

Weather

Sunny and a little warmer today. Partly cloudy and mild Wednesday. Low today, 22; high, 38.

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Beam Gets Recorder Post

Tharrington, Harris, May Named To Hospital Board

The County Commissioners reappointed J. K. Tharrington of Youngsville and Carl S. Harris of Royal to new six-year terms on the Franklin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees Monday and named R. Burt May of White Level to fill the unexpired term of the late L. L. "Red" Sturdivant.

May, a former Commissioner from the Cedar Rock-Gold Mine District, was chosen from the same section of the county that was represented by Sturdivant. The Board approved a budget adjustment in the Clerk of Court's office by increasing the

budget \$400 for additional help in that office. In other actions, the Board heard Tax Supervisor Kenneth Braswell report that the revaluation project in the county has reached 19% completion and that he felt the workers would complete the job on time.

The Board also received and approved reports from the various departments of the county and drew the jury lists for the February terms of court. Superior Court Judge Hamilton Hobgood informed the Board by letter that he would no longer need the use of the courthouse on Saturday mornings because he was moving his hearings to Friday afternoon. The Judge thanked the Board for their cooperation over the past nine years in the use of the facilities.

Much of the meeting was taken up by the appointment of a successor to W. F. Shelton as Recorder's Court Judge.

First Baby

The first baby born in Franklin County in the new year arrived on January 3, according to Franklin Memorial Hospital. The child was a baby girl born to Pauline, Burk, Negro, whose address was not given.

Long Range School Plans Expected To Cost Over \$3 Million

Long range building plans for Franklin County schools are expected to cost in excess of \$3 million dollars, according to estimates by school officials. The county unit is expected to receive some over \$500,000 from the recent successful state school bond election.

Listed among the needs of the system, taken from a survey made by state planning department personnel in December 1963 are: Lunchrooms at Perry's School, Gold Sand, Riverside, Gethsemane and Edward Best High School.

Three new high schools are proposed and additions to the present Louisburg High School. New classrooms are recommended for Gethsemane School and Bunn. A new elementary school is proposed for Louisburg, another to house students at Cedar Street, Mapleville, Riverside and possibly Youngsville. Six classrooms and a

Spying Was Easy

Washington, D. C. -- The Senate Internal Security subcommittee has published a partial translation of the confessions of a former Swedish spy of the county was very lax some U. S. defense plants.

Washington News Report:

Post-Election Development New Group Formed

Washington, D. C. -- Most interesting -- and possibly highly significant -- post-election development is the emergence of a new group calling itself the American Conservative Union and obviously designed as a rallying point for forces shattered in the Nov. 3 balloting.

Final organizational arrangements were completed at a secret meeting here in late December, but the stage was set for its creation back in October and the first formal planning session is said to have taken place shortly after the election.

Having since come, so to speak, from the political underground, its first public pronouncement was an instant disavowal of any link or philosophical rapport with the controversial John Birch Society of its acknowledged leaders.

Outgoing Republican Representative Donald K. Bruce, of Indiana the ACU chairman, made this abundantly clear in disclosing the new unit's existence and the detailing its objectives.

He said the ACU's 17-member board of directors includes no Birchers and that the new organization takes a view of world affairs "at substantial variance" with those of Robert Welch, the society founder.

Thus, he indicated, the welcome mat in ACU would be out only to those with conservative leanings either with no Birch ties or who had become disenchanted and were severing any link with the Welch-led organization.

As described by Bruce, who will become a full-time executive with ACU when it opens offices here in late January, the new unit will be composed primarily of the directors and an Advisory Assembly of some 100 members admitted on an "invitation only" basis.

Others will be allowed associate membership entitling them to receive publications and materials put out by ACU. One of the full-fledged members reportedly is Admiral Ben



Commissioners Ponder Appointment

The Board of County Commissioners are shown above Monday as they pondered the appointment of a successor to Recorder's Court Judge W. F. Shelton, who resigned recently due to ill health. The Board named Gaither M. Beam, Louisburg attorney.



JUDGE GAITHER M. BEAM

Business Association To Meet

The Louisburg Business Association will hold their annual dinner meeting at the Murphy House on January 13, at 6:30 p.m. Members and their wives are invited to attend. The dinner is by reservation only.

Town Tags On Sale

Police Chief William Dement announced Monday that Louisburg town tags have gone on sale and may be purchased at the town office. All cars must bear the town tags by February 15th or be subject to arrest. Dement urged motorists to get their tags early and avoid the last minute rush.

first as interim Judge and later to fill the complete unexpired term. Pictured left to right are Commissioners Richard H. Cash, E. M. Sykes, Norwood Faulkner, Claude Arnold and Chairman George Harris.

—Times Staff Photo.

School Board Calls For Cut In Electric Use

The Franklin County Board of Education held its regular meeting Monday and instructed Superintendent Warren W. Smith to begin a program designed to decrease the cost of electricity in the county system.

The Board has made a study of the cost of electricity in the system over the past months. Monday they expressed their desire to economize wherever possible in the use of electricity in the system.

The Board discussed an expected directive from the Federal government pertaining to the use of Federal funds. Recent news releases have disclosed that forms are being sent to all school units by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, instructing that

federal funds will be discontinued unless they are used in desegregated systems. It is estimated by local school officials that federal funds now allotted in the county, excluding the Franklin system, amount to around \$75,000. These are used in the lunchroom program, vocational agriculture and matching funds in the National Defense Education Act, which is being utilized in the county.

The Board is to meet jointly with the Board of County Commissioners to study long range plans on Friday, January 22, it was announced.

Franklin Savings Rate

The Franklin Savings and Loan Association announced that it is now compounding its dividends quarterly at the rate of 4% interest. In the past, the Association's dividends were compounded only twice a year, according to Napier Williamson, Association official.

Ray Stevens, be of the oddball records, says he has an unemployed Uncle who is a real go-better. When his wife gets off work, he has to go better.

County Commissioners By-Pass Applicants

In a bizarre series of events Monday, the County Commissioners appointed dean of Louisburg attorneys, Gaither M. Beam, to fill the Recorder's Court vacancy created by W. F. Shelton's resignation. The selection of the 73-year-old former judge came as a surprise to most observers, after the Board decided not to vote on a permanent replacement in Monday's meeting.

It had been expected that the Board would select a Judge from among the three announced candidates, A. Louisburg, attorney W. M. Jolly and E. C. Bullock, and former Clerk of Court, John King.

The strange procedure began when Commissioner E. M. Sykes, a newcomer to the Board, announced that he was not ready to vote on a successor to Shelton. He told the Board that he had no objection to their voting on the matter, but that he had been "presured" so that he wanted more time to think the matter over.

Commissioner Norwood Faulkner said, "I am ready to vote, personally, but I believe we should go along with this new man and give him more time to decide." Commissioners Claude Arnold and Richard Cash favored taking a vote in the Monday meeting. Chairman George Harris stated, "I have told several people that we would make this decision today and I would like to see us do so, but I am willing to go along with the Board." No one called for a vote, or made a nomination and the decision was believed to have been put off until a later meeting.

At this point, one member proposed that the Board take time out for lunch. Chairman Harris announced that he wanted to get the business out of the way, before recessing for lunch. Commissioner Faulkner then moved that Shelton's resignation be accepted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cash and passed by a unanimous vote. Someone suggested the name of John King to be made "acting" Judge until their next meeting.

County Attorney Charles Davis read the statutes to the Board, which referred to the filling of such a vacancy. After several conferences between individual Commissioners, Davis was instructed to contact Gaither M. Beam, Sr., to determine if he would serve in the capacity of "acting Judge" until the Board could fill the position later this month. Mr. Beam accepted, in his words, "to help out."

This the Board felt had completed the business of appointing a Judge for this meeting. However, later in the afternoon, it was discovered that the action taken was illegal. The ruling reportedly came from the Attorney General's Office in Raleigh.

Hastily, the County attorney informed the Board and they, at that time, altered the original action to make Mr. Beam the permanent appointment, to fill the complete unexpired term of Shelton, who had resigned due to ill health.

Beam's appointment came on a motion by Commissioner Sykes and a second by Commissioner Faulkner. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Beam said in an interview Monday night, "I am honored to have been named to this position at my age. I agreed to serve to help out, but I also reserved the right to resign at any time, should the load get too heavy for my 73 years, without embarrassment to either the Board or to myself."

An intensive campaign had been carried on behalf of some candidates for the post during the past several days. The Commissioners reported that large numbers of people had contacted them without letup in favor of one applicant or another.

Mr. Beam is a native of Person County, having lived in Louisburg since 1916 and served as the first Recorder's Court Judge in the county in 1921. He received his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Wake Forest College in 1912-13 and is at present President of the Franklin County Bar.

He is past District Governor of Lions International, a Mason, a member of the Board of Directors of Green Hill Country Club, a former county attorney and a deacon in the Louisburg Baptist Church. He is married to the former Annie Allen of Franklin County and the father of two children, G. M. Beam, Jr., local insurance man, and Mrs. Maggie Clayton, Supervisor of Teachers for Franklin County Schools.

At least there's one thing to be said in favor of poverty, it sticks to you when all your friends forget you.



Brush Fire

Brush fire on Lover's Leap Road late Monday afternoon is shown above. The blaze, which covered several acres, was reported around 4 p.m. about five miles northwest of Louisburg. The local fire department answered the call but did not fight the blaze. No extensive damage was reported.