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MARTHA SHARON RENNOLDS

Virginia Miss Is Fourth Contestant

Contestant number four in the Miss Louisburg Beauty Pageant is Miss Martha Sharon Rennolds. Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rennolds, 404 Park Street, Lawrenceville, Virginia. This 19-year-old coed has hazel eyes with ashe blonde hair. In the talent competition she will play a popular selection on the clarinet, having had eight years experience in the concert and marching bands in Brunswick High, Lawrenceville. She was Miss Brunswick County for 1963-64.

Franklinton School Board Sets Plan For Desegregation

(Frk. B.W.) Supt. Fred W. Rogers announced today that, subject to approval by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the North Carolina Attorney General and the Office of Education of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the Franklinton City Board of Education adopts this pupil assignment policy to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352; 78 Stat. 241; H. R. 7152 enacted into law by the United States Congress.)

Beginning with the 1965-1966 school year pupils will not be assigned to Franklinton High School and B. F. Person-Albion School, the two schools under the jurisdiction of the Franklinton City Board of Education, on the basis of race, color or national origin. Each of the two schools will serve the entire Franklinton Township School District and each school will provide educational opportunities at all grade levels from grades one through grades twelve.

No assignments will be made by the Franklinton City Board of Education until all parents of school children in the Franklinton Township School District have been informed, through public news media and by written notice to individual pupils and their parents, at the end of the 5th pupil progress report period, outlining and informing them concerning individual freedom and individual responsibility to express a preference of school assignment for the 1965-66 school year. The choice of assignment form will also be sent to all parents at the end of the 5th pupil progress report period on or about April 15th.

A choice of assignment form will be provided listing both schools under the jurisdiction of the Franklinton City Board of Education. The form will require an essential minimum of personal data and will require parents or legal guardians to write, in the appropriate space, the name of the school to which assignment is preferred. The form must be completed, signed by the child's parent or legal guardian and returned to the principal not later than April 30, 1965. Parents of beginners and parents of transfer students will complete and sign a choice of assignment form prior to assignment by the Franklinton City Board of Education.

At a meeting, after April 30th, each preference will be con-

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today, and Friday with afternoon showers over 20 per cent of the area. Low today, 55; high, 70.

sidered by the Franklinton City Board of Education, assignments made and reported to parents at the end of this school year. If the Board of Education is not able to determine the individual's choice or finds it necessary to make an assignment contrary to the expressed written preference of a parent, such assignments will be made by the Franklinton City Board of Education by considering proximity to schools, curriculum most appropriate to the needs of the pupil or any other good and sufficient reason which is in no way related to race, color or national origin.

A parent may request reassignment, after the original assignment, by completing and returning to the Superintendent, a request for reassignment form available in the Superintendent's office. Each request for reassignment will be considered by the Franklinton City Board of Education and action will be taken without regard to race, color or national origin and such parent or guardian will be notified of the action. The parent or guardian of any child wishing to appeal the assignment made by the Franklinton City Board of Education, will, upon such parents' or guardians' request, be granted a hearing before the Franklinton City Board of Education. All legal channels of appeal may be used by the parent or guardian who wishes to appeal from the action of the Franklinton City Board of Education as prescribed in Chapter 115-Sub-Chapter VIII-Article 21-Paragraph 179, General Statutes of North Carolina.

Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on April 6, 1965:

Johnnie Rabon Medlin, w/m/46, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Clarence Julius Hunt, w/m/43, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$13.00 fine and costs.

James Joyner, c/m/22, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment continued on payment of \$10.00 and costs.

George Burbon Bell, w/m/44, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Wilma Dean Stainback, w/t/50, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Bobby Allen Pace, w/m/34, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs. See COURT page 8

Winston Appointed To Board

Assembly Removes Woodlief From Board Of Education

The General Assembly ratified the omnibus bill Tuesday and by this action removed Youngsville hardware-furniture dealer Lelan Woodlief from the Franklin County Board of Education. Woodlief was replaced by Jones Winston, a general farm supply store operator in Youngsville.

Woodlief was appointed to the Board last fall by the Democratic Executive Committee of Franklin County to fill the unexpired term of Richard H. Cash, who resigned the Education Board post to become a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Actually, the change in school board membership was made by Franklin County Representative James D. Speed. Under the laws of North Carolina, school boards in most counties are elected by the General Assembly and not by the people, even though members must run in elections and be voted on by the people. Speed followed similar actions in the past by other county representatives, when he omitted Woodlief's name from the original bill, which included the names of Horace Baker, who ran unopposed last year and Lloyd West, who defeated Mrs. T. H. Weldon in last year's race.

The published list of school members throughout the state omitted the name of the third Franklin County member when it was originally made. Speed inserted Winston's name later and the bill passed and was ratified Tuesday by the General Assembly.

Winston, 45, is married to the former Violet Isaac of Lenoir, N. C. They have two children, Linda, 14 and Jones, Jr., 16, both students at Youngsville High School. Winston is a graduate of Youngsville High School and King's Business College. He is a lifelong resident of Youngsville and Franklin County; a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 377, Youngsville and a member of the

Youngsville Baptist Church. He served 5 1/2 years with the Special Services in the Army and is a veteran of five overseas campaigns. In an interview Wednesday Winston said, "I will serve to the best of my ability. I will carry out the wishes of the patrons of the Franklin County School system."

Neither Winston nor Woodlief would comment on the manner in which the change in board membership had been done. Representative Speed, in Raleigh for the Assembly session, could not be reached. He had indicated earlier that he would comment in his column which appears weekly in this newspaper.

Superintendent of Schools, Warren W. Smith, who is secretary to the County Board of Education reported Wednesday that he had received a letter from House Speaker, H. P. Taylor, and Senate President, Bob Scott, confirming the appointment of Winston for a term of four years and Baker and West for terms of six years each.

There has been no reaction thus far from members of the county party executive committee, who had approved of Woodlief last fall. One member had voiced some surprise at the move when questioned last week, saying that he had not been informed of the proposal. He said that he voted in the meeting last fall based on the recommendation of the Youngsville precinct committee.

Woodlief's name was the only one presented at that meeting, according to the spokesman. Representative Speed was in attendance at that meeting and presumably voted for Woodlief since the record shows an unanimous vote by the Committee. One unidentified Youngsville citizen said that the move was "strictly political" while another vowed that "the move was justified because that's the way politics is played."

Louisburg Native Heads Company



W. E. UZZELL

Richmond, Va.--William E. Uzzell, vice president-marketing of Royal Crown Cola Co., April 5th was elected president and chief executive officer. Uzzell was born in Louisburg, the son of the late Alice Jackson Uzzell and W. E. Uzzell. He attended the public schools here and after graduation from W. R. Mills High School attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Uzzell has a number of relatives in Louisburg and Franklin County, including Mrs. Susie Hayes Jackson of Louisburg, and Edward Lee Best, local postmaster.

He succeeds Wilbur H. Glenn, president since 1955, who marks his 33rd year with the company this year. Mr. Glenn was elected chairman of the finance committee and reelected by the board to serve on the executive committee.

In accepting his new position as president, Mr. Uzzell said,

"Mr. Glenn's record is one of outstanding progress and growth for the company and offers both a priceless heritage and challenge for the future." Mr. Uzzell comes to his new assignment with a broad background of soft drink marketing experience. He becomes the fifth president in the history of the 61 year old firm.

Mr. Uzzell joined Royal Crown Cola Co. in early 1938 as a special sales representative. He was a district manager in Tennessee during the years 1939-1942. During World War II he served as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, seeing action principally in the Pacific.

Upon release from the Navy, Mr. Uzzell was transferred to company headquarters in 1948 as manager of vending operations. In 1950 he became sales manager of the Southwestern Division, and by 1956 had risen through the ranks to become general sales manager.

In 1957 he was named vice president and general sales manager, and in 1961 became vice president and director of marketing. Mr. Uzzell joined the board of directors in 1963 and has served on the executive committee for the past year. He is a member of the advisory board of the First National Bank of Columbus, Ga.

Mr. Uzzell is a member of the Columbus Rotary Club, the Country Club of Columbus, the Big Eddy Club and the First Baptist Church of Columbus. Married to the former Frances Hill of Columbus, the Uzzells have two daughters, Gretchen and Cathy, and live on Fleetwood Drive in Columbus.



Mayor Louis Wheless

Wheless Not To Seek Reelection

Louisburg Mayor, Louis Wheless, announced Wednesday that he would not seek reelection to the post. The Mayor is recuperating from a slight coronary attack and had said Monday he would make an announcement after conferring with his doctors Tuesday.

Wheless stated that, "I am afraid that I might not be able to do a good job for the town." When asked if the reports from the doctors had been bad, he replied, "It's not that. They told me I would have to draw the line somewhere and my business requires a lot of time."

He said, "I am sure there will be several to seek the job who are capable of doing a better job than I have done." According to local sentiment, this was an understatement. Wheless has been one of the most popular officials in the town's history.

He led the field in 1961 when he ran for the council under the old form of municipal government. Polling 516 votes, he was named Mayor by the council in keeping with a policy of appointing the high vote getter as town head. In 1963, under the present form of government, Wheless was unopposed in his race for Mayor.

While there have been no names mentioned in connection with the Mayor's race, Wheless' announcement is expected to open the door to what could be

a wide open race for the position.

Jones Out

Town Councilman E. Thornton Jones announced today that he would not seek another term on the Louisburg governing board. Jones was first elected as a councilman in 1949, again in 1951 for two-year terms. He resigned the post in 1951 when he became City Manager. Jones served as Town Clerk and manager for seven years. He was re-elected to the council in 1961, placing fourth in a field of twelve, and in 1963 he again won a two-year term placing fifth in a field of ten.

Franklinton Mayor Race

(Frk. B.W.)—Three candidates have filed for the Mayorship of Franklinton. They are Joe W. Pearce, incumbent; Claude Satterwhite and John F. Green. C. A. Payne, incumbent; and James S. Joyner, incumbent have filed for seats on the Town Board of Commissioners. There are five seats to be filled. Tommie Champion, incumbent; and Rev. J. P. Mangrum have filed for the Franklinton Board of Education.

The deadline for filing is Friday, April 16 at 12 Noon.

Five Receive Minor Injuries In Two Wrecks

Five persons received minor injuries in two separate automobile accidents in the area Tuesday. A 1960 Ford, driven by Vera Dorsey Tharrington, w/t/32, of Rt. 2, Louisburg, ran off the road and hit an embankment around 6:40 a.m.

The accident occurred seven miles east of Louisburg on Rural Road 1002. Passengers in the car, Brenda Dorsey, w/t/19, and Audrey Hockaday, w/t/18, received minor bruises. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$300.

A two car collision at the intersection of Highway 64 and Rural Road 1737 around 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, did an estimated \$1800 in damage to the two vehicles. The accident happened, according to State Trooper Bill Etheridge, when a 1961 Chevrolet driven by Graham L. Wagner,

w/m/54, of Rt. 2, Middlesex, pulled out into the path of a 1965 Chevrolet driven by Donald E. Perry, w/m/30, of Charlotte. Etheridge charged Wagner with failing to yield the right of way. Both men suffered minor cuts and bruises, according to Etheridge.

Army Reserve And Guard

Washington, D. C.--Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said his plan to realign Army Reserve units was to increase combat readiness. The National Guard was chosen to take control of the Reserve units because states need military forces to preserve order and aid in disaster.

Board To Reorganize

The Franklin County Board of Education will hold its bi-annual organizational meeting here Monday, after a one week delay to the late action by the General Assembly in passing the omnibus bill which elects school board members.

Three members are slated to be sworn in by Superior Court Clerk, Ralph Knott, when the Board convenes at 9 a.m. in the Education office. Youngsville business man, Jones Winston, appointed in a last minute move Tuesday, to replace Lelan Woodlief; Horace Baker, who was unopposed for another six year term in last year's elections and Lloyd West who defeated Mrs. T. H. Weldon for a seat, will be sworn. Baker, a veteran Board member, was originally appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late F. I. Carter. He will begin his second term on Monday.

The Board, confronted with the problem of Federal compliance of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, will devote most of the time Monday to the election of a chairman, a vice chairman, local school committee members to serve until the new district plan can be worked out, and several county school officials. The Board voted earlier this month to make the county one district, abolishing the previous six district system. Among those employed by the Board expected to be reappointed are Schools Superintendent, Warren W. Smith; Director of Instruction, Mrs. Margaret Holmes; Supervisor of Teachers, Mrs. Mamie Beam Clayton; and others.

Mrs. T. H. Dickens, chairman; E. F. Yarborough, Board Attorney; and Superintendent Smith are expected to be in Raleigh tomorrow to hear Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent, explain the requirements of the Federal government in the civil rights issue. Some other Board members have indicated that they too, might attend the Raleigh meeting.

Dr. Carroll had requested local units to withhold their plan of compliance until the requirements could be clarified by authorities in Washington. He has been in contact with Washington officials frequently since this request was issued. He is expected to spell out what the U. S. Commissioner of Education feels is an adequate plan of compliance.

The Franklinton City Schools Board has announced their plan of compliance, which falls in the "freedom of choice" category. This plan must now be approved by the Commissioner. The Franklin County School Board has not yet voted to comply with the requirements, although they are expected to do so and no plan for the county unit has been announced.



Betsy Green

Louisburg Student Is Page

Miss Betsy Green, daughter of the late Charles P. and Mrs. Green of Louisburg has been named a House page in the General Assembly. She is a High School student at Louisburg and will serve the week of April 12. Her appointment was announced by H. P. "Pat" Taylor, Speaker of the House of Representatives. Miss Green was recommended by Representative W. Hance Hofer of Durham County.

McDonald Speaks To Lions Club

Lion Walter McDonald, Religion instructor at Louisburg College, addressed the Louisburg Lions Club on the work of the Red Cross, Tuesday evening as it met at the Murphy House.

The Red Cross makes the necessary efforts in helping local groups or people to help themselves, and it acts as a volunteer agency in serving areas that are unable to serve themselves.

The Red Cross has two classifications of activities, those required by law and those not required by law. For those activities required by law, the Red Cross must serve as a connecting link between a service man and his family in time of emergency, such as death, illness, hardship, birth, loss of contact, service man in jail, and safe arrival of service man to his home or base. The Red Cross cannot grant service discharges; it only relays and verifies information.

The Red Cross affords two services not required by law. (1) It develops standards and training programs in water safety (farm ponds), first aid, home nursing, and special services in the hospital, such as reading, aiding nurses, and writing letters. (2) It assists in blood banks.

After the program Lion Alex Wood, who was recently ill, received a hearty welcome.



Jane McKinne



Jo Ann Hale

Girl Staters

Jane McKinne and Jo Ann Hale, rising seniors at Louisburg High School, have accepted the invitation of the American Legion Auxiliary, Louisburg, to be representatives at Girls State in Greensboro in June. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collin McKinne and Jo Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hale.