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Franklin To Get \$3.1 Million In Funds



NC-56

Photo by Clint Fuller.

Now, Maybe

Christmas Parade Set For December 1

The Franklin County Business Association and Credit Bureau has set Monday, December 1 as the date for the annual Louisburg Christmas Parade. The date was confirmed here Monday in a meeting of the organization's Board of Directors.

Breaking from the traditional day-light event, this year's parade is set for 7:30 P.M. and some local stores report that they will be open that night before and after the parade.

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive

Secretary of the Association, reports that she has contacted a number of potential sponsors of floats and a number of bands seeking their participation in the parade. Wallace Tippett, Association President, said he hopes to have several bands and at least ten commercial floats participating in the annual event.

Tippett also announced a change in the parade route this year. He said the large floats will assemble on Justice Street as in the past but that bands

and walking entries will not join the march until it reaches Sunset Avenue and North Main Street. Tippett also said the route of march will be along Main Street to the intersection of East Nash where the parade will turn left and proceed along East Nash to Waccamaw Bank and will disband in the A & P parking lot. In the past the parade has continued on South Main Street to Perry's Street and disbanded on Kenmore Ave.

Mrs. Pleasants said that orders are now being taken for commercial floats and that this year's units are both fire proof and water proof.

Tippett also disclosed that some stores in downtown Louisburg are already staying open on Friday nights. A firm date for staying open at night before Christmas has not yet been set, Tippett said.

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Edwards, a graduate of Epsom High School and King's Business College, is married to the former Annie Laurie Rowland of Franklin County and they have four sons.

One of his co-workers said, "Talmadge, better known to his many

friends as 'Duck' or 'Red', is a man that has used his technical knowledge many times to apply common sense to Franklin County farmer's problems. Talmadge will be missed by the Soil Conservation Service personnel within the county as well as by a host of Franklin County farmers".

In the list calling for the expenditure of \$300 million in 75 of the state's 100 counties are two projects in Franklin County. The top project is the long-awaited NC-56 improvement and the Commission's list sets aside \$2,400,000 for this purpose. The announcement refers to the project as widening NC-56 to the junction of NC-58 near Castalia in Nash County. Actually, the old stretch of road is slated for rebuilding.

The second Franklin project is the previously announced intention by Highway Commissioner Cliff Benson to complete the US-401, NC-39 project all the way to Henderson. The Commission has set aside \$700,000 for this purpose in this latest report.

The NC-56 project has been batted around longer than a sandlot baseball and has been off again, on again so often, most locals have long taken a believe-nothing-until-I-see-it attitude. However, Commissioner Benson has said repeatedly that improvements to NC-56 would be among his top priorities. The release from the Commission last week bears out this statement. Benson was a member of the special Highway Commission committee recommending the list of primary and urban projects.

A Commission spokesman told reporters last week, "These projects will be pushed on an accelerated basis to completion as quickly as possible and as quickly as money is available."

It was also explained that the list is subject to revision with other projects added in the months ahead. The list applies for the remainder of the Scott administration and is expected to be approved by the full Commission in its November 6 meeting at Nags Head.

Improvements are also slated for US-64 from Wake County east and a portion-about six miles-of this highway passes through Franklin County at Pilot. Improvements to this stretch inside Franklin have, however, not been charged against Franklin's allotment contained in last Thursday's announcement.

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Edwards, a member of Perry's Chapel Baptist Church where he has been active for many years, was presented a rod and reel as a going away gift by personnel of the local Soil and Conservation office.

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ments to NC-39 north, hopefully to the Vance line from Louisburg. In 1967, another \$400,000 was allocated

Primary Road Funds

1937-38	\$ 41,011.23
1938-39	17,610.06
1939-40	59,656.18
1940-41	25,221.14
1941-42	12,465.00
1942-43	13,761.75
1943-44	16,427.14
1944-45	12,940.51
1945-46	45,534.17
1946-47	7,868.29
1947-48	40,544.34
1948-49	76,879.56
1949-50	35,136.11
1950-51	64,507.11
1951-52	94,735.80
1952-53	9,947.57
1953-54	7,950.00
1954-55	86,727.55
1955-56	113,962.42
1956-57	112,199.02
1957-58	3,033.30
1958-59	381.01
1959-60	-0-
1960-61	911.88
1961-62	901.97
1962-63	-0-
1963-64	-0-
1964-65	-0-
1965-66	-0-
1966-67	240,000.00
1967-68	750,000.00
1968-69	Unknown*
1969-70	\$3,100,000.00

*Resurfacing by-pass, NC-561 Centerville to NC-49 and resurfacing US-1 south from Franklinton to Wake line, resurfacing NC-561 from Centerville to Louisburg.

for this purpose but inflation got the project and at latest report, these funds will take the improvements only to Ingleside, five miles north of Louisburg.

Funds in the new Commission release, however, are expected to complete the improvements to the Vance line at Epsom.

Franklin has also received projects resurfacing the Bickett Blvd. by-pass at Louisburg, resurfacing first NC-561 from Centerville to NC-49 and more recently from Centerville to Louisburg and a resurfacing of US-1 from Franklinton south to the Wake line.

Franklin has also received considerable improvements to secondary roads across the county and recently the Governor's office announced allocations for the repair of two narrow bridges in the county.

Missing from the latest list is any improvement to NC-56 from Louisburg to Franklinton, a dangerous 10-mile stretch which is a source of growing concern in the county.

Tobacco Sales Almost 8 Million Pounds

William Boone, Sales Supervisor for the Louisburg Tobacco Market, reported today that sales on the local market through last week have reached 7,954,959 pounds.

Boone said that \$5,693,013.00 has been paid out for the leaf by local warehouses and that the season's average through last Thursday's sales is \$71.56.

Franklinton Club Hosts District Meeting

(FRK. B.W.) Clubwomen from twenty-five clubs in the 14th District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs met at the United Methodist Church in Franklinton on Friday.

Mrs. Roy Barham of Butner presided over the meeting which began at 10 A.M. following the coffee hour and registration.

Invocation was given by the Reverend J. Earl Richardson, pastor of the local Methodist church.

Mrs. Woodrow Haskins, president of the Franklinton Woman's Club, extended the welcome to which Mrs. A. H. King responded.

Mrs. A. S. Wyckoff of Norlina conducted the memorial service which was in memory of the eight club women who had died during the past twelve months.

During the business session, the

following district officers were elected: president - Mrs. R. B. Butler of Warrenton; vice-president - Mrs. C. C. Hildebrand of Wake Forest; Junior Director - Mrs. L. O. Robertson, Jr. of Norlina; treasurer - Mrs. Jack Harris of Warrenton and Chaplain - Mrs. W. D. Holloman, Jr. of Scotland Neck.

Special music was rendered by the Rev. Richardson, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Shearon, organist.

Mrs. W. T. Baker of Henderson introduced Mrs. Charles Brawley of the N. C. Federation.

Mrs. Brawley spoke on the subject - "What Bothers You and Why Bother?" She mentioned various problems facing our nation and communities.

Stressing the need to deal with causes, Mrs. Brawley emphasized the importance of club work. Individual members of each club were the key to

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Principals at District Woman's Club meeting held at Franklinton are shown below, left to right: Mrs. William P. Baker of Henderson, Junior Division Director; Mrs. N. A. Desresiers of Butner, District Secretary; Mrs. Roy Barham of Butner, District President and Mrs. E. A. Latta of Henderson, Parliamentarian.

Photo by T. H. Pearce.



Woman's Club Meeting



COL. RICHARD TIMBERLAKE E. JONES PEARCE

Gen. E. F. GRIFFIN

Photo by Lib Cheatham



TALMADGE EDWARDS

Retirement

Soil Conservation Service Photo