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Industry, Agriculture, Education Leaders Discuss Long Range Vocational Plans

Representatives of agriculture and industry from Franklin County met with school officials Thursday afternoon, March 13, in the library of the Louisburg High School to give suggestions for a long-range program for vocational education in the County

schools. Mrs. Mamie B. Clayton of the County education office presided and introduced Warren W. Smith, County Superintendent, who gave a brief summary of the existing program in the schools. Following this, the group

divided into two units, one representing agriculture and the other, industry. Within these units informal discussions were held to gain the views of participants concerning the needs of the schools and how they might be met. C. T. Dean, Jr. of the County Agriculture extension service served as chairman of the farm group, and S. Kenneth Schubart of the County Industrial Development Commission chaired the group on industry. The meeting concluded with a brief report given from each group.

Tunstall, William I. Curry, Carl E. Grad, Mrs. Ialeen Mode, Mrs. Rolline Collins, W. T. Winborne, R. E. Wheelless, J. E. Alston and H. H. Pfling.

Congressman Fountain To Speak

Ground Breaking For Rishel Next Week

Industrial Development Director Kenneth Schubart has announced that groundbreaking ceremonies for the new J. K. Rishel Furniture Company plant will be held next Monday, March 24, at 11 A.M. U. S. Congressman L. H. Fountain will be the featured speaker for the event, the announcement said.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will take place at the site on N. C. 56 known as the former Boarding Home property. Schubart said Monday that final plans for the event have not been completed, but that he expects a number of Rishel officials to attend. Among those expected for the function are Mr. B. C. Lodenslager, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Richard E. Melish, President and Treasurer of Rishel, and Mr. C. Frank Seidel, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer and plant manager. Mr. Lewis C. Phillips, Vice President of the firm, may attend, according to Schubart.

Officials of the State Department of Conservation and Development are also expected to take part in the ceremonies.

Rishel announced on February 25 that it will build a 117,000 square foot building here to manufacture office and household furniture. The new



L. H. FOUNTAIN

plant will represent an investment of \$2 million in the area, according to the original announcement and will employ around 150 persons at the start. The parent company is located in Williamsport, Pa.

Beginners Registration Days Announced

The Franklin County Schools will hold registration for children entering first grade in the 1969-70 school year as follows:

- Bunn Elementary - Wednesday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Edward Best Elementary - Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Epsom High - Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Gold Sand Elementary - Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Louisburg Elementary - Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Youngsville High - Wednesday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To be enrolled in the school, a child must be six years old on or before October 16, 1969 and must have completed the required immunizations.

Parents are requested to visit the school in which the child is to be enrolled on the above dates and register the child with school and health authorities. It is necessary to bring a certified copy of the birth certificate and a record of all immunizations which have been completed at that time. A representative of the health department will consult with the parents concerning the immunizations record and plan for future schedules.

There will be no pre-school clinics conducted in Franklin County this year. Parents are required to have medical forms and immunizations completed by the family physician if possible. In cases where this cannot be done, the child should be carried to the Franklin County Health Department on Tuesday or Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for the health records to be made and necessary immunizations completed.

If funds are available a Pre-School Readiness program will be conducted in the six schools of the county for children who will be entering school in the fall. Parents will be asked at the time of registration if they would like for their child to participate in this program. The same age and health requirements will be necessary for this program as for any other school program.

Hearing On Natural Gas Set For Wednesday

The Louisburg Town Council has moved a public hearing on the question of natural gas from the original planned date of April 11 to Wednesday, March 19, at 7:30 P.M. at the Louisburg Armory.

The hearing, according to a release by Town Administrator E. S. Ford, is to be held "on whether or not the Town of Louisburg grant Public Service Company of North Carolina a franchise to serve the Town of Louisburg with natural gas".

It was learned that the date was moved up at the request of the Industrial Development Commission. A meeting was held Saturday between members of the Town Board and representatives of the ID Commission, according to reports.

Representatives of the gas firm met here on February 21, 1968 to explain to a group of local civic and business leaders their request for a franchise and to explain their operation. A date was set for a meeting of gas company officials and the Louisburg Town Council. The proposed meeting of April 5, 1968 failed to materialize and little has been heard publicly about the matter since.

It was explained then that it would be necessary for the Council to approve the franchise in two readings in two consecutive regular meetings. It was learned here yesterday that the Council has never granted such approval.

W. Hughes Boland, Raleigh District Manager for the firm, and Kent F. Burns, company attorney, said last year that the company would spend

\$300,000 in the area with \$55,000 being spent the first year in Louisburg and \$20,000 being slated for the second year. The gas pipeline from Texas is being extended from Stanton, Va. to Emporia, Va. with a truck line being installed to South Hill, Va. and Wise, N. C. Oxford and Henderson are already served with natural gas from a spur line running from Stem, N. C.

Neighboring Warrenton granted a franchise last June 10 on second reading approving the plan. Norlina and other Warren County towns were said at the time to be ready to do the same.

Still Raided Near Bunn, Four Arrested

County Sheriff's officers, Wake County ABC officers and federal ATU agents raided what was termed "one of the largest in months" liquor still near Bunn Saturday. Four persons were arrested and charged with operating an unregistered distillery.

Arrested and released under their own recognizance were: Wayne Clay Miller, 35, Rt. 2, Rougemont; Julian Chamblee, 40, Vance Frazier, 44, and William Hopkins, 60, all of Route 1, Louisburg.

The 13,000 gallon capacity still was blown up by the law officers in the raid a mile west of Bunn on Highway 98. D. C. Lawson, area supervisor of the alcohol, tobacco and firearms division of the U. S. Treasury Department, led the raid and said he expects more arrests before the case is closed.

Lawson said the still was recently constructed with a 13,000 gallon mash capacity, two 1,000-gallon stills and a boiler with a furnace burner and blower attachment using fuel oil.

It was also reported that the operation boasted of its own generator to produce its own electricity.

A hearing was held Monday before the U. S. Commissioner in Raleigh.

Elementary To Hold Open House

"Open House" will be held Thursday night, March 20th, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Louisburg Elementary School, announces Principal C. A. Harris.

The activity will begin in the cafeteria of the school beginning with a brief devotional period. The members of the faculty will be presented by the principal.

Afterwards refreshments will be served and the parents are asked to visit the rooms of the teachers of their children. The parents are invited to visit as many rooms as they can, but they are asked to be certain to visit the rooms of their own children.

Four County Men Arrested In Arson Cases

Sheriff William T. Dement has reported the arrest of four Franklin County men in connection with four separate cases of arson which have taken place this year. The arrests came last Thursday following what Dement described as the "seventh or eighth unexplained" fire in recent weeks. The latest was the burning of the Edward Leigh Best homeplace four miles east of Louisburg last Wednesday night. However, Sheriff's officers say the arrests had nothing to do with the fire at the Best place, now owned by J. Harold Talton, Louisburg banker.

Arrested were: Ted Ray Young, w/m/21, Rt. 1, Louisburg, charged with arson in three fires; Bruce Cole Chamblee, w/m/20, Rt. 1, Louisburg, charged with arson in four fires; Jerry Baker, w/m/23, Rt. 1, Louisburg, charged in one case and Jerry Allen Rogers, w/m/20, Rt. 1, Youngsville, charged in one case.

Chief Deputy Dave Batton identified the four fires. He said that Young

and Chamblee are charged in the January 11 burning of the old Fuller place, now owned by Mrs. Cherry Rogers in Harris Township. The pair are also charged in the February 2 fire which destroyed Mrs. Kenneth Cook's place on the Tarboro Road. Young, Chamblee and Baker are charged with setting the fire which destroyed Mrs. Betty Horton Young's place on January 27 and Chamblee and Rogers are charged in the March 11 fire at the John Clarence Dickerson homeplace. All locations are in Harris Township, according to Batten.

The men are free under \$1,000 bond set in each individual charge. A hearing has been set for Monday, March 24, in District Court here, according to reports.

Dement announced the arrests last Thursday afternoon and credited State Fire Marshall official A. E. Pearce and Deputy Batten with solving the case. While investigating the previous fires, both were called on to investigate the Best fire. Batten said there was nothing to report on this blaze Monday. He said he does not feel that the foursome arrested were involved in the latest blaze, however, Sheriff Dement said last week that he believed the Best fire was "deliberately set".

Case Of Assault With Auto Continued For Two Weeks

The case against two Washington, D. C. Negro men, charged with assault against James Lawing, Raleigh white man acquitted on a civil rights charge last week, has been continued for two weeks in District Court here. Lawing signed warrants charging Jesse R. Morgan, 46, and his son, Jesse R. Morgan, Jr., 20, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill last Friday.

According to reports, Mr. and Mrs. Lawing were traveling from Raleigh to Henderson on US-1 when a car driven by Morgan, Sr. attempted to run them off the highway. Lawing also says the younger Morgan pointed a pistol at him. Lawing reported to officers that he was able to get his car back on the highway and did not stop. He did copy the license number of the Morgan car and reported it to Franklinton police.

Lawing was acquitted by a jury in federal court in Raleigh last week on charges he violated the civil rights of Negro university professor Horace Caple, who moved into the all-white neighborhood last fall. Lawing was charged with threatening the life of Caple in a neighborhood argument stemming from trouble between the children.

The United States Justice Department brought suit in behalf of Caple and Justice Department attorney Francis Kennedy represented the govern-

ment and Caple in the proceedings before federal Judge John Larkins, Raleigh attorney Irvin Tucker represented Lawing.

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement said the Morgans were arrested in neighboring Henderson around 11 A.M. Friday and brought to Louisburg where they were freed on \$1,000 bond each. Dement said that the Morgans said they recognized Lawing as the defendant in the civil rights case but denied that they tried to force the car off the road and also denied that a pistol was pointed. They said, "The only thing they did was pass the car," according to the Sheriff.

Gov'ing on the request of Franklin officials, Henderson police officers were placed on the look out for the Morgan car. It was spotted near the Andrews Avenue crossing on US-1 shortly before 11 A.M. Friday by Sgt. D. B. Kimball, Jr. and Officer L. E. Gupton who took the pair into custody and later released them to Franklin officers.

Dement, according to reports, said there was no pistol found in the Morgan car. The warrant lists both the Morgan automobile and a pistol as weapons used in the assault.

Lawing was the first person to be tried under the 1968 Open Housing See ASSAULT Page 8

Harris, Bunn File For Re-Election



BUNN HARRIS

Two incumbent Town Council members launched the 1969 municipal elections here Monday by filing for the May 6 races. Grover C. Harris, Jr. and George T. (Jolly) Bunn, both freshmen members of the town's governing body, were first to file.

Harris, 42, assistant manager of the Louisburg Theater who served as assistant town clerk for three years, finished sixth in the ten-man field in 1967. Bunn, 37, finished fifth after having finished out of the running in 1965 in a close seventh place.

Bunn operates Bunn Super Grocery on South Main Street and has been manager of the Franklin County Fair for the past ten years. He is a member of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department and the Auxiliary police force. He is also a member of the local Masonic Lodge and a Shriner. He is married to the former Mary W. Fleming and lives at 207 N. Main Street in Louisburg.

Harris, former super market operator here, is married to the former Beaufort Williams and has three children, Fred, 15, Charles, 13, and Rachel, 11. The Harrises live at 402 East Noble Street here.

Town Administrator E. S. Ford issued a statement Monday correcting the erroneous date previously announced for Challenge Day for the upcoming election. The correct date for Challenge Day as announced by Mr. Ford is Saturday, April 26, 1969.

Bunn and Harris are the first to announce their intentions to seek re-election. Other incumbents are: Jonah Taylor, Mrs. Breathe C. O'Neal, H. D. Jeffreys and W. J. Shearin. Mayor V. A. Peoples has not yet announced his intentions, however, it is expected that he will see another term.