

Today Could Be The Day

Franklin County and its citizens have waited patiently, sometimes expectantly for a decision these past few weeks. The decision, to be made by people unknown to most of us, in the name of a company also unknown except to a select few.

The decision of whether or not a major industrial plant is to locate in this area, is of immense concern to us all.

The benefits this community of Franklin County and surrounding areas can expect to gain with a decision favoring us, is almost unbelievable. Strange wonder that so many folks are anxiously awaiting the word.

That word might come today. Increased activity in certain areas, unexplained movements by some officials, an air of urgency on matters normally expected to take more time, all point to something in the wind.

While, as they say, nothing is certain but death and taxes, the area's chances are still good at this writing. Unless someone is over optimistic, or something develops further, the chance of the plant locating here is very good.

Too many things are happening and too much is going on. The suspense cannot continue indefinitely. The pitch keeps building. The decision is expected anytime.

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Fountain Gets Award For Saving Taxpayer's Money

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Representative L. H. Fountain (Dem. - 2nd Congressional District, N. C.) was presented with the "Watchdog of the Treasury Award" by Elton Kile, President, National Associated Businessmen, Inc. The award was given in recognition of Rep. Fountain's 100 percent voting record in the 89th Congress for economy in government as opposed to increased Federal spending.

The N. A. B. award was based on a compilation of the official voting record on major legislation involving questions of economy in government, such as Foreign Air, the Poverty Program, establishment of a Federal Teachers Corps, establishment of a new Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rent Supplements, and major appropriations bills. On all of these measures Congressman Fountain voted for reduced Federal spending.

In congratulating Congressman Fountain, Mr. Kile said, "Your outstanding economy voting record indicates to our membership that you have a keen realization of the problems of fiscal responsibility. I congratulate you on the courage you have shown in standing up to oppose those who are blind to the possibility of increasing the efficiency and the reduction in the scale of Federal programs. Your economy

voting record is a constructive achievement of which you and your constituents can be justly proud."

Made up primarily of small business firms, the NAB is a non-partisan organization with headquarters in Washington. Its goals include fiscal responsibility in government and the elimination of the Federal Government from competition with business.

Twelve Locals Get College Scholarships

Twelve local residents were among recipients of various scholarships awarded at Louisiana College for the academic year 1966-67.

Five hundred dollar Trustee Scholarships were awarded to Anna Collier DeButts, Louisiana; Sara Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Collier, Louisiana; Raymond Hight, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hight, Franklin; and Judith Hinton, Louisiana. This scholarship is based on an average of B or in the top 15% of the high school graduating class; minimum of a total of 900 on College Board Scores, excellent character, good leadership ability, and evidence of financial need. Receiving \$275.00 Trustee Scholarships were Lala Carol

Blasts Do Minor Damage

Two explosions early Wednesday night in the vicinity of Harris Crossroads resulted in minor damage, mostly to window panes in the homes of two Negro families. What was described as dynamite, by Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten, was set off between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Wednesday in the yards of homes occupied by the Robert Goode and Lonnie Black families.

The blasts reportedly occurred about five minutes apart and took place several yards from the houses. The houses are located on opposite sides of what is known locally as the Tarboro Road just off U. S. 401 at the crossroads, and are about a quarter of a mile apart. Black's wife said this morning that she, her husband and two children were sitting in the rear of the house when the ex-

plosion took place. She said she had no idea who nor why the blasts were set off in her yard. She said that her only child in school attended a Negro school and that she had had no trouble either near Youngsville where she lived earlier nor at her present location. The Goode children also attended Negro schools, according to reports and no reason for the incidents was theorized by Sheriff's officers who were called late Wednesday night and were searching for clues at the homes this morning.

Batten agreed that it could be the work of a prank, but added, "It is a dangerous one." Black is a disabled veteran, suffering a heart condition and Goode is employed by the City of Raleigh, according to reports.

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Board Of Education Talks Consolidation

The Franklin County Board of Education, plagued for the last several months with problems not directly connected with educational aspects of the school system, turned its attention Wednesday to areas of improved opportunities for Franklin County pupils.

The Board spent around two hours of its regular monthly meeting, postponed from Monday, in discussing long range building plans aimed at consolidation of several schools in the system. The Board also looked with favor on a preliminary report from a special committee of school principals, which calls for more consistency in scholastic requirements in the county school system.

Indicative of the interest of the Board in making a start on improving the educational offerings, a special meeting was set for Wednesday, October 19, at which time the entire meeting is to be spent studying possible steps to implement a long range plan.

The county system has been allotted \$558,000 in state bond money which has not been used. An acceptable long range plan must be presented and approved by state officials before the money can be released.

No actions were taken Wednesday and the discussions were termed "strictly unofficial," but several items were mentioned as possible starts. Among these were additional classrooms at Louisburg and Bunn schools, a possible cafeteria at Edward Best High School, enlargement and renovation of the Bunn gym, (already being drawn by the school architect), and repairs to several other schools.

Board members are to study the 1963 survey report made by state planning people, as a refresher on the state recommendation prior to the next meeting. One member proposed community public hearings to determine whether or not the people favored a move toward consolidation at this time.

A preliminary study was made Wednesday of high school enrollments in several schools and it was disclosed that funds, including the bond money, are available now with which to begin a long range plan of consolidation.

Changes in graduation and promotion requirements and others, recommended by the special committee will be presented to local school administrators and will be returned to the county Board for final approval when the committee's report has been accepted locally.

In other action, the Board approved the employment of 48 persons under the ESEA Program, headed by Earl R. Martin, Director, and also approved the employment of 13 local school treasurers and bookkeepers.

Fund raising projects in the county schools and items to be sold in school stores were also approved. Present bus routes were studied and, with minor changes, were passed by the Board.

Mrs. Margaret Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, was named to represent the Board on the Board of Directors of Franklin-Warren-Vance Opportunity, Inc., a Community

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Franklinton Lions Meets

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton Lions Club met at the Community House Monday evening with Lion Tom Poole presiding.

Visitors recognized were Arthur Hall from the Youngsville Lions Club and D. H. Sowers, local High School Principal.

Lion Richard Golightly called attention to the White Cane Drive which will include a Road Block on Saturday, October 15.

The members were advised that the District Governor, Monroe Gardner of Warrenton, would make his official visit to the club on October 17.

Lions View Film

The Louisburg Lions Club, whose prime projects are connected with aiding the blind, were treated to a film on eye care in the meeting here Tuesday night.

Dr. Richard C. Whitfield, a member of the Franklinton Lions Club and an optometrist, showed the group a film entitled, "As They Really Are." The film pointed out that sight is man's greatest asset to the outside world, that man not only sees but understands through sight and that we are now living in a world of sights.

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An Editorial

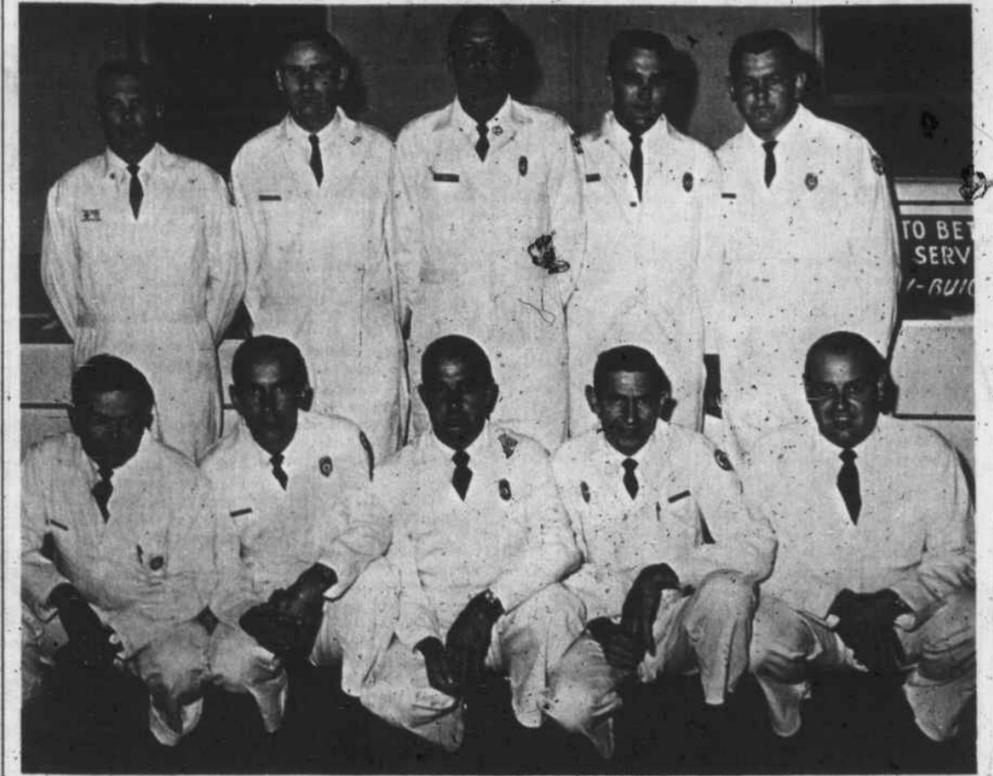
A Long Way From Home

There are seven counties in the Fifth Highway Division. Of the seven, Franklin County ranks second in the number of miles of Primary Highways. Franklin ranks a poor seventh in Primary Highway fund allocation. The placement in mileage is based on 1965 figures, which remain stable. The placement on funds, while it would likely be the same choosing any group of years since 1937, is based on the last seven.

Franklin is third in the Division in the number of miles of secondary roads and third in the Division in the number of total miles of all roads. Franklin County is seventh or the lowest possible place in the amount of funds being spent here on roads.

Not surprising, is the fact that while the county ranks third in land area, it ranks sixth in family income, sixth in total employment, sixth in the number of trucks and cars and sixth in the amount of taxes paid by trucks in the county.

Income, employment, vehicles and taxes come from good roads. Franklin doesn't have any. Income, employment, vehicles and taxes are not expected to improve in the county until our roads are improved.



Louisburg Rescue Service

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service pose above for their annual picture. A similar photograph is to be used on the Louisburg Lions Club calendar this year, honoring the local service organization. Pictured standing, left to right, A. F. Johnson, Jr.; Earl Smith; Charlie Lambert; David

Minnich and Ned Lloyd. Kneeling, left to right, Willard Morton, Chief V. A. Peoples, Joe Shearon, Bryant Best and Wyatt Freeman. Members not present for the picture are Gerald Eury and Kyle Prince. -Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

County Records Seventh Fatality In September

Franklin County passed the total 1965 highway death total with the seventh fatality being registered in the month of September. A car-tractor-trailer accident near Pilot Sunday, September 18, which claimed the life two days later of Charles Danny Smith, 23-year-old Selma veteran of Vietnam, was the seventh highway fatality of the year in Franklin County.

The county registered its sixth fatality last year on October 16 then proceeded to finish out the year with a death on the highways. In 1964, a near-record year, fourteen persons were killed in Franklin County. The worse year in recent history came in 1958. Fifteen persons were killed on county highways then.

The report on Franklin County reveals 43 accidents,

25 persons injured and a property damage of \$18,915.00 for the month of September. Granville and Warren each had one fatality during the month. Granville had 39 accidents with 17 injured and property damage set at \$12,975.00. Warren had 18 accidents, 15

injured and damage of \$7,250. Completing the Troop "C" District IV Highway Patrol Division, Vance County had no fatalities, 14 accidents, 19 injured and property damage

of \$8,775.00 for September. All total, the four-county district had 114 accidents, 77 injuries, 3 fatalities and property damage of \$47,915.

Local Weather

Precipitation Last 24 Hours -0-
Precipitation Same Period Last Year -0-
Precipitation Since 7 A.M. Last Tuesday -0-
Precipitation Same Period Last Year 1.03
Wednesday's High 74; Low 36
Year Ago High 63; Low 30
Tar River Level Today 1.75 ft.
Tar River Level Year Ago 2.00 ft.

FORECAST

Fair and rather cool today. Generally fair and somewhat warmer tomorrow. Sun sets tonight 5:54 p.m.; sun rises tomorrow 6:14 a.m.

First Cotton Baled

The first report of cotton being ginned in the county came Wednesday from Napier Williamson, operator of Tucker's Gin in Louisburg. The report stated 514 pounds of cotton were baled for J. Howard Conyers of Route 1, Franklinton.

A report this morning from Dickens' gin at White Level discloses that cotton was baled Wednesday there for D. E. Mills of Hollister.

Rogers' Case Dismissed, New Warrants Sworn

The case charging assault by Franklinton Schools Superintendent Fred W. Rogers upon two school youths was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction here Tuesday in Recorder's Court. Judge G. M. Beam ordered the charges dismissed when it was determined that the charges involved simple assault and did not come under the jurisdiction of the court.

New warrants were sworn against Rogers Tuesday afternoon by parents of Charles D. Smith, 15, and Melvin D. Hayes, 17, both of Franklinton. The case is scheduled for Louisburg Mayor's Court Monday night.

The charges reportedly came out of an incident which is said to have taken place on the Louisburg High School grounds during a football game between Louisburg and Franklinton on September 23. Rogers would make no comment on the charges when contacted last week, but reports say that he found the

youths tampering with his car in the parking lot. Charges by the boy's parents claim Rogers choked one of the boys and threatened them with bodily harm.

In other actions before Recorder's Court Judge G. M. Beam Tuesday, the following cases were disposed of:

James Crawford Cooper, Jr., w/m/23, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.
Angle Lee Wilson, w/f/18, no operator's license. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Elvin Vance Overton, w/m/46, motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Joseph Samuel Jordan, c/m/19, motor vehicle violation. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Marguerite Washington, c/f, larceny. Hearing waived. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury.

Timothy Morrison Shearin, w/m/21, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Betty Sue Murray, w/f/19, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Daniel Atless Johnson, w/m/52, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Felix Parrish, w/m, worthless check. Verdict: guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of check and costs of court. Notice of appeal. \$200.00 appearance bond.

Felix Yarborough Parrish, w/m/48, non-support. Nol Pros upon State's witness paying costs of court.

William A. Dunn, w/m/18, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Jimmy Allen Fuller, w/m/23, motor vehicle violation. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Boose, motor vehicle violation. \$100.00 fine and costs, and \$50.00 into office of C. S. C. for use and benefit of Albert L. Alston.

Charlie Harris, Jr., non-support. 12 months in jail; notice of appeal. \$500.00 appearance bond.

Ronald Mitchell, w/m/22, motor vehicle violation. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Fred Rogers, w/m, assault. Defendant - demurs to jurisdiction of Court. Court allows Demurrer, and case is

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Registration Books To Open

Registration books will open for the November 8 election on Saturday, October 15, according to Board of Elections Secretary John King. Some reports have been made that books in some areas would open this Saturday.

Ballots have already been printed and received by the Board of Elections in preparation for the November 8 balloting. Registrars and election officials have been named by the county board.

Absence of sharp contests on the local level or elsewhere for Franklin County voters will most likely result in a smaller number of voters than in the recent past. Saturday, November 5, will be Challenge Day and the books will be open for registrants the three Saturdays prior to that day.

We just wanted to point out that we're still a long way from home and to get there, it's likely to take much more than five miles.