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County Votes "No" On Roads, Court Issues

Court Issue Defeated 1140 To 1046

Franklin County is one of the two counties of the state's 100 to vote against the constitutional amendment for the establishment of an Intermediate Court of Appeals in the state. Only Green County voted with the locals in downing the issue. Unofficial returns from the eleven precincts in Franklin County show the issue defeated by 1140 to 1046. Dunn, Pearce's, Louisburg and Franklinton were the only precincts approving the amendment. Dunn precinct (Bunn) gave the amendment the largest affirmative margin, approving it 89-59. Pearce's agreed on the issue, 21-19 and Franklinton cast a 217-196 vote favoring the court. Louisburg cast a favorable vote, 376-293.

against the amendment came from Hayesville Township, 95-18. Other precincts, all voting against the proposal were as follows: Harris, 80-49; Youngsville 79-70; Sandy Creek 82-45; Gold Mine 68-54; Cedar Rock 142-76 and Cypress Creek 57-31. The issue called for granting the General Assembly authority to establish and Intermediate Court of Appeals. The idea was to ease some of the work load for the Supreme Court. One Louisburg attorney, who had publicly favored the issue, said folks just weren't interested. Even the county commissioners would not endorse the issue, he added. One observer said, "It was a lawyer's thing and this hurt it." Statewide the issue gained overwhelming approval of the voters. Only in the two eastern counties of Franklin and Greene did it receive opposition. Only 19% of Franklin County's registered voters turned out for Tuesday's elections. Nearly 7,000 voted last November as opposed to 2239 participating in Tuesday's voting.

Unofficial Election Returns

November 2, 1965

PRECINCT	ROAD BOND ISSUE		APPEALS COURT AMENDMENT	
	FOR	AGAINST	FOR	AGAINST
DUNN	103	49	89	59
PEARCE'S	16	25	21	19
HARRIS	35	97	49	80
YOUNGVILLE	67	93	70	79
FRANKLINTON	200	222	217	196
HAYESVILLE	9	75	18	65
SANDY CREEK	38	92	45	82
GOLD MINE	47	83	54	68
CEDAR ROCK	51	171	76	142
CYPRESS CREEK	24	68	31	57
LOUISBURG	304	370	376	293
ROAD BOND		APPEALS COURT		
FOR AGAINST		FOR AGAINST		
FRANKLIN COUNTY TOTALS	894	1345	1046	1140

One Of Two Counties In State To Oppose Road Issue

Bucking the statewide tide, Franklin County voted a resounding "No" to the \$300 billion Road Bond Issue in Tuesday's off-year elections. Only one other county joined in a negative vote against the road improvement plan, this being Greene County just east of Franklin. While North Carolina as a whole gave the issue a 3-1 margin, Franklin County voted 1345 against while casting 894 votes for the issue. Ten of the county's eleven precincts were against the bonds. Only Dunn precinct, located in Bunn, cast more votes for the improvements than against them. Dunn precinct gave the issue a better than two-to-one margin, casting 103 ballots "For" and only 49 "Against."

The worst licking Governor Dan Moore's campaign-promised five-year road plan came in Hayesville Township where only 9 voters approved the issue, with 75 voting against it. Hayesville has more Republican voters than any other county precinct and was the only precinct to go for Goldwater in the 1964 elections. Cedar Rock voted over three to one against the road bonds, and Harris Township cast an almost 3-1 negative vote. Cedar Rock's tally was 171-51 and Harris voted 97-35. The issue was somewhat closer in the heavier voting precincts, such as Franklinton and Louisburg. Franklinton defeated the issue by 222 votes, casting 200 ballots in favor and 222 against. Louisburg voted 304 for the bonds and 370 against.

Other precincts, all voting against the issue, reported returns as follows: Pearce's, 25-16; Youngsville, 93-79; Sandy Creek, 92-38; Gold Mine, 83-46; Cypress Creek, 68-24. Bond leaders in the county were justifiably disappointed in the election results. One county commissioner stated, "I don't know where we can go to now. We had the best chance we've ever had to get something done to our roads and we've killed it." Another commissioner said, "Let the Klan build the roads." This was in reference to the public opposition by the Ku Klux Klan to the Road Bond Issue. The opposition is believed to have played a part in the closeness of the voting on the issue in several eastern counties. One veteran political observer said he felt that while the Klan certainly cast some dissenting votes, the real reason for the loss in Franklin County came from the complacent people who did not vote. He said he did not feel the Klan was the deciding factor. It has been widely rumored in the past few months that the Klan claimed to control 2,000 votes in the county, but most politicians discount this number as being excessive. The light turnout of voters in an off-year election was expected. The county voted 6,538 in last year's general elections and 6,789 in the spring primary. The second primary vote was 6,371 last June. There were 11,827 people registered to vote in the elections last November. More had registered recently. Only 2,239 cast ballots Tuesday. In the general elections last November, 56.13 percent of those registered voted as opposed to 19% voting in Tuesday's elections.

Following Election Results

Future Of County Roads Uncertain

The big question in Franklin County, in the aftermath of Tuesday's vote against the Road Bond issue, today is the status of road improvements in the county. In light of the slap handed the Moore administration and his highway commission by local voters, the question of roads for Franklin County, at best, is uncertain. Under the Bond Issue, Franklin County will get the \$943,200 even though the county opposed the issue. Of this amount, the county itself will get \$735,300. Louisburg will receive \$112,200, Franklinton \$59,300; Bunn \$13,000 and Youngsville \$5,500. The biggest cost to the county apparently will come in the 88 State Highway Commission Priorities for paving and improving dirt roads throughout the county. These are the cases involving a number of citizens living on dirt roads who have at sometime in the past presented road petitions to the County Commissioners. Four of the 88 priorities were recently approved for work and officials were hopeful for a number of others to be approved by the state department. The failure to support the road bond issue places this approval in grave doubt according to local speculation by officials. The 84 remaining priority roads projects ranged in distance from 0.3 miles for Cooke Street extension to \$150,000 for Sledge Road which is 4.9 miles. From Number one priority (312) of Pender Street to Number 84 (50) the Jack Green Road, most observers agree, the chances for these projects are far less today than they were Monday of this week. At the end of this century one out of three World War II veterans now living will still be alive; and three out of four Korean Conflict veterans will still be living, the Veterans Administration estimates.

Society Names Officers

At a meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society held October 28, Lindley Butler was reelected to serve as president for next year. Others elected to serve one-year terms are: Vice President, T. H. Pearce; Secretary, Lucy Perry Burt; Treasurer, W. J. "Pete" Shearin.

A color film, produced by the North Carolina State Film Board, was presented at the meeting. The film covered the first 100 years of North Carolina history.

Dr. Gerald Shinn, Chairman of the Franklin Academy Restoration Committee, expressed appreciation to the society for the \$100 contribution made to the committee, and reported that a total of \$1867 had been received toward this year's goal of \$2000. The deadline for reaching this goal is December 1.

Herman Spencer, previously appointed to a committee to study the history of Masonry in Franklin County, stated that April 29, 1766, the first Masonic Lodge meeting was held near the small community of Alert in Franklin County, making that organization actually thirteen years older than the county. In commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the charter next April, the county's four lodges are purchasing a bronze highway marker, to be See SOCIETY page 6

Births Top Deaths In October

Births continued to exceed deaths in Franklin County during the month of October, according to a report from the county Health Department. The department recorded eight white births and eleven colored births for a total of 19 for the period. There were eight white deaths reported and nine colored for a total of 17. Pneumonia led the causes of death with 3 being attributed to the disease.

Dance To Feature Discotheque Theme

Mrs. Dwight Hinton, Chairman, stated this week that plans were well underway for the November Dance sponsored by the Louisburg Junior Woman's Club. The dance will be held on Friday, November 12, from 9 to 1 in the Louisburg Armory. The decoration committee has chosen as their theme a "Discotheque" and are presently working on the "props" to carry out this theme. Again this year the dance will be a cabaret style, and those planning to attend are urged to buy their tickets early so that the club will have adequate seating facilities. The price of the ticket to this dance will, as in the past, cover the cost of all refreshments and soft drinks which are served. Make your plans now to come and enjoy dancing to the music of Billy Joe Austin and his combo.



Sworn To State Commission

Louisburg businessman Wallace Tippett is shown above, left, being sworn by Superior Court Clerk Ralph Knott to the Court Clerk position. Tippett was appointed to the state post by Governor Dan Moore. -Times Staff Photo.

Louisburg Businessman Gets State Appointment

Wallace Tippett, Louisburg businessman and campaign manager for Governor Dan Moore in last year's elections, has been named by the Governor to the North Carolina Recreation Commission. Tippett replaces William L. West, Jr., of McAdenville, N. C. Tippett, 44, was informed of the appointment last week and received the commission Wednesday. His term will expire July 1, 1970.

The local farm implement dealer entered the political field for the first time last year and headed the county campaign for Governor Moore. Moore was edged by Dr. I. Beverly Lake in the first primary but soundly defeated L. Richardson Preyer in the county balloting in the June runoff. Moore also defeated the Republican candidate in the November elections in this county. Tippett headed the recent Road Bond Committee for the county and has been called on by a number of local officials and citizens to mediate needs between them and the state administration in recent weeks. Tippett is a native of Wake County. He moved to Franklin County in 1949. He is married to the former Janie Cyrus of Franklin County and the father of three children, Larry 18,

with the U. S. Air Force near Washington, D. C.; Betty Jo 14, a ninth grader at Louisburg; and Bonita 11, a sixth grader. He is a veteran of 6 1/2 years' naval service in World War II and is past president of the Louisburg Lions Club and the Louisburg Business Association. Tippett, whose hobby is outdoor camping, is already familiar with the field of recreation. Ralph J. Andrews of Raleigh is Director of the Department of Recreation and his department was instrumental in aiding Franklin County in the preparation of data presented at the hearings on the development of the Tar River Basin. Tippett said, "I am honored by the appointment, and I intend to do my very best in behalf of my state and Franklin County." There are ten members on the Commission, four ex-officio and six appointed by the Governor. Other members are: Mrs. Harriet Pressly of Raleigh, Gus Pernel, Charlotte; See APPOINTMENT page 9

Commissioners Reject Boarding Home Bid

The Franklin County Commissioners rejected a \$10,000 bid for the Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home property in their regular meeting here Monday. The bid had been made by T. T. Kemp of Louisburg. No further action was taken on the matter of obtaining additional bids or renovation of the structure by the Board.

Mr. Rufus Place, present operator of the home, is retiring at the end of the year, necessitating obtaining another leaser for the property with a state license or massive renovations before a new license can be issued. The Board received and approved a number of routine reports from the various county agencies and took no action on a request to purchase uniforms for ladies working in the court-house offices. A motion was made to buy uniforms for female employees but died for lack of a second, according to reports. Approval was given for the employment of an aid to a federal veterinarian inspecting cattle for Bang's disease and TB in the county. The pay scale was set at \$1.25 per hour for the aid.

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Mrs. Moore To Speak

North Carolina's first lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, will be a special guest at the Democratic Women's District meeting. The luncheon meeting will be held at the Benvenue Country Club in Rocky Mount, N. C., at 12:30 p.m. on November 12. Reservations must be made by November 7. Mrs. L. F. Oxnevad, president of the Democratic Women Organization, will accept reservations or Mrs. Sophie Rabl, 1520 W. Haven Blvd., Rocky Mount, N. C., can be contacted.

A large crowd is anticipated. All Democratic women are urged to attend so Franklin County will be well represented.

Addresses Louisburg Lions

Frank Kemp, District Governor of 31G, informed the Louisburg Lions Club at its meeting Tuesday evening that it should consider four major goals in Lionism this year. The first challenge was that the club become more active in the White Cane Drive. There are fewer blind people selling pencils on the street today than ever before. Many of these blind people are fortunate enough to work in other areas and under better conditions. Second, all members who have not visited Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw should do so. Those boys attend school there the entire year in an effort See LIONS page 6

Easter Seal Society To Meet

On Wednesday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. the Franklin County Easter Seal Society will hold a public meeting in the Community Room of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company on Bickett Boulevard in Louisburg. A film, "Camp Easter in the Pines," will be shown. The public is urged to view the film, which portrays camping facilities for the crippled children of our state. Others as the World War I Veterans made a stop-over at The Franklin Times office around noon today. -Times Staff Photo.



Raymond J. Jeffreys of Raleigh, Chief-of-Staff of the World War I Veterans, is shown above making a point to Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples and

Vets Caravan Here

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