

**Weather**

Variable cloudiness and not quite so warm today and Friday with a chance of afternoon or evening thundershowers today. Low today, 73; high, 88.

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## Airport Action Urged

Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed told The Franklin Times this week that a bill passed by the recent General Assembly designed to aid local communities in airport improvements could be most beneficial to Franklin and Warren Counties. He emphasized the importance of prompt action by local officials since appropriations for the measure were cut considerably by the Appropriations Committee.

Franklin County's Airport Commission was told in January of 1966 that the county was eligible for federal assistance. Twenty-seven North Carolina communities were named to share in an appropriation of \$17,167,000.

In a meeting by local and state officials here in January of 1966, it was pointed out that between \$150,000 and \$160,000 would be needed to make minimum improvements to the local facility located along NC-56 west of Louisburg.

The requirement for receiving federal funds for such projects was that local communities match the federal grants. Assuming that the estimates of local needs is correct, Franklin County would need to raise around \$75,000 as its share. Under the bill referred to by Rep. Speed, the State of North Carolina would match local funds. This would mean Franklin's share would be reduced to around \$38,000.

Limited state funds dictates that local communities apply promptly for this assistance. No announcements have been made of what plans the local Commission might have for pushing forward with the project at this time.

Requirements for an airport  
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**Lions Club Officials**

Lion officials are pictured above at the annual installation of officers ceremonies held here Tuesday night. Pictured, left to right, are: District Governor C. Ray Pruette of Franklinton; Paul Mullen, new President of the Louisburg Club, and G. M. Beam, Jr., outgoing President. Pruette presided over the installation of a number of new officers at the College cafeteria.

## Paul Mullen Installed As Lions Prexy

Paul Mullen, veteran member of the Louisburg Lions Club was installed Tuesday night as the new club President by District Governor C. Ray Pruette of Franklinton. Installation ceremonies for Mullen and other officers were conducted in the Louisburg College cafeteria.

Among other officers taking office for the new year were: James Edwards, First Vice President; H. D. Jeffreys, Second Vice President; Warren Smith, Third Vice President; L. D. Moon, Secretary; M. G. Wilder, Treasurer; James Grady, Lion Tamer; Alex Wood, Tall Twister and Directors Albert Fox and Dr. B. L. Patterson, one year; Mike Palmer and Paul

Stewart, two years. Mullen succeeds G. M. (Buddy) Beam, Jr. as head of the club, largest civic

organization in the area. G. M. Beam, Sr. is a past District Governor and remains active  
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## Franklinton Board Studies Further Desegregation

According to reliable sources, the Franklinton City Board of Education is studying the possibility of assigning 46 Negro students to the predominantly white Franklinton High School for the coming school year. The 46 are students for which free choice applications have not been filed.

Franklinton High School, ac-

ording to the sources, has five requests for assignment of Negro students to the Franklinton High School. This is less than the number of Negro students attending the school last year.

The Franklinton system has been under fire for the past year by the U. S. Office of Education and was placed on the deferred list for receiving federal funds a few months ago by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Under the "Revised Statement of Policies for School Desegregation Plans" or the "guidelines" as the publication is generally called, no student may be assigned until and unless a choice is made  
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## Three-Crop Vote Tuesday

# Tobacco Referendum Is Important Issue

Franklin County farmers will join thousands more Tuesday and vote on whether or not to continue the acreage-poundage tobacco program for the coming three years. Local farm and business leaders have urged growers to go to the polls and many have pointed out the necessity of a strong yes vote in favor of the continuation of the program.

Also in the balance Tuesday are programs for cotton and peanuts. However, locally the emphasis has been placed almost entirely on the voting in the tobacco referendum.

Polling places for the July 18 referendum on acreage-poundage marketing quotas for flue-cured tobacco have been designated as follows:

Cedar Rock, H. M. Dickens' Store; Cypress Creek, A. C. Stallings' Store; Dunn, H. E. Stallings' Store; W. W. Winstead's Store; Franklinton, L. A. Thompson's Store; Gold Mine, Centerville Fire House; Harris, Hagwood's Grocery; Hayesville, Rocky Ford Gro-

cery; Louisburg, ASCS Office; Sandy Creek, H. T. Edwards' Store; Youngsville, Youngsville Milling Co.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. If two-thirds of the growers vot-

ing in this referendum vote "yes," the acreage-poundage quotas will continue in effect for the 1968, 1969, and 1970 crops of flue-cured tobacco. Penalties will apply to marketings in excess of 110% of

the farm poundage quota. Marketings above the farm's quota in any year will be deducted from the farm's quota for the following year, the difference will be added to the farm's  
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**"One In Every Crowd"**

Although many say "A chicken ain't nothing but a bird," the scene above shows that there is a tiny bit of human in some of them. As others remained obediently inside their cages, one hearty bird strutted around viewing the world from the outside. There is always one in every crowd--who chooses to be different. Just how this one fared once the big rig began to roll again, we will perhaps never know.

# Hospital Emergency Facilities Improved



**New Emergency Room**

When Franklin Memorial Hospital holds open house sometimes within the next few weeks, the public will see a vastly improved emergency room. To the layman, many of the things he will see will mean nothing special, but to doctors, nurses and hospital technicians, the emergency facilities represent a dream come true.

"We will be in position to handle any kind of emergency patient," says Hospital Administrator M. M. Person, Jr. Talking to him and Mrs. Edith McKinne, Director of Nurses, one quickly finds that the improved emergency facilities are very pleasing to those charged with the medical care of the people of this area.

While emergency facilities have been good in the past, the addition of considerably more space and the fact that three cubicles are now readily available where there was only one, these improvements can only mean faster, more efficient care for emergency patients.

The new emergency room has piped-in oxygen and blood pressure facilities in each cubicle. There are twelve oxygen tanks, stored outside in a fence-enclosure. Six are for regular use and six are for emergency use. When the light flashes emergency, there will always be six oxygen tanks remaining.

Improved lighting plus proximity to the X-ray rooms and the new cast room and space in the emergency area for overflow patients in case of a multiple-emergency, are all features designed to make Franklin Memorial among the top institutions of its kind in emergency care.

Add a new emergency business office, central communications, nearby doctor parking, tile walls to replace the former plaster ones and Franklin County people can

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readily see that emergency facilities here are second to none.

Also in the category of emergency facilities comes the vastly improved electrical system and the stand-by generators. These machines are fully automatic, gasoline operated and will start immediately when, for any reason, regular power sources fail. Mr. Person reports that on Wednesday morning, without warning power was interrupted to the hospital. "The generators kicked in within three seconds. It was just a flicker of the lights. Every essential element of the hospital operation had ample power," he said.

The generators will automatically start every seven days and run for several minutes to assure their continued readiness in case of a power stoppage.

Not a part of the additions, but a newly acquired piece of equipment, which the layman calls a "heart machine," is also in readiness either in the emergency room or the operating room. Made up of three parts, the machine has a scanner or monitor which shows the heart beat; a synchronizer, which regulates the heart beat and a defibrillator, which starts the heart. In more technical terms the entire machine, costing around \$2,200, is called a Cardiac Therapy Group and is a must in heart patient care.

A new innovation which will be attempted, according to Mr. Person, is an out-patient department. This, he says, will depend on the need for

such service. Located near the emergency room and X-ray department, it affords ample facilities for a full-service out-patient service.

In addition to the many improvements in medical facilities, visitors and patients will find vastly improved services in administration. For the first time, admissions may be made in private. Formerly they had to be made in the general front office. Now there are modern facilities for each department includ-

ing, Insurance, Bookkeeping, Medical Records, Cashier, Admissions plus Telephone and Information.

The Director of Nurses and the Administrator have already moved into improved quarters.

Also planned to start soon is the card system for visitors. Mr. Person and Mrs. McKinne explained that this will consist of visitors obtaining a card at the front desk. All visitors must use the front door only and only two cards will be issued per patient at any given time. Visiting hours will be posted. Immediate members of a patient's family will be given special cards and when necessary in cases of critical patients, families will be allowed to remain at the hos-

pital as has been the practice in the past. New, bright and comfortable waiting rooms are contained in the new addition.

In planning the new additions and renovations, the Hospital Board of Trustees and the

Administrator have allowed for future growth of the facility. Two additional floors may be added to the new part of the structure. Closets, now in use are equipped for quick change  
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## Elected Commander



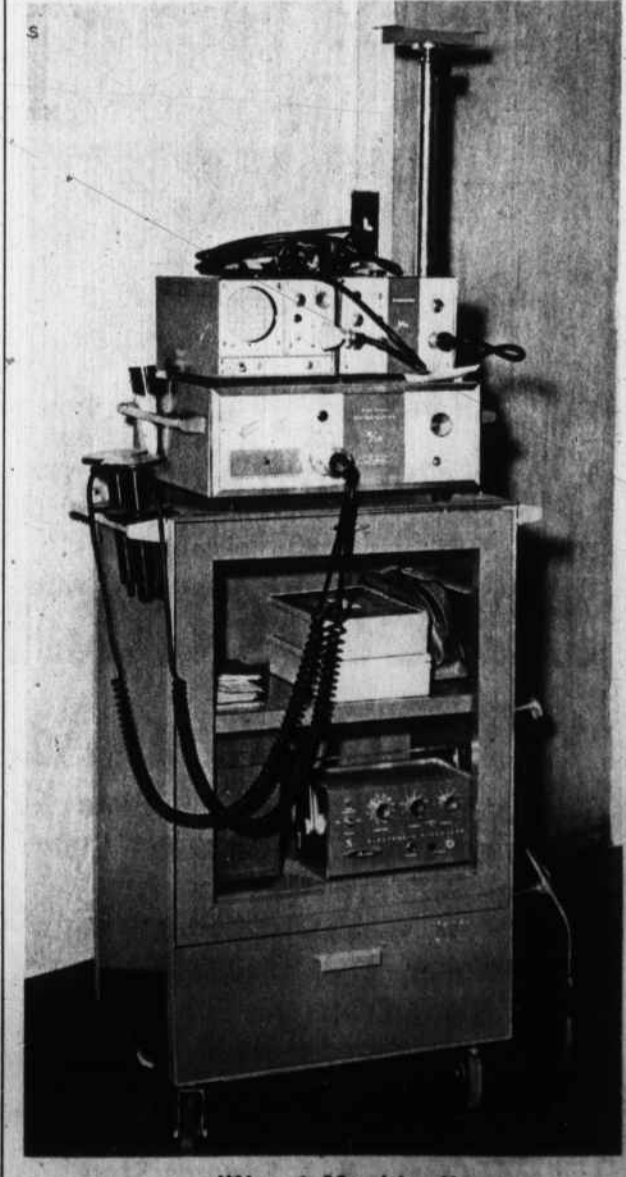
**Bruce Honeycutt**

(Frk. B.W.) Bruce W. Honeycutt has been re-elected to the post of Commander of the American Legion, Franklinton Post 52 for a second term, and elected Vice-Commander of the Fifth District which

consists of Franklin, Vance, Warren, Granville and Person Counties.

Under the leadership of Bruce, Franklinton Post 52 grew to an "All Time High" of 101 members last year, and the Post made outstanding progress in the programs it took part in. Bruce said his hopes for the coming year are better than ever for his Post and the 5th District. He will be working in both, with his committees, for better programs in Americanism (first), Civil Defense, Boy Scouts, Trophies and Awards to outstanding citizens and athletics in the local school.

Honeycutt said he is hoping to increase membership this year by at least 50% in the Franklinton Post and hopes he can help other Posts in the 5th District to reach an "All Time High" in their Posts, since Vietnam Veterans are eligible to belong to the American Legion after discharge.



**"Heart Machine"**