

## Weather

Partly cloudy and continued warm today and Wednesday. Chance of scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Low today, 68; high, 90.

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Part Of Crowd

Part of the crowd attending dedication ceremonies at the local hospital Sunday afternoon is shown above. Threat of rain held the crowd below expectations, but a large number

nevertheless were present to make the tour of the new facilities and to hear the speakers.

## Fountain Speaks At Hospital Dedication

Congressman L. H. Fountain termed Franklin Memorial Hospital's new wing and renovations as "An expression of the responsibility of man's humanity to man" in his dedication speech here Sunday afternoon. The Second Congressional District Representative from Tarboro, spoke before a large crowd marking the end to the massive project which began last year.

Judge E. C. Bulluck, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, acted as Master of Ceremonies and recalled that it was in 1948 "the people of Franklin County began to dream of a hospital." He related that the structure was started in 1949 and completed in the fall of 1950. The hospital he said was dedicated on February 11, 1951 and the Nurses' Home was dedicated on August 5 of the same year. "We take second place to none, when it comes to a hospital," the Chairman said, referring to the new additions.

Judge Bulluck expressed the Board's appreciation to a host of people including the Board of County Commissioners, the professional staff of the hospital, the architect, the contractor and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. Most of the doctors and nurses were present as was a representative of the construction company. The architect and all members of the Board of County Commissioners, except the Chairman, E. M. Sykes, were not present.

Bulluck stated of Administrator M. M. Person, Jr., "We have never had a harder working man. He deserves a great amount of credit for this remodeling."

Congressman Fountain was introduced by Rep. James D. Speed, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees. In making the introduction, Speed said since the Tarboro attorney had been our Representative in Congress, "We have learned to know him and love him more. He has done an outstanding job."

The Congressman said, "I am very proud to be here and to share your pride, your joy and your satisfaction in the completion of your new wing." He said this was an example of a "unique and eminently successful partnership of local, state and federal governments, unlike some others."

The reference was to Hill-Burton federal funds, the N.C. Medical Care Commission and local tax money. Rep. Fountain pointed out that under Hill-Burton, help had been rendered in 8,815 separate projects which supplied 377,993 hospital beds. The entire costs of these projects, according to the Congressman, amounted to

\$8.8 billion with the federal agency footing \$2.7 billion of the costs. In North Carolina 420 projects had resulted in 13,998 beds with a cost of \$275 million of which the federal government contributed \$118 million.

He stated he was happy to see "Your hospital still growing strong, still looking to the future. Hospitals such as Franklin Memorial are giving us hope." He spoke of

the new chapel and said it will "help heal the soul of its ill."

"You have here unsurpassed opportunity for healing and for being healed," he exclaimed.

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Rev. Lloyd F. Jackson, Pastor of Franklinton Baptist Church, gave the Invocation and Rev. John D. Darnell, Pastor of Harris Chapel Baptist Church rendered the Benediction.

Open house followed the ceremonies and the public was given tours of the new wing and other recent additions, including emergency rooms, the lab, the x-ray department, business offices and others.



Dedication Speakers

Pictured above, left to right, are Judge E. C. Bulluck, Chairman Franklin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees; Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain and Sixteenth District Rep. James D. Speed. The three participated in the dedication ceremonies here Sunday for the new wing at the hospital. Judge Bulluck acted as Master of Ceremonies, Congressman Fountain delivered the principal address and was introduced by Rep. Speed.

## Franklin's Rotation Agreement Upheld

Franklin County's rotation agreement with Vance and Granville in the matter of a senatorial seat in the General Assembly has been upheld by the State Board of Elections. The Board had earlier ruled that several agreements were voided and included Franklin

in its ruling.

The reversal came about when Sixteenth District Representative James D. Speed of Franklin spotted a discrepancy in the ruling. Rep. Speed noted that the bill, which he supported in the recent General Assembly, referred to "Seats in the State Senate and House of Representatives within multi-member Senatorial and Representative Districts." Franklin is not in a multi-member Senatorial District.

Speed contacted Board of Elections Executive Secretary Alex K. Brock and pointed this out to him.

Mr. Brock, in a letter of

reply last week, stated, "It is the opinion of this office that you are correct in making reference to the language contained in H. B. 918 (Numbered Seat Bill)."

"In view of the fact that Senate District No. 7 is allotted only one senator it is the opinion of this office that the existing Senatorial Rotation Agreement among Granville, Vance and Franklin Counties is still valid and the ruling of July 21, 1967, by the State Board of Elections should not have applied to the Seventh Senatorial District."

Brock continued by saying, "You are here by informed by this letter that the Agree-

ment previously executed by Granville, Vance and Franklin counties is order and is still valid insofar as the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elections is concerned."

Speed stated he had supported the Numbered Seat Bill because he felt it was a good thing, but that he would not have supported it had it called for the elimination of the senatorial agreement. When such was announced, he began to look into the matter with the result that the agreement was reinstated.

### Attends Meet

Columbia, Mo.—Mr. John B. York, Dean of Louisburg College, Louisburg, is attending an institute for Faculty Development in Educational Media at Stephens College here. The institute, designed for junior and community college administrative personnel and faculty members, will end on July 28.

This institute is the second held at Stephens this summer. The primary objective of the institute is to give college personnel information to enable them to make intelligent decisions regarding application of media systems to the improvement of undergraduate instruction.

Participants attend lectures and seminars, go on field trips and work in the media laboratory. Time is also allotted for small group activities and individual research.

### One Good Turn

Louisburg barber shop operator G. Herman Spencer has found that one good turn deserves another.

A couple of weeks ago, Spencer met Lt. Col. (retired) Don C. Murray in the county courthouse while Curry, a resident of Washington, D. C. was here searching out some family history. His ancestors, reportedly, owned land in Cypress Creek Township during the Revolutionary War. Spencer, a Mason and Shriner, invited Curry, also a Noble, to join him and other Franklin County Shriners at a supper that night. The visitor accepted.

This week, Spencer received a very unique pair of leather shoes, made in Yugoslavia.

Col. Curry explained that the shoes were a gift to him from Sgt. and Amos G. Linger. Mrs. Linger was a member of the underground in World War II and helped hundreds of American flyers. She is now an American citizen with a daughter in college.

The shoes, apparently made of alligator hide and some other type of leather turn up at the toes much like those of Aladdin.

The Colonel expressed his appreciation for "a memorable evening" and invited Spencer to Washington for a visit.

Franklin County (and Herman Spencer) hospitality has once again gained for the community a friend.

## Dement Speaks At Bunn

Sheriff William T. Dement was featured speaker at last week's meeting of the Bunn Lions Club. Dement spoke on the duties and some of the problems of his office.

He pointed out that in 1776, the North Carolina Constitution provided for each county to have a Sheriff. He explained the qualifications for the office and told of how such officers might be removed. He also explained that the General Assembly sets the Sheriff's salary.

Dement told the gathering that deputies are selected by the Sheriff and stated that "The first duty of the Sheriff's department and all officers is the protection of life and property."

The Sheriff's department is also responsible for the upkeep of the jail and for the health and feeding of inmates. He also told of working with

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## Waccamaw Holds Ground-Breaking Ceremonies

Officials attending the ground-breaking ceremonies for Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company's new building here Saturday morning are shown above. Pictured left to right are: George A. Pollard, Vice-President from Chadbourne; Bryant Cottrell and Clifford Joyner, both members of the local advisory council; Mrs. Susan Gupton, bank employee; James Grady, local branch manager; Mayor V. A. Peoples; Larry Bowers, son of the bank president; R. S. Lucas, local employee and L. R. Bowers, Waccamaw President. A. M. (Gus) McGhee, a member of the local advisory council was taken ill during the ceremonies and taken to the local hospital. Norwood Faulkner, another member was not present.

The new 3,400 sq. ft. structure will be located on the corner of Wade Ave. and E. Nash Street and is expected to be completed around the first of the year.

The building style is described as contemporary and will feature full banking service. Also to be contained in the new structure is a drive-in window, a conference room, kitchen lounge and ample parking spaces.

Mr. Bowers told the group gathered for the ground-breaking ceremonies that Waccamaw was pleased with its acceptance in the area and were happy to be building a permanent building here. He also said they were pleased with the personnel and planned to move all to new quarters when completed.

## Guardsmen In Oklahoma For Two-Week Session

National Guardsmen from Headquarters Battery in Louisburg, Battery A from Zebulon and Battery B from Youngsville departed from Raleigh-Durham Airport Sunday morning for Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The Guardsmen arrived safely Sunday afternoon after the four-hour flight aboard the Air National Guard C-123 troop transports.

The units, all part of the Fifth Rocky Mountain Battalion, will bivouac in the field this year. Last August most of the troops lived in barracks on the massive artillery base. The feature of the two-week training session is the firing of the XM-50 "Honest John" rocket. Two firings are scheduled next week, with one being a night event.

The troops will be staying near the Wichita Mountains and the firing is expected to take place near the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

Fort Sill is an Army Artillery training post and

Missile Center. The local units of the North Carolina National Guard train here because of rocket facilities.

The area where the troops will be spending the next two weeks is desolate and practically void of any greenery. The weather is hot and dry with temperatures ranging above the 100 degree mark almost every day this time of year.

Area newsmen will fly via the C-123 troop carrier next Wednesday morning to cover the dual firing of the "Honest John" rocket and to visit with the local Guardsmen. News-men will return late Thursday afternoon with the Guardsmen returning on Sunday afternoon, August 12.

The nearest city is Lawton which all but connects to the sprawling artillery base. The Wildlife Refuge, near where the Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon men will be stationed contains

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## School Decision Awaited

Franklin County school officials are awaiting the decision of the U. S. Eastern District Court following the end of hearings in Raleigh last week.

Attorney E. F. Yarborough says he expects a decision to be forthcoming later this week or early next week.

Judge Algernon Butler of Clinton is expected to hand down his decision in the two-year old case, in which alleged intimidation has been the key issue. Franklin County has operated under a freedom

of choice plan for the past two years. This last year, the system has operated under an Interim Court Order which allowed freedom of choice to continue.

In charges last week, the U. S. Justice Department and the NAACP said that children in the county could not have an "uninhibited" free choice and called on the court to consolidate Negro and white schools into elementary and high schools.

Overcrowded conditions in Negro schools also came under attack, with emphasis placed on the fact that Negro children were being bussed from far distances to over-

crowded schools while schools in their communities were not being fully utilized.

It was also brought out that Franklin County has less school integration than the state of Mississippi and that North Carolina has an average of ten times as much as found here.

The Board of Education contends that overcrowded conditions resulted from persons making their own free choice and that everything possible is being done to eliminate these conditions.

With school opening less than a month away, school officials are anxiously awaiting the court's decision.

## Fountain Backs Bill

Washington, D. C.—Congressman L. H. Fountain said today he is joining in a widespread congressional effort to help reduce the growing imports of textiles into the United States.

Fountain said he is introducing legislation in the bipartisan move spearheaded by Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee and Congressman W. J. Bryan Dorn of South Carolina. Companion bills are being introduced in the Senate. "It is obvious that the trade agreements worked out in 1961 are not solving the problem," Fountain said. "On the contrary, the import of cotton, wool and manmade fibers has risen steeply since the so-called voluntary restrictions were agreed upon by nations exporting to the United States."

"We agreed to wait until the Kennedy Round of tariff negotiations at Geneva were

completed before attempting any legislative relief for this problem," he said. "Now we find that our negotiators agreed to sharply reduce tariffs which would result in even more imported textiles."

"Our own textile industry, which accounts for thousands of jobs in North Carolina, many of them in the Second Congressional District, can on even terms compete with foreign producers but no industry can long survive if its competitors are subsidized, get tax rebated for exports or pay their labor only a fraction of our own wage scales."

Fountain said the bill he is introducing would require the President to negotiate new textile trade agreements limiting exports to this country to the level of one representative calendar year preceding 1967.