

Franklin Placed In District With Vance, Warren Under Proposal

The North Carolina House Redistricting Committee, meeting in Raleigh Monday, came up with a revised plan of reapportioning the many counties in the state. The proposal will be presented to the special session of the General Assembly, scheduled to meet in Raleigh beginning on January 10.

Under the plan as announced by the Committee, Franklin County is placed in a district with Vance and Warren. The district will have two representatives.

Franklin Representative James Speed attended the day-long meeting of the Committee to "Look out after the interest of the people of Franklin County," as he puts it.

Speed said, "Franklin, with a population of 28,755, which is nearly 10,000 short of the statewide county average population of 37,968, will automatically fall short of one full-time representative.

representative. All counties which vary more (up or down) than 15% of the 37,968 statewide county average will have to be placed in a district with one or more other counties to make up a total population that can be divided equally by the 37,968 population average."

Franklin's senatorial district remains unchanged, under a similar plan announced by the North Carolina Senatorial Redistricting Committee. This district consists of Granville, Vance and Franklin Counties.

Henderson tobaccoist Fred S. Royster represents the three-county district presently. Speed said several proposals were offered that would have brought Franklin County within the average range. He did not elaborate on these plans but did comment, "Some of the plans offered for the county would have been hard to accept and

almost impossible for our people to live under."

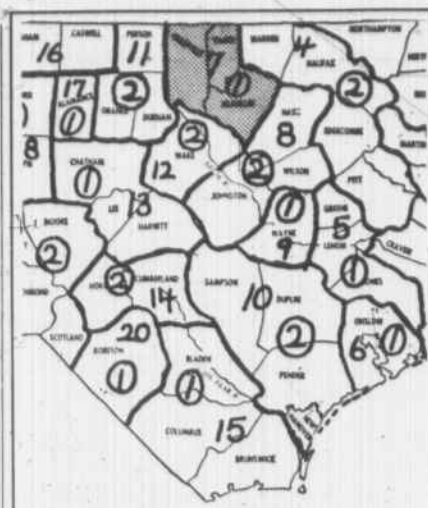
He pointed out that he opposed these plans in the meeting held in the State House Monday, and after this opposition to several proposals, "The committee finally placed Franklin, Warren and Vance in a two-representative district."

The population of the three counties places Franklin in the middle of the other two. Vance leads with 32,002 population, Franklin has 28,755, and Warren, the smaller of the three, has 19,652.

"I had hoped for a House district that would correspond to our present State Senatorial district of Granville, Vance and Franklin," Speed said.

"However, the presently proposed plan is far better than several of the other proposals. The special session of January 10, 1966 could reshuffle the presently proposed plan."

W. R. Drake of Macon, N. C., represents Warren County, and A. A. Zolltcoffer, Jr., a Henderson attorney, represents Vance presently in the House of Representatives.



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Retired Banker Passes

Funeral services were held today at 3:30 p.m. for Edward Ward McGhee, 73, retired bank cashier, at the Franklinton Baptist Church, conducted by Rev. Lloyd Jackson. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

McGhee, a Franklinton resident, was associated with First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Louisburg for over thirty years, retiring last February. He died Sunday in a Raleigh hospital following an operation last Thursday.

He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the Franklinton Masonic Lodge 182 AF and AM and the Franklinton Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Harris McGhee, and one brother, Hugh A. McGhee, both of Franklinton.

Cottrell Wins New Term

H. B. Cottrell was elected to a new three-year term on the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors during the voting here recently. The supervisors expressed their appreciation to those taking part in the election.

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors occupy a position of public office and public trust. As a member of the local board, Mr. Cottrell will assist in program planning, policy making and the carrying out of a soil and water conservation program for Franklin County and the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Members of the district board meet regularly with agricultural agency representatives and others interested in this important program. District supervisors are non-salaried officials, serving the district, state and nation in this important role largely at their own expense and without compensation in the form of salary.

Mr. Cottrell is completing his 15th year as a supervisor and is currently serving as Chairman of the District Board.

High School Band To Give Concert

The Louisburg High School Band will give its Christmas Concert Thursday evening, December 14, beginning at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Junior Band will present several seasonal numbers, including one by the Cornet Trio, composed of Steve Perdue, Edward Pergerson and Saunders Isley.

The Senior Band will present seven Christmas numbers, including "The Christmas Song," featuring Pete Joyner, Trombone Soloist.

Both bands are under the direction of Mr. Lee Reynolds. Admission to the concert is free.

Food Stamp Plan Gets Approval

Franklin County is going to get a Food Stamp Program, as a result of action taken by the Board of Commissioners in a special meeting last Friday.

Commissioner Norwood Faulkner, in making the motion insuring the action, stated, "This is in the best interest of the people of the county."

Commissioner George Harris said, "It will help everybody." Actually, while the Board had been considering the problem of the surplus commodity program, which was discontinued early last year, they had been told that a Stamp Program was not available for Franklin County.

Mrs. Jane M. York, Director of the county Welfare Department, learned last Wednesday in a Raleigh meeting that the program might be available for Franklin since additional federal funds had become available.

It is expected to take some time to implement the program, but officials said they hoped to get it underway, "Just as soon as humanly possible."

Unlike the so-called free food program, which proved unpopular with some citizens in the first three months of 1964, the Stamp Program is handled through normal trade avenues.

While stamps are worth more than the price on them, they nevertheless must be purchased. Some of the complaints with the old program was that the people receiving the free food were refusing to work. Under the Stamp Program, some money will be needed with which to purchase the stamps.

Merchandise can be purchased at any cooperating grocer in the county and the merchant may, in turn, use the stamps to pay his supplier or redeem them at the local bank.

Stamps will be issued to families certified by the Welfare Department as in need of food assistance and this is based on certain criteria such as the number of persons in the family and other factors.

Any edible article may be purchased except those imported. Officials say this assistance with food, will free other income for purchases of clothing and other necessities, which will aid the local economy.

Commissioner Faulkner estimated the Stamp Program will add around \$200,000 to the county income in the first twelve months.

Further explanations of the Program will be forthcoming as the plan goes into effect, according to reports. A pilot program has been operating in neighboring Nash County for several months.

The Department of Agriculture reports that the "Program is fulfilling its basic objectives," and those are: (1) Safeguarding the health of the Nation's low-income families through better nutrition and (2) Increasing the flow of foods from the Nation's farms through normal trade channels."



Total Loss

Scene above shows the old Blount Building on South Main Street ablaze last Saturday afternoon around 4:30. Around 100 firemen and spectators fought the blaze for several hours before bringing it under control. Cause of the fire

has not been determined. Most of the contents of the building, which housed several apartments, were destroyed. Reports say the structure is to be condemned. -Times Staff Photo.

Jaycees Sell Trees Nightly

Louisburg Jaycee B. T. Rowe, Jr. announced today that his organization will be on hand to help in the selection and sales of Christmas trees each night until 9 p.m. from now until Christmas. The Jaycees are selling trees in the Friendly Four Warehouse on Main Street here.

Negro Jailed For Obscene Phone Calls

A 17-year-old Louisburg, Rt. 3, Negro is lodged in Franklin County jail under \$5,000 bond, following his arrest last Friday night in a bizarre bit of police work.

John Bowden is charged with "indecent language on a telephone to a female person" and "Continuing calls for the purpose of annoying a person," as a result of several phone

calls made to a Louisburg white woman from last Wednesday morning through Friday night.

The woman informed the Louisburg police following the first call and a trap was set. When the Negro suggested a date, Louisburg police officer Ned Lloyd, dressed in the woman's clothes, met the youth behind the Franklin Memorial Hospital.

After the Negro had thoroughly checked the area, he parked his car and walked up to the automobile in which Lloyd was waiting. As the Negro sat down in the car, Louisburg Chief William Dement and Officers Kyle Prince and Gerald Eury converged on the car and placed the man under arrest.

The arrest took place Friday night around 9:30 p.m. The Negro told officers he got the idea from a book.

Louisburg

Santa And Store Closings

Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Secretary of the Louisburg Business Association, announced today that Santa Claus will begin his travels around the downtown business area on Saturday, December 18, and continue to visit on the streets and in the stores through Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Pleasants also stated, "Many of the local merchants will be open on Monday, December 26, with the exception of a few that will be closed Monday and open Tuesday for business."

Bunn P. O. Hours

"Postmistress Evelyn B. Gay announced today that the Bunn Post Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, for the convenience of the public.

The post office normally closes at 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Commissioners Set True Value At 80%

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session last Friday afternoon, voted to cut the valuation placed on real property in the county by 20 percent.

On a motion made by Commissioner Norwood Faulkner and seconded by Commissioner E. M. Sykes, it was agreed,

"After careful study and consideration of the appraised value as prepared by Carroll and Phelps on real property, the County Commissioners place a true value on real property at 80 percent of the Carroll and Phelps appraised value." Commissioner George Harris voted for the measure, Chairman Claude Arnold did not vote and Commissioner Richard H. Cash was not present at the meeting.

Carroll and Phelps Company of Winston-Salem is the firm employed to revalue real property in the county. While exact figures have not yet been made available, it has been estimated that the value placed by the company will reach almost \$80 million.

The action of the Commissioners did not alter the equalization phase of the revaluation. The reduction is an across-the-board move as requested by a delegation numbering nearly 200 property owners, which appeared at a hearing with the Board two weeks ago.

It does raise some questions, however, on the status of personal property valuation in the county. According to reliable reports, the appraising company used an 80% of market valuation in appraising the real property. This figure, already 20% low, is now lowered to around 64% of the market value of real property. The taxing ratio has been set at 50%, which now will amount to a taxation of 32% of the market value of real property.

Personal property, unless changed, will receive a taxation ratio of 50% on its true value, placing more tax burden on the small personal property owner, percentagewise, than on the larger real property owner.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the effects on personal property and left the door open for future action, if necessary, after the amount of personal property is determined.

Girl Scout Drive Ends

Leelan A. Woodlief, local businesswoman, serving as Girl Scout Fund Chairman for the Youngsville area, states the drive was very successful with net results of \$236.75. All who participated in helping with their time and contributions made it one of the most successful.

Girl Scout Troops in Youngsville are sponsored by the Youngsville Woman's Club and are a member of the Pines of the Carolina Council.

Former Residents Lose Son

A number of their friends in Louisburg were distressed to learn of the death last week of the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clarke, former residents of Louisburg.

The Clarks, who lived here in the '50s, now reside in Lewisville, N. C. a small community west of Winston-Salem.

Their son was killed while riding his bike to school last Wednesday morning near his home. Funeral services were held last Friday at Lewisville.

Clarke, now employed with a private company, was a state highway engineer when he resided on Williamson Street.

Mrs. Clarke, who was associated with Louisburg College while here. She is the former Juanita Stainback of Henderson. They have one child surviving, Marsha Clarke. Their young son was Charles III.

Weather

Partly cloudy, cooler today. Increasing cloudiness Wednesday, chance of rain late in day. Low today, 41; high, 59.

Seal Drive Looks Good

"We are holding our breath," says Mrs. Mary E. Holton, Clerk of the Christmas Seal Campaign, "but if contributions continue to come in at the same rate, we shall equal last year's figures, or even top them."

Total returns last year were \$1,088.64. Returns so far this year are \$1,013.10, and we still are waiting to hear from 1990 more letters that were sent out.

"We wish to apologize to the interested persons whose names were left off the mailing list this year." Several have been called to our attention. Through circumstances beyond our control, we had no previous list of names to go by. We shall be grateful if those who wish to contribute but have not received stamps, will notify me so their names can be added to the list," Mrs. Holton stated.

"We also wish to apologize to those few people who received more than one letter this year. We especially wish to apologize to the one who received three letters. We hope it will not happen again," she added.

"So, to those who have not yet sent in their contributions for 1965, a final reminder. Do it now, and help make this the best Christmas Seal Drive ever," she concluded.



State Prexy Here

-Photo by Dick Burnette.

Pictured above at the annual Jaycee Christmas Banquet, held at Green Hill Country Club last night, are, left to right: local Jaycee President Charles Davis, State Jaycee President Cabel Ramsey of Kinston, and W. A. Peoples of Louisburg, State Director and Program Chairman. The local service organization admitted six new members at the meeting. They are: Ed Bass, George Bunn, Jimmy Cottrell, Douglas Dean, Jimmy Hill and Jim Stephenson.