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# Bonds Get OK In Light Vote



JAMES BERGER

## Berger Is Morehead Candidate

A Louisburg High School senior has been chosen as the county's candidate for the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina. The selection of James L. Berger, Jr. was announced this week by the committee.

Berger, who was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program last month, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Berger of Louisburg. He was selected for the Governor's School in 1966 and has participated in a number of civic and school activities.

He is a member of the Beta Club, Quill and Scroll, Glee Club, French Club and Library Club. He is a member of the basketball squad for the fourth year.

He has been a class marshal for the past three years, Chief Marshal in 1967. He was vice president of his Junior Class and is a member of the Episcopal Young Churchmen.

He was selected by the Franklin County Morehead Scholarship Committee from among those students recommended by their schools. Judging was held on scholastic ability and attainments, qualities of manhood, truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship and moral force of character and physical vigor.

He will now compete in the district and could then advance to the final qualifications before the Central Scholarship Committee in Chapel Hill. The scholarship gives the student \$1750 for each of his four years of college at the University.

In the lightest election in history, Franklin County voters approved the \$200,000 County Courthouse Bonds here Saturday by a margin of 534 to 317 according to unofficial returns. Only 851 voters turned out from among 12,000 registered.

Observers were at a loss to explain the extreme light vote since the bond issue had been well publicized with newspaper articles and leaflets. A mass meeting of county leaders last month had also placed the facts before the people.

The overwhelming vote of approval in the Louisburg precinct and a sizable majority of the small vote cast in Franklinton assured passage of the issue which will bring about renovations and additions to the courthouse.

Louisburg voters gave the bonds an approval vote of 271 to 102 while Franklinton approved the issue 80 to 21.

Youngsville gave approval 34-21 and Dunn precinct at Bunn, in an extreme small turnout for this large precinct approved the bonds, 17-5.

Cedar Rock gave a one vote approval, 32-31 and Hayesville voted 11 to 5 in favor of the issue. Gold Mine gave a six vote approval, 30-24.

Harris Township showed the greatest opposition to the bond passage, casting only 15 votes in favor and 44 against. Pearce voted only two in favor and 12 against. Cypress Creek turned down the issue, 24-18 and Sandy Creek cast a 38-24 negative vote.

In the May 28, 1966 primary, a  
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## Louisburg Native Passes

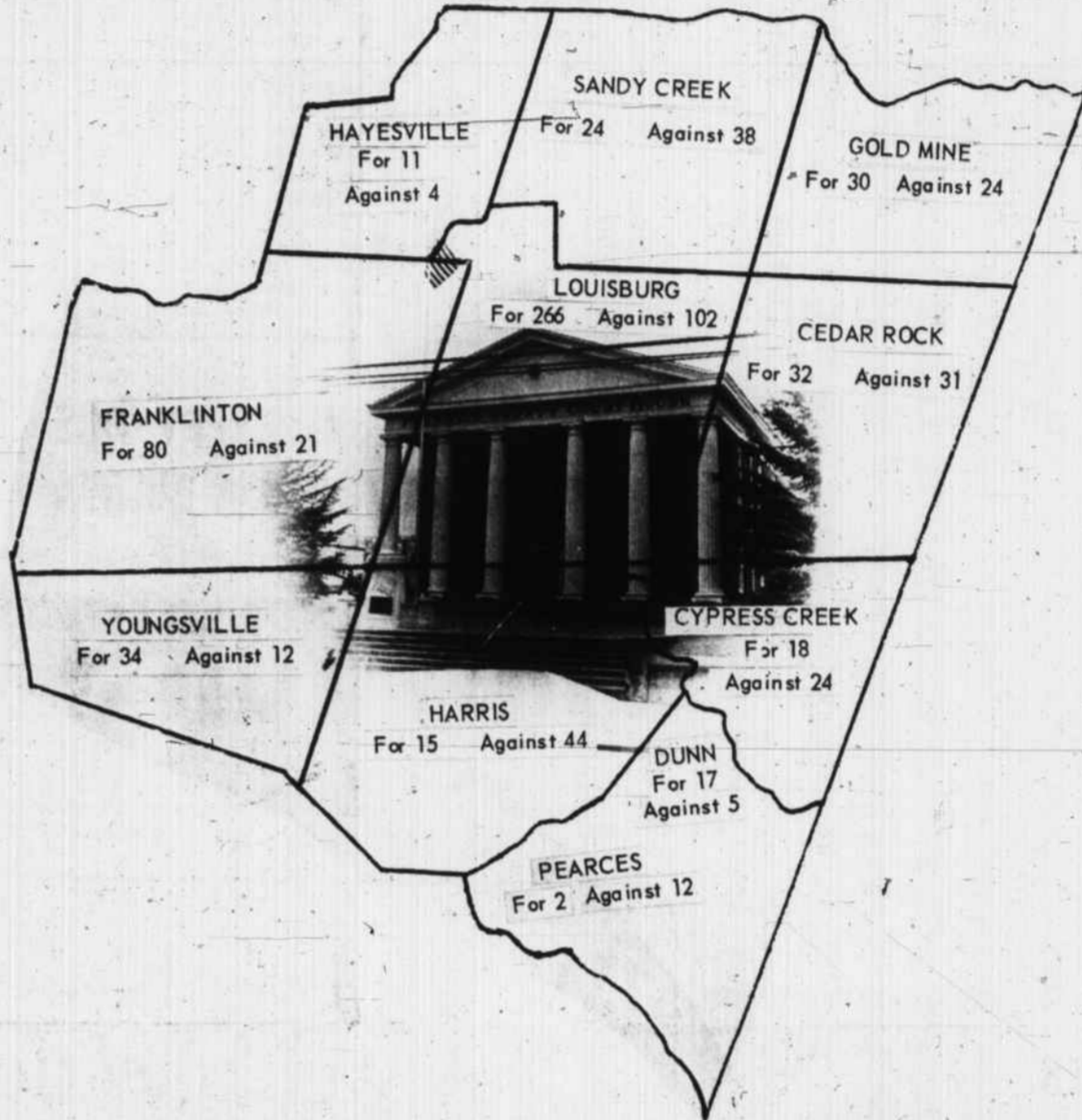
Judge Kenneth Alexandria Pittman of Snow Hill, a former superior court judge and a native of Louisburg, died last Wednesday at the age of 76 following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Calvary Methodist Church in Snow Hill, of which he was a member, by the Rev. Harry Jordan, the Rev. Robert McKinsey, and the Rev. Erwin Fitzgerald. Burial followed in Westview Cemetery, Kinston.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maude Baynor Pittman; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis O'Day of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. J. Forrest Joyner of Louisburg; two grandchildren.

Judge Pittman was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party in Greene County. He was named "Mr. Democrat" and president emeritus of the Democratic Executive Committee.

He was appeals agent and chairman  
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## School Board Files Appeals Brief

Attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education filed their briefs last Friday with the Fourth Circuit of Appeals in Richmond, Va. in the two-year old Franklin school suit. The arguments in the case are expected sometime in late December or early January.

The School Board is attempting to have an August 17, ruling by the U.S. Eastern District Court in Raleigh, overturned. The order by Judge Algernon Butler of Clinton, knocked down the county's freedom of choice plan of school desegregation.

The Board of Education claims that

the Judge erred in several parts of his ruling. The attorneys contend that the evidence was not sufficient to support the finding of fact that the defendants failed to give proper notice of the criteria for lateral transfer; and that there was "marked hostility to school desegregation in Franklin County" as ruled by Judge Butler.

The brief also contends that the evidence is not sufficient to support the finding of fact that "acts of intimidation continued after the adoption of the freedom of choice plan"

## Meeting On Private Schools Announced

H.F. (Chub) Seawell of Carthage, N. C. will be the featured speaker here Friday night at a meeting on private schools sponsored by an organization known as the Citizens Committee of Franklin County, according to an announcement by an organization spokesman Monday.

The meeting will also feature an address by Dr. Ed Ulrich, principal of the Goldsboro (N.C.) Christian Schools, Inc.

The meeting will be held in the county courthouse beginning at 7:30 P.M. according to the announcement.

and that "community attitudes and pressures effectively inhibited the exercise of free choice".

The School Board also says that "The court committed reversible error when  
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## Youth Held In Triple Shooting

A 17-year old Franklinton High School Negro student broke up a Thanksgiving Eve dance at the predominantly Negro B.F. Person-Albion School at Franklinton last Wednesday night, according to reports.

Charles Lynwood Privette was charged with assault with a deadly weapon after he shot three people. Privette, a 10th grade student at Franklinton High School, was jailed under \$1,000 bond after shooting Thomas Edward Clax, Negro, in the stomach and back. Two others were hit by stray bullets.

Police Chief Leo Edwards said Clax was in serious condition at Duke Hospital Thursday.

Edward Norris Williams was hit in the shoulder. He was treated and released Thursday morning at Wake Forest Hospital.

Dennie Ann Taylor, 16, of Rt. 1, Franklinton, was shot in the right foot. She told Crocker and Franklinton police officers she thought someone had stepped on her foot until she

Louisburg and Franklinton will stage their Christmas parades back to back this week with Louisburg's scheduled for Wednesday afternoon beginning at 4:30 P.M. Franklinton will stage their annual event Thursday night at 7 P.M.

The Louisburg Business Association is sponsoring the float here and the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event there.

The Franklinton parade will have eighty units, including twenty floats and eight bands. The parade will feature the Bag Pipes from Fayetteville and a drill team, according to an announcement made Monday.

There has been no announcement on the number of entries in the Louisburg event, but a call was sent out a few weeks ago for more non-commercial type floats. Several business firms and churches answered the call and will have entries, according to reports.

The parades annually mark the opening of the Christmas selling season in both communities and large crowds flock to witness the arrival of Santa Claus.

## Franklinton Man Jailed In Robbery

William Walker Crawford, 45, of Franklinton, who recently moved here from Goldsboro, was jailed Thursday under \$10,000 bond on a charge of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving.

Sheriff William T. Dement said Crawford was arrested at his home Thursday morning during a search which revealed "a large quantity of groceries."

Much of the merchandise was identified by Louis Dorsey, whose store at Mitchiner's Crossroads was robbed of over \$2,000 in cash, checks and merchandise on Nov. 10.

Dorsey's cash register, which was taken during the robbery, was found on a rural road between the store and Crawford's house, the sheriff said.

Some of the loot recovered by the sheriff, Deputies Lonnie House and Dave Batton, along with Police Chief Leo Edwards of Franklinton, Officer Carlyle Breedlove and SBI Agent Billy Crocker, was reported as stolen the same night from Wayne Winstead's Grocery at Bunn.

More than 200 cartons of cigarettes, along with other merchandise, were taken from Bunn.

Investigation is continuing. Some of the recovered merchandise is unidentified. Sheriff Dement said he was trying to determine if the merchandise came from recent robberies in other Eastern North Carolina areas.

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## Rev. Pulley To Address Society

The November meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society will be held Thursday night Nov. 30 at 8 P.M. in the community room of the First Citizen Bank Building on Bickett Blvd.

Rev. Frank Pulley will be in charge of the program, the history of the Church of England and the Episcopal Church in Franklin County.

The meeting is open to the public and any one interested in history is cordially invited to attend.

## Letter Reveals

## Wilder Gave Life To Save Others

A letter from his superior officer has revealed that C.W.O. 3 Bennett Gay Wilder, a Seven Paths native, gave his life in Vietnam to save the lives of several people standing on the runway he was to have used to land his helicopter.

Wilder died of injuries received in the crash on September 29. His mother, Mrs. Lena Gay Wilder, lives in the Seven Paths Community. A memorial service was held on November 10 at Edward Best High School for Wilder and other school alumni killed in service to their country.

A letter to Wilder's widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Austa Roth Wilder, now living in Mineral Wells, Texas, written by Major Lionel C. Waugh, team lead-

er, artillery, with the United States Army Aviation Material Command concerning Wilder's death tells the story:

"Ben was an instructor pilot in the U-21-A aircraft when the accident occurred on 22 September," he writes. "While in the process of performing in a simulated emergency landing at Yung Tau, Vietnam, he observed several people on the runway. He was faced with two courses of action: to cause severe injury to the people on the runway or to attempt a 'go-around,' knowing the latter course could have disastrous effects he still elected to abort the landing and save the personnel on the runway.

"His selfless and heroic action re-

sulted in tragedy for himself. The aircraft crashed and caught fire at the side of the runway. As rescue people neared the wreckage Ben climbed out of the aircraft and was rushed to the hospital on the field.

"You may be assured that every possible medical facility was at his disposal. After a few days at Yung Tau, Ben was flown to Japan where a fire burn treatment center is established. His death on 30 September came as a great shock to all of us who knew and worked with Ben for the last six months. I hope you will find a small measure of consolation in the fact that your grief for him is shared by all who knew him."

## Companies Pull Buyers With Full Sales

Louisburg tobacco warehousemen and local farmers expressed alarm and anger here Monday in wake of a move by tobacco companies to remove buyers from the local market. With each of the three tobacco warehouses all but filled to capacity in one of the largest

sales days of the season only two buyers were present.

The market usually has at least eight companies represented and all buyers generally stay here until the season is over. No reason has been given by the companies for Monday's

actions. One report said the companies contended that buyers were needed on the burley market.

A local spokesman discounted this however, saying that with so many markets closed the burley already had as many buyers as needed.

"Louisburg has sold more tobacco per set of buyers than any other market in the Middle Belt," said Franklin Representative James D. Speed one of the owners of the Friendly Four Warehouse here. Speed reported a full house Monday with loads of leaf waiting in line on the streets.

Arch Wilson, of the Big Franklin Warehouse echoed Speed's sentiments when he said "This is a shame and something should be done about it". County Commission Chairman E. M. Sykes of Ford's Warehouse said he wished the full set of buyers had been on the market Monday.

Speed complimented the graders for their services and had praise for the two buyers, representing the Monk Henderson Company and the Imperial Tobacco Company. He said that competition between the two was good and many farmers were well pleased. However, several growers said they would have to move their tobacco and try to get a higher price in Virginia on the Old Belt.

It was also reported that Oxford market had only two buyers while the Durham market had two full sets. One report said that Wilson had several sets of buyers on Monday.

One observer said, "It looks like  
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Full House, Two Buyers

A full house of tobacco is shown above Monday at Friendly Four Warehouse here. Warehousemen and growers were angered because tobacco companies removed all buyers except two from the local market with large quantities of leaf remaining to be sold. The market closes today after a hectic selling season.