

Improvements Set For U. S. 401 North, South, U.S. 1 North, But None For N.C. 56

The word came Wednesday on what Franklin County is to receive in the way of highway improvements during the Moore administration. In a meeting here between Fifth Highway Division Commissioner J. B. Brame, highway engineers and local officials, the Commissioner said he brought, "What I am afraid is bad news."

Actually, there was some good mixed with the "bad news" Mr. Brame referred to, depending in large part upon what section of Franklin County a person might live. U. S. 401 from Louisburg to the Wake County line at N. C. 98 is to be resurfaced and so is U. S. 1 from Franklinton to the Vance County line. There are two new projects not heretofore promised. Also, Brame reiterated what Governor Moore had written some weeks ago that U. S. 401 north of Louisburg would be rebuilt to Ingleside.

Also included in the discussions is the proposed Town of Louisburg projects, Main and Nash Streets and Justice St. improvements.

The "bad news" came in the matter of N. C. 56 and the long-awaited relief from poor road conditions on this stretch running from Louisburg east to the Nash County line. N. C. 56 is not slated for improvements during the present administration, according to Mr. Brame.

"You are not happy with road conditions in Franklin County and I am not happy with road conditions in Franklin County," Mr. Brame said in his opening remarks. "I have come not to satisfy but to explain," he stated. He told of the federal aid projects of which N. C. 56 is one and that federal funds had been curtailed by 16 percent in the present allocation. He said he would be frank and honest by saying the number one project for him was the Durham expressway and the Raleigh to Chapel Hill connecting roads. He stated that all of the \$15 million allotted in federal aid funds for the years of the Moore administration in the Fifth Division would be spent on these highways.

All Franklin County projects are to come from bond money. The Commissioner said that the Division had been allotted \$10 million for primary road construction and quoting from memory, figures used in front page editorials in The Franklin Times, stated that he believed that under the allocation by road mileage, Franklin County's share was \$2 million. (Editor's Note: The actual figure published in The Times is \$2,432,680.00). Mr. Brame then stated that the project on U. S. 401 was slated to cost an estimated \$350,000.00. Resurfacing on U. S. 401 South and U. S. 1 North are estimated to cost \$101,000 on the first and \$140,000 for U. S. 1 to Henderson, Franklin County's proportionate share of this project was not stated.

He disclosed also, that a project is planned for Vance County which will rebuild N. C. 39 to the Franklin County line. The Commissioner said he hoped to be able to extend these improvements to the section between Epsom and Ingleside if funds were available.

He disclosed that N. C. 56 was approved by the Highway Commission on April 4, 1963. Later he explained several projects approved prior to that time which were dependent upon federal aid funds. At one point, Mr. Brame stated, "We are still undecided on the amount of bond funds we're going to spend in Franklin County." He did not elaborate. Mr. M. T. Adkins, Division Engineer stated, in answer to a question, posed by County Commissioner George Harris on what to expect on N. C. 56, "I don't know what the final outcome will be. It is still approved." Mr. Brame said in regards to N. C. 56, "The Commission will not be able to do much beyond this explained today." Later Brame, again referring to N. C. 56 which was designated as a blue line on the illustration map said, "Unless additional funds are made available the next Commission may go out of office before the blue lined roads are accomplished. If I had to say, I'd estimate at least

five years on the blue projects." Mr. Adkins stated that U. S. 401-39 North of Louisburg is to be, "The highest type of primary road, except for interstate highways, we will build." He said he felt that it would take around two years to complete the rebuilding project. Work on U. S. 401 south of Louisburg and U. S. 1 north of Franklinton is expected to get underway next year. "There will probably be no work done, but it will be awarded and completed in the first half of 1967," Mr. Adkins stated.

Mr. Brame, in reference to a headline he said appeared in the Person County newspaper (The Roxboro Courier-Times), which said "officials were hazy", stated "There is nothing hazy about the Fifth Division. It's mostly bad news." He explained that he had appeared in Person County, Granville and Vance County Wednesday and explained certain projects in those locations. A project is also planned in Warren County, he stated.

The resurfacing work to be done on the two Franklin County projects was described as "hot-type asphalt." Meeting with the highway officials were members of the County Board of Commissioners, Louisburg Town Council members, Mayor and Administrator, representatives of the Better Roads Committee and members of the news media.

Times Managing Editor Clint Fuller asked the Commissioner if what Fuller referred to as the "little missing link" which would exist on N. C. 39 from Epsom to Ingleside, would be rebuilt if a cushion of funds which Brame had referred to earlier, were available. The Commissioner answered that he hoped so. Fuller also took issue with the Commissioner when he stated that N. C. 56 had not been promised by him. Fuller reminded Mr. Brame of a promise by Highway-Commission Chairman Joe Hunt in 1965 that N. C. 56 was on schedule and would be accomplished. Brame stated that Mr. Hunt probably relied on information supplied him by someone else in the department. He again stated that he (Brame) had made no such promises.

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U. S. 401 South
Yes



U. S. 1 North
Yes



N. C. 56 East
No

Carter Paroled From Life Plus Forty

A 53-year-old former Franklin Chief of Police who was sentenced to life plus forty years in the 1954 slaying of his mother-in-law was paroled in Raleigh this week, according to reports received here.

State Paroles Board Chairman Marvin R. Wooten said the parole was granted because "Carter had served more than the 10 years required before he was eligible for parole."

Frank W. Carter, Jr., 42 years old at the time of the crime, and at one time the elected Mayor of Franklinton,

although he resigned before serving in office, was sentenced in Franklin Superior Court on February 7, 1956 by Judge Malcolm B. Seawell, to life plus forty years on charges of first degree murder in the death of Mrs. Fred Wilder of Franklinton. The forty-year-sentence was imposed for arson. Carter was accused of setting fire to a barn and haystack to attract Mrs. Wilder to her house prior to the shooting.

In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Seawell stipulated that the life sentence was to begin at the end of the forty years to "insure" that Carter would spend the rest of his life in prison.

The trial in 1956 followed an appeal to the State Supreme Court of a death sentence imposed in the initial trial in November of 1955. Judge Clawson Williams was ruled to have erred in his charge to the jury in the first trial which led to the new trial in 1956.

U. S. 64

The word from Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame Wednesday, in regards to U. S. 64 east-west highway as proposed by a delegation from Nash County in a recent Commission session, is that it is unlikely that it will be accomplished.

Discussions have been going on for some time about extending U. S. 264 or U. S. 64 from Zebulon and connecting with the by-pass at Nashville. Times Editor Clint Fuller asked the Commissioner that in the event U. S. 64 was approved for widening and resurfacing from Zebulon, would this be done to the five to six miles of U. S. 64 in Franklin County. The answer from Division Engineer M. T. Adkins was that it would be, if the project was approved.

Carter, according to reports, had his two sentences

N. C. 561

It was pointed out in Wednesday's meeting here with Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame that N. C. 561 was in need of repairs. Division Engineer M. T. Adkins stated that they were aware of this condition but did not have funds available to do anything about it at this time.

He did indicate, however, that some resurfacing of N. C. 561 was possible under use of maintenance funds, a portion at a time. He did not say, however, that this would be done.

Local Man To Market Tobacco Invention

Build a better mouse-trap and the world will build a path to your door, the old saying goes. Joe Lane, local radio station owner and a hometown friend in association with Lane's father, Mr. Bennie Lane, Rt. 3, Tabor City, N. C. have built what appears to be a better method for handling tobacco for curing.

The invention, called a basket for the lack of a better name, because it actually is a basket, holds about the same amount of tobacco as is usually tied on a stick.

Loose leaf tobacco is placed inside the hinged basket and is hung in the barn just as sticks of tobacco would be. The gadget is a great time and labor saving device, according to Lane and C. T. Dean, County Farm Extension Agent.

A demonstration was held Tuesday on the Graham Perrell farm at Alert where news-

changed, to run concurrently by Gov. Terry Sanford, which led to the parole this week after having served some over ten years of the terms.

He was paroled to work with the T. A. Loving Construction Co., a Raleigh firm, with a stipulation that he not return to Franklin County for the duration of his parole, usually set at five years.

Carter, who came to Franklinton in the Spring of 1948 from Elm City to become Chief of Police, later resigned the post to take a position with the State ABC Board. In 1949 he was elected Mayor but resigned before accepting office. He returned to Elm

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men and interested person were invited to witness the operation. Most were impressed with the idea. Lane stated that thus far there had been only minor problems in the design of the baskets. He said he and his partner Darrell Stocks of Tabor City would continue testing the device. Lane says the original idea was his father's and that he and Stocks are forming a corporation to market the idea. A U. S. patent has been applied for, says Lane and his father will receive a royalty on baskets sold when they are placed on the market.

Two persons can do the work of seven or eight handlers at the barn according to Lane and he advanced the idea that placing the lead inside the baskets in the field could result in further labor savings.

The baskets are made of wire, covered with plastic and

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College Sets Annual Parents Day Tuesday

Louisburg College will play host to an expected 450 parents Tuesday as the 180-year old institution celebrates annual Parents Day. David Daniel, Director of College Relations says this is the largest response ever for the traditional visit by parents.

Registration will begin in Fine Arts Building at 9:30 a.m. with the Parents Meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Auditorium. Lunch will be served in the Benjamin Duke Cafeteria beginning at 11:45 and a tour of the campus will be conducted beginning at 1:30 p.m. with parents given

the opportunity to meet and talk with the professors in their offices.

The Parents-Faculty Tea is slated for 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. Appearing on the programs throughout the day will be: Rev. Wade Goldston, College Chaplain; Garland McPherson, Student Government President; Jean Perry, vice president of the S. G. A.; Miss Sarah Foster, Music Director; Dean John B. York; Dean Tommy Patterson; Daniels; and Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of the College.



New Invention

Darrell Stocks of Tabor City, left and Joe Lane of Louisburg demonstrate tobacco curing baskets which the two will market. Lane's father, Bennie Lane of Tabor City started the idea, which Lane says will save considerable labor and cost in burning.

—Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Board Talks Long Range Building Plans

The Franklin County Board of Education held a special meeting Wednesday to discuss long range building plans for the county and the utilization of state bond money.

The three and a half hour session was held following a similar session two weeks ago. Several possibilities were discussed as to additions at several schools but no definite plans were announced. Supt. Warren W. Smith was ordered to confer with state planning people on some of the suggestions expressed by the Board for use of bond funds. Most of the proposed building discussed in the Wednesday session concerned additional classrooms with the thinking of the Board being to add with an eye to future growth.

It is expected that state planning people will be invited to the November regular session of the Board and some announcements could be forthcoming following this conference.

Louisburg Projects

The \$112,200 road bond money allocated for the Town of Louisburg came under discussion in the meeting here Wednesday with Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame. It was stated that the money had already been approved as had been announced earlier by Governor Moore. Plans presently call for resurfacing Main Street from the River Road on the south to the town limits north of the hospital drive on Main Street. Plans also call for resurfacing Nash Street to the Bickett Blvd. intersection.

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