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Telephone Company Merges

Tarboro - H. Dail Holderness, president of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, has announced that the merger of Carolina Telephone with United Utilities, Incorporated, was consummated at the close of business on Friday, March 28, 1969.

Holderness said, "The merger will result in each outstanding share of Carolina common capital stock being converted into one share of a second series preferred stock of United Utilities. This will be convertible at any time into one and one-quarter shares of United's common stock.

"Carolina Telephone stock will no longer be traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and the second series preferred stock of United is listed on the stock exchange (WI-when issued). Carolina Telephone's 5 3/4 percent convertible subordinated debentures, due January 15, 1988, will remain outstanding and will continue to be listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange bond market. They will become convertible into the same number of shares of United's second series preferred stock as the number of shares of Carolina common stock into which they were convertible prior to the merger.

"The business will continue to operate under the name of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company as a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Utilities and its headquarters will remain in Tarboro.

"All personnel of the company, including existing officers, will continue in the same positions as were held prior to the merger. The progressive program of employee benefits, a matter of record for many years, will continue.

"There is no change contemplated in the company's proposed construction program for 1969, which will be about \$36 million.

"The company will continue to maintain its tradition of growing with Eastern North Carolina and providing dependable communications to the area it serves," Holderness concluded.

Yankee Star To Lecture Here

The Louisburg College Lecture Series concludes its season's list of distinguished speakers with Robert C.



ROBERT C. RICHARDSON



Easter Is A Happy Time

The cute couple above personifies the Easter Season. Preoccupied with more important things such as getting to the candy eggs are Little Miss Mary Dawn Davis, 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis of the White Level Community and Timothy Bryan Gupton, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. (Bobby) Gupton of the Hickory Rock Community. Franklin joins other areas of the state in observing the holiday this weekend.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

As Many As 25 May Die On Roads During Holiday

Crack as many Easter eggs as you like but don't crack yourself up in one of more than a thousand traffic accidents which the N. C. State Motor Club warns could claim as many as 25 lives on North Carolina's streets and highways during the extended Easter weekend.

The state will count its traffic

fatalities for the holiday which opens the spring travel season from 6 p.m. Friday, April 4, through midnight Monday, April 7, for a 78-hour period.

The State Highway Patrol and safety authorities are crossing their fingers against a repetition of last year's "Bloody Easter," when the highway toll soared to an all-time record 43 killed - eight more than the previous holiday high - and 774 injured in 1,219 accidents. Seventeen of the fatalities occurred on Saturday and 17 on Easter Sunday.

Leading driver violations were: speeding, 265; driving left of center, 183; failure to yield right of way, 144; failure to see if movement could be made safely, 107; and driving under the influence of alcohol, 83.

Motor Club President Thomas B. Watkins said: "The state's traffic deaths are now on a downturn, running over forty less than the same time last year. Let's keep it that way. The extended holiday period will make the weekend - normally the most dangerous time on our highways - doubly so, especially if good weather brings heavy traffic. Many college students

and families going to visit relatives and friends will be traveling. So please use your best driving manners and all your skill to avoid an accident."

PBL Wins Honors

Betty Sue Radford and Allen Driver, local freshmen students at Louisburg College, were among the close to 1,000 high school and college students to gather in Durham Friday and Saturday for the fifteenth annual state convention of Phi Beta Lambda and Future Business Leaders of America (the high school division).

Others from the college attending were Merlette Bumpass, of Roxboro; Nancy Davis, of Wake Forest; and two members of the business department faculty, Miss Adelaide Johnson and Mr. Whitman Shearin.

Students attending from Louisburg High School were Jane Nelms, Carol McDonald, Bonnie Phelps, Pamela Ball, Deborah Forsythe, Betsy May, Julie Saunders, Phyllis Best, Cade Beasley, Angela Bumgarner, Bebe King, Beth Johnson, Tommy Wrenn, and Matt Person. They were accompanied by the high school chapter sponsor, Mrs. Claude Arnold.

The convention was held at the Durham Hotel-Motel and Holiday Inn. General sessions, talent show, dance, and the Awards Banquet were held in the Durham Civic Center, near the hotel. The sponsors' breakfast on Saturday morning was served in the Washington Duke Ballroom of the hotel.

Speeches, competitive events, group and business meetings were all centered around the theme FBLA/PBL-Progress Through Participation.

Key speaker for the convention was Mr. Sam D. Bundy, principal, Sam D. Bundy School, Farmville, who spoke at the first general session, Friday evening.

Speaker for the Phi Beta Lambda general session was Dr. James L. White, Co-ordinator of Special Projects, East Carolina University and first and long-time state adviser for FBLA/PBL in North Carolina.

Bringing greetings to the group were three individuals: a representative of the Mayor of Durham; Miss Macil Via, Supervisor, Business and Office Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh; and Miss Connie Espinoza, PBL National Secretary.

Recognition came to the local high school FBLA chapter by participation in practically all events; having Betsy May in the final runoff for the James L. White Scholarship, won last year by Louisburg's entry, Betty Sue Radford;

College Young Democrats and has been named Recording Secretary of the upcoming Planning Conference.

His "Salute To Youth" will appear at 9 P.M. on Channel 5 Friday night. A graduate of Jones Central High School, White plans to enter the University of North Carolina in the fall.

Hearings Next Week

School Board Objects To Government's "Fishing Excursion"

With hearings set on matters pertaining to charges of contempt brought against the Franklin County Board of Education, for next Wednesday, attorneys for the Board filed objections to the what was termed the government's "fishing excursion" here Wednesday.

In answer to the Justice Department's Motion for Production of Documents filed earlier in which the government seeks authority to come into the county and search school records for a period of the past ten years, Board attorneys contend that school officials are willing to allow any records to be seen that pertain to the case and which might be ruled relevant by the Court.

The Board also asks that such records not be allowed to be entered out of context but that the entire record be placed before the Court. Attorneys said in the Response that the Board of Education has no objections to allowing the government to copy its records, "provided that representatives of the Plaintiff-Intervenor shall not be permitted to extract and produce in Court, out of factual contexts, such parts of the documents and things which they may think are bad and will help them carry their point, unless all parts of such documents and things are produced in Court in order to show the true and complete picture or circumstances of the particular matters."

In objecting to the Motion to allow representatives of the Justice Department to inspect records, the Board

terms it a "broad-side Motion" and that it would "allow them to enter the Defendant's offices and schools and to search for and attempt to find evidence and material which they might think will support the allegations made by the Plaintiff-Intervenor on January 15, 1969."

"This will permit representatives of the Attorney General to embark on a 'fishing excursion' into the most personal and confidential educational affairs of the more than 5200 school children in Franklin County," the Board claims.

The Board's Response points out that the Justice Department can see records pertaining to the students of the eleven original plaintiffs and that other students in the system are not parties to the suit. The Board claims the students names, the names of their parents and the "scores which reflect their level of learning and other intimate capabilities ought not to be made a part of the record in this case."

It is also pointed out that "A student's score on a test is not revealed by school authorities to any person other than school personnel entitled to know the scores, and to the child's parents to do so would undermine and largely destroy the privilege and protection which a student has in matters pertaining to his ability, intelligence, and progress in education."

The Board also claims that part of the information requested by the Justice Department is already in their possession. It terms the civil contempt charges "in which these representatives sought to have the individual defendants jailed and the corporate individual defendants fined," as serious and contends that the government should have had "competent evidence" when the charges were made. The Board says the government should continue to hold such evidence and not be allowed to go on a "voyage of discovery." The Justice Department, says the Board, should not be allowed to go "through thousands of records in the Superintendent's office and the individual schools in an effort to find some instances which they think would support the serious charges previously made by them."

The Board attorneys also contend that the Motion "does not designate with clarity the documents . . . which the Defendants are called on to produce."

An affidavit signed by Justice Department Chief Attorney Frank E. Schwelb is referred to and cited as indicative of the government's intentions. In his affidavit, Mr. Schwelb says he would like to inspect the records "so that a determination can be made whether the policy was uniformly applied to all affected pupils of all races, and whether the purpose and effect of the policy has been racially discriminatory."

Hearings on this and other "technical" motions will be heard by Judge Algernon L. Butler in his chambers in Clinton, N. C. next Wednesday.

Green, House File At Franklinton

(FRK. B.W.) John F. Green and John Henry House, incumbents, have filed as candidates for seats on the Franklinton Town Board.

When Mrs. Bert Whitfield, correspondent, contacted Green, he remarked that there was too much business to be completed namely - water project, community betterment and industrial relations.

Green served 3 consecutive terms, was out one term, served one term, ran for mayor next time but was defeated and is now completing a term.

House is completing his first term. Charlie Hight, Jr. advised Mrs. Whitfield that he had not fully made up his mind. He is completing his second term as a town commissioner.

Henry Franklin Holmes advised the correspondent that he hadn't definitely made up his mind but he was thinking about filing again. He is completing his second term.

James S. Joyner has not decided yet whether he'll run for reelection. He is completing his third consecutive term on the board.

Mayor Joseph W. Pearce advised Mrs. Whitfield that he had not made

up his mind whether he'll run for reelection.

School board members, whose terms expire this year, are C. H. Weston, William Avery Wilder and S. L. (Pete) Colbert. Wilder and Colbert are undecided but Weston has definitely decided not to run for reelection. Two incumbents, Weston and Wilder, are completing their first terms on the Franklinton Township School Board. Colbert is completing the late F. H. Watson's unexpired term.

Deadline for filing is Friday, April 18 at 12 noon for both Town Board and School Board.

Review Board

The Board of County Commissioners will sit as the Board of Equalization and Review during the week of April 14 through April 18, according to an announcement made Wednesday.

The Commissioners will hold the sessions at the Tax Office on Court Street here.



WHITE

TV Salute Goes To LC Editor

James E. White, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. White, Jr. of Cove City, N. C. and editor of the Columns, Louisburg College newspaper, will be featured on WRAL-TV's "Salute To Youth" series Friday.

Young White, a second-year student here, was informed of the honor by Jesse Helms, Executive Vice President of the Capital Broadcasting Company, operators of the Raleigh television station.

"It means a very great deal to us at WRAL-TV to make public recognition of your fine accomplishments," Helms wrote. White is past President of the



Review Awards

The Phi Beta Lambda Convention group from Louisburg College are shown above reviewing awards won in Durham last week. Pictured left to right are: Allen Driver, one of the three local voting delegates to the Convention, Betty Sue Radford, Nancy Davis and Merlette Bumpass.

Photo by Ross Shuping.