

Board Of Education Announces Plan Of Compliance To Civil Rights Act

Following a marathon session Monday, the Franklin County Board of Education released an announcement of the plan of compliance to the Civil Rights Act. The announcement came at the end of a session lasting nearly eight hours.

The Board termed the plan as one which "meets the minimum requirements of the law." Under the newly issued plan, grades one, two, nine, and twelve are designated as "freedom of choice grades" for the coming 1965-66 school year and parents of every child entering these grades will be required to exercise a choice of the school where they desire their child to attend.

Children in grades other than those designated as "freedom of choice" will be assigned by the Board as they have been in the past. Much as in the past, parents will be allowed to apply for a transfer to other schools if they have cause to do so. The Board had tentatively approved a plan calling for two grades and a final cut-off date as 1970, last week. Several calls to Washington Monday determined that this plan would not

meet federal approval and the Board was forced to include four grades for the first year and move the cut-off date up to the 1967-68 school year. The new ruling was handed down by U. S. Education Commissioner, Francis Keppel, last Thursday.

One member of the Board pointed out that this "is the mildest plan yet announced in North Carolina." The reference was to the fact that all announced plans have been "freedom of choice for all grades." The Franklin County Administrative Unit plan calls for four grades this year, grades 3, 4, 10 in the 1966-67 school year and all remaining grades, (5-8-7-6-11) in 1967-68.

Children eligible to enter the first grade for the first time this fall, whose parents have already preregistered such child in the Beginner's Day held recently in all county unit schools, will not be required to make another choice. Should overcrowding occur due to a large number of choices being made to one particular school, the Board must, according to

the plan, assign children, without regard to race, to the school nearest their home.

Parents of children entering the "freedom of choice" grades next year will receive notification with the child's report card next week of their right to make a choice of schools. Parents will also receive notification of their right to seek a lateral transfer should they desire to have their child assigned to a school other than the one now attended, according to the plan.

Work on the plan had been intensive since January with plans from a number of other school systems being studied. A number of conferences were held with state officials in Raleigh and the plan committee traveled to Washington for a conference with federal authorities. Other conferences were held by telephone with Washington officials in an effort to get approval of what the Board felt would be acceptable to most people in

the county. Veteran Board member Horace Baker summed up the Board's feelings when he said, "It is something I did not want to do but the law required the Board to do this." Jones Johnston, who became a member of the Board in April was opposed to the inclusion of the ninth grade as one of the four "freedom of choice" grades. A call to Washington resulted in no choice being offered the Board

other than the four grades announced. Dr. Tinsley L. Spraggins, in charge of compliance plans for the South, referred the Local group, conferring by telephone, to section E part 4, subdivision (a-1) of Dr. Keppel's statement of policy issued last week. The section reads: "Desegregation will be extended to at least four grades for the 1965-66 school year; the grades covered must include the first and any other

lower grade, the first and last high school grades, and lowest grade of junior high where schools are so organized." Franklin County Schools, only other administrative unit in Franklin County announced their compliance plan several weeks ago. The Franklin County plan is based on freedom of choice in all twelve grades. In other action Monday, the Board discussed the proposed long-range building program

and studied the request of the County Commissioners for a detailed outline of expenditure of a requested \$75,000 additional capital outlay fund. The Board gave approval to a request from the Louisa District School Committee to allow a full year credit to Band students at Louisa and awarded an term extermination contract to Frye Exterminating Co. of Raleigh for work at Bum and Epsom schools.

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College Coed Wins Miss Louisburg Title



MISS PATRICIA VIVIAN TAYLOR
Miss Louisburg 1965

A 20-year-old Louisburg College coed from Charlotte was named "Miss Louisburg, 1965" Friday night in the Fifth Annual Jaycee Beauty Pageant held here. Patricia Vivian Taylor, a vivacious blonde, captured the coveted crown, from among ten contestants, before a packed auditorium.

Miss Taylor did a monologue as her talent. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd W. Taylor of Charlotte. She has formerly won the "Miss Blue Grass" beauty title in Kentucky where she lived before moving to Charlotte.

Miss Taylor will now compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in her home town of Charlotte beginning June 8. Ralph Potter, local attorney, and a dacee, will be the official escort for Miss Taylor at the June Pageant.

were well received. They are a regular feature of the pageant. Mr. Billy Williams, manager of Pepsi-Cola, Henderson, presented local Jaycee President, Raymond Burnette with the \$100 scholarship award to be given to Miss Louisburg. The two questions asked the three finalists by the Master of Ceremonies were: "What would you do if your date arrived for the big dance, wearing Bermuda shorts and no shoes?" and the second, "What is the most serious problem facing today's teen-agers?"

Miss Taylor will now compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in her home town of Charlotte beginning June 8. Ralph Potter, local attorney, and a dacee, will be the official escort for Miss Taylor at the June Pageant.



Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine

To Speak Demo Women

Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine will be guest speaker at the Franklin County Democratic Women's Club dinner meeting to be held on May 10, 1965 at 7:30 p.m. in the Louisburg College Cafeteria.

Mrs. Ballentine is the widow of the former Commissioner of Agriculture, Secretary to the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee and Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

Tickets may be obtained from any Precinct Chairman and must be purchased before noon on Saturday, May 8. No ticket will be sold at the door.

Two Caught Stealing Wheel, Tire

Two men were caught in the act of stealing a tire and wheel from a new truck on the Griffin Motor Co. lot on Bickett Blvd. by local police last Saturday night. Jimmy Pearce, w/m/16, Rt. 1, Louisburg and Harlowe Akie Pearce, w/m/28, Rt. 4, Zebulon are free under \$200 bond awaiting a May 18th trial for the offense, according to Louisburg Police Chief William Dement.

The crime was discovered Saturday night around 11 p.m. by off-duty officer Ned Lloyd who saw the men taking the wheel from the new truck from his bedroom window and called fellow officers, Earl Tharlington and Hubert Shearin who made the arrest.

To Get Grant

The State of North Carolina Department of Archives and History in Raleigh has announced that a grant of \$1,000, has been made for the Restoration of the Franklin Academy.

Located on the Louisburg College campus, Franklin Academy named for Benjamin Franklin, was chartered on January 6, 1787, by the State Legislature. There is no record of an Academy functioning under the first charter; however, in 1803 the Academy was rechartered and opened on January 1, 1805 in a frame building which still stands on the east campus.

In January, 1965, the Franklin Academy Restoration Committee, which is composed of college faculty and administration members, alumni, and interested citizens of Franklin County, laid plans for the Restoration of the Academy Building as a historical museum.

Weather

Fair and continued warm today and Wednesday. High today, 89, low, 50.

Legislative News

by Representative James D. Speed



The heaviest weekly column of this or any recent session, so far as the number of bills introduced, was noted in the General Assembly last week. The May 1st deadline which was set for accepting local bills, sent a rush of new introductions into the House and Senate each day of the week; 75 bills were introduced last Thursday, 91 on Friday. The deadline was set to prevent a flood of new bills from cluttering the legislative processes in the closing days of the session (at which time very important state wide bills are due for consideration.) Local bills can now only be introduced if they have the approval of the Rules Committee which must have proof of good reason for the delay.

Many important bills passed final readings during the week and were ratified. Among them were H. B. 633 and H. B. 634, providing certain benefits to war veterans. H. R. 701 (Joint Resolution) "Honoring the life of Edward R. Murrow, former North Carolinian and one time head of the United States Information Agency; a great news craftsman and commentator of National radio and television."

H. B. 478 (Wicker) to rewrite GS 131-121 so as to consolidate, clarify and unify the statutes relating to student loan and scholarship funds administered by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

SB 44 (Ailsbrook & Belk) to amend Chapter 1-44 of the General Statutes pertaining to the display of the State Flag.

SB 44 (Comm. Sub.) To confer immunity on physicians and

Duncan Injured

Rev. V. E. Duncan of Louisburg was painfully injured Monday in an automobile accident near Salisbury, N. C. His injuries are said not to be serious. He is a patient at Rowan Hospital. Details of the accident were not available. Mrs. Duncan is with him at the hospital, according to a report received here Monday night.



Mayor Votes

Louisburg Mayor and Mrs. Louis Wheelless are picture above, right, casting their ballots in Louisburg municipal elections this morning as E. H. McFarland, left, looks on.

Mayor Wheelless is not seeking reelection in today's voting, but Louis, Jr., is running for a Council seat. Voting was reported as heavy at the Louisburg polls.—Times Staff Photo.

Referendum Voting Light; Louisburg Town Heavy

Voting in the tobacco referendum in the Louisburg area was reported as lighter than last year, by ASCS office manager, John Davis, this morning around 10 o'clock. Voting in the Louisburg municipal elections was termed heavy by Louisburg Mayor Louis A. Wheelless.

Tobacco growers of the area are voting today on the question of acreage-poundage control for this year or a continuation of the acreage control plan as approved by the voters last fall. Franklin, Youngsville, and Louisburg are voting on town councils, mayors, and in Franklin, school board members.

The tobacco referendum is expected to gain approval of the

growers in Franklin County. A close race is predicted for the Mayor's post in Louisburg between councilmen V. A. (Tommy) Peoples and Robert Hicks. Nearly two hundred had voted in the Louisburg elections by 10 o'clock this morning. There were no reports on the lumber voting in Franklin or Youngsville. There was likewise no report on the referendum voting throughout the county.

Davis said that he attributed the light vote (at the time of day) to the good weather and the fact that farmers are unusually busy at this time. The uncertainty of whether or not the referen-

dum would be held is believed to have contributed to some of the farmers being slow in casting their ballots. However, there are several hours remaining before the polls close and a heavy vote could be counted by poll closing time.

Speed Pay Raise Bill Passes House

Representative James Speed had his local bill calling for pay raises for some county officials, passed by the House of Representatives Monday night in Raleigh and sent to the Senate for that body's approval.

The bill calls for the following pay adjustments: Clerk of Court, from \$6185 to \$6450; clerk's assistant, from \$3630 to \$4750; Register of Deeds, from \$552.50 to \$5800; assistant Register, from \$3350 to \$3900; Sheriff, from \$5552 to \$5800; chief deputy, from \$4114 to \$4350 and other deputies from \$3768 to \$3900; Re-

order's Court Judge, from \$3718 to \$3800; solicitor, from \$3245 to \$3400 and Coroner, from \$770 to \$870.

Speed says in his regular weekly column appearing elsewhere on this page, that this represents about a 5% raise for those involved.

Other local bills in the hopper of the General Assembly include one to authorize the County Commissioners to levy a 3¢ tax to accumulate a court-house building fund. Another bill is offered to incorporate Centerville making it the fifth municipality in the county.



ASCS Polling Place

Wayne Gupton is shown above are shown left to right, Ed Rogers, Elmore May and Carl D. Bunn. Voting was reported as light in the control referendum.—Times Staff Photo.

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