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## Duke Gives Hospital \$1553.00

Charlotte - Appropriations totaling \$2,067,166 are being distributed to hospitals and child care institutions in the Carolinas this week by The Duke Endowment.

This includes \$1,123,149 to assist hospitals in operating expenses, \$316,027 to reimburse them for the cost of participation in two national information services, and \$627,990 to help in the care of orphaned and half-orphaned children. In North Carolina 129 hospitals are receiving \$942,328 and 26 child care institutions, \$417,434. Fifty-nine hospitals in South Carolina are being given \$496,838 and 17 child care institutions, \$210,556.

Franklin Memorial Hospital will receive \$1,553.00 from the fund this year.

Announcement of the appropriations was made Monday by James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care sections of The Endowment. Mr. Felts explained that funds provided to assist the hospitals in operating expenses amount to \$1 a day for each day of charity care reported in the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1968.

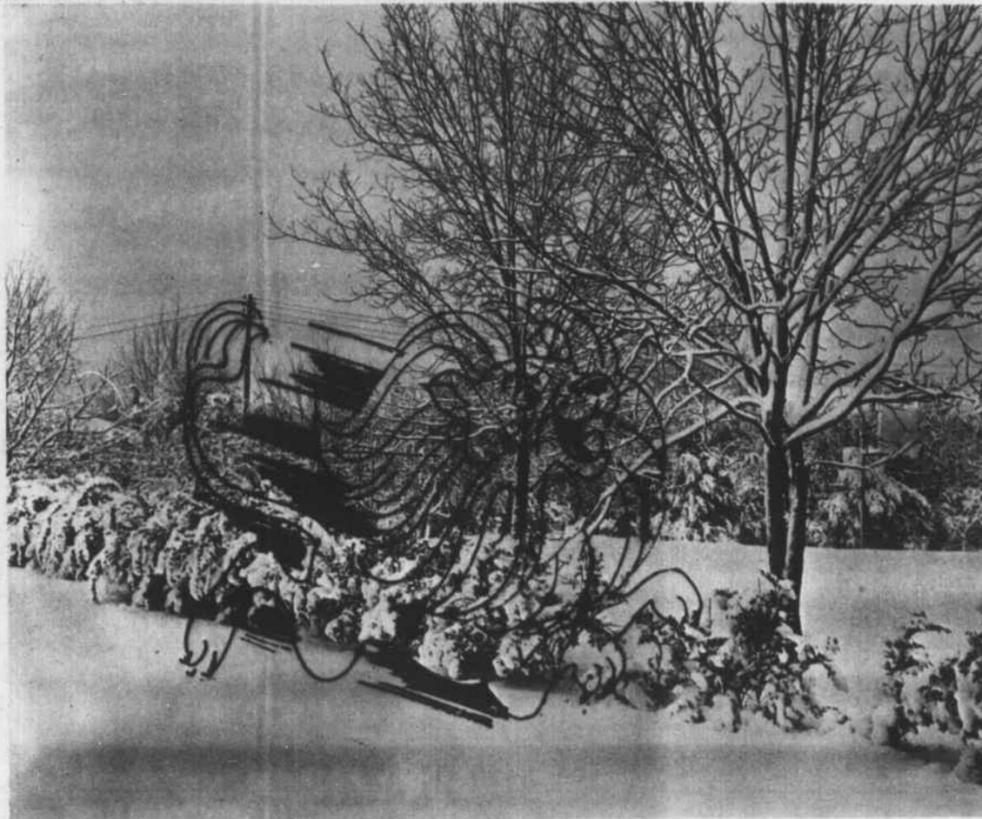
Beginning with 1966, The Endowment has reimbursed assisted hospitals for the cost of participation in Hospital Administrative Services of Chicago, Ill., (HAS), and Professional Activity Study (PAS) of the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities of Ann Arbor, Michigan, which compile and distribute financial and statistical information on a current monthly basis, giving hospitals data useful in their search for ways to improve patient care. Hospitals will be reimbursed for the entire cost until September 30, 1970, after which The Endowment will withdraw at the rate of 10 per cent a year until it shares the expense equally with the hospitals.

For operating expenses, North Carolina hospitals are receiving \$735,727, South Carolina hospitals, \$387,422. Funds for HAS and PAS costs are \$206,611 in North Carolina and \$109,416 in South Carolina.

Hospitals assisted had 26,181 beds in use, an increase of 146 over 1967, and 8,136,711 days of care, 326,318 more than in the previous year. There were 4,496 more free days than in 1967 but the percentage of days of care devoted to charity, 13.8, was slightly lower than the 1967 percentage of 14.3.

Appropriations to child care institutions amount to approximately \$1.01 a day for each day of orphan and half-orphan care. Capacity of those assisted is 4,879 and average number of children served each day in the year was 4,526, which compares with 4,559 in 1967. In all the institutions provided 1,656,287 days of care, 7,701 fewer than in the preceding year. Days of care of orphans and half-orphans decreased from 659,336 in 1967 to 620,051 in 1968 while the percentage of care devoted to these children was 37.4 in comparison with 39.6 in 1967.

Major beneficiaries of The Duke Endowment in addition to hospitals and child care institutions are four educational institutions - Duke, Davidson, Furman, and Johnson C. Smith, retired ministers of the United Methodist Church in North Carolina, and dependent families of ministers who died while serving one of the North Carolina Conferences of the Church. The Endowment was established by James Buchanan Duke in 1924.



In Like A Lion

## Area Gets Seven Inch Snow

The weatherman need make no apology for having predicted a snow which we did not get today. He did his thing last Saturday.

Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports a measurement of five inches of snow at 5 P.M. Saturday afternoon and estimates that the fluffy white stuff that fell until around 10 P.M. Saturday night brought the total measurable snow to seven inches. It melted fast, as Kennedy pointed out and therefore it did not appear quite as large a winter storm as it actually was.

The seven-inch snowfall matched other seven-inchers on February 9, 1967 and on March 5-6, 1959. The heaviest snows in recent years fell on January 25, 26, 27, 1966 when the area had an eight-inch downpour and on January 16, 17, 1965 when 7½ inches fell.

The heaviest recorded snows in this area occurred on March 3, 1927 when 15 to 18 inches was reported and on February 1, 1948 when 13 inches blanketed the area. In the four-year period 1961-1964, an inch and a half was the largest snowfall recorded.

Kennedy says the temperatures have been about normal. For the past several days, he reports the highs around 49-50 and the lows around 29-30 degrees.

The Raleigh-Durham weatherman had predicted heavy snows for this area Monday night and early this morning. However-and thankfully-the signals were crossed and the sun shines brightly over Franklin County today. March has come in like the lion it is and the area eagerly awaits its going out like a lamb. To coin a phrase, when March comes, can Spring be far behind?

## Knott Expected To Name Harris Successor This Week

Clerk of Superior Court Ralph S. Knott, whose constitutional duty it is to name a successor to the late George H. Harris on the Board of County Commissioners, says he hopes to have an announcement later this week.

Mr. Harris, veteran member of the Board, died last Wednesday night. He was serving as Chairman of the Board.

It has been learned that a number of names have been suggested to Knott by private citizens in and outside the District served by Mr. Harris. It is known that Knott prefers to name a man residing in the Sandy Creek Township. District 3 is composed of Hayesville Township and Sandy Creek. Mr. Harris was a resident of Sandy Creek.

Among those names being mentioned in connection with the appointment are Pete Smith, a garage operator, Owen Tharrington, a member of the Gold Sand School Committee, Robert Lee Burnette, a business part-

ner of Mr. Harris, Willie Robertson, a Louisburg realtor who lives in Sandy Creek, J. C. Tharrington and Henry Edwards, an Alert storekeeper. All are residents of Sandy Creek Township.

At least one name has figured prominently in speculation over the appointment to Hayesville Township. John Allison Rogers, successful farm operator, has been suggested and some mention has been made of former Commissioner Ira Weldon who held the seat before being defeated by Mr. Harris in the 1958 elections.

It was also learned that Knott has been traveling in the District and talking with people about the appointment. Several of those being mentioned in connection with the post have made it known that they could not accept the appointment were it offered them.

A reliable source disclosed that the front runners were Pete Smith and

Owen Tharrington but that neither would accept the position.

Knott said Monday that he wanted to appoint a man acceptable to all areas of the county and particularly to his own District. He said he had hoped to name the new Commissioner in time for Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Board. However, this proved impossible and now Knott says he hopes to make the appointment later this week.

This is the second such appointment Knott has been called on to make. He named Mrs. Jeanette Arnold to fill the unexpired term of her husband, Claude A. Arnold who died while serving as Chairman of the Board in December, 1965. Mrs. Arnold did not seek election the following year and Brooks W. Young, named Chairman here Monday, was elected to the post.

## Young Named Chairman Of The Board, Faulkner Elected Vice Chairman

Brooks W. Young was elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners here Monday as the Board met in regular monthly session. Young succeeds the late George H. Harris as chairman. Norwood E. Faulkner was named Vice Chairman succeeding Young.

Since no replacement has been named for the post held by Mr. Harris, who died last week, the Board met as a four-member body and heard a number of routine reports from county department heads.

A contract for shrubbery around the courthouse was awarded W. V. Avent, local nurseryman and the Louisburg Garden Club at a cost of \$375.00. The Board also agreed to pay \$200 in rent and \$400 as its February-March share of expenses to Franklin, Vance, Warren Opportunity, Inc., the local anti-poverty agency.

A report by the Youngsville Fire Department on its inspection of the Youngsville High School was presented and C. T. Dean, Jr. County Extension Chairman and Raymond E. Burnette, local building contractor appeared before the Board to explain certain planned renovations to the county agricultural offices on E. Nash Street.

A letter from Times Editor Clint Fuller requesting the Board to appoint a committee of business and civic

leaders to study the county's salary structure was read but no action was taken on the request.

It was announced that the Commissioners would sit as a Board of Equalization and Review in the county tax office from April 14 through April 18, 1969.



BROOKS W. YOUNG

## Fountain Explains Tobacco Action

Washington, D. C. . . . This week, I'd like to bring you up to date on a subject of more than passing interest to us in the Second District and, indeed, in North Carolina.

The entire North Carolina delegation in the House -- all eleven of us -- joined together the other day in sponsoring a bill to block action threatened against the tobacco industry by the Federal Communications Commission.

The legislation we introduced ironically puts us from the nation's leading tobacco state on record as favoring a warning label on cigarette packages.

Actually, our bill would extend on a permanent basis the present labeling act which is scheduled to expire on June 30.

The FCC has announced that unless Congress extends this act, the FCC intends to ban all cigarette advertising from radio and television.

The arguments are numerous and strong against the FCC in this instance. But if I have learned one thing since coming to Washington, it is that government agencies will try to grab power and if they aren't stopped, they will grab again and again until they get it.

The FCC's threat is a prime example of this. In effect, the FCC, which was created by Congress, is saying that unless you specifically act to stop me then I will do thus and so. It is a terrible thing to have to respond to such threats but the greater public good is more important than whether or not Congress should or should not move in a particular line of action.

The FCC is not the only threat to tobacco in Washington these days, although it is by no means a new danger.

More than 40 members of Congress have sponsored a bill which would require an almost poison-like label on cigarette packs. It also would give the government the authority to say how long a cigarette should be.

I know this all sounds pretty foolish to many of us. But the important -- and serious -- part is that more than 40 members of Congress do not think it is funny.

Still other members, in both the House and Senate, are planning to do everything they can to block action on extending the labeling act.

They have pledged to stop it if they can. If they can do so the FCC presumably would be free to put into effect its ban on cigarette advertising. This shows clearly and unmistakably the danger that tobacco faces this year.

We have fewer members from farming areas in Congress these days and those from urban areas seem to be less

and less concerned or interested in our problems.

This is another mark against tobacco, in addition to the anti-smoking campaigns now being carried on by the Federal government and assorted private organizations.

I mention all of this because, regardless of your attitude on smoking, all of us from the Second District of North Carolina have a stake in the growing and handling of tobacco.

Tobacco is in trouble this year, more trouble than it has been in during past years. And short of conclusive, scientific proof of specific dangers associated with its use, it will take the combined efforts of all of us to see that our tobacco farmers are not destroyed.

## Seven Faced Scholarship Interview

Chapel Hill - Seven candidates for the University of North Carolina's distinguished Alston-Pleasants Scholarship were interviewed in Louisburg Saturday, March 1, by a special subcommittee of the Faculty Committee on Scholarship Awards and Financial Aid.

Interviewers include Dr. James R. Caldwell, chairman of the Faculty Committee on Scholarship Awards and Financial Aid; William M. Geer, Student Aid director, Walter Rabb, UNC baseball coach; Lewis Patrick Warren of Raleigh, student member of the Faculty Committee on Scholarship Awards and Financial Aid; and Hill Yarborough, Louisburg attorney and UNC Board of Trustees member.

Although there is only one winner, all of the finalists will be offered a scholarship at the University.

The four-year scholarship is valued at \$5,500 (\$1,100 per year). It is awarded annually to an outstanding Franklin, Halifax, or Warren County high school senior, eligible by UNC standards for admission here. Award criteria are academic achievement and leadership.

Nominees include Martha Ann Butler, Weldon; Karen Ellen Dunn, Youngsville; Craig Randall Harris, Scotland Neck; William Lawrence Johnson, Franklinton; Woodrow Wilson Shearin, Jr., Norlina; William Harold Taylor, Jr., Louisburg; and James Walker Williams, Roanoke Rapids.

Established in 1958 as a \$100,000 trust fund to the University memorializing Willis (Congress) Alston by his granddaughter, Mrs. Missouri Alston-Pleasants of Louisburg, the scholarship directs that the annual earned income from the trust fund be used by the University to provide Alston-Pleasants awards.

## Board To Buy Land At Bunn, Study Louisburg Building

The Board of Education, meeting in a four-hour session here Monday night, voted to purchase 20 additional acres of land at Bunn High School and authorized Supt. Warren Smith to pass on a sketch of a new Louisburg High School Vocational building to Board architect Ralph Reeves.

The additional acres at Bunn is expected to cost \$20,000 and will be used for playground space at the overcrowded facility. It is also expected to be used for future buildings at Bunn.

The Trade and Industries building for Louisburg has already been approved by the Board and by the State Board of Education. A cost estimate is being sought by the Board before final plans are made on this project.

In other actions, the Board set Wednesday, April 2, as the make-up day for a day lost to icy roads last week. Originally Easter Holidays were set for Wednesday, April 2 through Monday, April 7. It was also decided that should another day be missed, Thursday, April 3, would be used as

make-up.

Beginner's Day was tentatively set for sometime in April with a definite date not named and the Board was informed that the deed for ten acres of land purchased at Edward Best had been recorded.

Board attorney E. F. Yarborough informed the Board that there had been no actions in the federal school suit since its last meeting. The Bunn Community Club donated a lot owned by it, to the Board for use at the Bunn School. The Board voted to accept with appreciation the offer and instructed Yarborough to proceed with the acceptance.

Board members Horace Baker, Jones Winston and William T. Boone and Supt. Smith will attend the State School Boards District meeting today and tonight at Sanderson High School in Raleigh as delegates from Franklin County.

The sale of the Cedar Street School property was discussed and a bid of

\$3,500 by Louisburg attorney Charles Davis will hold unless it is upped by Thursday of this week. If no higher bid is offered, the Board will accept or reject the bid at its next meeting.

James Grady, Waccamaw Bank and

## To Start Operations

The new Durham Hosiery plant on US-1 at Franklinton is expected to start operations in the next few days. The firm moved its operations from Durham, where it had been for seventy years.

George A. Cralle, President said some time ago that all company operations would be moved to Franklinton by February 15. The Durham plant has already ceased its operations.

Cralle also said it would take about thirty days for the Franklinton plant to reach its full operating capacity.

The Durham plant, which employed around 300 people, was estab-

lished in 1898 by the late Julian S. Carr and at one time was said to be the largest hosiery mill in the world. It maintained its principal operations in a five-story building on South Corcoran Street since 1920.

Cralle said last July that the move to Franklinton was necessary because the downtown plant was insufficient and inefficient for use as a hosiery mill. He said the areas was congested and there was inadequate parking facilities.

According to reports, comparatively few of the Durham employees have

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## Weather

Mostly cloudy and cold today with chance of snow in morning. Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Wednesday. Lows, 32; high, 40.