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## Plant Could 'Top Out' At 500 Employees



Make Plant Announcement

Shown above at Tuesday's announcement that Winston Industries of Addison, Alabama will locate a new plant at Bunn are seated, left to right: Fred Setzer, Production Supervisor; Raymond Burleson, General Manager of Bunn operation; and Walt Abercrombie, General Manager, Winston Industries. Stand, left to right: Bunn Mayor Wayne Winstead; Industrial Development Director S. Kenneth Schubart; Macon Morris, Bunn area representative on the County Industrial Development Commission and Allen deHart, Chairman of the Commission. The announcement was made at a press conference held in the Bunn cafeteria.

—Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

The new Winston Industries plant which is to locate at Bunn could employ as many as 500 people in the next few years. This word came from Walt Abercrombie, General Manager, as he addressed a special news conference in Bunn Tuesday afternoon.

The Addison, Alabama industrialist told a group of civic and governmental leaders that "The top in this area can be about 500 employees." Abercrombie's firm announced Tuesday its plans to locate a mobile home manufacturing plant two miles east of Bunn along NC-98.

Franklin Industrial Development Director Kenneth Schubart said in his opening statements at the conference that the announcement "Hopefully will be the beginning of Bunn—as far as industrial development is concerned."

Abercrombie told the group that his firm has "spent quite a bit of time the last three or four months looking over your state." He said that the Bunn area is "Compatible to our operation" and that the "People seem to adapt well to our way of thinking and our way of doing things." He said these were the reasons his firm settled on the Bunn location.

He said the first plant will employ around 200 people by the first six months and that within two years there could be a second plant adjacent to the one now proposed which would double the employment number. He also disclosed that some supplier firms have expressed a willingness to locate on the 195-acre Winston complex and that these would employ upwards of 75 persons when operating get underway.

Abercrombie also explained that Winston Industries has six other divisions and that the policy of the company is to locate plants "in and around the same area." His implication seemed to be that the possibility exists that Winston could locate other types of plants on the Bunn complex.

The 195-acre plot is known in the Bunn area as the R. E. Bunn land and runs between the Tar River and NC-98. The area is served by a railroad. Schubart announced that applications for employment in the new plant are now being taken at his office on Court Street in Louisburg.

Abercrombie said, "We are very, very happy to be here and we look forward to a long and pleasant relationship."

Allen deHart, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, issued a statement Wednesday in which he "warmly welcomed Winston Industries to the county," deHart said, "I am pleased for the economic advantages this plant will bring to the Bunn area and all of Franklin County."

deHart was high in his praise of

efforts by Director Kenneth Schubart in locating Winston in Bunn. He stated, "Although we are indebted to a number of citizens who have assisted in having the industry locate in our county, the Commission is most indebted to Ken Schubart. Even after learning that Winston Industries had selected a site in another county, Ken persisted in his efforts to persuade them to locate here."

Others were publicly thanked by the Chairman as he added, "These people have worked overtime in assisting us—the people of Bunn itself, Joe Edwards, President of the Bunn Development Corporation, Mayor Wayne Winstead, Macon Morris, Bunn district representative on the Industrial Development Commission, Maurice Ball, who assisted in flying the group over

the site areas and Charles Davis and Conrad Sturges, Louisburg attorneys. Ed Pittman (Manager of Gay Products plant) had as much influence in the decision by Winston to locate here as any other person, with the exception of the Director. And there were many others."

Schubart disclosed Wednesday that applications are already pouring in and that Wade Moore Construction was supposed to be on the site Wednesday preparing for the initial start of construction. He said that all concrete would be poured before the building arrives and that Junior Smith of Alabama, General Contractor, is expected back here within three weeks. "They are interested in getting in as soon as they can," Schubart said, maybe even before the first of the year."

## Franklin County Industrial Box Score

The following firms have located plants in Franklin County in recent years. There are a number of other manufacturing firms in the county dating back to Sterling Mills, formed in 1845, but only those locating here in recent years are listed.

1948	Youngstown Manufacturing Co.*
1962	Sportswear, Louisburg.
1964	Justice Manufacturing Co., Justice. Gay Products, Inc., Louisburg.
1965	M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Co., Louisburg.
1966	Diazit, Inc., Youngsville. TreJay, Youngsville. Ben Bar, Youngsville.* Comstruct Corp., Louisburg.* Carolina Fine Woods, Louisburg.**
1967	Dean Farms, Louisburg. Mar-Way Inc., Louisburg.***
1968	Durham Hosiery, Franklinton.
1969	Rishel Furniture Co., Louisburg. Winston Industries, Bunn.

\* Closed local operations.

\*\* Announced location, canceled in 1967

\*\*\* Closed. New operation started.

## Five Bound Over To Superior Court

Five Negro youths, accused of breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a robbery of a store near Bunn, were bound over by District Court here Monday and will face trial in Superior Court. Each of the five were placed under \$500 bond.

Henry Davis, 17, Bunn; Michael Davis, 16, and his brother, Larry George Davis, 17, both of Route 1, Louisburg; Clyde Neal, 16, Route 4, Louisburg and Anthony Tony High, 17, of Bunn are accused of breaking into the Roger Brothers Store near Bunn Elementary School around midnight last Thursday.

Sheriff William Dement's office reported that merchandise worth \$253.58 was missing from the grocery. Deputy David Batton said last week that some of the goods had been recovered.

A number of motor vehicle violations were heard Monday, including twelve cases of drunken driving. The Full Court docket follows:

Glen S. Thomas, c/m/26, non support. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$10.00 per week for

## Rishel Tank Parts Arrive

Industrial Development Director Ken Schubart reported today that the first load of parts for the 300-gallon water tank at the Rishel Furniture plant arrived here Monday. He said the remaining parts are expected next week.

Welders, assembly crews and cranes are expected to arrive on the site Monday to start assembling the tank. Schubart said the tank contractor is late and that a penalty is being assessed daily for the delay which began on September 27.

## LJC Program

Greenville — A grant of \$82,400 to the Department of Physics at East Carolina University will fund a co-operative program between the department and several two-year colleges in Eastern North Carolina. Louisburg College is one of these colleges participating.

The grant was awarded by the National Science Foundation and covers a three-year period. It will fund a program whereby students take the first two years of study in physics at one of the cooperating community colleges and then transfer to ECU where they complete requirements for the BS and MS in physics.

support and to pay costs.

J. B. Pearce, w/in, public drunkenness. 20 days in jail, suspended for 2 years on payment of \$10.00 fine and costs and not go on the premises of

Mrs. Al Privette for 2 years.

Shelley Tenston Williamson, n/m/41, speeding. Nol pros with leave.

Billie L. Mitchell, n/m, possession

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## Franklinton Water Project Taking Shape

A project begun in 1966 by Franklinton Mayor Joe Pearce and the Town Council is taking shape west of town these days and it is expected that within a few weeks, the long awaited water system improvements will be completed.

Franklinton suffered through a summer of acute water shortage in 1966 and steps were taken to obtain a federal grant and loan for much needed improvements to the municipal water system. In December of 1966, Franklinton voters approved by a margin of 295-14 a bond issue. In July, 1967 voters approved by a margin of 203-6 a supplemental bond issue to raise additional necessary funds with which to complete the project.

The Town of Franklinton was given a \$100,000 grant from the federal government and received a \$440,000 loan two years ago. Bids were called for on the project in September, 1968.

The \$540,000 project is expected to double the amount of water available to the town. A six-acre lake is being constructed which will store around five million gallons of water from Cedar Creek. Franklinton's ancient water plant is being replaced with a modern structure and when completed will have a million gallons per day capacity. Franklinton's normal water use is between 350,000 and 400,000 gallons per day.

The project consists of four separate operations, all nearing completion. One project consists of construction of the water treatment plant and the pumping station; a second project is labeled Plumbing, Treatment plant; a third is the electrical work on the treatment plant and a fourth project consists of installation of the necessary water mains. Work is expected to be completed around November 15.

## Mental Health Board Meets

The Franklin County Mental Health Advisory Board convened on September 23 at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of evaluating the programs and services of the Franklin County Family Counseling and Education Center. Miss Lucy Burt, Chairman of the Board, presided over the meeting.

The members present nominated a number of persons from throughout the county to be considered for future service on the board in the event of vacancies and expirations of terms. An active discussion followed concerning the community awareness of available mental health programs in the county and the effectiveness of and response to these services.

The philosophy and goals of the rural mental health project were presented again by Dr. Wil Edgerton and Mr. Harry Derr. Mr. Talmadge Edwards, Jr. reported on the development of local services to alcoholics and their families through the local A.A. and Council on Alcoholism. Mr. James Speed noted that a portion of local liquor sales revenue could be specified for use in financing alcoholism rehabilitation services with the consent of local governing bodies.

Mr. Edward Boone told the group that the transfer of Franklin County patients from Dorothea Dix Hospital to John Umstead Hospital would be completed by Oct. 6. He further stated that Franklin County patients in Dorothea Dix or John Umstead numbered forty-five at present compared to sixty at the same time last year. As of September 19 there had been 39 mental admissions and 39 alcoholic admissions from the county for the current year. The total admissions for the same two categories in 1968 had been 62 and 73 respectively. Ninety-one new patients have been seen and 123 drug prescriptions filled at the Family Counseling and Education Center since January 1, according to Mrs. Irene Scott.

Other agenda items included consultation and educational services to the community and volunteer activities. Board members attending were Mr. Edward Alston, Mr. Luther Baldwin, Miss Lucy Burt, Mrs. Mabel Davis, Mr. C. T. Dean, Jr., Mr. Allen deHart, Mr. Warren Smith, Mr. Wilton Smith, Mr. James Speed and Rev. Aubrey Tomlinson.

## Schubart Praised

Kenneth Schubart, Director of Industrial Development, has been highly praised by a number of citizens for his work in recent months in the field of industrial development. Schubart was singled out this week by Commission Chairman Allen deHart for his efforts in locating a new plant in the Bunn area.

The Maplewood, N. J. native was named to the post on July 2, 1968 replacing W. J. Benton who took a similar post in Halifax County. He was chosen by the Commission from about thirty applicants from as far away as Texas and New York.

deHart said Wednesday that Schubart's persistence in the case of Winston Industries resulted in the successful results. He said that the Director continued in a quiet and unassuming manner his efforts to persuade Winston officials to change their decision to locate in another North Carolina county. His efforts paid off.

Similar expressions of appreciation came Tuesday from members of the Industrial Commission, officials of Bunn and Louisburg, county officials and business leaders.

Since Schubart has been Director, Durham Hosiery has located at Franklinton; Rishel is building a 117,000 sq. ft. building due to open in the next few weeks and Winston Industries has announced its plans to locate at Bunn. Sportswear and Gay Products have expanded in Louisburg in recent months and TreJay has expanded in Youngsville.

## Accused Burglar To Stand Trial

A 24-year-old Louisburg, Route 2, Negro has been returned to Franklin County to stand trial for first degree burglary. Samuel Davis was returned from the State Hospital last week, according to Sheriff William T. Dement. Davis is accused of attempting to break into the Percy Gilliam home near Gray's Pond on the night of July 21, 1967.

Davis was arrested August 1, 1967 while working in a tobacco field. SBI agent Haywood Starlings and Deputy Sheriff David Batton made the arrest. Reports of breakins had been received for about two weeks from residents of the area, Dement reported at the time but Davis was charged only in the Gilliam incident.

Following his arrest, Davis was granted a hearing and defense attorneys requested that he be committed to State Hospital for observation. Following his commitment, he was ruled incompetent to stand trial. Dement's office was informed last week that Davis was now competent to face the charges and he was returned here and lodged in Franklin jail.

Davis reportedly attempted to enter the Gilliam home through a bedroom window. Gilliam's three daughters were sleeping in the room at the time,

according to reports and heard the noise. Their screams reportedly frightened the accused away.

The case is set for October 13 term of court here.

## Bunn Project Gets EDA Approval

At a pre-construction conference, held at Bunn Tuesday morning, federal officers of the Economic Development Administration gave final approval to Bunn's water project, which is being aided by federal funds.

Well diggers are expected to begin exploratory work on selected sections of land at Bunn next week. Industrial Development Director Ken Schubart said today the diggers will be looking for sites to supply wells with a 100-gallon-per-minute capacity.

All contracts have been signed and approved and work is expected to get underway shortly on the huge project.

## Episcopal Rector To Head Convocation Here



REV. CHARLES I. PENICK

The Reverend Charles I. Penick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, and son of the late Rt. Reverend Edwin A. Penick, a former Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, will be leader for the Central Convocation Quiet Day of Episcopal Churchwomen to be held at St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, on Wednesday, October 8.

Reverend Penick is a native of Charlotte. He has served as rector of several churches in North Carolina and has been in Rocky Mount since 1964. Registration for this special service begins at 10:00 a.m.; the Quiet Day observance ends with lunch at 1:00.

Women in attendance will come from churches in the following towns and cities, located in the Central Convocation, and from other nearby churches: Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Erwin, Fuquay-Varina, Henderson, Hillsborough, Raleigh, Oxford, Roxboro, Smithfield, Wake Forest, Yanceyville.