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## Plan Not Yet Approved As Board Holds Lengthy Meeting

There has still been no official word from Washington on the Franklin County school plan, according to word received by the Board in a special meeting held here Monday night. The meeting had originally been set in anticipation of receiving word from Washington on the plan's approval or rejection by Monday.

Four telephone conferences with officials of the Office of Education in Washington Thursday and Friday of last week had brought optimism to local school authorities that the county plan would be approved. It calls for integration of four grades for the coming school year. It was reported that the discussions with Washington last week concerned a request by federal officials to increase the number of grades to be affected by the plan. It was understood that this difference was worked out, with the original plan being the one now under consideration in Washington. There were no changes made to the plan, according to a re-

port. The meeting, which lasted until nearly midnight, consisted, for the most part, of discussions pertaining to the opening of schools on September 1 and certain plans were mapped should the compliance plan be approved and, also, some discussions were held on the possibility of the plan being denied. In actions taken by the Board, bus routes were approved and two teachers were elected. Mrs. Mary F. Reveley was elected to teach at Bunn and Vernetta L. McGeachy was named to replace Mae Rena M. Davis, who resigned at Gethsemane school.

## Youngsville Resident Dies Of Wreck Injury

Eugene D. Wilder, 47, of Youngsville died Sunday morning in Maria Parham Hospital at Henderson from injuries received in an automobile accident on U.S. 1 in Vance County Saturday night.

State Highway Patrolman B. D. Adkins said the car driven by Wilder collided with a car coming from the opposite direction which had pulled out to pass a tractor-trailer truck. Lorena Julius Debnam, 27, Negro, of Youngsville, identified as the driver of the second car, was charged with manslaughter and improper passing. The Debnam car also struck a truck which was following Wilder, the patrolman reported. Debnam received slight injuries but the driver of the truck involved in the collision was not injured.

Wilder, a salesman for a Henderson automobile firm, was driving home to Youngsville when the accident occurred at 9:50 p.m. 1.7 miles south of Kitterell.

A native of Franklin County, Wilder was a member of Youngsville Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at the church at 2 p.m. Monday by Rev. Jarvis Phillips and Rev. Harold T. Stein. Burial followed in Duke Memorial Baptist Church cemetery in Franklin County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Harris Wilder; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Elliott of Raleigh and Mrs. Linda Fuller of Youngsville; two sons, E. J. and Ted Wilder of the home; his mother, Mrs. Roxie Wilder of Rt. 2, Spring Hope; five sisters, Mrs. Emma Lamm

and Mrs. Lois Hawley of Spring Hope, Mrs. Ola Strickland and Mrs. Ruth Woodlief of Louisburg, and Mrs. Vernon Caine of Portsmouth, Va.; two brothers, Rufus Wilder of Rt. 4, Louisburg, and Leon Wilder of Chicago, Ill.; and one grandchild.

## Local Man Killed In Accident

Henderson--Alex Marshall Smith, 48, of Henderson was injured fatally late Wednesday night when his car ran off U.S. 158, hit an embankment, a telephone pole and overturned.

The accident occurred around midnight on the "missing link" section of Interstate 85. Smith was pronounced dead on arrival at an Oxford hospital.

Smith, the lone occupant of the car, was found some 100 feet from the wreckage. The car was demolished. Highway Patrolman Troy E. Sanders investigated the wreck.

Smith was a salesman for an Oxford firm for 10 years prior to transfer to Henderson.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Lancaster Funeral Chapel by Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner. Burial was in Cedar Rock Baptist Church cemetery in Franklin County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth S. Smith; one daughter, Mrs. Gloria Grissom of Henderson; one son, Charles Smith of Manteo; his mother, Mrs. Naomi Smith of Franklin County; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Bennett of Raleigh and Mrs. Sidney Murphy of Louisburg; and four brothers, Edward of Louisburg, I. T. of High Point, Newell of Newport News, Va., and Julian Smith of Georgia.

An optimist is usually an individual who feels good.

# Cross Burned At Times Office

A burning cross was discovered around 1 a.m. this morning on the lawn of The Franklin Times building, by Louisburg Police Officers Ralph Lester and Ned Lloyd. The cross, about four feet high, was taken down and discarded by the officers.

This was the latest in a long list of harrasing incidents directed at The Times in the past few weeks. An unsigned leaflet was attached to a number of businesses throughout Franklin County denouncing The Times

for printing a Durham County newspaper in its printing department a few weeks ago. The Franklin Times prints several newspapers in its shop, among which is The Carolina Times, which is edited and published by negroes.

From the leaflet and statements by Ku Klux Klan chief Robert Jones at a Klan rally held near Louisburg earlier this month, the protest is aimed at the business policies of the corporation which owns and operates a printing department

in conjunction with The Franklin Times newspaper.

Dr. Sadié C. Johnson of Henderson, President of The Franklin Times, Inc., said today, "It has been the policy of The Franklin Times for its 96-year history to do business with all races. Our policy has not changed and is no different from that of the majority of businesses in our area."

Managing Editor Clint Fuller reports having received anonymous telephone calls, both at his home and at the office. Some, said Fuller, included threats. All, he added, pertained to the printing of the Durham newspaper.

An unidentified member of the Ku Klux Klan, reportedly from Warrenton, criticized the local newspaper at the Klan rally here as did N. C. Grand Dragon Robert Jones. Both denounced the business policies of the corporation.

This is the second cross burning in recent days in the county. The FBI is investigating a cross burning last week near the home of Luther Coppedge, a negro living in the Edward Best community.

The Zebulon Record reported last week an alleged cross was burned at the home of Dr. L. M. Massey, prominent Zebulon dentist.

The cross at The Times office was discovered early this morning when shop foreman, Bob Lassiter, and Fuller arrived for work shortly after 7 a.m. Chief Dement reported around 9 a.m., when contacted, that his officers had moved the cross from The Times property to the highway right-of-way. Dement also stated he would conduct an investigation.



Burned Cross At Newspaper Office

Remnants of the crude four-foot cross burned on the lawn of The Franklin Times are shown above, lying along the highway right-of-way where Louisburg Police officers Ralph Lester and Ned Lloyd dragged

it after discovering it ablaze around 1 a.m. this morning. The incident is the latest in a series of harrassments against The Times business policies, apparently by the Ku Klux Klan. -Times Staff Photo.

## Wheless Honored

Franklinton--Carolina Telephone this month will honor Alfred E. Wheless of Franklinton for having completed 10 years of telephone service.

He will receive a miniature gold emblem award signifying the number of years of service attained.

Wheless is employed by the company as an installer-repairman in the Plant Department here.

## Man Injured When Car Hits Mule

Randy Murphy, 21-year-old employee of Joyner Wholesale Co. here was seriously injured Saturday morning around 1:30 a.m. when his 1965 Pontiac struck a mule along Highway 561, eight miles east of Louisburg.

Murphy, who lives on Rt. 2, was alone at the time of the accident, it was reported. The car ran off the highway and down an embankment after striking the animal.

Murphy received a broken neck, head and spinal injuries. He is recovering at Rex Hospital in Raleigh.

The mule, reportedly belonging to Everett Evans of Rt. 2, Louisburg, was killed instantly. The car was demolished.

## Notice

Nancy Beasley announced today that the first meeting of the Teenage Club will be a back-to-school dance on Friday night, September 10, from 8 until 11. The Masters Combo of Louisburg will be playing. All teenagers are invited to attend this big event.

## ASCS Preparing For Annual Election

Preliminary procedure has been begun toward conduction of the annual elections of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Vance County. Actual elections are scheduled for September, and will climax with new officials assuming their duties October 1.

Selection of community committeemen will be by mail, as in the past several years. Community boundaries are the same as township boundaries.

Persons elected should be active farmers who are best qualified for community committee work and who will represent various sections and types of agriculture in the community.

Postal cards have been mailed to farm operators for the listing of all eligible voters on the farm other than himself. These must be returned to the office not later than August 30. Any person 21 years of age or older who has an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper is eligible to vote, including wives who meet the requirements.

A petition signed by six or more eligible voters nominating persons for membership on the community committee were received at the county office through August 20.

On August 31, ballots for each community showing nominees will be mailed to eligible voters, and must be marked and returned to the ASCS office not later than September 10. Ballots will be publicly tabulated for each community on September 15 and those elected will be notified immediately.

Farmers voting in the coming community elections will receive an envelope containing a

ballot and two envelopes. The farmer should vote for not more than five persons listed on the ballot and insert the ballot into the blank envelope. The blank envelope should then be inserted in the envelope addressed to the County ASCS Office. He should sign the certification on the back of the envelope and drop in the mail. Please remember that only one ballot

can be placed in the return envelope since every voter must sign the certification. If a husband and wife are each eligible to vote, each must return their ballot in separate envelopes.

When the ballots are received in the county ASCS Office, the envelope will be checked to be sure the voter is eligible to vote. The blank envelope containing the ballot will then be removed from the larger envelope and placed with all the other ballots. Each ballot will, therefore, lose its identity before it is tabulated. The County ASCS Committee will publicly open and tabulate all ballots on September 15, 1965. At this time, none of the ballots will bear any identification of the person voting. It is necessary that each person voting sign the certification on the envelope in which the ballot is returned. If the certification is not signed the ballot inside will not be tabulated. Any person signing by mark must have his mark witnessed.



C. Ray Pruette

Mr. C. Ray Pruette, past President of the Franklinton Lions Club, was installed Thursday evening as a cabinet member of District Governor Frank O. Kemp of Zebulon for Lions District 31-G.

The installation was held at the Zebulon Lions Club in Zebulon, at which time Frank Kemp was installed as governor of the district and others serving on the cabinet were Willis E. Joiner of Epsom, Jack E. Neel of Roxboro, Robert P. Coleson of Cary, Gilbert Myster of Pittsboro, D. P. McFarland of Raleigh, and M. E. Valentine of Raleigh.

Mr. Pruette, Zone No. 7 Chairman, will assist the Lion Clubs of Franklinton, Littleton, Louisburg, Warrenton, and Youngsville in coordinating their activities.

## Versteegs Attending Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Versteeg will represent Louisburg College at the annual convention of the American Educational Theatre Association in Miami, Florida, August 24-27.

The convention will bring together about 3,000 theatre educators from the United States and Canada for instruction, demonstrations, and work on the Association's projects.

Mr. Versteeg, director of drama at Louisburg College, and President of the Carolina Dramatic Association, will participate in the Junior College Project panel discussion on August 26, and attend sessions on directing, acting and scene design. Mrs. Versteeg, associate producer and staff member of the Louisburg College Theatre, will attend convention sessions on costume design and theatre management.

## Franklinton Grocer Convicted

A Franklinton grocer was convicted Friday in Wake Superior Court on two counts of receiving goods while knowing them to be stolen.

Judge Clarence Hall sentenced Thomas Garrett, operator of Garrett's Retail Grocery on E. Mason St. in Franklinton, to a total of six months in jail, but suspended the sentence on condition that he remain of good behavior for 18 months and pay court costs.

Garrett had pleaded no contest to charges of receiving \$8.75 worth of cigarettes stolen from Bobby Wilder of Raleigh and \$65 worth of cigarettes stolen from Carey N. Robertson's store near Knightdale.

One of the warrants had charged the value of cigarettes stolen from Carey Robertson's store was \$209.

Garrett was acquitted of a charge of receiving a quantity of stolen cigarettes from Russell Wayne Perry of Wake Forest. Perry had testified that he broke into the H. B. Jones Store at Wake Crossroads, stole the cigarettes and later sold them to Garrett.

Garrett, in that case, testified that he considered Perry to be a salesman and bought the cigarettes without any knowledge that the merchandise was stolen.

## Bloodshed Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, August 23:

KILLED TO DATE 905  
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 982

## B52 Strike

Washington, D. C.--The defense high command is reportedly completely satisfied with the performance of the Strategic Air Command's B52 heavy jet bombers strike against a jungle target in South Vietnam.



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