

## Schools Open On Aug. 28

The opening date for the Franklin County Schools was set Monday for Wednesday, August 28, by the Board of Education in its regular monthly meeting.

Teachers meetings are set for Monday, August 26, and principals and teachers will have their orientation day on Tuesday, August 27. Teacher-Pupil orientation will be Wednesday, August 28, with Thursday, August 29, as the official first day of school.

The following teachers have been elected to teach in the Franklin County Schools for the 1963-64 school term.

**LOUISBURG:** Eugene H. Stallings, Principal; Mrs. Gladys B. Bailey, Mrs. Mamie B. Clayton, Albert Dean Fox, Mrs. Sybil K. Jolly, Mrs. Jewel C. Bartholomew, William G. Thomas, Marjorie G. Leonard, Mrs. Jeanette Arnold, Eric J. Morgan, John A. Wilson, Mrs. Jean H. Winn, Mrs. Rebecca P. Stallings, Mrs. Vivian Y. Harris, Mrs. Doris M. Wilder, Mrs. Edith K. Frisbie, Mrs. Geraldine T. Perry, Mrs. Jean D. Sawyer, Mrs. Betty M. Jones, Mrs. Matilene M. Chadwick, Martha B. Yarborough, Mrs. Marybelle Davis, Mrs. Ruth J. Best and John Robert Watson.

**EPSOM:** Henry L. Mears, Principal; Mrs. Sallie C. Murphy, William J. Matthews, Joe T. Griffin, Mrs. Lela Faye Rich, Mrs. Selema M. Mitchell, Mrs. Florence M. Harris, Mrs. Annie Laurie Griffin, Mrs. Fairylee Coffey and James R. Tate, Mrs. Virginia Journigan.

**GOLD SAND:** James V. Marshall, Principal; Mrs. Mae G. Parrish, James C. O'Neal, James E. Boyette, Mrs. Betty E. Timberlake, Elizabeth I. Haun, Mrs. Margaret R. Gup-ton, Mrs. Loraine C. Hayes, Susie Tharrington, Mrs. Louise M. Bledsoe, Mrs. Peggy Sabiston, Mrs. Gladys W. Collie, Mrs. Mildred S. Gupton and Mrs. Eva Mae Smith.

**EDWARD BEST:** Johnny H. Alford, Principal; Robert J. Sutton, Mrs. Melver C. Neal, Mrs. Caroline M. Murphy, Earl R. Martin, Robert Fleming, Mrs. Sybil H. Kerley, Mrs. Evelyn J. Williamson, Mrs. Beryl S. Wood and Mrs. Sue Clement's Swift.

**EDWARD BEST ELEM:** Mrs. Myrtle T. Parrish, Building Principal; Mrs. Ollie W. Hin-nant, Mrs. Clarice D. Leonard, Mrs. Glennie W. McGregor, Mrs. Lora T. Wheless, and Mrs. Marion L. Merritt.

**BUNN:** W. H. Kelly, Principal; Mrs. Martha Cline Richardson, Lavinia Ellen Mur-ray, Robert Edwin Wheless, Mrs. Sydney H. Lolley, Wil-liam R. Reese, Mrs. Ursula Boyd Weathers, Mrs. Janie J. White, Nancy M. Moore, Mrs. Edith A. Brantley, Mrs. Rotha M. White, Mrs. Roberta B. Tunnell, Mrs. Emma P. Tip-pett, Mrs. Eunice W. Spencer, Beatrice Dean, Mozelle Ray, Mrs. Darnell P. Spann, Mrs. Beulah S. Tharrington, Mrs. Evangeline C. Williams, Aubrey L. Hancock, Mrs. Jackie W. Frazier, Jerry Morris, Dur-wood S. Pegram and Mrs. Louise Shinn.

**YOUNGSVILLE:** Turner Fel-ton, Principal; Francis C. Win-ston, William H. Fleming, Mrs. Irene E. Mitchell, Barbara Ann Pergerson, Mrs. Effie T. Roberts, Mrs. Ruth W. Medlin, Jack T. Ayscue, Jr., Mrs. Lula Wade Moss, Mrs. Ruth H. Walters, Mrs. Catherine P. Al-len, Mrs. Bonnie S. Sorrells and Judith F. Belche, Almon E. Mercer.

**RIVERSIDE:** Carl A. Harris, Principal; Thomas E. Conway, Mrs. Cornelia E. Conway, James M. Ridley, Lucy S. Brad-shaw, Mrs. Cora H. Hawkins, Mrs. Inez W. Foster, Mrs. Katie L. Keck, Mrs. Nan A. Dunston, Florine McGhee, Rebecca P. Carter, John E. Alston, Mrs. Virginia H. Levister, Mrs. Selma R. Massenburg, Harold B. Greene, Mrs. Georgie J. Exum, Kenneth B. Battle, Warren E. Massenburg, Mrs. Gertie A. Jones, Mrs. Doris Y. Baldwin, Mrs. Dorothy C. Thompson, Silas D. Harris, Mrs. Celia P.

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**Cooks Despite Handicap**

Mrs. Ruth Griffin is pictured despite her handicap, Mrs. Griffin goes about such routine daily tasks as housekeeping, sewing and gardening. - Times Photo.

## Humor And Courage Despite 20 Years In Wheel Chair

by T. H. Pearce

August brings two anniversaries to Mrs. Ruth Benton Griffin of Louisburg, Rt. 2, her 59th birthday and the end of her twentieth year confinement to a wheel chair.

Despite adversity that could have completely broken her spirit, Mrs. Griffin has retained her sense of humor and displayed courage and independence of spirit that should be a lesson to everyone.

Mr. Griffin died in 1936, leaving behind his widow and their 21-month old daughter. Times weren't easy during the following years, but as many other widows have done in similar situations, Mrs. Griffin made out. Then in April 26, 1943, as her little daughter was looking forward to finishing her second year of school, Mrs. Griffin suffered a stroke, which paralyzed her left side.

This is an ailment that has left many people not only physically disabled, but with completely broken spirits. Such was not the case with Mrs. Griffin for she refused to give up. L. Hancock, Mrs. Jackie W. Frazier, Jerry Morris, Durwood S. Pegram and Mrs. Louise Shinn.

In August, 1943 she was able to leave her bed for the partial mobility of a wheelchair and from then until now, she has practiced living an ever increasing independent life. During the years from 1943 to 1954 Mrs. Griffin and her daughter lived in the home with her mother who helped her immeasurably in looking after the little girl during the first years when maneuverability was so limited.

It was during this time that Mrs. Griffin said the Welfare Program known as Aid to Dependent Children was so valuable to them. Looking back she said that without this help there seems little likelihood that her daughter would have been able to finish high school.

Her daughter married and she lived with her and her son-in-law for about five years. Since February, 1960 the indomitable Mrs. Griffin has lived by herself doing all of her housework, tending her flowers and tiny garden. Her flower gar-

den is surpassed in neatness only by the interior of her home.

A ramp built up to her porch makes travel by wheelchair a little easier, and in case of emergency as electric buzzer connected with a nearby neighbor's home could summon rapid assistance. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Griffin states that she has the best neighbors in the world and it is quite obvious that she looks forward to their frequent visits as, of course, she does to those of her daughter and five grandchildren. She also has a warm affection for Welfare Dept. workers who have aided her during the years.

A leading hobby is sewing; but this is at a virtual stand still, because her old fashioned, treadle-type sewing machine one owned by her grandmother, has worn out. As a small child she said she remembered her grandmother getting the machine, little dreaming that some day she would be dependent on it for her clothing. Mrs. F. E. Pulley of the local Welfare Dept. said that there is a strong possibility that if Mrs. Griffin had a newer, electric sewing machine, she could become even more self-sufficient from some income from seamstress work. She is an expert in sewing. She makes her own clothes, quilts, drapes and doll clothes.

Her radio has about played out. She says that she misses this most on Sunday morning when she is forced to miss her sermon, also the daily programs of gospel music which she has learned to love.

Mrs. Griffin is a good example of what a person can do when he refuses to give up hope in the face of adversity and continues to do the best with what he has. The results of her long struggle to lead a normal life, even though confined to a wheelchair, should be an inspiration to everyone.

## ASC Election Notice Given

Public notice is hereby given that eligible persons may be nominated by petition to serve as ASC Community Committeemen for 1964. All such petitions must be submitted to the Franklin County ASC Committee in Louisburg not later than August 21, 1963, announces John R. Davis, Office Manager, Franklin County ASC County Committee.

Davis further stated that the Community Boundaries for 1964 ASC Committee elections are the same as they were for 1963.

## Fatal Attack

Percy FOGG, 80 year-old local negro, died suddenly at the home of a daughter just off the Bunn Road inside the city limits here about 8 o'clock Wednesday night.

The Louisburg Rescue Service was summoned to the scene, but Fogg was beyond aid.

In N. C. And Va.

# Local Man Held For Larceny, Receiving

An investigation into the activities of two men held in connection with a series of local robberies has led local and state officers into several eastern North Carolina counties and one other state.

Franklin Sheriff Joe W. Champion announced today that so far the probe into the alleged activities of C. K. Mustian, Jr., 39 year old local salesman, and Daniel Webster, 34 year-old Wilmington, N. C., man, had led them into Beaufort and Jones counties in North Carolina and into the State of Virginia as well.

Mustian is being held in the Franklin County jail on charges of possession of stolen goods, the sheriff said, and is also wanted by the Suffolk, Va., police on charges of breaking and entering and larceny.

Webster, wanted here to answer to charges of breaking and entering and larceny, is currently in the custody of Jones County authorities on charges of speeding and driving without a driver's license. Webster was arrested there driving a 1956 Buick alleged stolen in Beaufort County. He is subsequently wanted by the Beaufort Co. authorities on auto theft charges where he allegedly abandoned a 1963 Chevy II, stolen in Suffolk, Va., and picked up the Buick.

Charges against the Wilmington man here include breaking and entering and larceny from the Louisburg Baptist Church and the Hill-King Methodist Church near Louisburg.

Officers got their first lead in the case on the arrest of Mustian here last week on a capias from Franklin County Recorder's Court. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession items allegedly stolen from Ramey's cabin. Subsequent investigation by Sheriff Champion, Louisburg Chief of Police William T. Dement and SBI Agent L. M. Harton uncovered the other activities and implication of the Wilmington man.

So far the officers have recovered items stolen from the two churches and Ramey's cabin from such widely separated places as Four Oaks, Washington, Goldsboro, near Raleigh and Franklinton.

Both Webster and Mustian are scheduled to receive preliminary hearings in Recorder's Court here next Tuesday.

**They Must**

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**Stolen Goods**

Coffee maker and table allegedly stolen from Fred Ramey's cabin near Franklinton are shown in garage near Franklinton where they were discovered by County Sheriff's Department investigators this past week. - Times Photo.

For Consolidation

## Committee Requests Survey Of School Building Needs

Supt. David N. Nix, of the Granville County Schools, spoke to a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and the County Board of Education Wednesday evening in the Board Room of the County Education Building. He is a recognized leader in the field of education, fully aware of future demands upon educators, yet keenly understanding that education in a community depends upon the support from the community.

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the meeting. Following Supt. Hix's talk, the committee asked questions and discussed various phases of better school programs. It was brought out that the consolidation program considering the limited support of our economy, technical problems and vocational efficiency put greater pressure on the child who is a product of small high school, and more pressure may be expected in the future.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be a supper meeting, Monday evening October 21st.

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## Receives Award

Following the final concert of the East Carolina College Summer Music Camp Saturday, Darrell Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Edwards of Louisburg, was presented the camp's highest award, the Phi Mu Alpha Camp Music Metal, awarded annually to the outstanding male musician in Summer Music Camp by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America.

The Sinfonia Foundation also awarded Edwards a cash scholarship in the amount of fifty dollars which will be held for him and sent to the college of his choice to help him con-

tinue his education after he graduates from high school. Edwards was selected for the award and scholarship by the music camp faculty and the presentation was made by officers of the East Carolina College Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha. Saturday's concert featured performances by the camp's four bands, the orchestra, and choral groups. This summer's registration was the largest in the history of the camp with 520 junior and senior high school students from 9 states enrolled.



**Show Off New Equipment**

Louisburg volunteer firemen pose with the modern, new apparatus that makes them one of the best equipped for a community this size in the entire state. The department has grown from

a somewhat antiquated one-truck organization in 1945 to the present fully trained and equipped 35 member 3 truck department. - Times Photo.