

Weather

Partly cloudy and warm through Wednesday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Low today, 71; high, 88.

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What Did It Mean

1967 General Assembly Ends

To Franklin County?

The 1967 session of the North Carolina General Assembly is history. The longest session--149 calendar days and 107 work days--is not expected to be listed among those accomplishing the most. However, a number of pieces of worthwhile legislation were passed into law. It is also noted that in the process many laws were passed which might be classified as worthless.

What did the 1967 General Assembly mean to Franklin County? In terms of strictly local effect, the answer is: mighty little.

A handful of local bills were enacted into law. The most notable perhaps was a controversial pay raise bill which managed to please no one completely. It did, however, afford pay increases which deserved.

Members of the County Board of Education and the Industrial Development Commission gained small salary increases for meetings.

Franklin and Warren were brought under state regulations pertaining to fox hunting and the abandoning of animals along public highways is now forbidden thanks to a local bill. Well contractors are now required to be licensed in Franklin.

Three bills were passed which are expected to effect Franklin County politics in the future. Foremost among these is the local bill which now allows for runoff in County Commissioner races. Heretofore, the high man was declared the winner. In the future the winner must gain a majority.

Beginning in 1969, school board members will be elected by the people. Presently, board members are nominated by the people and elected by the General Assembly. This is to say, that names are placed in the omnibus bill which meet the approval of the representatives from the various counties. This measure per-

tains to all 100 counties in the state.

Franklin and the Sixteenth District were included in the numbered seat bill and this means that instead of everybody running at large against the field, each candidate will be opposing another particular candidate. House of Representative candidates will campaign for one particular seat and against one particular incumbent or challenger.

This could bring back the heated races experienced here in past years where one candidate takes on another. Last two seats in the District which represents Vance, Warren and Franklin counties. Three of the five running were from Warren county, one from Vance and one from Franklin. Vance and Franklin candidates won.

One unheralded bill which could well be of importance to Franklin County is the measure calling for state assistance to counties in the im-

provement or establishment of local airports. Franklin, in great need of improved facilities, would benefit from this bill even though the origin request by its sponsors for \$1 million was cut considerably by the Appropriations Committee. Rep. Speed of Franklin was a co-sponsor of this bill.

Aside from the strictly local bill, a number of the state-wide laws will affect Franklin citizens in the days ahead. The tax cut, of course, will be welcomed by all and the teacher pay raise and free text books for high school students will be reflected in

better school operations in Franklin as well as in other counties.

Some citizens might be disappointed that more highway safety measures were not enacted or that the voting age was not lowered, but few will feel any differently now that four new universities have been added to the state's higher education facilities.

Continuation of the Advancement School, additional community colleges, pay raises for university and college professors or the fact that the N. C. Arts Council was made a statutory committee and that the Mansion Fine Arts Com-

mittee was made a permanent state agency, will bring little response from this section of the state.

Technical procedures in many governmental agencies will bring changes here. For the most part, these changes will be noticed only when a citizen finds it necessary to do business with the particular agency. Many laws have been passed making a number of changes in forms and procedures in the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court's office as well as some others.

State employees, including those in Franklin, can now participate in politics under certain provisions. Most were already doing so and this is not expected to be earth-shaking news.

Many other laws to varying degrees will effect the lives of Franklin citizens. However, perhaps of most interest to locals is the fact that after much debate and prolonged stalling, the redistricting bill was passed without changing

Franklin's position in the Second Congressional District. Franklin county has apparently been very happy in Congressman L. H. Fountain's District and most here preferred to remain in the Second. Barring unexpected actions by the courts, Franklin is safe in the Second and will remain there.

There have been no public comments by either Rep. John Church of Vance or Rep. James Speed of Franklin on the overall accomplishments of the General Assembly. Most legislators have voiced opinions that it was a fruitful session as indeed it was.

However, the fact remains that the average citizen in Franklin County is going to find little change in his day-to-day living brought about by any single act or collective acts of the recent legislature. Most will be glad its over. Practically none would agree that annual sessions are needed or desirable.



Franklin Remains In Second District



Find No Money, Wreck Home

Thieves ransacked the unoccupied home of two Rt. 2, Louisburg women sometime in the last few nights, leaving considerable damage to the contents of the house. Deputy Sheriffs Dave Batten and Lloyd Gupton are conducting the

investigation and Batten reported Monday afternoon that footprints had been cast at the scene. He also said the investigation is continuing.

Mrs. Ben Wiggs and Miss Mollie Brewer were visiting with Mrs. Wiggs' sister a few miles away from the home and had not returned since Tuesday of last week. Upon their return home Monday morning around 9 a.m. it was discovered that someone had broken a window pane and gained entry through a bedroom window.

Appearance of the rooms indicated that the thieves were looking only for money. Beds were torn up, drawers pulled out and a host of papers, purses, letters and other per-

sonal belongings were strewn throughout the house. One lady's purse was missing. Mrs. Wiggs said it contained some small change and was much less than four dollars. A razor, belonging to her late husband, was also reported missing.

Officers believe there were at least two persons involved in the burglary. The two women live alone in the house, which is located near several other homes. None of the neighbors reported hearing anything unusual. Some of those living closest were reported away from home during some of the period. One observer theorized that the entry probably took place Friday or Saturday night.

Edward Best FFA Wins Top Awards

The Edward Best Chapter of Future Farmers of America was awarded a national and a state award for Cooperatives Activities in the Ninth Annual State Convention held at North Carolina State University recently.

The winning drew high praise for the Chapter by Warren Smith, Franklin Superintendent of Schools.

James Boone and Edward Shearin were delegates to the convention from Edward Best. Individual awards were presented to Leo Stallings for Farm and Home Electrification and Donnie Shearin for Soil and Water Management. Shearin and Robert Griffin, Jr. received the State Farmer Degree. W. T. Winborne is the Chapter Advisor and Teacher of Agriculture at Edward Best High School.

Former County Man Gets State School Post

A former Epsom Principal and a teacher at Gold Sand High School has been named to a top post in the State Department of Public Instruction.

Delphos J. Dark has been appointed director of the State Board of Education's Division of Transportation.

He was named to the post by the State board to succeed C. C. Brown, who died June 30.

Dark has been assistant director of the division for the past 16 years.

The director's post carries a salary range of \$12,528 to \$15,936 a year.

Dark joined the Division of Transportation in 1945 as a school bus route supervisor. He became assistant director in 1951.

He is a graduate of Wake

Louisburg Native Named Eighth District Solicitor

Governor Dan K. Moore tapped a Louisburg native, now practicing law in Wilmington, to become Solicitor of the Eighth District last week when he appointed James C. Bowman, 57, to the Superior Court bench.

William Allen Cobb, 49, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cobb of North Main Street, Louisburg, was named to replace Bowman in the solicitor's post. He had served previously as assistant solicitor.

Commenting on the appointment, Cobb said, "I appreciate the appointment and will try to do the best job I can."

The attorney graduated from W. R. Mills High School here, attended Citadel graduating as a 2nd. Lieutenant. He received his law degree from the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill in 1941. He served with the armed forces in Panama, with the reserves and later in the European Theater during World War II. He began prac-

ticing law in Wilmington in 1946. A member of the N. C. National Guard, he retired in 1966 with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Cobb is married to the former Catherine Rogers of Wilmington and they have three children, Ann Terrell, Allen, Jr., and Catherine Rogers.

The Eighth Solicitorial District encompasses the counties of Brunswick, New Hanover, Columbus, and Pender.



William Allen Cobb

Fountain Urges Farm Program Support

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Congressman L. H. Fountain today urged North Carolina farmers to give overwhelming support to cotton, tobacco and peanut programs when they vote next week.

Farmers will decide in the July 18 referendum whether to continue assessments for Tobacco Associates, the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association and the Cotton Promotion Association, and

whether to continue tobacco quotas.

Fountain said the associations have contributed immeasurably to improving marketing conditions for North Carolina farmers.

"We should keep in mind the fact that in today's world, growing more competitive and complex, we simply must have our growers' association in order to properly serve our people," he said.

"It is hard to think of a product that competes successfully in today's markets that does not have an association."

Fountain said a simple majority vote in favor of the programs is not enough.

"At least a two-thirds majority is required, and I urge all farmers to go to the polls and make sure the margin is overwhelming," he said.

"If the Congress ever gets the impression that our farmers are not enthusiastic in their support of these programs, the programs will surely be eliminated. So the bigger the vote for these programs, the stronger our position will always be when ill-advised efforts are made to do away with a program."

Field Meets To Be Held

A series of field meetings at Tobacco and Corn demonstration plots conducted by the Coker Seed Co. will be held on July 13 and 14, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

The schedule includes a stop in Franklin County at the Bennie Ray Gupton farm, located

Council Awards Street Contracts

The Louisburg Town Council awarded the contract for resurfacing Market, Court and West Nash Streets here to the T. A. Loving Company last Friday night in a regular session of the body. Loving was low bidder at \$3,335.00. Franklin County, by action of the Board of Commissioners, is contributing \$1,000 toward the cost of the project.

Work is expected to be accomplished on the three downtown streets when the firm returns to Louisburg to resurface Justice Street, a state bond project.

The Council, in other actions, voted to extend sewer and water service to Oak Drive with the provision that assessments would be made against the property owners.

C. R. Sykes was reappointed

Son Of Former Resident Killed In Vietnam

Lance Corporal Charles Manley Gattis III, son of the late Charles M. Gattis, Jr. of Franklin County died in the base hospital at the Marine base in Dong Ha, Vietnam last Thursday, July 6 from severe wounds received in an ambush attack on June 27th by North Vietnamese on the Marine Base at Con Thein.

Gattis' grandfather, Charles M. Gattis was a well-known county citizen prior to his death several years ago. His father moved to Chicago, Ill. after finishing State University at Raleigh. His mother, Mrs. E. C. Betus now lives in Crete, Ill. She is a native of Raleigh. Young Gattis was

To Be Buried Here

The body will be shipped to Lancaster Funeral Home here for burial in Oakwood Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of the body.

Cpl. Gattis is survived by his mother, one sister, Mrs. Dale Spiese of Joliet, Ill.; his maternal grandmother,

Mrs. Lessie Bradley of Raleigh and four aunts: Mrs. F. N. Tyson of Durham, Mrs. S. P. Gupton of Wilmington, N. C., Mrs. Robert E. Lee of Winston-Salem and Mrs. H. C. Leach of Mt. Airy, N. C. and one uncle, Marvin Bradley of Baltimore, Md. He is also survived by several cousins in Franklin County.



Market And Court Streets