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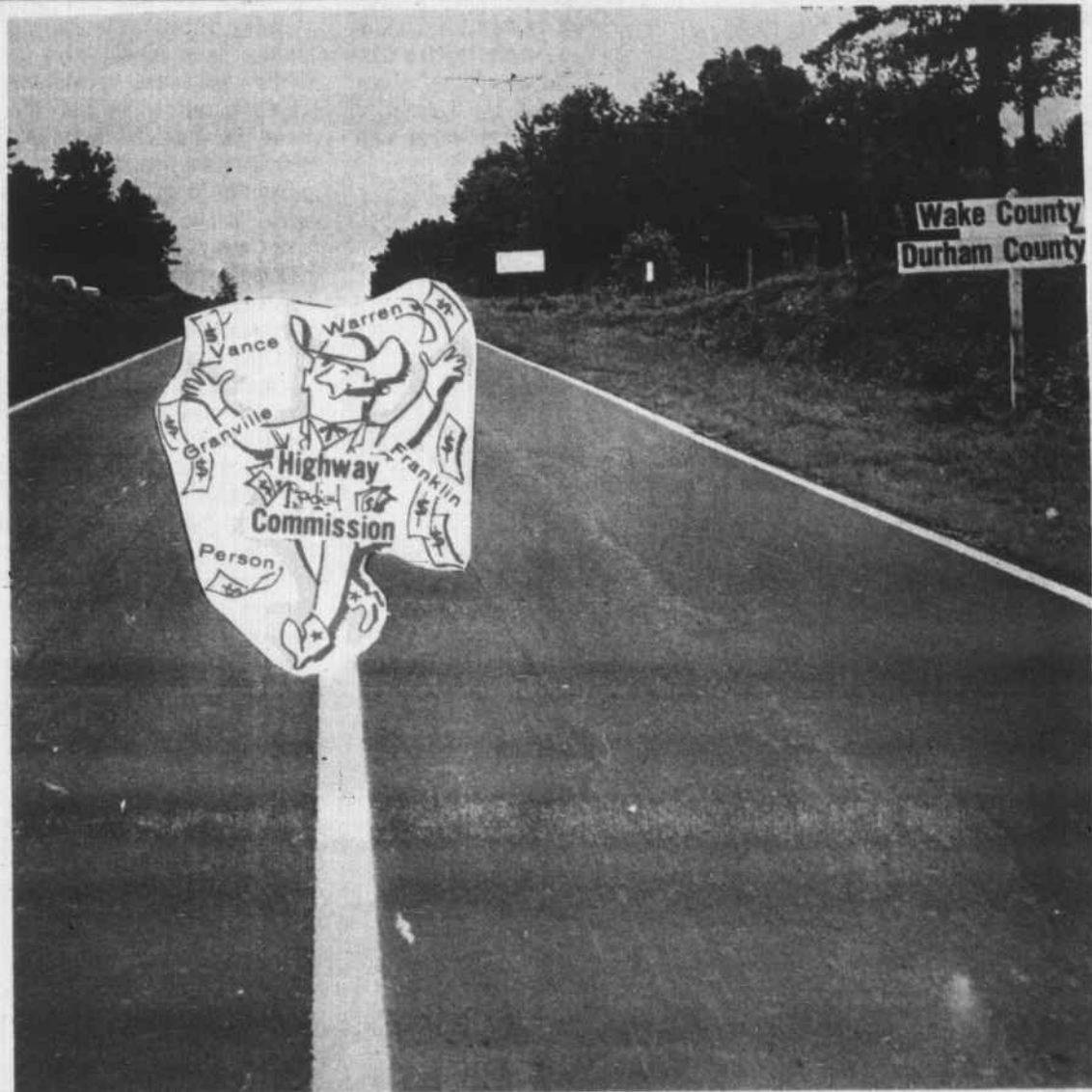
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It's Been Raining Like This In Wake And Durham Counties For Years

An Editorial

Somebody Better Pay Attention

The last Primary highway construction in Franklin County was U. S. 1 by-pass at Franklinton. This was opened in October, 1953. That's thirteen years ago. It's been a long dry spell.

Five of these thirteen years, Franklin County has not received a single penny for Primary roads; three of the remaining eight, the county received less than a thousand dollars. In three different years, Wake County received more in a single year than Franklin received in the entire thirteen.

Wake and Durham counties are in a tangle right now to see which of the two will spend the Fifth Division's money in the near future. Wake wants N. C. 54 to the Research Triangle Park improved, Durham wants an expressway. This is not surprising. These two counties have been spending the bulk of all funds allotted to this division for years. The other five counties, as far as the Highway Commission is concerned, might as well not exist.

We will welcome a denial of the above statement provided it contains accompanying proof that the statement is in error.

Let's look at the record, not for thirty years, but just for those years since Franklin County received any measurable Primary highway construction. Since the 1953-54 fiscal year, Franklin County has received \$326,067.15 in Primary highway allotment. During the same period, Wake received \$1,926,017.48.

Also during this period, Durham received \$698,133.06. Together the two received nearly a million dollars (\$964,237.56) more than the other FIVE counties combined. Yet, somewhat surprisingly, Wake and Durham have just slightly over half the Primary road mileage in the Division.

Had the money been allotted based on road mileage, as often claimed by the Commission, Franklin County would have gotten \$725,400.00 or over twice that received. Since funds were not allotted by road mileage, Franklin lost \$399,333.00 over the years in this one highway category.

Just how much longer citizens of Warren, Vance, Person, Granville and Franklin Counties are going to sit idly by and allow their tax money to be divided up between Wake and Durham is a mystery. Newspapers in several of the counties have been pointing out some of the discrepancies in highway allocations over the years. Letters have been written to every conceivable state official seeking some answers. And in spite of this, the high and mighty continue to remain silent as to reasons for their past deeds and give no indications of any changes to come.

The burst into the open this week of the Wake-Durham controversy and the subsequent action by the Highway Commission is favoring Durham County which came as no surprise, the Commissioner being from Durham County, is as clear as the administration can make it. No changes are planned. It's going to continue to be Wake and Durham counties.

In effect, the administration is saying almost defiantly that Warren, Vance, Person, Granville and Franklin counties can go to blazes. They are too busy allotting our money money to Wake and Durham.

The two counties are areas of heavy population. No one would deny that both should have a rightful share of all funds. The point is, they have been getting the bulk for many years and the other counties in the Division have gone lacking.

Franklin County is tired of carrying the load. Our roads cannot stand another thirteen year drought. Somebody had better start paying attention to the "Have-Not" counties.

Local Weather

Precipitation Since
7 A. M. Tuesday
20

Precipitation Last
24 Hours
(7 A. M. to 7 A. M.)
20+

Precipitation Same
Period Last Year
-0-

Tar River Level Today
1.30 Feet

Wednesday's
High: 84; Low: 59

One Year Ago
High: 96; Low: 70

Record
High: 94-1956;
Low: 47-1964

FORECAST

Mild, with 20 per cent
chance of showers today.
Partly cloudy and cooler
Friday. Low today, 67;
high, 85.

Board Holds Short Session

The Board of County Commissioners met here Wednesday and drew jury lists for upcoming sessions of Superior Court. The function, normally done in the regular monthly meeting, was overlooked in the meeting here on September 6, according to reports.

Only other actions taken in Wednesday's curtailed session was the adjustment on a tax charge due to an error in name and make of an automobile and the naming of Wacamaw Bank and Trust Company branch in Louisburg as an official depository for county funds. First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. here is also an official depository and is treasurer for county funds.

Prices Rally

Following a decline of around \$3 per hundred weight Tuesday, prices on the local tobacco market rallied early Wednesday for an expected normal average of around \$66. Prices and poundage for Wednesday's sales were not available today from the Sales Supervisor or the local ASCS office.

Tuesday's sales hit the lowest average of the young season when untied leaf averaged \$63.57 and small offerings of tied leaf hit \$68.35. Untied leaf accounted for the sale of 284,696 pounds bringing \$180,979.39 and averaging \$63.57. Tied leaf totaled 3,980 pounds for \$2,720 and an average of \$68.35.

The local market averaged \$66.28 on opening day last Thursday, \$66.18 Friday and \$66.67 Monday.

On the Middle Belt, about half the grades were up \$1 Wednesday while some grades gained \$2. Volume was heavy and quality was about the same.

Sales Tuesday totaled 4,382, 454 pounds and averaged \$64.28. Sales for the season mounted to 18,244,881 pounds and averaged \$65.27 per hundred.

Labor Survey Going Well

Industrial Development Director W. J. Benton said today that the Labor Availability Survey now underway in the area is going very well. He stated he did not know just how many forms have been returned because he was out of the office all day Wednesday, but he expressed pleasure at the response thus far.

The Survey was called last Thursday following disclosure that a major industrial plant was thinking of locating here. The nature of the prospect has been kept a closely guarded secret by local officials. Benton would only say this morning that "We don't have a similar type operation in the county." This would rule out textile and sewing operations among others but does not disclose the type production.

The Director said that forms had been distributed through the school system, mailed to all routes coming into the area and placed in all the businesses in the county.

"I certainly want to praise the workers in their project for their excellent cooperation," Benton said, "and to urge everyone within a twenty mile radius to complete this form."

"I would like to stress the fact that we desire an accurate report," Benton stated. "I urge all citizens who would consider a production job in a new plant to complete this form so that we might have an accurate survey and labor availability figure for the area," he added.

J. H. Talton, Chairman of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission and also heading the Survey project, said this morning that he had been "tied up with the prospects for the past two days" and had not actively participated in the survey work. "John Hodges, Buddy Beam and Jimmy Weathers have carried the load in this thing locally," Talton said.

"I can't say a whole lot about the situation at the moment,"

he added, but disclosed that he would be busy today with aspects of the matter other than the survey. He, too, expressed the Commission's appreciation for the cooperation of the people and urged that as many as possible complete and return the forms at once.

While Benton and Talton declined any comment on the nature of the prospect now contemplating locating here, reliable sources report that it is a triple A firm and the proposed plant would be the biggest thing of its kind to ever come to the area.

Benton did, however, stress the benefits the community might derive from the location here of this particular industry. Neither he nor the Chairman would comment for

Demo Rally

Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Dorton Arena, Raleigh the State Democratic Rally will feature a barbecue and fish fry with speech by Governor Moore and entertainment by Arthur Smith and the Crackerjacks.

Plates are \$1.50. For tickets call Mrs. John Parnell, Franklin County Chairman, GY6-4853 before Friday morning.

Franklinton Public Meet

A public meeting has been called for Franklinton residents for Tuesday night, September 20, at 8 p.m. The purpose, according to the announcement, is to "discuss several matters of importance that have arisen since the last public meeting" in regards to the school situation.

The announcement states that the meeting is expected to be a short one and "it is hoped there will be good representation from all sections of the township." The meeting is to be held in the Town Hall.

Faulkner Denies Charge Of Secret Session

County Commissioner Chairman Norwood E. Faulkner denied charges of a secret meeting of the Board of County Commissioners following the regular meeting last Tuesday. Faulkner said he believed the charges, aired on the local radio station newscast, came about originally as a joke. The Board met on Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting was adjourned around 5 p.m. and Board Secretary, Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood, was told that he

could leave at that time and that the members were staying on to talk awhile.

Faulkner did not disclose the nature of the unofficial discussions but did say that no action was taken and none could have been taken without having an official meeting. Only Commissioners Faulkner, Richard H. Cash and George Harris were present for the late session. Commissioners E. M. Sykes and Brooks W. Young, who was sworn in to fill the unexpired

term of Mrs. Jeanette Arnold, were present for the morning portion of the session.

Faulkner said that the Board neither went into executive session or held a secret meeting. He stated that the three members present just stayed on to discuss some things, "like many Boards do."

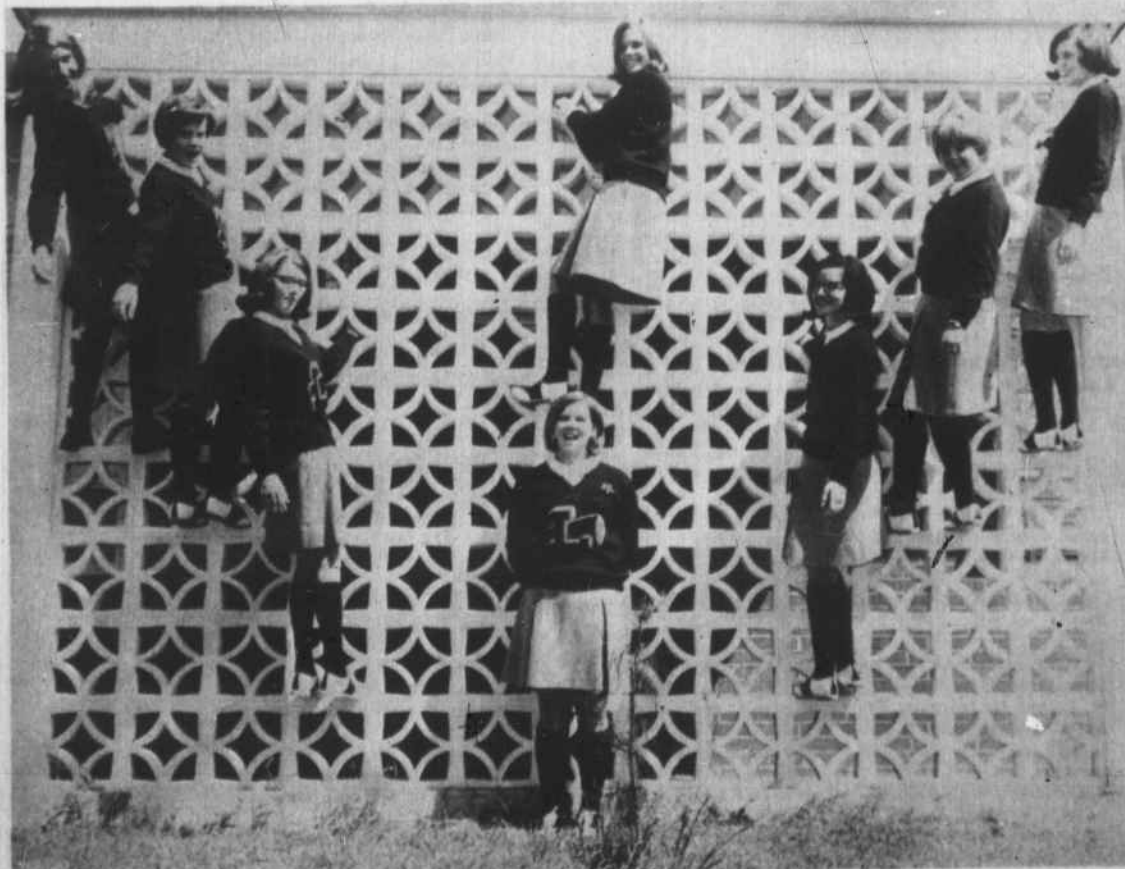
The Board is to hold another meeting this week to draw jury lists for upcoming Superior Court sessions.

Fire And Rescue Calls

Another tobacco barn was lost to fire near here Tuesday night. The latest in a series of losses was on the Everette Phelps farm a few miles east of Louisburg on Highway 56. The Justice Rural Volunteer Fire Department answered the call.

The Louisburg Rescue Service was summoned to the home of W. P. Murray in the Margaret Community Wednesday afternoon to assist Jack Murray, who was suffering from some type of breathing difficulty. He was transported to the Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Also, Wednesday afternoon a telephone pole was sheared off near the intersection of North Main Street and Allen Lane when it was struck by a car reportedly driven by Josephine Medlin, 16-year-old high school student. Miss Medlin, it was reported, was not injured.



Climbing For A Win

Louisburg High School cheerleaders are shown above, climbing the wall for a win over Norlina Friday night. Pictured at left, top to bottom, Tracy Winn, Betty Lavender

and Judy Duke. Center, top Nita Tillotson and Marilyn Stewart, head cheerleader, and right, top to bottom, Josephine Medlin, Betty Sue Radford and Beth Johnson.