe will be a permanent water source.