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Court Orders Total Integration This Fall

Transfer Suggested
HEW Rejects

U. S. Eastern District Judge Algernon Butler issued his long-awaited decision in the Franklin County school case today and ordered total desegregation in all county schools this fall. The order, following closely the plan presented to the court on July 15 by the U. S. Department of Justice, says the "Franklin County school unit shall be desegregated by the start of the school year on September 1, 1968. Each school shall be desegregated by the start of the school year on September 1, 1968. Each school shall be desegregated by the start of the school year on September 1, 1968.

Top Ten Local News Stories Of 1968

- 1. COURT ORDERED SCHOOL INTEGRATION**-Following several years of court hearings, Franklin Schools were ordered to totally integrate in the fall. Appeals for stays and rehearings failed.
- 2. SCHOOL OPENING**-Threatened with a boycott, viewed by FBI agents and aided by a U. S. Congressman and Senator, schools (including two private) opened. The public schools opened in nine days without incident.
- 3. LOCAL ELECTIONS**-Highlighted by a hotly contested State Senate race and a run-off county commissioner contest, elections set new voter turnout records.
- 4. GENERAL ELECTIONS**-North Carolina went Republican in the presidential race, Franklin County went American Independent, but voted for Democrat Bob Scott for Governor.
- 5. NEW REGISTRATION**-Over 11,000 county voters made the trip to the registrars desk and later almost that many went to the voting booths as more interest was shown in 1968 elections than ever before.
- 6. COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS**-The public spent some time searching for mislocated county offices, scattered all over town. Judges, juries and the accused got chilly in the temporary courtroom in the Armory but at year's end, all were housed in a much improved facility.
- 7. VANDALISM**-In the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. fires were believed purposefully set and windows broken in Louisburg and Franklinton as police mustered for any eventuality.
- 8. HIGHWAY DEATHS**-Nine persons, two more than in 1967, met death on Franklin highways in 1968.
- 9. STORMS**-Two unusually severe storms, one with snow and sleet in January and one in July which brought damages estimated at \$300,000 hit the area during the year.
- 10. LAND CONTROVERSY**-The Alphonse-Gaston, act between the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education springs eternal. In 1968, it was a dispute over a piece of land on county hill. The Commissioners won.

