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We try, too, to be the conscience of the community—our editorial page will attest to this.

We are your local hometown newspaper. It's the way we make our living.

This is National Newspaper Week, and we think it is a fine time to talk about it.

Weather

Sunny and mild Thursday. Friday partly cloudy and warmer. Low today, 48; high, 78.

Comment

There are people in the world who believe that a cash contribution is all that they are required to do for their communities.

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Recorder's Court Docket

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, October 12:

M. L. Cone, operating motor vehicle after license revoked. Court finds that defendant has not complied with judgment and orders commitment to issue. Jesse Floyd Lea, Jr., w/m/42, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

M. L. Cone, w/m/32, arson. No probable cause found.

Lucas Ivory Coley, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Walter Fuller

Job Up In Air?

An article appearing in the "Under The Dome" column in the Raleigh News and Observer Wednesday said the job of Waters Resources Director Walter Fuller, a Franklin County native, "is apparently up in the air."

The item refers to two high-level positions in the state government as being subject to changes, saying that "Changes in two more top-level positions are still in the realm of possibility."

In addition to the position held by Fuller, a county political leader, the Banking Commissioner's post, held by Shelby Cullom of Wake County, is also a question mark. Both men were appointed by former Governor Terry Sanford.

Fuller moved from Personnel Director to his present position in December of 1963. He has been in state government in varying capacities since he resigned as Franklin County Farm Agent several years ago.

There has been some local speculation as to Fuller's future in the Moore administration, but no statements have been issued either by Moore supporters locally or by Fuller.

Fuller, a land owner in Franklin County, is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee and has for years continued active in local politics while residing in Raleigh.

Actually Fuller was appointed by the Board of Water Resources, which is composed of seven members appointed by the governor. He has served as Assistant Director, Conservation and Development; Director of Rural Telephone Service, N. C. Rural Electrification Authority, and Director of N. C. Personnel Department before being appointed to his present position.

Harold House, w/m, operating auto intoxicated. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs. Given 6 weeks to comply.

Wilson Roller Robinson, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Edwin Randolph Stricklin, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James Edison Hawkins, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$15.00 fine and costs.

James Thomas Fields, c/m/40, motor vehicle violation. \$20.00 fine and costs.

Linwood Ervin Baker, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Bobby Wayne Pope, w/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

John Henry Perry, c/m, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Gilmer Reggie Moore, w/m, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Frances Revels, w/f, worthless check. Defendant to pay check and costs. Notice of appeal. Bond fixed at \$100.00.

Robert Lee Booze, c/m, carrying concealed weapon. 6 months, suspended on payment of \$50.00 fine and costs.

Louis Harris, c/m/16, assault with deadly weapon; carrying concealed weapon. 6 months in jail, assigned to work

under supervision of State Prison Dept. Court recommends that the defendant be assigned to a Youthful Offender's Camp.

Ernest Lee Mikels, w/m/55, speeding. Pleads guilty under waiver statute. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Buddie Price, c/m/50, assault with deadly weapon. 6 months, suspended on payment of \$15.00 fine and costs and medical bills of Jimmie Bracknell.

Willie David Pender, c/m, assault with deadly weapon, inflicting serious and permanent injury. No probable cause found. Case dismissed.

James Holden, assault on female. 6 months in jail, suspended on payment of costs and

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Franklinton Court

(Frk. B.W.) Thirteen cases involving being drunk were brought before Mayor Joe W. Pearce in Franklinton Monday. William Lane was given 30 days on road for being drunk. Eugene Murray—Drunk and disorderly. Pleads guilty to drunk. To pay court cost. Eleven culprits paid cost for being drunk. They were Cody Maye, Kermitt Merritt (2 cases), James Bullock (2 cases), Harden Jones, Charles (Buddy) Ray, Haywood Taylor, Rencher Maye, Clayton O'Neal and Jerry

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Gupton Says

Bureau Aids In Farm Bills

"Farm Bureau was on the front lines fighting for grassroots farmers in every significant legislative battle affecting agriculture during the past year," the president of the Franklin farm group said today.

The local farm leader added that the organization "was very successful" in those efforts in behalf of the farmer.

Bennie Ray Gupton of Wood, who has headed up the Franklin Farm Bureau since 1964, said that key Farm Bureau legislative activity on the national level over the past year centered around the issue of reapportionment of State legislatures.

"This battle is still going on in Washington," he noted, "and it is of vital importance to North Carolina. We feel that states should be allowed to say how at least one house in the legislature should be apportioned."

Gupton said that Farm Bureau is also leading efforts to prevent the striking down of right-to-work laws in North Carolina and eighteen other states.

Area Man Killed In Vietnam

A former Franklinton High School student and a resident of Wake Forest became the first fatality in Vietnam from this area last Sunday.

PFC Ronnie M. Duncan Griffin, 22, of Rt. 2, Wake Forest was killed in action in Vietnam last Sunday, according to information sent his family.

Griffin was a native of Durham County. No details of his death were released.

Rescue Calls

The Louisburg Rescue Service was called to an area near Alert late Tuesday afternoon where a Negro man had been stricken with a heart attack.

Hamp Walker, 53, was dead on arrival by Rescue members from what was termed a heart attack suffered while picking cotton.

The call came around 3 p.m. Tuesday when the body was discovered by a neighbor.

The Service transported an unidentified man to the local hospital Wednesday afternoon during the new bank building promotional stunt around 5 p.m. The man reportedly was suffering from a dislocated kneecap.

Transfer Requests Denied

Board Stays With Decision

The Franklin County Board of Education met for three hours Wednesday morning in special session, conferring with Negro leaders seeking a joint settlement of a dispute concerning the Board's denial of certain latefall transfer requests in the county schools.

The Board reiterated its previous actions and again declined granting the requests of around thirty Negro children for assignment to previously all-white schools.

A three-member committee, consisting of Rev. S. G. Dunston of Louisburg, Rev. Luther Coppedge and Booker T. Driver, both of Rt. 4, Louisburg, attended the meeting, representing some fifteen parents of the thirty children involved.

Coppedge and Dunston participated in a conference in Washington last Friday in which three local school officials met with Mordcaid Johnson, an Office of Education official. The matter was sent back to the local Board for reconsideration.

In the meeting held in the Education Office Wednesday, it was pointed out that a certain misunderstanding had prevailed in

the area of lateral transfers. Negro parents, who made application, claim they thought the requests would be granted. The Board took the position that only the four grades specified in the Plan of Compliance were to be desegregated this year and that lateral transfers were for the use of children moving into a new attendance area or seeking a course of study in a school which could not be obtained in their present school.

Negro parents complained to Washington and were informed by Mr. Johnson that according to his interpretation of the local plan, they were eligible to be admitted. The Negro committee emphasized this fact in Wednesday's meeting, saying that they had pursued the matter based on the belief that it was their legal right.

The meeting Wednesday was termed "friendly" and "profitable," although no resolution was announced following the session. The Negro committee expressed its personal satisfaction with results of the conference but said they needed to confer with the other parents before making any statement. Board members and the com-

mittee seemed to be in general agreement that the dispute had arisen from an initial lack of information, most of which was attributed to Washington's reluctance to make specific recommendations.

Board Attorney E. F. Yarbrough pointed out that the local plan was sent to Washington in May, and nothing definite was heard from it until the last of August. Yarbrough's interpretation of the local plan's intent was somewhat different than the interpretation which might have been placed on its provisions by Mr. John Dudley, the Washington official with whom the Board had worked for most of that period. Dudley is no longer with the Office of Education, and Johnson was placed in charge of this area.

The Negro committee indicated that they would inform the Board of their future plans following a conference with their people sometime Friday. Both the Board and the committee seemed to be in agreement that some satisfactory solution would be found, thereby removing the threat of the loss of over \$600,000 in federal assistance to the local schools.

Bank Building Opens

Hundreds of citizens flocked to the open house of the new First Citizens Bank and Trust Company building on Bickett Boulevard Wednesday. Several hundred gathered in the area of the new structure around 5 p.m.—when play money—redeemable for the real stuff—was dropped from an airplane.

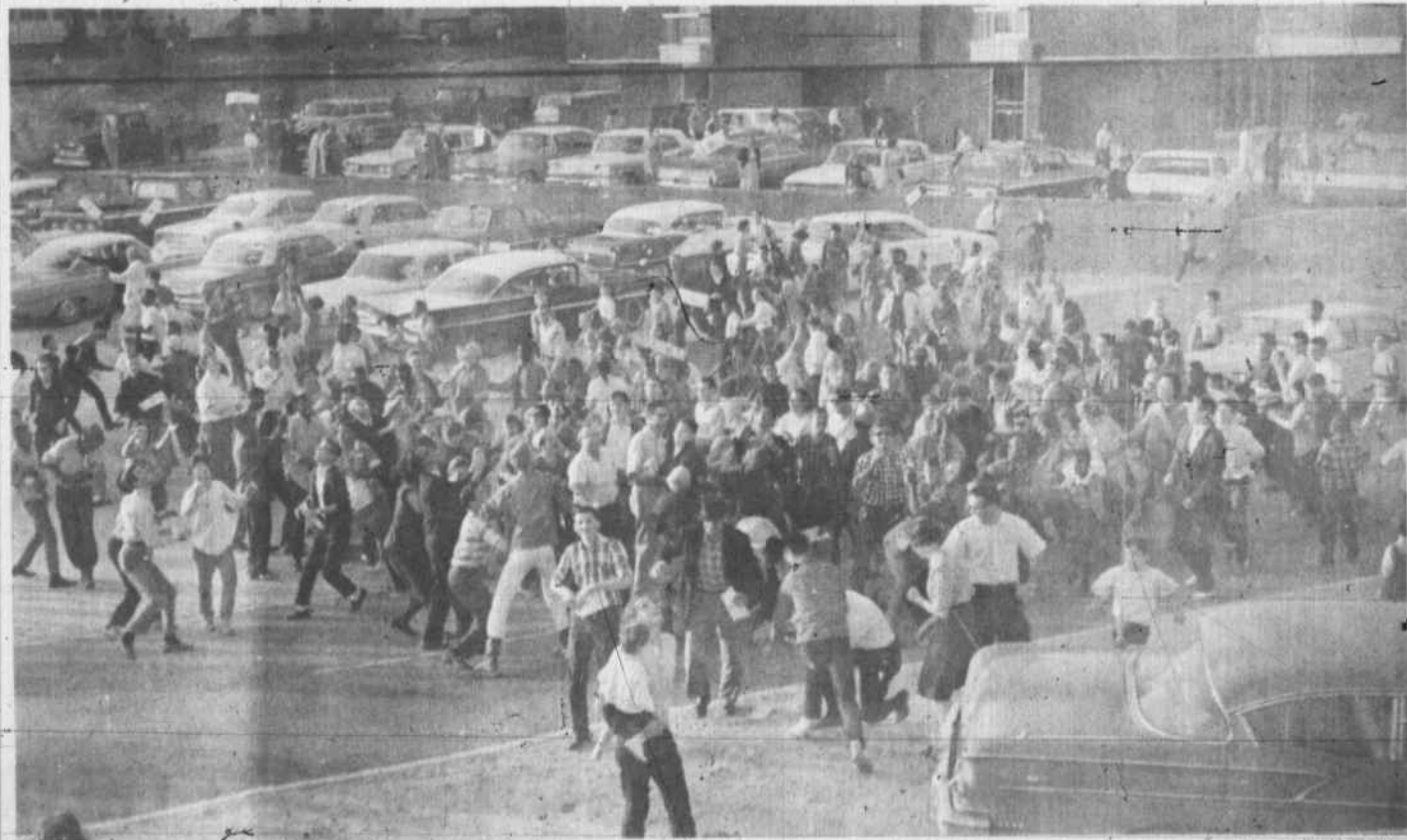
Floyd Griffin, local airman, piloted the plane with precision as he made several passes down Bickett Blvd., dropping hundreds of bills. The crowd, unruly at times, had a ball gathering in the loot.

At least one person was injured. An unidentified man, reportedly standing on the curbing at the corner of Nash Street and the Boulevard, twisted his kneecap out of place and had to be taken by the Louisburg Rescue Service to the local hospital during the activities. Louisburg police directed

traffic along the route, stopping all movement as the money dropped.

Wednesday evening, the program became more formal as dignitaries from the home office, with the aid of local officials, performed the traditional ribbon-cutting. Bank President Lewis Holding headed the list of out-of-town officials. Together with Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples and local Vice-President J. Harold Talton, Holding performed the ribbon-cutting task marking the official opening of the new building, one of the finest in Eastern Carolina. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of Louisburg College, pronounced the invocation.

Visitors were met and directed by a host of banking personnel on tours of the multi-floored structure. The new branch opened for business this morning.



Bank Tosses Money To The Winds

—Times Staff Photo.