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## Cooke Named Deacon Of The Year



ELTON H. COOKE

Elton H. Cooke, of the Corinth Baptist Church, Route 3, Louisburg, was named Representative Deacon of the Year by the Tar River Baptist Association in ceremonies held in the Spring Hope High School on last Monday night. Mr. Cooke is the fourth man to be so honored. Other recipients of the award are J. Phillip Murray of the Ephesus Church, Melvin A. Nelms of the Cypress Chapel Church and G. M. Beam, Sr. of the Louisburg Church.

The handsome bronze and wooden plaque was presented to Mr. Cooke by Melvin A. Nelms, Associational Moderator. In the presentation statement Nelms said that Mr. Cooke "was representative of the large host of deacons who serve in the churches of Tar River Association." Mr. Cooke has served on the Executive Committee of the Association and in many responsible positions in his church including Sunday School Superintendent, teacher of young people and Mission Action Leader in Baptist Men. His pastor, J. Marion Rector, says of him, "He is looked upon as a genuine Christian by both church and non-church people in our community." Cooke is married to the former Gladys Finch. They live in the Ingleside section of Franklin County.

The annual meeting at which Cooke's award was presented is called the Deacon-Pastor Supper and is sponsored by the Associational Brotherhood. D. C. Phillips of Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Associational Brotherhood Director, presided over the meeting. R. Tom Greene of the Baptist State Convention's Stewardship Division was speaker. Special entertainment was provided by a quartet calling themselves "The Parsons Four." Members of the quartet were J. Marion Rector, James Estep, Horace Jackson and Aubrey Tomlinson. Mrs. J. Marion Rector was the pianist. The meeting was attended by around 200 Baptist leaders from Franklin and Nash counties.

## George H. Harris, Chairman Of Board Of County Commissioners Passes

George Henry Harris, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, died around 11 P.M. Wednesday night in Franklin Memorial Hospital. Mr. Harris, 64, had been in declining health for several years and had been unable to attend Board meetings since the first of the year.

He was a farmer and lumberman and served as a deacon in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He was first elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 1950. Except for a four-year period, 1954-58, he served continuously on the Board representing the Hayesville-Sandy Creek District. He was reelected in 1966 without opposition and his term was to have run until December, 1970.

Mr. Harris was a conservative member of the Board and pointed with pride to his pet project, the three county buildings located at the intersection of NC-56 and Bickett Blvd. He was instrumental in the erection of the Welfare and Health department buildings on the site and assisted school officials in obtaining the Education building on the three-building complex.

He is the fourth member of the Board to die in office in recent history. Howard Pearce, Howard Griffin and Claude Arnold died while serving as Chairmen of the Board.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 2 P.M. from the Lancaster Funeral Home Chapel, by Rev. Kenneth Honeycutt and Rev. W. P. Childers. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cassie Lloyd Harris of the home, one son, Fred Harris, Rt. 3, Louisburg; one step-son, Worth Powell of Alexandria,

Va.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Ruth Smith, Rt. 3, Louisburg, Mrs. Grace Malick, Duquesne, Pa.; one grandchild and eight step-grandchildren.



GEORGE H. HARRIS

ID Motto:

## "There Is No Limit To What A Community Can Do ---"

The announcement this week that another new industry plans to locate in the county focuses the spotlight on one of the county's most unheralded agencies. Except when there is an announcement brewing, few people pay much attention to the Industrial Development Commission.

Since its beginning in March, 1961, there have been 13 announcements of new industries, two of which were home-grown. Before Franklin voters approved a 5 cent levy per \$100 valuation to support the Commission's work, there were no announcements. The reason was simple. There were no

industries locating here. Between 1948 when Ford Metal Moulding located here and 1962, there were no plants announced for Franklin County.

The major break-through came in 1962 when on February 15, the Commission announced that Louisburg Sportswear Company would locate here. The announcement said Sportswear would occupy a 30,000 sq. ft. building and employ upwards of 350 persons. It did this and is now expanding.

Things were quiet after Sportswear for a couple of years. The Commission's work continued, but there was

nothing of note to announce. On April 30, 1964 M. Z. Morris of Spring Hope said he would establish the Justice Manufacturing Company at the old Justice Elementary School. He planned to employ 90 people. Justice Manufacturing has since expanded.

In July, 1964 the announcement was made that Gay Products would locate here. In a 46,400 sq. ft. building, Gay would employ upwards of 350 persons. The Gay operation has been most successful here.

On April 15, 1965, Mac Joyner announced simultaneously with the Industrial Development Director the formation of the M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company. He would locate temporarily in the old Ford Molding building and expect to employ around 40 people. Joyner, a native of Louisburg, has since built a modern plant on Bickett Blvd. and accomplished a significant expansion.

Just under one year later, the announcement came that Diazit, a New Jersey firm, would locate at Youngsville. The 6,000 sq. ft. building located on US-1 would employ 25 persons it was said at that time.

Then on March 29, 1969, it was disclosed that Ben-Bar Electronics would locate in the Lake Donna building at Youngsville. While this one failed to materialize into a going venture, the work by the ID department was still there.

On November 29, 1966 came the really big news in industry hunting. Carolina Fine Woods, a subsidiary of Sylvania Corporation, held a news conference to announce the location here of a 130,000 sq. ft. plant which would employ upwards of 300 persons. The area was leased. On October 13, 1967, the company changed its mind saying that market conditions made it impossible to carry out the plans for the Louisburg plant. The balloon had burst.

But before it did, Composite Structures Corp. announced the location here of a pilot operation to build low-cost housing. It opened shop in the old Youngstown building and struggled along until a few months ago when its operations were shut down. It is still hoped that this idea will come alive again here.

Industrial Development and the people of the area took special pride when on February 2, 1967 Dean Farms, a local industry opened its new plant. The company was founded in 1960 in an old school building in Cedar Rock and grew to one of the county's major industries.

In October, 1967 Mar-Way, Inc. located in the old Hardwick building on Church Street. The firm is in operation daily and, while small, is another feather in the cap of the ID Commission.

July 29, 1968, was a banner day for See INDUSTRY Page 6

## Two Youths Ordered To Work One Day A Week Cleaning Jail

District Judge Claude W. Allen continues to dole out some unusual conditions in suspending sentences against young lawbreakers. Recently he ordered two young men to attend church services every Sunday for three years and to turn in a written report to the probation officer on the theme of each service.

Monday, two other young men faced Judge Allen after charged with assault, assault with a deadly weapon and damage to property. Found guilty of simple assault, they were sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended for one year upon payment of costs and they were ordered to "report to the Sheriff of Franklin County one day each week in order that (they) might work off excess energy by cleaning the jail." They were also ordered to remain on good behavior for 12 months. The two men so sentenced were Jerry Thomas Glenn, w/m/18 and Phillip Braswell, w/m, age not given.

Other cases disposed of during the session held here Monday include the following:

William Sears Brown, w/m/21, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Claude Alton Forsythe, Jr., w/m/16, no operator's license; improper registration. Prayer for judgment continued for 12 months and defendant placed on probation; to pay costs of court.

Melvin Gupton, w/m/40, assault on female. 8 months in jail, suspended and defendant placed on probation for 18 months; to pay \$25.00 fine and costs and not be found guilty of any criminal offense during this period.

Mack Brock, n/m/51, speeding. \$50.00 fine and costs.

Robert Lee Smith, c/m/40, driving while license suspended. 6 months in jail, suspended for 6 months on payment of costs and \$200.00 fine.

William Henry Tanner, n/m/21, failing to see movement could be made in safety. \$15.00 fine and costs.

James Lee Piper, w/m/20, reckless driving. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Ralph E. Dent, n/m/25, improper equipment. To pay costs of court.

John Allen Bryant, c/m/58, carrying concealed weapon. 1 month in jail, suspended on payment of \$20.00 fine and costs. Gun confiscated by Sheriff.

John Allen Bryant, c/m/58, assault with deadly weapon. 8 months in jail, suspended and placed on probation; to pay costs and violate no criminal statutes of N. C.

Ted Ray Young, w/m/20, operating auto intoxicated; carrying concealed weapon. Pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving and carrying concealed

weapon. 6 months in jail, suspended and placed on probation and to pay costs of court and \$120.00 fine; not to operate motor vehicle except to and from work Monday through Friday. Weapon to be confiscated by Sheriff.

Charlie Brown, w/m/29, renting motel room for immoral purposes. Motion to quash is allowed by the court.

Rosa Harris, abandonment of children. 12 months in jail, suspended for 3 years on payment of costs and defendant not to leave children alone unless arrangement for an adult to be with children.

Susan Turner Gantt, w/f/27, driving without valid license. Nol pros with leave.

Mary Harrison Vaughan, w/f/30, driving wrong side of road. To pay costs.

Mary Helen Vaughan, w/f/30, renting motel room for immoral purpose. Motion to quash allowed by court.

Billie Mitchell, c/m/28, improper muffler. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Robert Edd Parrish, c/m/31, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, not resulting in death. Bound over to Superior Court after probable cause found. Bond set at \$2000.00.

Wesley Madison Pearce, w/m/38, incest, assault. Bound over to Superior Court under \$250.00 bond.

Buddy Jones, c/m/18, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, not resulting in death. No probable cause found.

Buddy Jones, c/m, murder. Probable cause found. Bound over to Superior Court.

Garland Clanton, c/m/28, non-support. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and \$50.00 for use and benefit of prosecuting witness.

Roy Edward Rogers, c/m/22, careless and reckless driving. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Sidney Wayne Hockaday, n/m/18, failing to see movement could be made in safety. Not guilty.

Wyatt Nathaniel Mitchell, n/m/27, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

David L. Holden, c/m/44, operating auto intoxicated. Pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving. \$100.00 fine and costs.

Isaac Daniels Wheeler, w/m/34, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Felix Parrish, w/m, public drunkenness. To be committed to Comm. of See COURT Page 6

## College Art Competition Set

The third annual Franklin County and Louisburg College student competition will be April 13, 1969. Any resident of the county or college student is eligible. Work in any of the following is acceptable: Painting (oil, watercolor, polymer or mixed media), Sculpture (wood, wire, metal, or mixed media), Prints (wood cuts, lithographs, serigraphs and linoleum), Drawings (pen and ink, brush, watercolor, pastel and conte and Ceramics, either hand shaped or made on the wheel.

The Louisburg College Student work will be judged separately from the Franklin County work. Cash awards will be given in all categories.

All work must be original and have been completed within the past year. Drawings, prints, and watercolors must be matted, paintings must be framed or stripped. Sculpture must be secure on a base or freestanding.

Entries may or may not be priced for sale.

All entries must be turned in to the Louisburg College Art Gallery by 5 o'clock Friday, April 11, 1969.



Runnerups

Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith is shown above as he presented Jayvee Tournament trophies last night. At left, Frankie Ayscue accepts the Runner-up Trophy for Louisburg and at right, Jerry Simmons, left, and an unidentified teammate accept championship trophy. (Franklin County did not list a No. 15).



JV Champs