

Washington Asks More Changes In Local School Plan

Following a 28-minute telephone conference with Washington officials Tuesday, the second of the day, the Franklin County Board of Education was called into special session by the chairman, Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Tuesday night to consider more amendments to its compliance plan.

The plan, which has been under consideration by Washington officials several months, has not yet been approved. This is the third time the U. S. Office of Education has asked for a revision of the original plan.

In each instance, according to a Board spokesman, the changes required have been minor in nature and have not altered the original intent.

The most recent changes, which the Board approved Tuesday night, dealt with wording in sections concerning transportation, district lines, overcrowded conditions, the time element in returning certain forms, action to be taken when no forms were returned, and enrollment information.

All these newest amendments present no new problems, according to Board Attorney E. F. Yarborough. Mr. John Dudley of the Office of Education, with whom Yarborough talked, reportedly told the local attorney, "Being a lawyer you can appreciate this. The wording must be in the lawyer's language." Washington had originally told representatives of the county Board that the wording need not be that of a lawyer, but just written "as though you were writing a letter." Even so, the county plan was well drawn by its attorney before being published locally and sent to Washington.

The approval of these latest changes indicates that the Board is again hopeful of getting the plan approved in order to make plans for the opening of schools less than a month away. Dudley indicated that he would speed up the processing of the local plan once it arrives in his office.

Only 34 of the 171 administrative units in North Carolina have had their plans approved. The Franklin County Schools plan, which calls for Freedom

of Choice in all twelve grades, has not yet been accepted by the Office of Education. The county plan calls only for the minimum requirement of four grades per year under the Freedom of Choice plan.

Vocational - agricultural teachers throughout the county are without contracts for the coming year because of the delay in the decision on the local plans. Lunchroom plans are also left hanging. Also left undetermined is over half million dollars in additional federal funds, earmarked for Franklin County, which will not become available should the plan not be approved.

The Board set another meeting for August 16 to act either under an accepted plan or to plan the opening of schools without federal aid.



Tommy Ball



Ann Merritt



Kent Henley



Mrs. Lucy Elam Jones



Mike Carter



Betsy Green

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At 75, Still Has Things To Do

E. H. McFarland, retired Louisburg resident, is shown above, at left, with a bicycle reported to be 150-200 years old. It has wooden spokes, hub and pedals, which he plans to restore. At right, he is shown with a 1905 self-player piano which he has



recently completed. McFarland works at restoring antique objects, mostly musical, as a hobby and has a host of his work at his home here, including several organs and more pianos, of which he says, "I'll fix them as soon as I get time."

Vets Office Services Up

The Franklin County Veteran Service Office handled 182 cases during the month of July, according to a report to the County Commissioners by George Champion, Jr., Service Officer.

The total includes 99 interviews, 16 awards granted and a host of other services including burial, pension compensation awards and death and discharge certification. Three persons were assisted in gaining hospitalization.

The Pension and Compensation Awards totaled \$1513.00 and Burial Award total and Accrued Award total were listed as \$278.00.

The 182 cases are an increase over the 156 persons served in the month of June.

Viet Cong tactics are hit, run and hide.

Louisburg Growth Part IV, Section 1

Louisburg College Contributes Much To Local Economy

In any consideration of the phenomenal growth of retail business in the Town of Louisburg, Louisburg College must be one of the first contributing factors. Certainly one of the largest income producing institutions in our midst, one is apt to miss this observation because of its other major contributions in the field of moral and cultural attributes.

These worthy contributions to

the community by Louisburg College will be covered later in this series. At present, economic benevolence will be discussed.

The College, whose budget has grown from \$154,870 in 1954-55 to \$668,806.00 for the 1964-65 year, has 87 employees with a total annual payroll of \$402,913.32. This adds greatly to the economy of Louisburg and the Franklin County area. These people establish homes here and become a part of the community. Financial contributions, while considerable, are just one part of the overall benefit derived from College personnel.

The student body, which has jumped from 224 ten years ago to 663 presently, contributes around \$130,000.00 in incidental expenditures in the nine-month session. Add to this money spent by the 225 summer school students, plus around 60 night school students and the total benefit to the business community is indeed substantial.

Twenty-seven faculty members own their own homes in the area. Others contribute to the local economy by renting their homes. Church Support amounts to \$111,500.000 annually.

The students, who paid an average of \$550.00 ten years ago, See COLLEGE page 6

Masonic Notice

There will be a stated communication of Louisburg Lodge 413 Tuesday evening, August 10, at 7:30 in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

Local Man Busy With Hobby

For most men, reaching the age of seventy-five is an occasion calling for rest and relaxation, a time for taking things easy. This is not true of a prominent Louisburg citizen. His hobbies keep him as busy today as his vocation did before retirement a few years ago.

Repairing, mending and restoring old organs and pianos is both an interesting and fascinating hobby of E. H. McFarland, who lives on Church Street here with his wife, the former Inez Sloan.

At present Mr. McFarland is working simultaneously on several projects including some for his own personal enjoyment and others for people in need of his many and varied talents. To see one of these early 1900 pieces before the McFarland touch has been added and to carefully observe the finished product is an experience in itself. One would hardly believe that so much could be done to any piece of furniture, to say nothing of the remarkable job in restoring the musical parts

of the instruments.

Numbering among the pianos and organs now in the McFarland workshop and inside the McFarland home are a 1905 self-player Western Electric piano which looks not unlike today's piccolo. It has an open window where one can watch several miniature race horses turn around and around, and in fact, in its day, bets were said to have been placed on the

finish of the horses. The entire woodworkings have been redone and it looks as though it just came off a music company floor.

There is a 1900 self-player 88 keyboard nickelodeon with a stained glass front which is next in line for restoration. There are also reed organs, all self-players, and an untold

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Vehicle Violations Head Court List

The following cases were disposed of at a term of Recorder's Court jury trials this week:

Melvin Darrell Wilson, w/m/24, motor vehicle violation. Defendant withdraws request for jury trial and pleads guilty. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Ralph Faison Daniels, c/m/40, speeding. Request for jury trial withdrawn and defendant pleads guilty to speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, said plea accepted by State. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Jene Washington, c/m/19, non support. Nol Pros.

Arthur Washington Alston, c/m/48, carrying concealed weapon; resisting arrest. Verdict: guilty of resisting arrest. \$25.00 fine and costs. Gun to be seized and turned over to Court for disposition.

Arthur Washington Alston, c/m/48, operating auto intoxicated; falling to stop at scene of accident. Jury verdict: guilty as charged. \$100.00 fine and costs.

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Weather

Cloudy and warm with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms today and Friday. Today's low, 70; high, near 90.

Tobacco Crop Better Than Month Ago

Franklin County's tobacco crop is in better condition now than it was a month ago, according to a report by C. T. Dean, Jr., County Agricultural Agent. "Above average rainfall has continued in July. The county's tobacco crop is in better condition today than one month ago despite some damage from hail, wind and excess water," Dean said.

The report, made this week to the Franklin County Commissioners, stated that the crop had made a "remarkable recovery" from the heavy rains. "Tobacco harvest is a little behind schedule due to

the late growth. We are urging farmers to allow tobacco to become thoroughly ripe before harvest to improve the quality," the statement continued.

Boll weevil infestation is high in many fields of cotton, according to Dean, and farmers are being urged to follow approved control programs. The weather has hindered this, Dean said.

Dean reports that 35 farmers attended a tobacco field meeting on the B. R. Gupton farm, Rt. 2, Louisburg early in July and another 25 attended a field day at the Oxford Research Station around the middle of the month.

Franklin County To Feel Effects Of Voter Rights Law

The passage of the Voting Rights bill by the Senate yesterday, by a 79-16 vote, will directly affect Franklin County.

The bill, designed to end discrimination against Negroes voting in certain southern states, includes Franklin County among the 34 North Carolina counties named in the bill.

The bill provides for automatic suspension of literacy and other qualifying tests, which have been practiced in this county for many years. When, in the judgment of the U. S. Attorney General, it becomes necessary, federal examiners will be sent into this or the other 33 counties to register voters.

The thirty-four counties in North Carolina were named in the bill because they failed to have more than 50% of the eligible voters participate in last November's general elections. Franklin County had 43.2 percent of its eligible vot-

ers casting ballots last November, which was an increase over 1960 when only 40 percent voted.

In Franklin County, the population is divided with 16,008 whites and 12,767 negroes for a total of 28,775 according to the 1960 census. In Warren, Hertford, Northampton and Bertie, all among the 34 counties, the negro holds a majority. In the 34 counties affected by the new law, negroes hold 37 percent of the voting power.

In addition to the counties listed above, the following are also among the 34 to come under the Voting Rights law: Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Craven, Cumberland, Edgecombe, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Hoke, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Robeson, Scotland, Union, Vance, Wayne and Wilson.

Adult Program Opens At College September 9

The Louisburg College Program of Adult Education will get underway for the fall term on Thursday evening, September 9, 1965, according to an announcement from the office

Tippett To Head Red Cross Drive



Wallace Tippett

Warren W. Smith, Franklin County Red Cross Chairman, announced today that Wallace Tippett, Louisburg businessman, has been named Chairman of the 1965 Red Cross Fund Drive.

Tippett, past president of the Louisburg Lions Club and the Louisburg Business Association, said division chairmen would be named at a later date. He has been active in local civic projects and was campaign manager in Franklin County for Gov. Dan K. Moore in last year's elections.

Tippett, a native of Wake County, moved to Franklin in 1949. He is married to the former Janie Cyrus of Franklin County and has three children, Larry, 18, with the U. S. Air Force, Betty Jo 14, and Bonita 11.

of Dean John B. York. The program, offering a variety of courses for college credits or audit, will hold classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Classes are expected to last an hour and a half. The program consists of 3-hour courses for credit and audit.

Courses being offered for the fall sessions include: typewriting, shorthand, accounting, Introduction to Business, office machines, Business Law, English Composition, Business English, English Literature, American Literature in the Business and English fields.

Other courses in Art, Foreign Language and Mathematics include Art Education, Art History, Beginning French, German and Spanish, College Algebra and trigonometry. Old and New Testaments are offered in the Religion Department and Social Studies consist of Economics Principles, European History, American History, General Psychology and Sociology.

Any adult 18 or older is eligible for the courses. Those desiring college credits must meet college admission standards, the announcement stated. The Spring program will begin next January 25. Instructors for both the Fall and Spring programs are members of the Louisburg College faculty.

Births Top Deaths In July

Births again exceeded deaths in Franklin County during the month of July, according to the regular monthly report from the county Health Department. The department recorded eighteen births against 10 deaths for the month.

There were four white births recorded during July and 14 colored births. There were seven white deaths and three colored during the same period.



Visits College

Visiting the campus of Louisburg College Tuesday was a team of officials of the Methodist Church. From left to right: Dr. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference and Trustee of Louisburg College; Dr. Ralph W. Decker, Director of the Department of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church in the United States; and Reverend James A. Auman, Executive Director of the Association of Methodist Colleges in the North Carolina Conference.