

Assembly Sets County Districts

The General Assembly passed into law last week the realignment of State House and Senate districts and reapportioned Congressional Districts. Franklin County's positions in each went unchanged from the proposal of the special committees made before the special legislative session.

Franklin remains in the Second Congressional District, represented by Rep. L. H. Fountain of Tarboro. In the district with Franklin are Granville, Vance, Halifax, Edgecombe, Wilson, Johnston, Greene, Lenoir and Warren, which for a time was removed and placed in the First District.

In the State Senate, Franklin kept the same alignment it has had for the past few years, with Vance and Granville counties. Sen. Fred S. Royster of Henderson represents the District, designated as the Seventh Senatorial District. A questionable rotation system between the three counties gives Granville the Senator in this year's elections.

In the House redistricting, Franklin lost a full-time representative and now must share two with Vance and Warren counties in the Sixteenth House District. Presently, Franklin

is represented by Rep. James Speed of Gold Mine Township. Warren has Rep. W. R. Drake of Macon, and Vance has Rep. A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr., of Henderson as Representatives. All three men will be up for reelection in the May primaries, should they choose to run. Only two can be elected.

The question of numbering seats was not approved by the General Assembly, and all candidates must run against the field for a post in the Legislature. That is, Speed, Drake and Zollicoffer must run, not only against any other opponents, but against each other as well. Under the numbering proposal, candidates would have vied for a particular seat.

Rep. Speed stated earlier, when commenting on the committee recommendations, that he was pleased with the alignments of Franklin County. Sen. Fred Royster stated at the close of the special session that he was satisfied with the Senatorial status of his three-county district. Congressman L. H. Fountain has made no published statement, but indications are that he, too, is satisfied with the outcome for the Second District.

Weather

Generally fair and continued cold today. Partly cloudy and cold Wednesday. Low today, 15; high, 40.

Comment

Study may provide intelligence but it takes thinking to develop wisdom.

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Mrs. Arnold Named To Fill Husband's Unexpired Term

Rites Held For Claude A. Arnold, Board Chairman

Funeral services for Claude A. Arnold, 49, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, were held Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Lancaster Funeral Home Chapel in Louisburg, conducted by Rev. Bill Taylor and Rev. Les Wicker. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park at Smithfield.

All county offices were closed from noon until this morning in respect for Mr. Arnold, including the Education, Health and Welfare offices on Bickett Blvd.

Arnold, owner and operator of Louisburg Tire and Recapping Co. on Bickett Blvd. here, was born on April 8, 1916 in Franklin County. His parents were the late Aron Lee Arnold and Mrs. Laura Frazier Arnold, who survives.

He became a member of the Board of County Commissioners in December, 1962, after defeating incumbent Brooks Young in a runoff election following a tie in the May 29th Primary. He became Chairman of the Board earlier this month. Arnold complained of chest pains late Saturday afternoon at his home on the Raleigh Road and was brought to Franklin Memorial Hospital by his wife,



Claude A. Arnold
— Passes



Mrs. Jeanette Arnold
— Appointed

after calling a local physician. He died in the emergency room about 45 minutes later, at around 6 p.m.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jeanette Peterson of Smithfield, a teacher at Louisburg High School; his mother, Mrs. Laura Arnold of Rt. 1, Louisburg; five sisters, Mrs. Betty Brewer of Bunn, Mrs. Harlow Carter of Rt. 4, Louisburg; Mrs. Carrie Gray of Greensboro, Mrs. Rudolph

Mrs. Jeanette Peterson Arnold, widow of the late Claude A. Arnold, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was appointed today by Clerk of Superior Court Ralph Knott, to fill the unexpired term of her late husband.

The announcement, this morning that Mrs. Arnold had accepted the appointment ended speculation on a number of aspirants for the position. The late Board Chairman died of a heart attack last Saturday in Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Knott's announcement said, "Under the provisions of General Statute 153-6, I do hereby appoint Mrs. Jeanette Peterson Arnold to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Claude A. Arnold, on the Board of Franklin County Commissioners."

Mrs. Arnold is presently a Business teacher in Louisburg High School, a position she has held for the past four years. She and Mr. Arnold have lived in the Louisburg area for the past five years, residing on the Raleigh Road in Harris Township, from which Mr. Arnold was elected in 1962.

Originally from Smithfield, the new Commissioner is a graduate of Woman's College, Greensboro and has worked in the Army's Judge Advocates' office and as a legal secretary for the law firm of John Q. Legrand of Wilmington. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Wendell Motor Co. prior to moving to Louisburg.

She is a past president of the Wendell's Women's Club and is a member of the League of Women Voters here. She is also a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church in Franklin

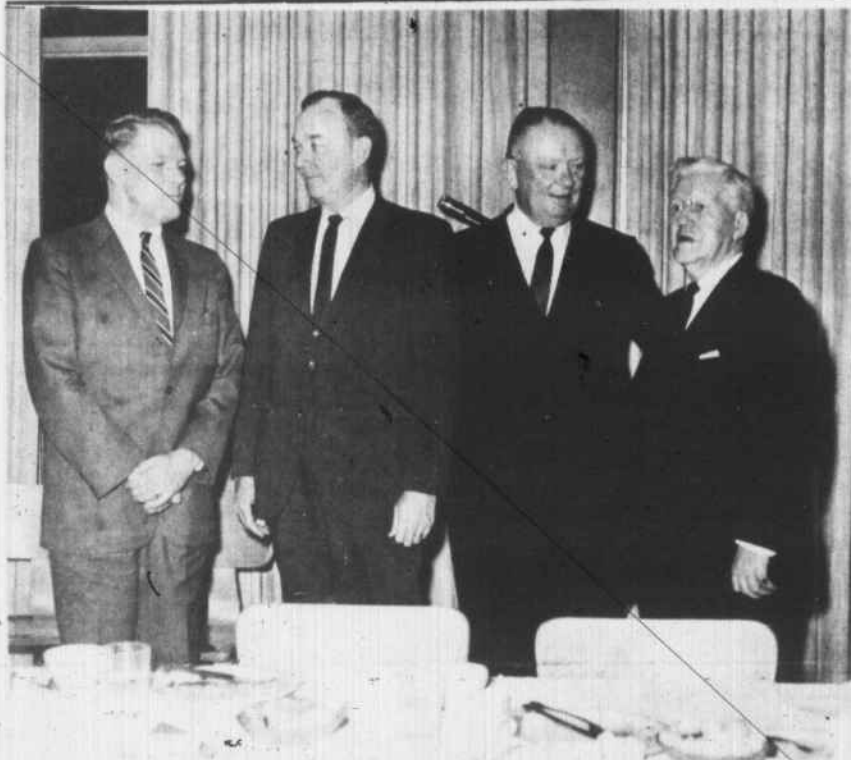
County. Knott expressed his appreciation to all who had made recommendations "for appointment of qualified people," to the post by saying, "I appreciate the number of people contacting me and their recommendations of well-qualified person to fill this post. Every suggestion was given very careful consideration. The final decision was mine alone, in what I felt was the best interest of Franklin County.

"I did not appoint Mrs. Arnold out of sympathy. I consider her to be very well qualified and that she, through, Mr. Arnold, is aware of the problems confronting the county. This will afford her an opportunity to complete the projects in which Mr. Arnold was vitally interested."

Vice Chairman Norwood Faulkner of the Board of Commissioners had requested Knott to make the decision as soon as possible, stating that many problems needed immediate attention and that it was the desire of the Board that the Dunn-Harris Townships have representation in these matters.

A special meeting of the Board has been set for Wednesday at 2 p.m., at which time Mrs. Arnold will be sworn into office and the Board will reorganize, choosing a new chairman.

Knott said that he had checked with Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody this morning on Mrs. Arnold's eligibility in light of her position as a school teacher. Moody assured the Clerk of Court that the appointment is legal and that Mrs. Arnold is qualified to serve.



Speakers At College Dinner

Principals at last night's Gifts and Wills Dinner at Louisburg College are pictured above. Left to right: Lee Parker, Co-Chairman, Raleigh District, Department of Gifts and Wills; John Dozier, Business Manager, Duke University, President of the Methodist Foundation; Willie Lee Lumpkin, Louisburg College Trustee and featured speaker; and Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of Gifts and Wills, Methodist Foundation, Inc. Dozier presided and, in addition to Lumpkin, Parker and Dr. Hunt made brief talks to a group of nearly two hundred college supporters. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Holds Gifts And Wills Dinner

Louisburg attorney Willie Lee Lumpkin, a Trustee of Louisburg College, told a gathering of supporters at a Gifts and Wills Dinner last night, "To keep up, we (Louisburg College) need one and a half million dollars for such things as a science building, land and dormitories."

Lumpkin was the featured speaker of the evening and told the group, "It's a shame that Louisburg College has to turn down two-thirds of the young ladies who want to come here." The reference was to the shortage of dormitory space for women on campus.

Lumpkin was introduced by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of the College and Mr. John Dozier, business manager of Duke University and President of the Methodist Foundation presided.

Lee Parker, Co-Chairman of the Raleigh District, Department of Gifts and Wills made a brief address, pointing out ways to "Gain through Giving." His Co-Chairman, Rev. Kermit

Braswell pronounced the invocation. Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Director of Gifts and Wills of the Methodist Foundation, delighted the group with his Irish accent and his exceptional oratory. He, too urged the group to give to their churches and to Christian Colleges.

Raleigh District Superintendent, Rev. N. W. Grant introduced the guests.

Lumpkin told of the monetary value of the College to this area and referring to its total value he stated, "We must keep abreast. We have in our midst something of incalculable value." He urged his fellow Trustees to make their wills immediately and to remember the College in them.

He explained the advantages of making a will and urged everyone to do so. He praised the local College and said, "Thousands of young people might not have been able to go to college except for Louisburg College."

The College Glee Club enter-

tained the group with three selections, under the direction of Miss Sarah Foster.

Thieves Hit Bunn Store

Franklin County experienced its third major break-in since the first of the year this weekend and a fourth, described as probably acts of children, took place at a local school.

The Bunn ABC Store was entered sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning and thieves took \$712.55 in cash after ripping open the safe. Whiskey valued at \$25.50 was also reported missing. Entry was made through the rear door of the building located on Bunn's main street. The SBI has been called in to aid in the investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten reported the same method of operation was used in the Bunn robbery as had been used in earlier break-ins at Youngsville and Justice.

Woodlief Supply Co. was entered in Youngsville sometime Sunday, January 2, but the thieves found the safe, which they ripped open, to be empty. Nothing else was reported missing.

A break-in at the George Kelly Harris & Co. store in Justice on January 1, however, netted the thugs around \$500 in cash. The safe was broken open in the Justice robbery also.

Entry was made into the Cedar Street School just north of Louisburg sometime during the weekend, when someone broke windows with thrown rocks. Only some small change and supplies were reported missing and Deputy Tom Powell was quoted as saying it was believed that this was the work of some children.

Third Chairman To Die In Office

The sudden and untimely death here Saturday, of Claude A. Arnold, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners was the third time in recent years in which the county lost the Board Chairman in office.

In each case, fatal heart attacks claimed the life of the Chairman. On May 2, 1955, Chairman Howard Griffin of Centerville was stricken while presiding over a meeting of the Board. Rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital, he died shortly thereafter. It was a Monday afternoon.

After a brief illness, caused by a heart ailment, Howard S. Pearce of Franklinton, died while Chairman of the Board on May 10, 1952. Griffin was 56 at the time of his death and Pearce was 57. Arnold was 49.

Griffin succeeded Pearce as Chairman of the Board and the late W. H. M. Jenkins of Franklinton was appointed to fill Pearce's unexpired term. The late R. Burt May, a White Level merchant, was appointed to fill the unexpired term caused by Griffin's death.

Work Begins On Hospital Improvements

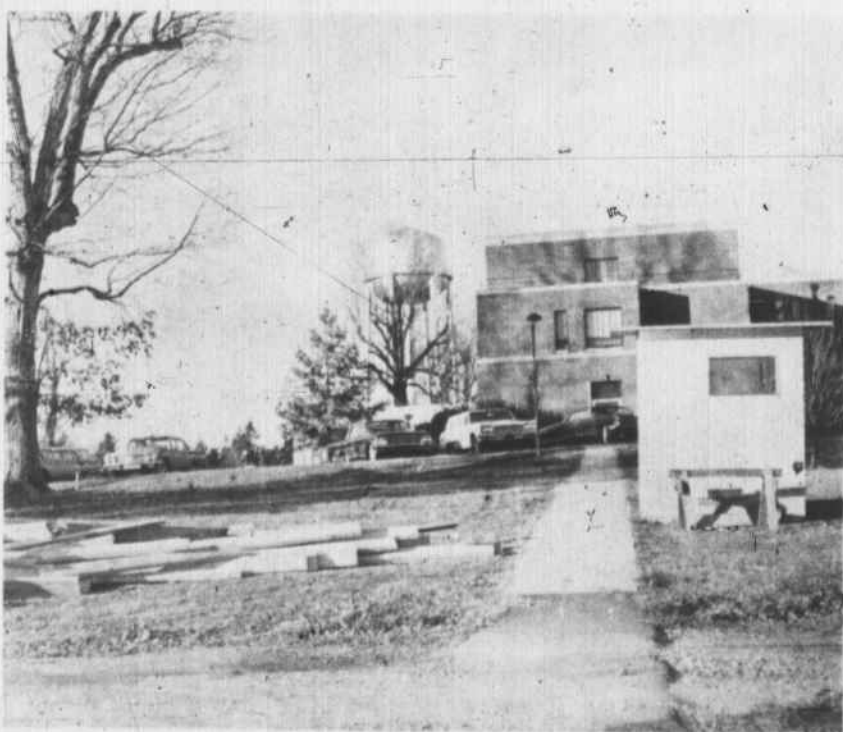
Initial materials and equipment have been moved onto the Franklin Memorial Hospital grounds this week preparatory to the start of a massive project of renovation and additions. Mr. E. C. Bulluck, Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees, announced that work is to begin immediately, and it is expected to take around twelve months for completion of the project.

Rogers Construction Co. of Smithfield is the General Contractor, and subcontractors are listed as: Plumbing - W. R. Proctor Plumbing and Heating, Raleigh, N. C.; Heating-Quality Air-Conditioning and Heating Co., Durham, N. C.; and Electrical - Modern Electric Co., Durham, N. C.

The project is to consist of a two-story wing connecting with the present building on the south side, plus an addition to the dietary department and a supply and equipment room added on the north side.

Construction and furnishings are expected to cost around \$900,000, according to the announcement, and will increase the present 50-bed capacity to eighty, plus expanded space for the various departments.

To be contained on the ground floor of the new wing are: new X-ray department, laboratory, See HOSPITAL page 6



New Wing Location

Some of the supplies and equipment of the General Contracting company are shown above as they were placed on the grounds at Franklin Memorial Hospital preparatory to the start of construction on renovations and additions here Monday. The project is expected to cost around \$900,000 and to take twelve months to complete. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Attorneys File Board Of Education Answer

Attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education filed an answer to charges brought in a suit in Federal District Court by a group of local Negroes in Raleigh last Friday.

The answer, prepared by the Louisburg law firm of Yarborough and Jolly and Irvin B. Tucker, Jr., Raleigh attorney, denies the allegations that the Board has acted in a discriminatory manner in denying admission of twenty Negro students to schools not now attended because of race.

In the Board's answer, it is denied that, "upon information

and belief, that every one of the next friends is the father or the mother of a minor plaintiff or that every one of the minor plaintiffs is a citizen of Franklin County." The answer states that the "Defendant denies that any of its policies, customs, practices and usages discriminate against or deprive any citizen of Franklin County, colored or white, of any of their rights or privileges."

All charges made in the original suit filed last December by the Negro group were answered and denied by the papers filed See BOARD page 6