

Fountain Asks Howe Resignation

North Carolina's Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain today suggested that Education Commissioner Harold Howe resign.

In an interview with Jack Williams of Station WTVD, Fountain stated that "Commissioner Howe is not following either the spirit or the letter of the law in connection with school desegregation."

He accused Howe and his staff of bureaucrats of being prosecutor, judge and jury in cases affecting local school boards throughout North Carolina and particularly referred to Franklinton, N. C.

Fountain stated that insofar as he had been able to ascertain, the Franklinton Board had met with the Court ordered "Freedom of Choice" requirement but, apparently, is

still being denied funds for some additional facilities, teachers and a school lunch program.

Fountain continued by saying, "The 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawed compulsory racial segregation inspired by state action. It did not outlaw 'de facto' segregation resulting from reasons other than state compulsion such as geographic factors or the voluntary preference of individuals."

In fact, Fountain said: "Freedom of Choice" plan has been upheld on many occasions by courts other than the one which dealt with the Franklinton situation. For example, in the Bradley v. School Board of the City of Richmond in 1965, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, whose decisions are binding on North Carolina, held that 'the 14th Amendment prohibition is not against segregation as such. The prescription is against discrimination.'"

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College Gets \$240,000 Kenan Foundation Grant

Louisburg College received the largest grant in its 180 year history here Wednesday when it was announced that the Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation of Durham would give to the College \$240,000 over the next four-year period.

Frank H. Kenan, President of the Foundation, made the presentation of the check for \$60,000 for this year at a special meeting of the College Board of Trustees. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins accepted the grant in behalf of the College.

The grant will be used, said Dr. Robbins, "to supplement faculty salaries, to improve library resources, to provide additional scholarships and to assist the College in securing a new infirmary."

David Daniel, Director of College Relations, later explained that the grant is expected to double the 25,000 volumes now contained in the

new \$385,000 library. Daniel said it will afford fifty more \$400 scholarships over the four-year period. The share to be allocated to the infirmary, according to Daniel, will constitute about one-third the cost of the facility, which is to be built in the "immediate future."

A special press conference was called around 1 p.m. Wednesday following an 11:30 a.m. meeting of the Board of Trustees with Foundation officials. Kenan was introduced to the Trustees by Dr. Herbert J. Herring, a trustee of Louisburg College and former Vice President of Duke University.

Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg and E. Hoover Taft, Jr. of Greenville expressed appreciation of the gift in behalf of the Board. Dr. John W. Scott of Chapel Hill, Secretary of the Kenan Foundation, stated that the Foundation desired to present this first gift to a junior college to an institution "of unquestioned merit and integrity" and said this was the reason for choosing Louisburg.

Dr. Robbins stated, "All of us are overwhelmed with this kind generosity. We accept the challenge that has been put before us. We will continue to build on the solid foundation of the past."

Mr. Kenan said he was See COLLEGE Page 4



Louisburg College President Dr. Cecil W. Robbins is shown above right, accepting a check for \$60,000 from Frank H. Kenan, President of the Sarah Graham Kenan Foundation of Durham, here Wednesday. The Foundation made a grant of \$240,000 to the College over a four-year period. --Photo by Jeff Bartholomew.

Supports Road Efforts

The Louisburg Woman's Club is the latest organization to offer its support to The Franklin Times road efforts. The woman's club expressed praise for the efforts and offered its endorsement in a letter received today.

The letter, written by Mrs. Nell Rose Gupton, Corresponding Secretary of the organization says, "Being a civic organization and having members from all over the county, we know the conditions of the roads and think an effort for better roads is really needed."

This latest endorsement of efforts by the newspaper to gain some improvements to Franklin County highways, brings to nine the number of organizations publicly announcing their support of Times Editor Clint Fuller and the newspaper's efforts.

Others offering support include, The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, Franklinton Lions Club, Bunn Lions Club, Louisburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, Louisburg Lions Club, Louisburg Rotary Club, and the Franklin County Democratic Women.

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Fair To Open Oct. 3

The Franklin County Fair opens on Monday, October 3, for a six day run, to begin its 53rd consecutive year of operation.

Last-minute preparations are underway, getting things in order for the annual show. The agricultural exhibits in this year's Franklin County Fair, it is hoped, will be the best in the Fair's history, with a complete display of farm and home exhibits, according to the announcement.

A special matinee is planned for Wednesday and Saturday of fair week, which are designated as school days, with all children being admitted free on these days. Tickets are to be distributed through the schools.

The midway will feature Barstow Amusements with rides, shows and entertainment for the whole family. As a special feature again this year will be a colorful display of fireworks nightly at 10 p.m.

Commissioners Vote To Sell Home Site To Prospect

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting with local industrial development leaders in a special session here last night, voted to make official an earlier action making the Ben Franklin Boarding Home property available

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Franklinton Group Starts Defense Fund

A group of Franklinton citizens met in the Town Hall Tuesday night and named a three-member trustee committee for a Franklinton defense fund to be used, according to the announcement, in the event the school district needs to defend itself against the federal government.

The group, numbering nearly two hundred persons, had been instrumental in the recent reversal by the School Board of an earlier decision to move two seventh grades from the B. F. Person-Albion School

to the Franklinton High School.

Named trustees of the defense fund were James S. Joyner, Mrs. Wallace Pruitt and Rev. Tommy Clarke. Funds are to be deposited in the Franklinton branch of First Citizens Bank and a spokesman for the group said anyone wishing to make a donation could do so either at the bank or through one of the trustees.

The group also voted to present a selection of four names See FRANKLINTON Page 4

Man Dies Following Wreck Near Pilot

A Purple Heart veteran of Vietnam died in "a Raleigh hospital Tuesday from injuries received in a tractor-car accident near Pilot last Sunday afternoon.

Charles Danny Smith, 23, of Route 1, Selma, received fatal injuries when the convertible in which he was riding struck a tractor-trailer truck and overturned near Pilot late Sunday afternoon.

State Trooper Dwight Hinton who investigated the accident could not be reached Wednesday or today to confirm the

exact location of the accident. If it occurred inside the Franklin County line, Smith's death would be the seventh highway fatality in the county this year and would surpass the six killed on county highways for all of 1965.

Smith, of the U. S. Army, had been recovering at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, from wounds received in action in Vietnam, and had taken leave to visit his parents.

Smith was one of two men riding in a convertible at high

speed which hit a tractor on U. S. 64 east of Zebulon. Officers said the car had been traveling at 90 to 100 mph when it went out of control on a curve and collided with the tractor.

Masonic Notice

Louisburg Lodge 413 AF & AM will hold a stated communication on Tuesday evening, September 27, at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. A very interesting program is planned. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

An Editorial

National Highway Week, Let's Celebrate

Governor Dan K. Moore has declared this week National Highway Week in North Carolina. Let's have a party.

To celebrate the event, the Highway Commission met Tuesday and opened bids on 26 new projects in 22 counties totaling \$2.7 million dollars. Franklin County was not among them.

Not so surprising, however, is the fact that \$19,110 was granted to screen junk-yards and the first phase of work on the controversial Durham Expressway. It is interesting to note that this relatively small amount of money going to Durham county is over twice as much as Franklin County has received for primary roads in the last eight years.

And still the silence continues. It seems reasonable to us that after fifteen weeks of these articles, each of which has been sent to the Governor, State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt and Fifth Division Commissioner J. B. Brame, that someone in the state capital could find some explanation for our situation and would give the people of Franklin County and the Fifth Division some answers.

We realize that several things have appeared here to which there might not be an answer. Certainly some have been referred to which the present administration could not be expected to explain. However there are two very simple questions which could and should be answered.

First, someone knows why the acquisition of rights-of-way was stopped on the N. C. 56 project after the improvements had been placed in the highway hopper. Someone had to order it stopped. It did not stop by itself. That someone should be required to explain why.

Secondly, there seems to be no reason why someone in authority can not tell Franklin County it is to get its share of the Road Bond money. Unless, of course, it is planned for this \$2,640,580 to be used in Wake and Dur-

ham counties.

We cannot remember any instance during the last thirty years when the tax-paying, voting public could not get an answer from its elected and appointed public officials on matters pertaining to the people's business.

If the State of North Carolina is conducting all its business in a manner such as that being exercised by the State Highway Commission in this matter, the Old North State is in a sad condition.

Letters have been sent to the Governor, the Chairman and the Commissioner by a United States Congressman, Administration supporters here in the county, and a number of private citizens. Dozens of editorials and articles, including television coverage, have been issued in support of the facts presented in this series of front page editorials. Still there are no answers.

What does it take to get a five-cent letter from Raleigh? What does it take to get our public officials to make a statement on how they are conducting our business? More importantly, how does one go about letting them know they are not conducting it in a manner satisfactory to us?

If they don't answer letters, give attention to a host of news media, or show any concern that an entire county considers this a most grave situation, how does one approach them?

Franklin County is not the only community disturbed about the highway situation. Is the Highway Commission going to ignore Franklin until it is joined, as surely it will be, by a number of other counties?

Are we in Franklin going to have to resort to other means to get our answers? Our money.

It might be wise for the Commission to ponder this question and find an answer for themselves. Even though they still decline to answer our other questions, perhaps they'd better answer this one.

