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In School Suit

Judge Expected To Grant Justice Dept. Motion Today

Federal Judge Algernon Butler of the U. S. Eastern District Court is expected to grant the federal government, through the Justice Department, permission to intervene in the Franklin County Board of Education suit today in Raleigh.

The motion to intervene was filed with the Court Wednesday. Scheduled for 2:30 p.m., the action was delayed due to the lengthy trial of three sailors on bank-robbing charges.

The Justice Department is seeking to enter a suit brought by a group of Franklin County Negroes against the Board of Education, charging discrimination in the public schools. The Board adopted a Plan of Compliance to the 1964 Civil Rights Act last year, which called for desegregation of grades 1, 2, 9 and 12 during this school year. Even though the Plan was approved by the

Office of Education as being satisfactory, the twenty Negroes are seeking to break the plan and desegregate all grades this year.

In the Court Wednesday representing the Franklin County Board of Education was Louisburg Attorney Edward F. Yarborough, and Howard Lewis Fink, attorney, represented the Justice Department. Schools Superintendent Warren W. Smith was also present.

Due to the lateness of the hour (around 6 p.m.) when the motion was filed, Judge Butler delayed action until this morning. Yarborough told the Court, "While we do not consent to the motion to intervene, we cannot oppose it." The expected approval of the Justice Department today will, in effect, grant twenty days to Board attorneys in which to file an answer to the federal charges.

Mrs. Arnold Sworn

N.E. Faulkner Named Chairman As County Board Reorganizes

Mrs. Claude A. Arnold was sworn in as a member of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in ceremonies held in the courtroom here Wednesday afternoon by Clerk of



Norwood Faulkner
New Chairman

Superior Court Ralph S. Knott. Mrs. Arnold was appointed earlier this week by Knott to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, which expires in December of this year. She was accompanied to the ceremonies by Odell Arnold, brother of the late Chairman of the Board. A number of friends were in attendance for the ceremonies.

Following the swearing of Mrs. Arnold, the Board met in special session for the purpose of reorganizing. Upon motion by Commissioner Richard Cash, seconded by Commissioner E. M. Sykes, veteran Commissioner Norwood Faulkner, formerly vice chairman, was named Chairman of the Board to complete Mr. Arnold's term in that capacity. Commissioner E. M. Sykes was named vice chairman. Chairman Faulkner made assignments of Commissioners to be in charge of the several county's agencies as follows: Welfare—Richard Cash; Court-house, Grounds and Finance—George Harris; County Boarding Home—E. M. Sykes; County Agent's Office and Jail—Mrs. Arnold. Faulkner, as chairman, automatically assumes the Health Department by custom.

Mrs. Arnold stated, in brief remarks to the Board, "This is the greatest tribute paid to Claude, all other expressions of kindness notwithstanding. I will do my best in the interest of Franklin County." She also expressed appreciation for all the expressions of kindness by the many people of the area.

In opening the meeting, Chairman Faulkner said, "We are not happy to welcome you at this time under the conditions, but we are glad to have you on the Board."

The Board continued in session to handle several matters of routine business.



First Lady Commissioner

Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold is shown above following ceremonies held here Wednesday making her the first woman county commissioner in the history of Franklin County. She was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Chairman Claude A. Arnold, who died suddenly last Saturday. Pictured

with Mrs. Arnold is Odell Arnold, left, brother of the late Commissioner, and Clerk of Court Ralph Knott, who performed the ceremonies, after having made the appointment on Tuesday. —Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.

Two More Rural Break-Ins Reported In County Area

The Franklin County Sheriff's department reports two more break-ins in the county Wednesday, bringing the total since the first of the year to six. One of the newest was an encroachment at Cedar Street School, north of Louisburg where thieves again used rocks to break windows and gain entry. The school was broken into on January 2, in a similar manner.

Thieves took 210 cartons of cigarettes and an undisclosed quantity of beer from the Moss Texaco Service Station on High-

way 1, south of Franklinton. The robbery was discovered 2:30 a.m. Wednesday by Moss' son when he noticed some cigarettes spilled in the getaway.

Sheriff's deputies Tom Powell and Dave Battens are investigating this most recent break-in. Entry was made by breaking a glass in the entrance to the station's grease pit and from there breaking a glass and entering the station proper.

The second Cedar Street break-in occurred on Tuesday

night. The Sheriff's office said it believes this to be the work of children.

No new leads were announced in earlier break-ins at the Bunn ABC Store where over \$700 in cash was taken earlier this week or a robbery of a Justice Community store earlier this month. No report of clues was made on a break-in in Youngsville on January 2. Investigations are continuing in all the cases.

Moss Elected Head Of N. C. Group

James T. (Joe) Moss of Youngville was elected President of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Tuesday in the organization's 23rd annual meeting held in Asheville.

Moss, successful Youngville farmer and civic leader, was

formerly one of the Nation's Outstanding Young Farmers after having won like honors in Franklin County and North Carolina.

He succeeds Thomas B. Bonham of Ayden. Also elected were: Lloyd C. Bunch of Edenton, first vice president; George B. Collins of North Wilkesboro, second vice president; Luther Todd of Yadkinville, secretary; and Garland Strickland of Nashville, reelected treasurer.

A. C. Edwards of Hookerton was reelected council member, and James D. Bellamy, Jr. of Shallotte was elected as alternate council member to fill the unexpired term of A. W. Nesbitt of Fairview, who died recently.

J. T. Graham of Cleveland was reelected chaplain, and Henry Hogan of Chapel Hill was elected assistant chaplain.

Twenty-five year awards were presented at an awards luncheon to three Tar Heel supervisors. They are R. A. Jackson of Gaston District, William Pressley of the Iredell District and J. Hawley Poole of the Moore District.

Klan Leader Acquitted

Grand Dragon Robert Jones of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan was found not guilty of a speeding violation in Franklin County Recorder's Court here Tuesday. He had been charged by State Trooper D. C. Day with going 65 miles per hour in a 55 mile zone on N. C. Highway 98 west of Bunn last August 3.

The case was heard by a six-

man jury, which received the case around 5 p.m. Tuesday and deliberated only a short time before reaching the verdict.

The Klan leader lost his driver's license for a period of 60 days on December 7 last year, following two convictions of speeding within a 12-month period. His attorneys, in their charge to the jury, stated that the Grand Dragon had admitted he was speeding in these cases but pleaded not guilty in the case at hand. Jones was represented by Attorneys J. P. Lumpkin and Charles Davis, both of Louisburg.

Champion Gives Vets Reminder

George Champion, Jr., local veterans service officer, issued a reminder today that only three months remain for veterans with service-connected disabilities to obtain the newly re-opened National Service Life Insurance.

This insurance is being offered those veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict who either failed to take out the insurance originally or allowed it to lapse in whole or in part. Deadline for the sale of the new GI policies is midnight, May 2, 1966.

The insurance is open to those veterans who were originally eligible for GI insurance between October 8, 1940, and January 1, 1957, and who either failed to take it out or let it lapse after purchasing it.

The eligible veteran must have a service-connected disability or a non-service-connected disability so severe that he cannot purchase commercial insurance at the highest rates. Veterans have several choices of insurance plans—ordinary life, 20-payment life, 20-year endowment and modified life—and they may take out the full \$10,000 coverage or as little as \$1,000.

The local veterans service office will supply full details.

When They Carry Home District

Candidates Usually Win County Contests

by Clint Fuller

This is an election year for Franklin County. It is also the year of reapportioning. Franklin County will elect three County Commissioners' this year, and following years of custom, this will be done in the May Democratic Primary. A study of elections back to

Tax Listing Forms Are Mailed

Kenneth Braswell, Franklin County Tax Collector, announced today that his office has mailed tax listing forms to the businesses in the county to aid in the 1966 listing now going on.

Braswell requested that any business which fails to receive such forms this week, notify the Tax Office.

1954, a period of six elections, shows that almost invariably the candidate wins who gets the support of the people in his own townships. Commissioners and School Board members run from one of the several districts in the county but are voted on by the entire county. For example, Commissioner Norwood Faulkner represents the Louisburg-Cypress Creek Township District, Number 5, but every voter in the county has an opportunity to vote on him as a candidate.

The same applies to the following Commissioners and their districts: George Harris, No. 3, Hayesville-Sandy Creek; E. M. Sykes, No. 4, Gold Mine-Cedar Rock; Richard Cash, No. 2, Franklinton-Youngsville; and Mrs. Claude Arnold, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of her late husband from No. 1 District, Dunn-Harris. Commissioners Faulkner, Harris and Mrs. Arnold complete their terms this year. None have announced their in-

tentions as whether or not they will make the race this year.

In the six-elections held during the period 1954-64, cases where a joint township district voted against a candidate, and yet that candidate won are rare. A system which leaves a loophole for the county to elect a representative from a certain district against the wishes of the majority of the voters in that district, seems to be working well.

In the May 26, 1956 primaries, voters in the Gold Mine-Cedar Rock District gave W. P. Childers an overwhelming 344-44 edge over the late R. B. May, but May was elected to represent the district county-wide, 2813 to 1681. His margin of victory came from Louisburg and Franklinton precincts, where he defeated Childers almost two to one.

In 1956, voters in the Dunn and Harris Townships gave T. W. Perdue 423 votes to Brooks W. Young's 388, but Young won countywide, 2315

to 1874. Louisburg voted for Perdue and Franklinton went for Young.

In the close race in 1962 between the late Claude Arnold and Brooks Young, the home townships gave Arnold the edge 249 to 273. The preliminary vote count favored Young, 1712 to 1711. A recount was ordered and the race was declared a tie and a runoff was set. In the runoff, Arnold won.

The only other case where a township approved one candidate and another won the election was the Board of Education race in 1964 between Mrs. T. H. Weldon, the incumbent, and Lloyd A. West. Mrs. Weldon, living in Hayesville Township, polled 194 to 75; and West, living in Sandy Creek Township, received a 261 to 146 margin there. The two townships together, however, favored Mrs. Weldon, 340 to 336. West won countywide, 3519 to 2633. Louisburg gave West the margin, and

Franklinton voted in the majority for Mrs. Weldon.

In all other elections, the candidate who carries his own district has proved to be the winner.

In fifteen races for Commissioner and two for the Board of Education, Franklinton and Louisburg, the county's two largest voting precincts, agreed only five times. Louisburg voters backed a winner twelve of the seventeen times, and Franklinton voters went with the winning candidate ten times.

In many instances, candidates won in their own township, but lost in the other township composing their district. John House carried Franklinton in 1964 against Richard Cash. Cash carried his home township of Youngsville by more than enough to take the two-township district.

Along with reapportionment, redistricting and the local primary, another relative new



James T. Moss
New Proxy

Adult Education To Start

The Louisburg College program of Adult Education will begin its second semester on January 27. The program is open to all adults 18 years of age or older. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium Classroom Building. Each adult may choose whether he would want to take a course for credit, or to audit without college credit. In order to take a course for credit, the regular college

standard for admission must be met.

Persons interested in beginning the second semester's program are asked to be present in the college auditorium on Thursday evening, January 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Any course in the regular college curriculum will be offered if there are ten or more persons to register for it.

For further information, contact Dean John B. York at Louisburg College.