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## Local Road Project Said Victim Of Inflation

Dunham - Two proposed NC 39 highway projects for Vance and Franklin Counties have fallen victim to inflation. Inflation in both construction costs and the cost of acquiring rights of way necessary for their construction.

In Franklin County, the original project covered some nine miles from Louisburg to the Vance County line and the Vance County project covered some seven miles from the county line to Henderson.

In 1966 and 1967, Highway Commissioner J. B. Brame of Durham set up funds from the \$300 million road bond issue allocated to the counties to finance the projects. A total of \$750,000 was set up for the Franklin County project, another \$600,000 for the Vance County job.

It became apparent late last year that the money set up would not finance the construction of the entire proposed nine-mile Franklin County project due to rising costs, and before the contract was advertised for bids, the project was reduced in scope to

include only about seven miles.

Bids on the project were opened on November 26th, 1968, but when the Highway Commission met on December 6th to review bids, it was discovered that the low bid on the Franklin County job was \$136,000 over the engineer's estimate, and was rejected. The Commission expects to re-advertise the project this spring.

Indications are that the project will now be cut back to some four miles in length from Louisburg to Ingleside, the intersection of US 401 and NC 39.

At the same time, based on bid experience gained from the Franklin County project, it appears that the Vance County project will be reduced to some three miles, or from the Henderson city limit to Secondary Road 1148.

Commissioner Brame said that bids have been sought on that project and said that they will be opened in Raleigh on January 28.

Brame said that it is unfortunate that while the amount set up for the projects remains the same and cannot be altered, inflation has worked to reduce the amount of work that can be accomplished.

## Road Project Cut Again Call For Bids Issued

The ill-fated NC 39-US 401 project in Franklin County has been cut again and the State Highway Commission has called for new bids on the curtailed project. The latest cut moves the project back to where it was when first

advocated in 1966. The 4.611 miles of improvement now called for, will reach from the Louisburg town limits to the Rocky Ford Road at Ingleside.

The highway project, only major one planned for Franklin County in

many years, was, at one time, expected to reach to the Vance County line at Epsom. In a public hearing held here last October, it was explained by highway officials that two miles would be left out of the proposed improvements in Vance County and three miles would be omitted in Franklin. The latest cut, now gives Franklin a missing link of five miles.

In a call of bids last November, the project was listed as 6.540 miles of improvements. The cutback amounts to 1.929 miles.

The Commission is calling for bids now on "4.611 miles of grading, coarse aggregate base course, bituminous concrete base, binder, surface and culverts to improvements on NC 39 and US 401 between Ingleside and Louisburg, and SR 1229 (this is believed to be SR 1239, known locally as the Rocky Ford Road) to the Louisburg City limits". Bids are set for letting on January 28 and the project is one of 31 being advertised involving 79 miles of road construction.

The Franklin project had been allotted \$750,000 in 1967 by the Commission. Originally, Fifth Division Commissioner J. B. Brame had proposed a project from Louisburg to Ingleside only, which at the time was expected to cost \$350,000. Later the Commissioner announced an additional \$400,000 for the project and said he hoped the total funds would be enough to take the improved road to the Vance line.

The low bid on the project in December, after being cut three miles short of the Vance-Franklin line, was \$725,185.10 by the T.A. Lovin Co. of Goldsboro. While within the funds, the cost of construction was also accompanied by the cost of acquiring rights-of-way and a \$67,000 cost of engineering. The bid was declined by the Commission, the project was again cut and is now to be re-advertised for bids.

A crew of highway personnel were busy surveying the Ingleside area of the project Wednesday and stakes may be seen marking the proposed highway right-of-way. Some buildings, purchased by the Commission in acquiring right-of-way have been sold and torn down along the route.

## FCBA To Hold Banquet Meet

The Franklin County Business Association and Credit Bureau will hold its annual meeting here at The Murphy House, Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary.

Former Louisburg City Manager Jack Coss will be the principal speaker. Coss is presently serving as Manager of the City of Henderson.



## District Court Handles Full Docket

The following cases were disposed of at the December 30th session:

Robert R. Baker, speeding. To pay costs of court.

Bobby Fowler, w/m/22, assault. To pay costs.

Ouida Simmons Newell, w/f, assault with deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury. Nol pros with leave.

Ouida Simmons Newell, w/f, breaking and entering with intent to assault. Nol pros with leave.

Sanford Leonard, w/m/49, public drunkenness. \$5.00 fine and costs and to remain on good behavior and not

violate any criminal laws of N. C.

Richard W. Alston, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Joseph Earl Davis, n/m/19, careless and reckless driving. Motion to quash granted by the court.

Christabel Roberson, c/m/62, assault on female. Nol pros with leave.

Clinton Junior Brodie, n/m/32, operating auto intoxicated; possession non tax paid whiskey. Motion to quash granted.

John Henry Washington, c/m/55, breaking and entering; larceny. 2 years in jail.

John Henry Washington, c/m/55, larceny. 2 years in jail, to run concurrent with sentence in above case.

Bobby Eugene Overton, w/m, public drunkenness; possession tax paid whiskey. Prayer for judgment continued.

Bernice J. Richardson, n/f/26, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Russell M. Thorne, c/m/55, improper registration; no liability insurance. \$25.00 fine and costs.

June Perry, c/m/18, assault. Non suit.

John David Steverson, c/m/53, failure to comply with limitations on license. To pay costs.

Morris F. Stallings, speeding. Nol pros with leave.

Evonne Neal, c/f/20, murder. Bound over to Superior Court under \$5,000 bond.

Evonne Neal, c/f/20, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Nol pros.

Octavius Lucas, Jr., c/m/43, follow-

ing too closely. Not guilty.

Albert Dayton Insoe, w/m/25, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

William Lawrence Hight, w/m/21, failing to reduce speed to prevent accident. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

George Bailey, c/m/18, assault. Non suit.

William Harris, public drunkenness; concealed weapon. Nol guilty to first charge. Guilty of concealed weapon; to pay \$75.00 fine and costs of court.

To remain on good behavior and not violate any criminal laws of N. C. for 3 years. Weapon confiscated.

Rudolph Green, c/m/29, public drunkenness. 20 days in jail.

Rosa Bailey, c/f, assault. Not guilty.

Willie N. Bell, c/m/47, careless and reckless driving. \$50.00 fine and costs.

W. T. Forsythe, nol pros with leave.

Joseph Brodie, Jr., operating auto intoxicated. Nol pros with leave.

Ulysses Ed Fuller, n/m/41, motor vehicle violation. To pay costs.

Henry C. Bailey, c/m/47, assault on female. 12 months in jail.

Larry Marshall Jackson, w/m/20, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Joseph Brodie, Jr., drunk. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Raymond David Evans, w/m/17, motor vehicle violation. To pay costs.

Perry Edward Roberts, n/m/22, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Plummer Williams, n/m/52, driving on wrong side of road. To pay costs.

Glenn Earl Wright, c/m/18, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

Henry Williams, c/m/51, improper

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L. M. WORD

## Word To Head Heart Drive

L. M. Word has been named Chairman of the Heart Fund Drive for Franklin County again this year, according to Capt. James Brown, County Association President. Several other local citizens will assist Word in the conduct of the campaign.

## Judge To Hear Jury Excuses

Prospective jurors, under the new court system, cannot be excused from duty except by the District Judge, according to information released Monday by Clerk of Court Ralph S. Knott. The Clerk announced that District Judge Linwood Peoples will be in the new court room Friday, January 10, from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon to hear jury excuses for the January 21 session of Civil Court.

The following persons have been named for jury service beginning on the 21st day of January, 1969:

Dunn - Ray R. Pearce, Henry Edward Conyers, P. B. Wilson, Rossie B. Jones, Sr., Hoyt Medlin.

Harris - John Henry Ferguson, Elnora Alston.

Youngsville - Ebbie J. Pearce, S. L. Dunston, John William Pearce.

Franklinton - Henry Egerton, Gladys Roberts Brown, McArthur Neal, Katie G. Nicholson, Mrs. V.

## Lions Hear G.M. Beam, Jr.

The Louisburg Lions Club convened at The Murphy House last Tuesday evening. The principal speaker was Lion Buddy Beam, whose subject was estate planning. Lion Beam's emphasis was on the writing of a will. He said, "The purpose of the will is to specify the recipients of the deceased person's estate and the will saves a lot of court costs, which will not ordinarily exist when there is a will."

Lion Beam also pointed out that people should at an early age plan their estate. They should work carefully with their lawyers, public accountants, executors, and life insurance underwriters.

The Christmas calendars were distributed during the meeting. The only visitor was Dickie Moore from Raleigh.

Duncan Ellington, Eugene Kearney, Floretta B. Crudup.

Hayesville - Eula Alston, Mrs. H. P. Finch, Joe Ben Alston.

Sandy Creek - Mrs. L. H. Cottrell, D. B. Clark, Frances P. Denton, Sandy Alston, Mary Alice H. Parrish, Mrs. M. S. Harris.

Gold Mine - J. Forrest House, Zollie Williams, Douglas Mitchell.

Cedar Rock - Zollie Murphy, Mrs. Raye Insoe Stallings, Elizabeth W. Wester, George B. Burnette, E. J. Wheelless, James Clinton Bowden, D. L. Wilder, Jr., Mrs. Helen Wester Pearce, J. W. Gardner, A. B. Champion, W. L. Murphy, Edward Allen.

Cypress Creek - Jacob Anderson, Claude W. Kuykendall.

Louisburg - Mrs. Kate W. Purnell, Herman Roberson, Martha Mae Spivey, E. C. Bulluck, C. T. Roberson, Felix Parrish, King Alston, Sarah Frances Tunstall, Janet H. Lynch, Douglas Mitchell, F. H. Allen, Howard J. Drewett, Lizzie L. Williams, R. W. Smithwick, Lewis Edgerton, Paté Spivey, Ben Edgerton.

## Volunteers To Work Dimes Drive

Virtually the entire membership of the Franklin County March of Dimes will take up a weekend vigil in local foodstores to raise money for their charitable cause March of Dimes.

Local shoppers will get off without spending an extra cent, according to Nancy H. Beasley, president of the organization. A leading meat packer has agreed to make case donations to the ladies for every package of his meat products they help offer the public January 9 - 10 - 11.

Food stores in Youngsville, Franklinton and Louisburg will participate in the "Help Us to Help Others!" Ladies will take turns on a round-the-clock selling marathon to raise cash for the Franklin county March of Dimes.

## New Feed Program Like Old One

A voluntary 1969 feed grain program virtually identical to the 1968 program has been announced by the Secretary of Agriculture. The sign up will be conducted simultaneously for feed grain, cotton, and wheat from February 3 through March 21.

Key provisions of the 1969 feed grain program are:

1. Required acreage diversion to conserving use to qualify for price-support loans and payments is continued at 20 per cent of a farmer's base acreage of corn, sorghum, and barley. No diversion payments will be made for this minimum diversion, except for small base farms - the same as in 1966-68.

2. Additional acreage diversion will be possible up to a total of 50 per cent of the base or 25 acres, whichever is larger, the same as in 1968. The acreage diversion payment rate will be at 45 percent of the total price-support times the projected yield.

3. As in 1966-68 a farm with a base of 25 acres or less will get payment on the first 20 per cent acreage diversion at 20 per cent of the total support rate times yield, and at the regular 45 per cent payment rate on the remaining acreage diverted to a conserving use. Producers with feed grain base acreages up to 12 1/2 acres will have the option of temporarily reducing this base down to 25 acres and still be eligible for the small farm provision on condition that no corn, grain sorghum or barley will be planted for harvest on the farm and the 25 acres are diverted to conserving use.

As announced August 11, 1968, barley is included in the 1969 feed grain program. Malting barley will not be exempted from these diversion requirements.

Determinations such as advance payments, the production of substitute crops on diverted acreage, and other details will be announced prior to sign up time.

## Board Studies Free, Reduced Price Lunches

The Board of Education, meeting in regular monthly session here Monday night, studied free and reduced-price lunch policies and set a meeting with a Committee appointed earlier to make recommendations on such policies.

Results of a canvas of all students in the system were revealed to the Board of Superintendent Warren W. Smith. Following the meeting with the special committee, the Board is expected to establish criteria and procedural steps to be used in determining the eligibility of students for participation in the revised and expanded federal lunch program. It is expected that some 2500 students will benefit from either free lunches or reduced priced meals.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy, windy and much warmer today with chance of showers Friday, mostly fair, windy, and cooler. Low today, 33; high, lower 60s.



Honored Posthumously

Mrs. Evelyn Brodie of 701 S. Main St., Louisburg, accepts a plaque bearing the Bronze Star for meritorious service, the Purple Heart and other awards presented posthumously to her son, Private First Class James L. Bowden. First Lieutenant Edward A. Hamilton, (right) survivors assistance officer from Ft. Bragg, N. C., presented the medals during ceremonies at Mrs. Brodie's residence. Bowden was killed during combat operations with the 101st Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam on Aug. 21, 1968. (U. S. Army Photo by Sp4 Kathleen C. Presky).