



ELAINE BLACKLEY

Franklinton Brunette Is Sixth Contestant

Contestant number six in the Miss Louisburg Beauty Pageant is Miss Mildred Elaine Blackley of Route 1, Box 55, Franklinton, North Carolina. Mildred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Blackley. Mildred is a Senior at Franklinton High School whose talent for the event will be dancing. This Franklinton beauty has blue eyes and brown hair. She is a member of the Glee Club, secretary of the Y. W. A.'s, a member of the F. H. A.; her favorite hobbies are dancing and reading.

Easter Sales Off Last Year's Pace

Easter sales are running somewhat behind the pace set last year, according to a survey of Louisburg merchants made yesterday. Even with the holiday coming much later this year than last, and the warmer weather expected to have increase sales on some dress items, most businesses report sales below last seasons.

The department and ready-to-wear stores, usually the best yardstick on Easter sales report, at best, sales will be no better than last year. One variety store manager said that he felt the public attitude had much to do with the decrease. He said there had been much sickness in the area and the tobacco situation among other things had contributed to the slack. One drug store reported sales above last year, pointing out that candy sales would come later in the week for the Easter gifts. The report said that their increase in business to date this year had been for the most part due to increase in prescriptions.

One men's department manager

said his business was "a little better" at this point and was optimistic that the remaining sales days would bring a satisfactory increase. Another said his business was "less than last year and business had been somewhat disappointing thus far this week.

Another variety store manager reported that "we are doing alright" and added, "this could be one of our best years." One department store said business was "pretty good" and "we are up to par, but certainly not any better than last year."

Florists and most drug stores indicated that the majority of their sales were yet to come and could not estimate how these sales would be compared to last year. Easter will be observed in the usual manner in churches throughout the area this year. Practically all will devote their Sunday services to the Easter theme. Franklin County schools will be closed next Monday and the Louisburg Senior Class will visit Washington over the holiday.



Little Girls Prettier At Easter

The pretty miss shown above is Lou Ann Perry, 2-year-old daughter of Fireman and Mrs. Joe Perry of Ford Circle. Lou Ann personifies the many other pretty girls who will be sporting their frilly frocks for the coming Easter weekend. Staff Photo.

Franklin County To Get \$551,840 In Federal School Aid

What Next For Franklin County Schools?

Part VI

BY CLINT FULLER

Under the Federal School Aid Bill which President Johnson signed into law last Sunday in his old schoolhouse in Texas, Franklin County is slated to receive \$551,840 in funds next year. This represents six times the amount of Federal aid received by the schools last year.

North Carolina's share of the \$1.06 billion to be made available under the act will be \$54.7 million. The money not only offers "great opportunity" but it also represents "a great responsibility," according to Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent.

In a meeting held in Raleigh last Friday and attended by Franklin County school officials, Dr. Carroll said, "Call on all the imagination you can command to help the disadvantaged children." This is the group at which the bill is aimed.

Of the \$551,840 allotted to Franklin County, Franklinton City Schools will get their prorated share. The shares are based on the number of children from below \$2,000 annual income families. Twenty-four per cent of North Carolina children fall into this category. Franklin County is listed as having 3,449 children between the ages of 5 and 17 within the \$2,000 annual income group which represented 40% of the total population.

None of the money may be spent for buildings or increased salaries. It is to be spent for additional teachers and supplies and must be used to help the disadvantaged children. This amount of money placed into the underfinanced county school systems

would be most beneficial.

This newest Federal aid, like that presently being received, hinges on the county school officials' presenting a plan of compliance to the Title VI provisions of the Civil Rights Act and having such plan approved by Washington officials. Until such a plan, which calls for desegregation of schools, is approved, all Federal funds are to be discontinued.

Franklinton City Schools have announced their plan and have made moves toward carrying it out. However, it was pointed out by Dr. Carroll in Raleigh last Friday, that all plans, regardless of their nature, would be returned to the local units for revision.

Originally school officials were told by David Seeley, Legal Assistant to the U. S. Commissioner of Education in Washington, that a "good faith" start was all that was required. A guideline sent out by Dr. G. W. Foster, University of Wisconsin, through the office of the Commissioner, but without official endorsement, had indicated that a grade a year starting at the top and bottom grades simultaneously might be sufficient to gain approval. Certainly, indications were contained in the document that multiple grade desegregation would be approved.

However, in the absence of any official instruction or interpretation from Washington, most local units were in a state of frustration in their attempts to adopt a plan of com-

pliance. This included the Franklin County Board of Education, which has not as yet formulated a plan.

The State Department, under Dr. Carroll, attempted to gain some guides to just what might be expected to gain approval, but were not successful. They did, however, disclose last week, a state guide by which they believed a local unit could get approval and continue receiving funds.

The instructions from the N. C. Department disclosed last week called for a more intense effort of desegregation than had the federal agency implied in previous communications. Under the State plan, teachers and staff members are to be desegregated, bringing in Title VII, a new section, into the school picture. Actually, Title VII, which deals with fair employment elements of the Act, is excluded from Title VI, under which schools are required to desegregate.

There has probably never been a piece of federal legislation as confusing and with as many interpretations as is this Title VI Section of the Civil Rights Act. Most local school units are at a loss as to where to start in their efforts to comply with a law, which fails to clarify just what is required.

It has been reported that only North Carolina and Kentucky of the 50 states have signed the state compliance form. Nine-teen plans from North Carolina have been sent to Washington, of which three have been disapproved and the others not yet

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Versteeg Elected Drama Head

Louisburg College's Director of Drama, Bob Versteeg, was elected President of the Carolina Dramatic Association at the association's annual business meeting in Chapel Hill Saturday.

The purpose of the Carolina Dramatic Association is to encourage dramatic art in the schools and communities of North Carolina; to meet the need for constructive recreation, to promote the production of plays, pageants, and festivals; and to stimulate interest in the making of a native drama. The association is in its forty-third year.

Retiring president of the association is Hoyt McCachren, Director of Drama at Catawba College in Salisbury. Bill Watson of Sanford Central High School will serve as Vice-President for the coming year. John W. Parker, of U.N.C., was re-elected executive secretary.

Schools Close Monday

Schools in the Franklin County system will be closed Monday for the Easter holidays. Originally scheduled to be closed Friday, students were required to attend to make up one of the days lost due to snow. The Saturday following Easter (April 24) schools in the system will operate in making up another snow day. The Board of Education this week announced that Saturday will be a short day, in that activity periods will be omitted. This will allow the students to get out around one hour earlier than usual.

Two More File At Franklinton

(Frk. B.W.)---Ralph McGhee and W. C. Garrison filed Tuesday as candidates for the Franklinton Town Board of Commissioners. On Wednesday, S. L. (Pete) Colbert filed which brought the total to nine candidates.

Previously C. A. Payne, James S. Joyner (both incumbents), Henry Franklin Holmes, Alvin (Jim) Daniels, Alice Kay Rogers, and M. K. Hamm had filed.

As of Wednesday, only three candidates had filed for the three seats on the Franklinton Township Board of Education. Tommie Champion, incumbent; Rev. J. P. Mangrum, and Howard Conyers are the candidates.

The deadline of April 16 at 12 noon for filing is near.

Weather

Increasing cloudiness and a little warmer today with scattered showers. Partly cloudy Friday. Low today, 40; high, 71.

Some wives are like fishermen. They think the best got away.

New Industry To Locate Here

A new industry, expected to eventually employ between 35-40 persons, will begin operations in Louisburg within the next few weeks, according to an announcement today by Industrial Development Director

W. J. Benton and M. E. Joyner, who will operate the new venture. Joyner, a native of Louisburg and presently associated with Joyner Wholesale Building Supply Co. here, said the new plant

will occupy the Youngstown building on South Main Street and will manufacture prefinished plywood.

The new plant will be known as the M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Co. and machinery for the

operation is expected to arrive by the end of this month. Plans call for the employment of ten men for the start of production with other employees being added as the need arises. Joyner said all would be local

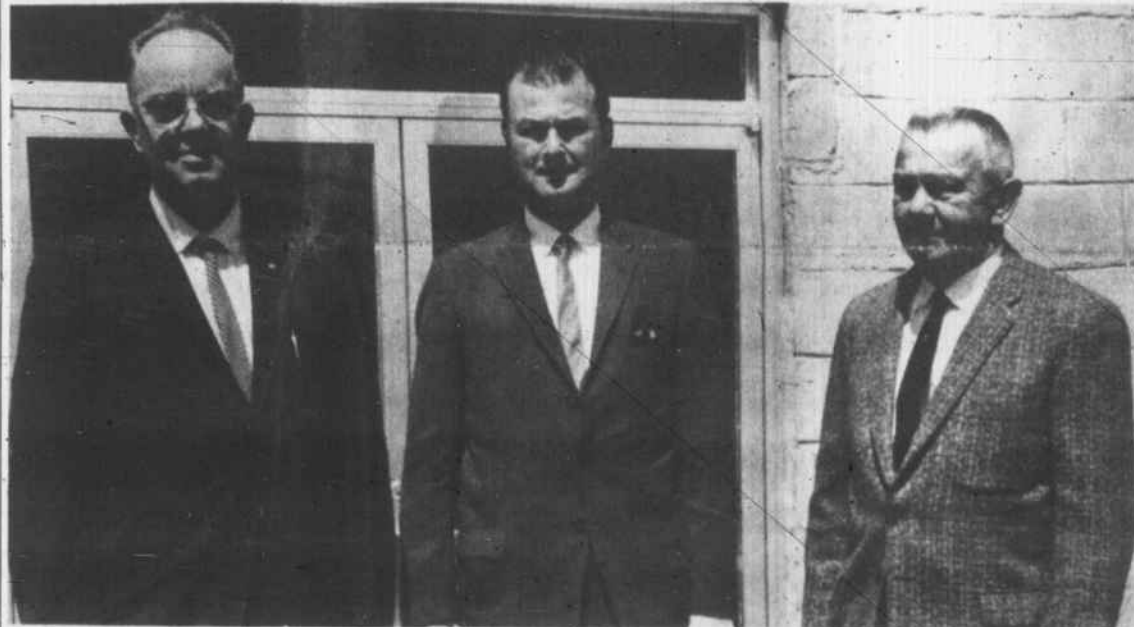
people except the plant manager, Walter Willard, of Raleigh, who is at present in Louisburg overseeing the installation.

Negotiations have been underway for several months for the lease of the building and other plans pertaining to the final establishment of the new industry here, according to Benton. Joyner stated, "W. J. Benton and the Industrial Development Commission put in a lot of work in negotiating the lease and working the thing out. I want to give them a lot of credit because they deserve it."

This is the third new industry to locate in the area in the past 15 months under Benton's leadership. Gay Products in Louisburg and Justice Manufacturing Co. in the Justice Community are the others.

The new Joyner plant will obtain the raw material from points overseas and Canada with some hardwoods being secured from Virginia and North Carolina. The outlets for the finished product will range as far away as Chicago, New York, Washington and Baltimore, according to Joyner.

The Youngstown building to be used in the new plant operations contains 24,000 sq. ft. and work is now in progress in making the building ready for the new plant. Joyner stated he expected the machinery to be here and ready for use by May 15.



Tour Plant Location

Pictured above, left to right, W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director; Mack E. Joyner, plant owner; and Walter Willard, plant manager, pause outside the Youngstown building in Louisburg following a tour of the building. Joyner announced today that he will open a plywood prefabricating plant here. -Times Staff Photo.

ASCS Computing Acreage-Poundage

TOBACCO ACREAGE POUNDAGE BILL: As a result of the passage of the Tobacco Acreage Poundage Bill, the Franklin County ASCS Office in Louisburg has been busy computing revised 1965 tobacco allotments. Each farm with a 1965 effective allotment of tobacco will receive an 18% increase in allotment. Where tobacco allotments have been transferred under a lease agreement, the 18% will apply to the farm receiving the acreage. For example: If a farm had a 1965 allotment of 3.0 acres and this acreage was moved to a farm with a 5.0 acre allotment, thus totaling 8.0 acres, the 18% increase would apply to the farm receiving the 3.0 acre allotment (18% X 3.0 acres equals .54 acres) for 1965. Producers will be first notified of these 1965 revised allotments and will again be notified of their 1965 revised allotments and poundage quota. The total marketing quota in pounds will be established for each farm with a 1965 effective tobacco allotment.

Yields for each community will be determined by getting the acreage of the three highest yields for the 1959-1963 period. Each farm's average will be determined by getting the average of the three highest yields for the 1959-1963 period. 80% and 120% of the community average will be computed and any farm's production average will be adjusted to come within the percent range of the community. For example: A community has an average of 2,000 pounds per acre, 80% and 120% of this average will be 1,600 pounds and 2,400 pounds.

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Youngsville Youth Is House Page

Jones Winston, Jr. of Youngsville served as Page in the House of Representatives last week. Winston was appointed by Rep. James Speed of Franklin County.

Jones, Jr. is in the 10th grade at Youngsville High School and is a member of the Beta Club.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winston, Sr. His mother is the former Violet Isaac of Lenoir and he has a sister, Linda.

Rescue Call

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called to the Russell Harris home on Ford Circle Wednesday evening around 10:30.

Steve Harris had received cuts around the wrist and was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital for treatment.



"Guess The Price" Prize

The first announced prize for the annual Rescue Service "Guess the Price Show" is shown above being handled with care by Louisburg Policeman and Service member Kyle

Prince. The pony is being cared for by local horse enthusiast Tom Denton. The show date has been set for Wednesday, May 12, in the local armory. -Times Staff Photo.