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Centerville Officials

Officials of the Town of Centerville are pictured above looking over the town charter and a copy of the legislative bill which goes into effect today making the community of Centerville a town. Left to right, Mayor John W. Neal and mem-

bers of the new Town Council, Mrs. Robert H. Leonard, John Pleasants and Buck C. Denton. Group was sworn this morning around 7 o'clock by Ralph Knott, Clerk of Superior Court. They will hold office until elections in May, 1967. Staff Photo.

Its Official

## It's The Town Of Centerville

The community of Centerville, located about 12 miles east of Louisburg, officially became the Town of Centerville today. Under a bill, sponsored by Franklin County Representative James D. Speed and

passed by the recent General Assembly, Centerville becomes incorporated today, July 1. Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott performed the swearing-in ceremonies this morning around 7 o'clock for the new

town officials. John W. Neal was appointed Mayor by the General Assembly bill, and Mrs. Robert H. Leonard, John Pleasants and Buck C. Denton were appointed members of the Town Council. All were sworn this morning.

The four officials will hold office until municipal elections are held in May of 1967. The area covered by the town limits is estimated to be about a mile in length, east to west, and 3/4 miles in length, north to south. The center of the town is considered to be the crossroads of the Warrenton Highway with Highway 561.

Mayor Neal said that no plans had yet been made as to the operation of the town and that such things would be worked out by the council in the near future. Denton stated that he already knew of several advantages to local people of Centerville's incorporation. He added, "It's a start in the right direction."

Centerville becomes the fifth incorporated town in Franklin County, joining Louisburg, Franklinton, Youngsville and Bunn. No estimate on the population of the new town has been made; however, it is expected to be between two and three hundred. Populations of the other four towns are: Louisburg, 2,662; Franklinton 1,513; Youngsville, 596 and Bunn, 332.

million dollars or 16 1/2% above the monies spent for education during the 1963-1965 biennium. See SPEED Page 6

## NEA Honors Former Local Man



Linwood C. Murphy

Linwood C. Murphy, a Wendell High School mathematics teacher and a native of Franklin County, has been awarded a life membership in the National Education Association as he rounded out 25 years with the school system. Murphy, a genial gentleman of 57 years, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Murphy of Louisburg. He is married to the former Stuart Parrish, also of Louisburg, and they have three daughters, Patricia, 20, a rising junior at East Carolina College; Janet (Mrs. Richard Sykes), 18; and Sallie, 13, a seventh grader at Wendell. Murphy was a 1928 graduate of Gold Sand High School after which he enrolled in Campbell College, transferring to Wake Forest College where he received the B. A. degree in 1933.

He has taught at Bonlee High School and Atlantic High School before going to Wendell. He has held memberships in the NEA for 21 years and has served as various officers in the Wake County unit. Murphy has served the Wendell Community both religiously and civically in many capacities.

Murphy has one grandson, David Parrish Sykes, one year old, and he says "I've shown David and told him about every bird in the books."

## Speed Gives Final Assembly Summary

by Representative James D. Speed

The 1965 Session compared favorably with most previous Legislative Sessions and excels many. There were some disappointments as expected; however, the people of North Carolina in general should be very well pleased with the over-all accomplishments.

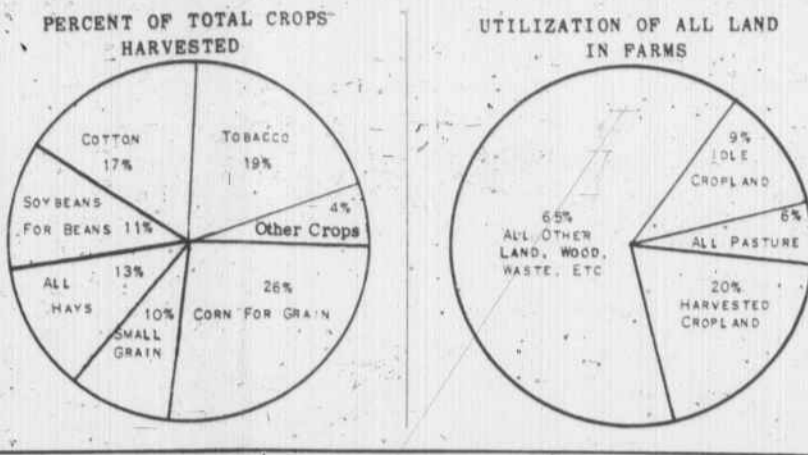
Agriculture, perhaps fared better this session than in any session of recent years. This is pleasing to me because I am aware of what agriculture means to the people of Franklin County and to the general economy of all of North Carolina. Large additional appropriations were provided in the biennial budget to expand research on tobacco, cotton, peanuts, poultry, livestock, grapes, cucumbers and dairying. The general operating agricultural budget was increased and many provisions were made that will help farmers in all sections of North Carolina. More than half of the appropriations for research will be spent for agricultural research.

Public education also fared better than in any previous Legislative Session. Additional funds were made available to provide for a reduction in class sizes in the first three grades. Fees will no longer be charged for textbooks in our elementary schools. Salaries for teachers will be raised 10% during the biennium. Handicapped children will be benefited by the addition of 85 remedial teachers. School mechanics, janitors, clerks, bus drivers and other personnel will receive salary increases. The lunchroom program will be expanded and organized to eliminate hunger in our classrooms. The School Bond program that was approved by a vote of the people last fall will greatly help the smaller counties of the State build badly needed additional classrooms, lunchrooms, gymnasiums and various improvements to the present school plants. The general fund education appropriation for the 1965-1967 biennium totals more than \$31 million dollars, which is 104

## OES To Meet

There will be a regular meeting of William B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, OES, at the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street on Tuesday, July 6, at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

## Farm Population Decreases



The Preliminary 1965 County Commissioner's Farm Census Summary, as released recently, shows a decrease of around 100 persons living on farms in the county in 1964 as compared with 1963. Of the some over 28,000 population in Franklin County, the Summary reports 14,718 lived on farms in 1964. The count was 15,702 in 1963. The January 1965 Census Survey for the county shows 283,977 acres of farm land, of which 55,104 acres were used in the

production of crops in 1964. This was 2,237 harvested acres less than the year before. No major changes were reflected in other land uses. Corn decreased by 2738 acres and soybean hay by 2195 acres followed by smaller cuts in tobacco. Offsetting to some extent were acreage increases in soybeans for beans with 2,188 acres, wheat 902 acres, and smaller increases in cotton, oats, barley, lespedeza seed and other

hay. Livestock reported January 1, 1965 showed decreases from the previous year in brood sows, dairy cows and laying hens, but beef cows increased by 536 head. The number of people employed 100 days or more during 1964 in off-farm jobs was about the same as in 1963. Corn for grain led the usage of farm land with 14,274 acres harvested, a decrease from 17,012 acres in 1963.

## County School Plan Still Not Approved

Superintendent of Franklin County Schools, Warren W. Smith, said today that the County Plan of Compliance to the Civil Rights Act has not yet been approved. Several plans in the general area have met with approval, while some have been returned for reconsideration.

Smith said, "Mr. Yarborough (Board Attorney, E. F. Yarborough) and I were in touch with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Wednesday and we were informed that our plan will be reviewed by the reviewing attorneys in the next day or two."

Smith added, "The delay has not yet presented any acute problems in our plans for the fall opening; however, any lengthy delay will present some very definite problems." Federal funds will not be available to school systems which have not submitted acceptable plans of compliance, according to the law which went into effect on January 3. Funds are cut off effective today, July 1.

According to figures released by the Superintendent today, there are 46 negro children seeking transfer to previously white schools. Several have withdrawn requests since the initial announcement of around 60 seeking entry several weeks ago. Broken down to schools, they are as follows: Louisburg: 10 Freedom of Choice applicants and 19 lateral transfer requests; Gold Sand: 2 FC and 1 LT; Edward Best High School: 1 LT; Epsom: 1 LT; Youngville High School, 1 FC; and Bunn, 3 FC and 8 LT. Seven negro children are seeking reassignment to Riverside from other negro schools. Eight white children are requesting reassignment to other white schools, five to Gold Sand and three to Louisburg. All tolled, there are 16 Freedom of Choice applicants and 30 lateral transfers among negroes seeking admission to white schools and 15 children seeking reassignment to other schools among their own race.

Pupil assignment is on the agenda for the meeting Monday of the County Board of Education. The agenda is lengthy and it was not disclosed whether or not pupil assignments would be made then. Also on Monday's agenda are such things as teacher allotment. The county has tentatively been allotted 218 teachers. Smith said this was about the same as last year. The Board is scheduled to consider the elections of teachers, approval of salary schedules, several summertime building and repair projects and study the 1965-66 school budget.

The business of appointing local Advisory Councils, as replacement for local School Committees, is expected to take up much of the Monday meeting. Under a new N. C. law, local committees have been abolished in favor of Advisory Councils and the County Board is taxed with spelling out the duties of these new councils, as well as making appointments to them. It is expected that most local committees will be retained on the new bodies.

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Secretary of the Louisburg Business Association, announces that most of the retail businesses in the area will be closed Monday in observance of the July 4th holiday.

## BULLETIN

A telegram, received this morning, from Congressman L. H. Fountain in Washington, discloses that the \$495,000 federal grant for Franklin Memorial Hospital has been approved. This constitutes a major portion of the \$900,000 needed for renovations and improvements to the local facility. Fountain's statement reads as follows: "Happy to advise Franklin Memorial Hospital approved by Health, Education, Welfare to receive \$495,000 grant for new additions and alterations to the existing fifty-bed general hospital providing 30 new beds and expansion of auxiliary facilities. Total project cost, \$900,000."

## County Seniors Get Five NF Scholarships

On commencement night in Franklin County schools, five deserving seniors were awarded scholarships for a health career. These awards were made possible by the National Foundation March of Dimes. The college of each recipient will receive a check for two hundred dollars to cover tuition fees. The following year, each college of the recipients will receive an additional check for two hundred dollars to cover tuition fees, providing each scholar upholds acceptable grades.

## Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, June 29: Robert Ed Parrish, assault with deadly weapon. The court finds no probable cause and case dismissed. Woodrow Bryan Haskins, w/m/21, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs. Billy Wayne Cooper, w/m/17, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs. Edmond Williams, c/m, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$50.00 fine and costs and to pay into office of C.S.C. \$13.50 for Dr. Carey Perry. The foregoing to be paid in payments of \$10.00 per week. Joshua Tharrington, w/m/17, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs. Danny Wilmer Richards, w/m/16, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$20.00 fine and costs. Efrid Gray Williams, w/m/26, motor vehicle violation. Guilty. To pay costs of court within three weeks. Lawrence Cifers, w/m, non support. Nolle Provs by State. Talmadge Gupton, w/m/27, allowing an unlicensed person to operate motor vehicle. Not Guilty. Bill Williams, c/m/35, assault with an automobile. Not guilty. Timothy H Pritchette, w/m/16, escape from prison. Probable cause found. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury. \$200.00 appearance bond.

## Holiday Closings

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## Patrol Issues Holiday Warnings

State highway troopers are preparing for a heavily traveled week end as North Carolina and the nation celebrate Independence Day.

From the Department of Motor Vehicles came a reminder that excessive speed, failing to give the right of way and drinking usually have an unwelcome part in holiday traffic smash-ups.

Officials pointed out that last year 17 persons never returned from July Fourth trips. They were killed in fatal accidents caused by one or more violations of the law.

The agency said special driving caution will be required over the holidays if travelers are to reach their destinations safely.

On speed, department spokesmen reminded drivers that the posted speed limit is not necessarily a safe limit. Many factors call for a reduced speed, such as the weather, traffic volume, conditions of the road and the vehicle and visual restrictions.

When unfavorable conditions exist, it is entirely possible to be driving too fast despite what the signs say. Officials, viewing the coming weekend, cautioned drivers to proceed at a safe, reasonable speed, carefully noting what other cars are doing.

"If many cars are passing you," they explained, "you are probably going too slow, holding back normal traffic. On the other hand, if you are passing many cars, chances are you are going too fast."

Excessively slow speeds, in some instances, can be just as much a problem as excessively high speeds.

The emphasis, officials pointed out, is keeping all traffic moving at as near a uniform rate as possible.

Seven fatal crashes over the Fourth last year came from excessive speed, according to agency records.

In all there were 951 wrecks during the 76-hour holiday period in which 666 persons were injured and 17 killed.

## Local Woman's Sister Heart Attack Victim

Word was received here today of the death of the sister of a local Louisburg resident, Mrs. Sarah Marie Wheeler, 42, of Elkin, N. C., sister of Mrs. George M. Fleming of Person Street, died early this morning as the result of a heart attack.

## Perfume In Fuel

Long Beach, Calif. -- To answer numerous complaints, a bus company has mixed perfume in the diesel fuel of municipal buses. After a month's trial, officials said the result was a "tremendous harvest of goodwill."

Highway patrolmen, the department said, will be on constant, roving patrol during the weekend to help curb accidents. Pleasure seekers are expected to jam highways leading to beach and mountain recreational areas, with probably the heaviest traffic to be Friday evening and Saturday. They urged patience in the event of unforeseen delays.

"Good intentions alone won't keep you out of an accident," authorities said. "Knowing and obeying the traffic rules is important, but so is skill in handling your car."

The skilled driver, according to the experts, obeys not only man made laws but natural laws as well. He understands such terms as "centrifugal force" and "force of impact" and handles his car accordingly.

"You may sometimes escape the consequences of breaking a

## Epsom Lions Launch Bread Sale

The Epsom Lions Club will hold its annual bread sale Friday, July 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale of bread will be used to aid the visually handicapped. Kenneth Fuller, president of the club, stated that members of the club will contact the homes of the community and urged all to buy bread from the Lions.

## First Cotton Bloom

The first white cotton bloom of the year was brought in to The Times office yesterday. It was grown on the James R. Pace farm in the Pine Ridge Community, Rt. 2, Zebulon.



Youngsters take a recess break at Bible School held here this week at the Louisburg Baptist Church. Ladies pictured at left, helping in the program are Mrs. Mac Joyn-er and Mrs. Jack Cooper. Similar schools are held each summer at most churches in the area. -Times Staff Photo.