

## Rogers Not Returning To Franklinton School Post

Superintendent Fred Rogers, head of the Franklinton City Schools, will not be returning to his post after July 1. The news leaked out over the weekend that Rogers had not re-applied for the position he has held for the past four years.

The news came when a letter signed by members of the Franklinton unit of the N. C. Teacher's Association was sent to acting Board Chairman Richard C. Whitfield, disclosing the news and asking that the Board find "someone who can measure up to the high standards set by Mr. Rogers".

A copy of the letter was received by the Raleigh News and Observer but it was not learned who sent it, nor were any of the signatures disclosed. In the Sunday edition of the Raleigh newspaper, it was disclosed that Rogers had not revealed his future plans.

Supt. Rogers declined to make any comment when contacted at his office by The Franklin Times Monday. He did not indicate that he would have liked to return to the post, which has been highly controversial during recent months. He did praise the citizens of Franklinton for their help in the progress of the schools. He also commented on the

many friends he had made while there.

The letter expressed "shock and a great disappointment" and stated that the teachers deplored the board's action in the matter.

Mr. Rogers has been the center of controversy since a visit by Health, Education and Welfare officials last year. As a result of the visit the Franklinton Board first agreed to transfer two seventh grades from B. F. Person-Albion School to the predominantly white Franklinton High School. The decision was later reversed after local citizens came en masse to a public meeting to protest the move. The unit was placed on the deferred list and federal funds for new projects was cut off. A hearing in the matter is slated later this month.

The fact that Mr. Rogers will not be returning adds to the already questionable situation of the unit. Board chairman John Moore has moved to Rocky Mount but has not resigned, although a number of citizens have protested the "vacancy" even to the point of obtaining a ruling from the State Attorney General. Dr. Richard Whitfield, acting chairman, has said he will not seek reelection in the May 2 balloting

for three positions on the board. Rupert Pearce and Moore are the other incumbents whose terms expire. Thus far only one candidate has come forward for the post, J. W. Dickerson, Jr. filed last Thursday for one of the seats.

## Bunn Sets Election, Candidates File At Franklinton, Centerville

The political scenes in Franklin County livened somewhat over the past few days as candidates filed in Franklinton and Centerville

and Bunn set May 23 as election day there.

Frank Collins, Franklinton and Youngsville businessman filed for Mayor of Franklinton.

Mayor Joe Pearce, not yet filed is expected to seek reelection. Collins is a former town councilman, was mayor-pro-tem and Justice of

the Peace at Franklinton. Pearce is completing his third two-year term as Mayor of the county's second largest municipality.

Incumbent councilmen at Franklinton, C. A. Payne, Charlie Hight, Willie Shearin and Henry Holmes have all filed. This leaves Jimmy Joyner, a banker as the only incumbent councilman not filed. Joyner announced some time ago that he intended to seek reelection. One person has filed for one of three vacancies on the Franklinton City School Board. J. W. Dickerson, Jr. an employee of Franklinton Fabrics has filed. Chairman John Moore has moved to Rocky Mount, acting chairman Richard Whitfield has said he will not seek reelection and Rupert Pearce has made no announcement as to his intentions. These are the three members of the Board whose terms expire this year.

At Centerville, Mayor John Neal and incumbent council members, Mrs. Agnes Leonard and John Pleasants have all filed. L. S. Ward has also filed for a council seat. The third incumbent councilman Buck Denton has not announced his intentions.

Bunn Mayor William A. (Bill) Andrews reports that May 23 has been set as the date for the Bunn elections. A delay in a revised charter in 1965 moved that year's elections to the fourth Tuesday in the month and this is being continued this year. There have been no candidates filing for the Bunn offices, although Mayor Andrews is expected to seek another term.

Incumbent Youngsville Mayor Marvin Roberts has filed for reelection as so have the five incumbent councilmen: W. T. Moss, J. T. Allen, D. H. Cyrus, Sr.; M. D. Hoyle and E. J. Pearce. No report of other filings has been made. In Louisburg, nine candidates have filed for town council seats and incumbent Mayor

V. A. (Tommy) Peoples has filed for reelection to the top post. Incumbent council members, Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal, E. F. Thomas, Jonah Taylor, S. C. (Buster) Foster and H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys have filed. Four others have filed for a seat on the six-member council. They are W. J. (Pete) Shearin, Alfred Goodwin, George T. (Jolly) Bunn and Rufus Place.

Franklinton, Louisburg, Youngsville and Centerville will hold elections on Tuesday, May 2. Bunn will hold elections on May 23.

## Not A Time For Rest

If there is a time for play and a time for work and a time for rest, a 26-year-old local Negro picked the wrong time here last Saturday night. Local police officers spotted David McArthur Crudup asleep inside the Collier-Joyner Store on South Main street while making routine rounds. Crudup had gained entry into the building through a rear window. He had packed a large amount of merchandise in a cardboard box and filled his pockets with an assortment of candy, gum, shoe laces, etc. before deciding to take a brief nap before continuing his night's work.

His rude awakening came when officers called him for the short ride to the local jail.

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington reported that Crudup had been in trouble on similar charges of breaking and entering before. He was released from jail just last Thursday after serving time for the same offense.

There has been no report on whether or not the man has yet caught up on his sleep, but reliable sources indicate that if he hasn't, he probably will.

## Commissioners Endorse Industrial Revenue Bonds

A resolution in support of the proposed industrial revenue bond legislation now before the General Assembly was passed last week by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board stated, "Recommends and will urge its Representatives and Senators in the North Carolina General Assembly to support necessary legislation to authorize the issuance of industrial revenue bonds to finance the construction of and the equipping of industrial plants".

The motion was made by Commissioner George Harris and seconded by Commissioner Norwood Faulkner. All members voted in favor of the motion.

In other actions, taken in a special meeting here last Thursday, the Board requested Fifth Division Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame to black top the new drive around the new wing of Franklin Memorial Hospital, using unallocated funds from secondary roads.

District Engineer M. T. Adkins was requested to conduct a survey of county road extending from the Louisburg town limits to the cloverleaf at the Bickett Blvd. by-pass north of town for possible widening and resurfacing with the Town of Louisburg street paving project. Funds for the survey cost are to come from unallocated secondary funds.

The Board also thanked Mr. Brame for "the fine hospitality and courtesies extended to them". No mention was made of the two new highway projects in the county. The Highway Commission, through Mr. Brame has completed resurfacing U. S. 1 at Franklinton and is now in the process of resurfacing U. S. 401 from Louisburg to N. C. 98 on the Raleigh Road.

## Commissioners Depositories Designate

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here last Thursday in special session designated depositories for all county funds. The action was a result of differences which arose between the Commissioners and the Board of Education over transfer of school funds.

The Board of Education, meeting with school advisory councils here last Wednesday night, took time out to pass a resolution authorizing the chairman and the secretary to transfer county school funds. Although the Board of Education did not include the sizeable ESEA federal funds in its resolution, the Board of Commissioners included it in their resolution. This difference, if it becomes such, is expected to be worked out later by the two Boards.

The resolution by the Commissioners was in compliance with the 1913 law under which

they first acted last December to transfer local school funds. The law required the Board to designate the depository. Three banks in the county had already been designated Treasurers for county funds, but not depositories.

Under the action, First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. will have on deposit the Revaluation Fund, Industrial Development Transfer Fund, Dog Fund, Health Fund, Hospital Transfer Account and the General Purpose Fund. Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. will have on deposit Debt Service, Courthouse Repair Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, Franklinton Graded School Transfer Fund, General County School Fund and ESEA Funds.

Both First-Citizens and Waccamaw are located at Louisburg. Central Carolina Bank and Trust Co., located at Youngsville will have on de-

posit the Franklinton School Debt Service and the Louisburg School Debt Service Funds.

The resolution to transfer funds and to establish depositories was made by Commissioner Brooks W. Young and seconded by Commissioner Richard Cash. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion by the Board of Education authorizing the

transfer of county school funds was made by Board member Jones H. Winston and seconded by Clint Fuller. All members of the Board voted in favor of the move.

The Board of Education had requested that its funds be deposited with interest on unused balances. The Commissioners agreed to investigate this possibility.

## Fountain Gets Release Of Federal Funds

Washington, D. C. --- Congressman L. H. Fountain said today Federal funds for blind children in North Carolina have finally been released after being unjustifiably withheld by the U. S. Office of Education for almost two years.

Fountain said \$74,000 in Federal funds is being made available immediately to the Governor Morehead School, operated by North Carolina for blind children, in Raleigh.

The release of the funds came after inquiries by Fountain in behalf of a constituent whose blind son is a student at the Governor Morehead School. The mother wrote that funds were being held up despite a need for Braille books and other equipment.

Fountain's investigation revealed that the Office of Education had violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fountain Amendment enacted last year to guard against arbitrary decisions by the Office of Education.

The Office of Education admitted to Fountain that the Governor Morehead School had not been granted a hearing and formally found in non-compliance with the Civil Rights Act. Such a procedure is required under the Act before Federal funds can be withheld.

The Office of Education further had become entangled in its own attempt to circumvent the letter and spirit of the Civil Rights Act, Fountain said.

His amendment prohibits any "deferral" of funds -- a technique invented by the Office of Education to bypass the Civil Rights Act -- more

than 60 days without a hearing.

The Office of Education admitted that the Fountain Amendment was applicable in the Morehead School case and that the school was not in a "deferred" status although the funds unaccountably had been frozen. Caught in its own bureaucratic web, the Office released the funds.

## Candidate Injured In Fall

Former Louisburg Fire Chief, W. J. (Pete) Shearin, now a candidate for the town council has returned home from a Raleigh hospital after suffering a broken heel in an accident last Thursday afternoon.

Shearin, with Dr. Gerald Shinn of Louisburg, was inspecting the grave site of Matthew Dickinson, first president of Louisburg College when the two sighted a nearby abandoned house. Both men are members of the Franklin County Historical Society and decided to investigate the abandoned dwelling in the event that it might house some memento of Dickinson.

The second story flooring gave way and Shearin fell through, injuring his ankle, which, at first was believed to be only a sprain. Later examination revealed the break and Shearin was hospitalized in Raleigh.

Dickinson's grave is located in a wooded area off U. S. 401 about eight miles northeast of Louisburg.

## Legislation Could Help Local Airport

Joe Shearin, local aviation enthusiast and supporter of action to improve the local airport, has remarked, in light of a measure reported out favorably in the House last week, "This legislation can do well for Franklin County towards airport development".

The measure in question won approval by the House Committee on Conservation and Development. It contains provisions for granting state financial aid to local communities in airport development. Shearin added, "The Airport Commission wants the support of everyone" and urged locals to talk to their County Commissioners and legislators.

The bill would allow about \$500,000 received by the State each year from sales and taxes on airplanes, aircraft parts

and aviation fuel to be used for grants and loans.

The Aviation Commission would be appointed by the Governor to work with the State Department of Conservation and Development in administering the airport aid program. Robert Flournoy, an aviation specialist with the C&D Department, told the committee that airport development in the State is "no where near what we need. We're woefully behind in comparison to other southeastern states, and this will go a long way to supplementing local and federal funds."

Flournoy said that the \$500,000 in State funds and \$500,000 in local matching funds would qualify for \$1 million in federal funds.

## Fountain Says Funds Not To Be Cut

Rep. L. H. Fountain said last week, "I don't think the notices in question mean that any current school year funds will be cut off." He was referring to rulings by the U. S. Office of Education placing the Henderson and Vance county school systems on the "deferred" list for Federal financial assistance.

Fountain also stated that he does not "think any Federal funds for already established programs will be cut off until the commissioner of education complies with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by giving local authorities an opportunity

to be heard." He thought his amendment of last year to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act "has served to limit administrative deferrals and to require the appropriate legal hearing before such funds can be terminated."

For any new programs, the congressman said, "they will defer as long as they can until either they are satisfied or they know the law will not protect them further in their demands."

Fountain said otherwise that he has "already antagonized

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## Long Search Ends At Franklinton

Franklinton law enforcement officers have been looking for six months for a convicted forger. Their search ended Saturday. Willie Roberts, N/m-41, convicted some time ago on forgery counts, served his sentence and according to reports, returned to Franklinton, where he again started his bad habits.

Chief Leo Edwards reports that Roberts (alias Jones) was captured near his home at Franklinton Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Lonnie House with an able assist from Gus Stroud, Jr. of Franklinton. Stroud had sold Roberts a car, for which he had not been paid and sighted the man in a wooded area near his home. He went for House and returned to take Roberts prisoner.

He is lodged in the Franklinton jail awaiting a hearing on a charge of forgery and Chief Edwards says he expects other charges to come in. He is also reportedly wanted in Granville County.

## Phillip Moore Gets Bronze Star

By order of the President of the United States, a former Louisburg National Guardsman and a graduate of W. R. Mills High School, has been presented the Bronze Star medal for "meritorious service" in Vietnam.

Capt. Joseph Phillip Moore has been cited for his service in the war zone during the period February 1966 to March 1967. Capt. Moore is the son of the late Otis Moore and Mrs. Eula Moore, formerly of Louisburg, now of Oxford. Capt. Moore's wife and four children reside in Durham.

Awarded the medal for dangerous intelligence actions, Moore will be returning within the next few weeks to attend a school in Maryland.

The full text of the citation follows: "Captain Moore distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period February 1966 to March 1967 while serving as Operations Officer, Counterintelligence Section, 219th Military Intelligence Detachment, there was a critical shortage of operational directives and standing operating procedures. Captain Moore, being one of the first officers assigned to



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the unit, was instrumental in the rapid preparation of the comprehensive directives and procedures that now exist. As a result of his aggressive leadership, the men who served with and under him were professionally motivated to the extent that the unit became fully operational within two weeks after it arrived in Vietnam. Captain Moore personally conducted several sensitive and highly complex counterintelligence operations. Through his superior knowledge of intelligence activities and the principles of

counterinsurgency warfare, he was able to quickly obtain sources of information which would be of extra benefit to II Field Force Vietnam. Several of these sources provided vital information concerning United States operations which had been subject to possible compromise.

By having this timely information, commanders were able to make decisions that have undoubtedly saved countless American lives, as well as an unknown amount of equipment and materiel. During the conduct of his operations, Captain Moore was required to personally enter areas not normally frequented by United States personnel.

Although entry into these areas involved great personal risk, he never hesitated or failed to complete his mission. Possessing an extraordinary dedication and devotion to duty, Captain Moore continually entered unsecured areas in search of information which would prove valuable to command considerations. Captain Moore's exceptional performance of duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, II Field Force Vietnam and the United States Army.