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Salutatorian

YOUNGVILLE

Edward Best Incident Mars Otherwise Tranquil Closing

The knifing of a white Edward Best student by a Negro student Tuesday marred an otherwise peaceful and uneventful school closing in the county

system. The end of a tension-filled year which saw total integration come to the county schools, had gone peacefully with only minor incidents of clashes during the 180-day term until the final day.

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement reports that Michael Evans, c/m/15, is lodged in the local jail charged with "felonious assault with a deadly weapon (with intent to kill)" against Warren Boone, w/m/15. Boone is the son of Board of Education member and Mrs. William Taylor Boone and the grandson of Board of Elections Chairman Taylor W. Boone. Evans is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sidney Evans, Rt. 1, Castalia, near the Nash County line.

Dement reported that the two youths entered into an argument following a playground baseball game and a short time later Evans cut Boone with a pocket knife across the back and arm. The wound required 58 stitches, according to the Sheriff. The incident, said Dement, took place just outside the school gymnasium.

The Evans boy was taken before Juvenile Judge Claude Allen Wednesday and was placed under an appearance bond of \$2,500. A hearing date was not set and the youth was jailed in lieu of bond.

It was erroneously reported Tuesday that two Negro students were arrested at Bunn High School. Investigation shows that two Negro adults were arrested and charged with public drunkenness in a cornfield near the Bunn School. The incident was not related to the school itself in any way, it was said. The two were identified as Elton Satterwhite, 32, and James Hartsfield, 58.

Graduation exercises were held at Edward Best High School Tuesday night and at the five other county system schools marking the end of the school year. There were no incidents reported.

SBI Official Addresses Local Lions

Assistant SBI Director Haywood Starling spoke to the Louisburg Lions Club Tuesday night on crime in North Carolina. The 22-year veteran SBI agent expressed concern for the rise in crimes in the state.

Starling gave what one observer termed "extremely alarming" statistics. He said the crime rate rose 89 percent in the period 1960 through 1967 while the population increase was only ten percent. He pointed out that during this same period the use of drugs increased 165 percent in the state.

Starling also disclosed that North Carolina is spending five times as much on crime as on education and that 40 percent of every tax dollar is spent directly or indirectly on crime related matters.

The SBI official suggested four ideas for prevention of crime growth. He said that parents should give their children proper training; respect for other people and set good examples themselves. He suggested that mass news media should show more concern for the good that people do and that each community should set up a crime prevention bureau to make the citizen more aware of crime.

He also pointed out that more law enforcement personnel are needed and that higher salaries could encourage more to enter the law enforcement field.



"Miss Fannie" Retires

Saturday, May 31st, was the last day of work at the Franklin County Library for Miss Fannie Munford. Miss Munford, affectionately known to many throughout the county as "Miss Fannie" has served in the library since 1937, when as a Home Demonstration Club project, the library was organized. A small party was given in her honor in the library Saturday to wish her well, to hope for her many years of enjoyment in her retirement. "We wish to express to her our gratitude and thankfulness, for years of trustworthy service to the library, to the children and the grown-ups whom she cheerfully served," a spokesman for the library said.

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Franklin Ranks 20th In State In Farm Income

Information released this week by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service places Franklin County in twentieth place in North Carolina in income from eleven principal agricultural crops. The county moved up from twenty-first place in 1966. Figures were not disclosed for the 1968 year.

Tobacco leads in the money field as cotton, once a major crop, has dwindled to a low of 221 bales produced in 1967, the study discloses. According to the report, 19,126,000 pounds of tobacco was produced in Franklin in 1967 for an income of \$12,432,000. This exceeded the previous year's

\$11,154,000 but fell short of the top in 1964 of 23,408,000 pounds and an income of \$13,343,000.

Cotton dropped from a high of 9,080 bales in 1964 to 4,640 in 1965 and 1,470 in 1966 to the low 221 in 1967. Income from cotton dropped from \$1,339,000 in 1964 to a low of \$33,500 in 1967.

Tobacco sales on the Louisburg Market shows a slight increase in sales in 1967—the last year reported—over 1966. In 1966, the local warehouses sold 10,269,147 pounds for an average of \$64.01 and in 1967, 10,716,487 pounds were sold for an average of \$64.94.

In direct relation to the drop in cotton production a decline is shown in the amount of cotton ginned in the county. From a high of 10,129 bales in 1964, only 193 bales were ginned in 1967.

Corn for grain has taken a jump in recent years in Franklin, according to the figures released. After a drop from an income of \$979,000 in 1965 to a low of \$327,500 in 1966, corn came back in 1967 to bring in \$727,000 as production tripled over the 1966 output.

Soybeans is another crop that has

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BOBBY AYSCUE



CLIFF WILLIAMS



EUGENE WOOTEN

Franklinton Boy Staters

(Frk. B.W.) Bobby Ayscue, Eugene Wooten and Cliff Williams will represent Franklinton High School at Boys State which will be held at Wake Forest University in June.

Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ayscue and a member of the rising Senior Class at Franklinton High School. He is a member of the Monogram Club having played on the Football and Track teams. He is a member of the Franklinton Baptist Church.

Eugene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Wooten, Sr. and a member of the rising Senior Class at Franklinton High. He is a member of the F.T.A., Glee Club and Monogram Club. He was a member of FFA Club in 1967-68 and won the award in Farm and Home Electrification that year.

Eugene is a Cadet Sgt. in the Civil Air Patrol. He is a member of the Franklinton Baptist Church where he serves as pianist for Primary Department of Sunday School.

Cliff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie H. Williams and is a rising Senior at Franklinton High. He is treasurer of the local chapter Future Teachers of America and president of the Monogram Club. Cliff served as president of his Freshman Class. He has played football each year in High School serving as co-captain of the team this past year. He has been on the track team for three years and played baseball during his Junior year. He is a member of the Franklinton Baptist Church.

County Tax Rate Could Jump 27 Cents

If the name of the game today is tax increase, Franklin citizens are about to play. The Board of County Commissioners will meet Thursday afternoon to enter what might be the final stages of setting the 1969-70 budget.

It is a very likely possibility that the tax rate will jump as much as 27 cents on the \$100 valuation. It could be more and though the possibility appears slim, it could be less.

This year's tax rate was \$1.71 and preliminary budget requests after some trimming, now places the new rate at \$1.98 assuming the requests now in the mill are approved.

Schools are requesting a net increase of eight cents. Eleven cent increase is asked for in current expense but is being trimmed in capital outlay by three cents. Franklinton City Schools is asking for additional funds due to the total integration problems expected this fall and this request could up the figures for county school

systems.

Welfare is asking a seven-cent increase and the Hospital budget is being returned to normal which has been eight cents. Last year this was cut a quarter cent to balance the budget. Industrial Development is asking the entire five cent levy authorized; the county accountant's office due to inclusion of items usually covered elsewhere is asking 3/4 cent increase and the Veterans Service office is seeking a half cent increase in its budget.

The Health Department is asking for a two-cent increase and the Farm Agent's office is seeking 1.25 cents more. There is also a three cent increase in social security and a new item, retirement for county employees.

On the credit side, the Louisburg School District Debt Service will decrease two cents in the new budget and the Franklinton School District Debt Service will decrease four cents.

The Board may trim additional budget requests when it meets to study the matters but it is almost a

certainty that Franklin citizens will be paying more next year. And, they may be enjoying it less.

Man Found Dead Here

Kenneth Newell (Pat) Ayscue, 63, a retired automobile body repairman was found dead at his home in Pruitt Town Wednesday night shortly after 8 p.m. by a son of a neighbor. David Minnick, Chief of the Louisburg Rescue Service, said Ayscue had apparently been dead several hours.

Allen Tharrington, whose parents live next door to the Ayscue home, said his father called him when he was unable to arouse Ayscue for their usual evening chat. Tharrington said he had to force a screen door to gain entry into the Ayscue home and that he found the man dead and called the Rescue Service.

Funeral services for Ayscue are incomplete.



LT. GOV. TAYLOR and HINNANT

Granddaughter Of Locals Is Pagette

Mary Jackson Hinnant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jackson Hinnant, of Raleigh, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas of Louisburg, is serving as a pagette this week in the North Carolina Senate, at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor, Pat Taylor. Mary Jack is a student at Josephus Daniels Junior High in Raleigh and a member of the school's orchestra.

As Here, On Split Vote

Accepts Coss Resignation

The newly organized Henderson City Council accepted the resignation of former Louisburg Town Manager Jack Coss in its initial meeting Monday on a 5-4 vote. Coss has been manager at Henderson for the past three years. All newly elected councilmen voted to accept the resignation and all incumbent members voted with Coss. Newly installed Mayor O. H. Freeman, Jr., who defeated former Mayor Louis D. Horner, a Coss supporter sided with Coss opponents and decided the issue. The resignation became effective immediately.

Coss, who went to Henderson after serving as manager at Washington, N. C., was Louisburg Town Manager from July 10, 1958 to September 20, 1961. He was the third manager with one interim acting manager in a two year period here. He followed E. Thornton Jones, first manager and E. S. Ford, named acting manager at Jones' resignation. Prior to Coss, Bill Formyduval was employed here for a short time in the capacity of manager.

Louisburg voters shook up the Town Council in the 1961 municipal elections, much like Henderson voters did this year and the new council called for a vote on "Plan D" — the city manager form of government as represented by Coss — and a "Revised and Consolidated Town Charter". The anti-Coss forces won in the voting on September 12, 232 to 148 and the council refused to reappoint Coss as Town Administrator, which was tantamount to his discharge, eight days later. The vote was 3-2 against retention of the former Raleigh assistant manager, Asher Johnson and W. J. Benton voted with Coss at the time and Mayor Louis Wheelers, J. P. Lumpkin and Thornton Jones voted against his appointment.

Coss had offered his resignation to the Henderson council following the May elections. In his letter, he referred to a statement allegedly made by Freeman as candidate for Mayor to the effect that the removal of Coss would be one of his first acts as Mayor. Coss

had offered to remain on for thirty days or to continue in his present position if the council desired. Both offers were declined on the split vote Monday.

Honeycutt New Head Of 40 & 8

A Franklinton Legionnaire, Bruce Honeycutt, will head Volture 1215 of the 40 & 8 Society, American Legion fun and honor group, as Chef de Gare for the coming year.

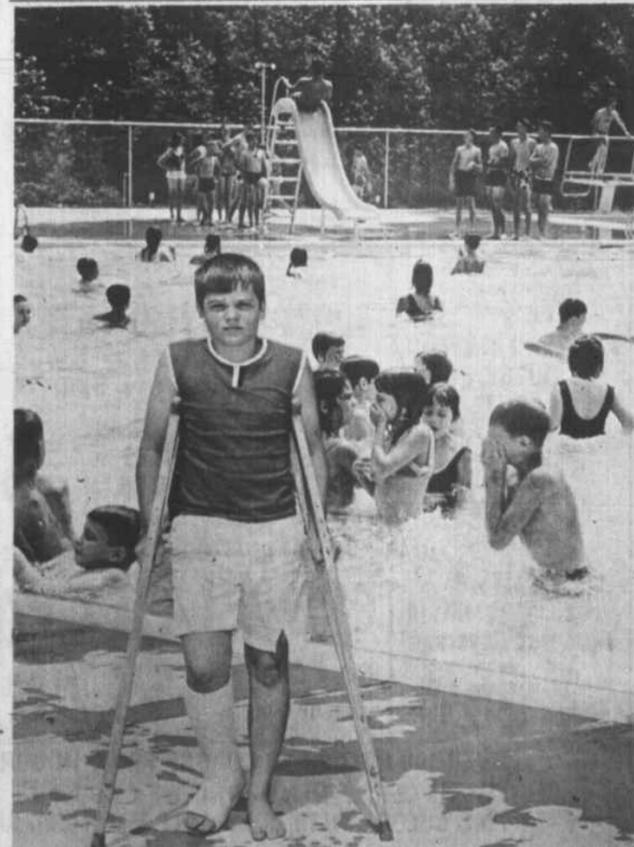
Honeycutt succeeds William G. Royster of Henderson, who served during the past year as Chef de Gare.

A full slate of new officers for 1969-70 was installed at the 40 & 8 supper meeting held at the Barnes cabin at Kerr Lake last weekend. In charge of installation ceremonies was C. A. Shands of Henderson, a former Chef de Gare of the unit here.

Elections had been held previously. New officers are announced as follows: Chef de Gare, Bruce Honeycutt of Franklinton; Chef de Train, James T. Barnes of Henderson; Correspondent, Rupert B. Pearce, Jr. of Franklinton; Commisere Intendant, John Hedrick of Franklinton; Conducteur, T. G. Stem, Jr. of Oxford; Garde de la Porte, Edward F. Taylor of Oxford; Lampiste, Allen T. Daniel of Oxford; Commis Voyageur, Walter Morris Wynne of Louisburg; Aumonier, Colie McKinnis of Louisburg; Medecin, Dr. Rives W. Taylor of Oxford; Avocat, Judge Linwood T. Peoples of Henderson.



HONEYCUTT



Saddest Non-Swimmer Of All

That forlorned look on the face of Mark Hayes, shown above, is well-earned. Mark, 12, lives near the newly opened Town and Country Recreation swimming pool. Patiently he waited all last summer for the opening that never came because of unavoidable delays. All winter long, he waited and as the weather warmed and the time for the first swim neared, young Mark could hardly wait. So what happened? See for yourself. On a school picnic the day before the pool opened, Mark jumped a creek and the result shows in the cast. He broke his ankle. Now, six more weeks of waiting await the youngster and that look may stay right where it is until then. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hayes of Louisburg.

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