

# Local Draft Board Explains Student Status

Mr. E. T. Jones, Chairman of Local Board No. 35, Franklin County, has just received information concerning the Selective Service College Qualification Test.

Mr. Jones said the Director of Selective Service, Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey, has announced that additional criteria will be provided for use by local boards in their determination as to the retention or reclassification of students in Class II-S.

Science Research Associates of Chicago has been awarded a contract to prepare and administer the Selective Service Qualification Test and to forward scores made to the local boards of registrants who are college students and high school seniors or any potential II-S registrants. The test will consist of 150 multiple choice items with 3 hours permitted for completion. Generally, the test will be divided into four basic categories: reading comprehension, verbal relations, arithmetic reasoning, and data interpretation. It is described as a general aptitude type test.

Three dates have been set for giving the examination: May 14, May 21, and June 3 at 37 locations in North Carolina. Mr. Jones says that applications to take the test are available at all local boards, and a registrant may procure one from any local board. The registrant must mail the application to the Science Research Associates, 259 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, not later than April 23, 1966. The test will provide an ad-

ditional criterion for making reclassifications from the II-S pool in addition to the two which are now provided. At present, the two criteria are: (1) The registrant is a full-time student, and (2) He is making satisfactory progress. The test will in addition provide an indication as to his aptitude with respect to other college students.

Mr. Jones said that all registrants who are now full-time students and remain as such until the end of this school year will have an opportunity to qualify for a college deferment for the next school year.

## Schools To Operate Saturday

The moaning and groaning you hear is coming from the six thousand school kids in the Franklin County system as they brace themselves for another Saturday makeup day. But they can take some hope. This is the final Saturday of the three necessary to catch up from the loss of seven days due to snow.

The Board of Education set the first Saturday in February, March and April as makeup days, took three days from the original four-day Easter holiday and added one more day to the end of school. Saturday is the final makeup day requiring a six-day week. As in the past two Saturday makeups, schools will close early.

## Mrs. T. H. Dickens Campaign Statement

Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Education since 1961 and a member for the past 39 years, announced her candidacy for reelection Wednesday. Mrs. Dickens had filed for the race earlier.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Dickens stated, "I have always worked for better schools for the children of Franklin County." She said she is seeking reelection "based on her past experience and qualifications."

Mrs. Dickens, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of her late husband in 1927, has been elected, without opposition, each six years since that time. She is a graduate of Lousburg College, a former teacher with 9 years' service in Franklin County, and attended summer sessions at the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill and N. C. State University at Raleigh. Prior to her appointment to the county board, she served three years on the Edward Best District School Committee.

Mrs. Dickens is a member of White Level Baptist Church, teacher of the Adult Women's Sunday School Class and President of the W.M.U. She has also held office in the N. C. State School Board's Association. Prior to becoming Chairman of the Board in 1961, at the death of the late Chairman Paul W. Elam, Mrs. Dickens served as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Dickens is opposed in the District 4 race (Cedar Rock-Gold Mine Townships) by William Taylor Boone, Rt. 4, Lousburg farmer, and Joseph L. Strickland, the only Negro candidate to enter the Primary thus far.

# Twenty-Four Candidates In Local Primary Races

New filings this week have brought the total announced or filed candidates to twenty-four in local races in the May 28th Democratic Primary. Three new candidates paid their filing fees to Board of Elections Secretary John King Wednesday, two of whom had made no prior announcement.

Those filing Wednesday were J. Harold Talton, Lousburg

## Negro Files For District 5 Commissioner

The first Negro to enter the race for County Commissioner filed Wednesday for the District 5, Lousburg-Cypress Creek Township post. Booker T. Driver, Rt. 4, Lousburg is the second Negro candidate in the May Primaries. Joseph L. Strickland, another Rt. 4, Lousburg Negro filed several days ago for the District 4 (Cedar Rock-Gold Mine Township) Board of Education post. Driver's entrance into the race brings to four the number having already filed for the position. J. Harold Talton, Lousburg bank executive was first to announce. He paid his filing fee here Wednesday. Incumbent Norwood Faulkner, presently Chairman of the Board followed Talton in filing and A. H. Spencer, Lousburg farmer-real estate operator filed Wednesday.

Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Chairman of the Board of Education, and William Taylor Boone are opposing Strickland in the District 4 school race.

banker; A. H. Spencer, Lousburg farmer, and Booker T. Driver, Rt. 4, Lousburg Negro. All three are running for the Lousburg-Cypress Creek Townships seat on the Board of County Commissioners. Talton had announced earlier. Incumbent Commissioner Norwood Faulkner has also filed for reelection to the same post.

This is the only race which gained new entries this week, but some campaigning has begun in several other contests.

Still unopposed for the various offices are: George Harris, incumbent Commissioner from District 3 (Hayesville-Sandy Creek); E. C. Bulluck, Lousburg attorney, running for Recorder's Court Judge; W. H. (Jack) Taylor, seeking reelection as County Solicitor; Ralph S. Knott, seeking another term as Clerk of Court; James H. Edwards, incumbent Coroner, and Walter Ball, newcomer, seeking a seat on the Board of Education from District 5 (Lousburg-Cypress Creek).

The announcement by John T. Church of Henderson that he is running for one of the two House seats from District 16, composed of Franklin, Vance, and Warren Counties, has insured a contest in that race. Franklin Representative James D. Speed and Warren Representative Wilton R. Drake are also making the race.

In the District 1 (Harris-Dunn Township) Commissioner race, H. Derrill Mitchell, G. Frank Hinson and Brooks W. Young have filed. One of the most discussed races thus far is the contest between incumbent Sheriff Joseph W. Champion and Lousburg Police Chief William T. Dement. There is a three-way race

## Royster Not Running For N. C. House

Fred S. Royster announced today that he would not be a candidate for the House of Representatives in the coming Democratic primary.

Royster stated that a number of citizens in the district had requested him to become a candidate. He expressed his "deep appreciation" for this offered support and for the privilege of having served previously four terms in the House of Representatives and two in the State Senate.

Royster said that because of other obligations and responsibilities primarily in connection with the tobacco industry, it would not be possible for him to be a candidate at this time.

Franklin is in a House district with Warren and Vance, with two representatives between them. Rep. James D. Speed of Franklin has announced he would seek reelection, as have also Rep. W. R. Drake in Warren and John T. Church of Vance. Rep. A. A. Zollicoffer, Jr., who served in the House the last five terms, or ten years, announced several weeks ago he would not seek reelection this year.

Franklin is in a senatorial district with Granville and Vance Counties, which Royster represented last year. It will be Granville's time to name the senator this year, and Wills Hancock of Oxford has announced his candidacy for the office.

## Teen-Age Club Friday Night

The local Teen-Age Club, sponsored by the Lousburg Junior Woman's Club, will meet at the Lousburg Armory Friday night, April 1.

Sub-teens are invited to join in the fun from 7:30 to 9:00. A new jukebox has been purchased and will be available for your enjoyment. Games will be provided for those who are interested, or you can just leisurely enjoy being with your friends. Come to the Teen-Age Club Friday night and bring a crowd with you.



Jane Geneva Toler

## Franklinton Senior Second Pageant Entry

Jane Geneva Toler, a 17-year-old Franklinton High School senior, is the second contestant announced for the Miss Lousburg Pageant to be sponsored by the Lousburg Jaycees and presented on Saturday, April 23, in the College Auditorium.

Miss Toler will give a vocal selection as her talent in the contest. She has green eyes and light auburn hair and was a runnerup in the 1966 Miss Franoca contest at Franklinton.

She is now or has been a member of the Glee Club, F. H. A., F. T. A., and the Youth Choir at her church. Her favorite sport is football and she likes popular music. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Toler, Rt. 1, Franklinton, N. C.

# Holding Abstained On Vote To Locate Waccamaw Here

Lewis R. Holding, president of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. and a member of the State Banking Commission, said Wednesday that he abstained in the voting on Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company's applica-

# Freedom Of Choice Plan To Continue In County Schools

The Franklin County Board of Education, in special session Wednesday afternoon, authorized the signing of Form 441-B, thus continuing its Plan of Compliance to the 1964 Civil Rights Act for the coming school year.

The Board, which last year operated under the Freedom of Choice Plan of Compliance, is faced with a suit in federal court brought by a group of local Negro parents and in which the Justice Department has entered. The Board won a rejection of a preliminary injunction motion brought by the Justice Department and the Negro parents to allow twenty students immediate entry into the school of their choice last month.

Wednesday's action by the Board, in effect, places the county school system under the same plan for the coming year which the court upheld in the February suit. The plan calls for Freedom of Choice in all twelve grades this year and also agrees to the new federal guidelines, which have been termed stricter than last year.

The Board authorized the printing and mailing of three forms within the next few days to all parents in the county. The forms are required by the Office of Education in Washington as part of the new guide-

lines. One, to be printed on blue paper, explains the new desegregation plans and requirements as published by the Washington office. A second form is a letter to all parents. This one, printed on pink paper, and also required by the federal government, explains to the parent that a choice must be made by a certain date; and the third form, printed on salmon

colored paper, is the Choice Form which every student must have before assignment for the coming year can be made.

Superintendent Warren Smith indicated that all three forms will be mailed not later than Monday. These forms must be returned, according to Smith, not later than May 4, 1966.

The Board spent several hours in going over the various forms and procedures with the Superintendent and Board Attorney E. F. Yarborough, who informed the Board that he was to attend a pre-trial conference in Raleigh Friday. The conference has been called by Eastern District Federal Judge Algernon Butler. It will be a meeting of attorneys of record in the upcoming school suit.

In other actions, the Board discussed teacher applications, contracts, setting up Beginner's Day and Title IV of the Civil Rights Act. This Title deals with federal aid in desegregation plans, and Superintendent Smith was authorized to explore the provisions of the Title and to make a report to the Board in its regular meeting Monday, April 4.

## A. H. Spencer Enters Race For Commissioner



A. H. Spencer

A. H. Spencer, Sr., 53-year-old Lousburg farmer and real estate man, filed for the District 5 County Commissioner seat in the May Primary, here Wednesday. Spencer is the third candidate for the Lousburg-Cypress Creek post on the board. Norwood Faulkner, incumbent member, and J. Harold Talton, Lousburg banker, announced earlier. Faulkner filed several days ago and Talton paid his fee Wednesday.

Spencer, who formerly operated an automobile agency in Lousburg, is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School and is married to the former Eunice Wrenn. They have four children. Both are natives of Franklin County.

Spencer said in his announcement, "I am a farmer and lifelong resident of Franklin County and am interested in the affairs of all the people of the county. It is my belief that the recent tax evaluation schedule should be adjusted to a more reasonable figure in order not to work a hardship on the citizens of the county."

"If elected, I intend to represent all the citizens of the county to the best of my ability and in keeping with their desires as their elected representative."

## Tippett To Head Red Cross Drive

Warren W. Smith, Chairman of the Franklin County Chapter of the Red Cross, announces that Mr. Wallace C. Tippett will head the 1966 Fund Campaign. Mr. Tippett is a farm implement dealer in Lousburg and past president of the Lousburg Lions Club. He is married to the former Janie Cyrus and they have three children.

Mr. Tippett announces that the following people will serve as Fund Chairmen in the various communities: Bunn, Mr. William Andrews; Centerville, Mr. L. S. Ward; Epson, Mr. J. K. Weldon; Franklinton, Mr. John Sawyer; Youngsville, Mr. Arthur Hall. The Lousburg Chairman will be announced at a later time.

## Burning Permits Canceled

County Forest Ranger Joe Smith announced today that all burning permits have been canceled in or near any woodland area. Smith said burnings are prohibited until a general rain occurs or until further notice from his department.



Mrs. John Pernel

## Elected Demo Women Prexy

Mrs. Louis F. Oxnevad presided over a meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Club Saturday afternoon in Lousburg.

Mrs. T. H. Weldon, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following officers who were elected:

President, Mrs. John C. Pernel; Vice-President, Mrs. Charlie Merritt; Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. Moore; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Cheatam; Treasurer, Mrs. Baxter Patterson.

The new president, Mrs. Pernel, is a native of Franklin County and is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. She received her masters degree from East Carolina College and is a teacher of Business Education at Lousburg College. Last year Mrs. Pernel was named as one of the outstanding young women in the United States. She is active in the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Pernel, her husband and two children live on Route 4, Lousburg.

## John T. Church Seeks District House Seat



John T. Church

John T. Church, Chairman of the Vance County Democratic Executive Committee and member of the Henderson City Council, announced his candidacy Wednesday morning for one of the two seats for Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Church said that he would resign as Chairman of the Vance County Democratic Executive

Negroes seeking office in the Primary.

Gus Stroud, Jr., Franklinton; John Horton, Dunn Township; and Joseph Joyner, Harris Township, are all unopposed for Constable in their districts. Filing deadline in the Primary races is noon, Friday, April 15.

Committee upon filing his candidacy for a House Seat, and if elected would later resign from the Henderson City Council.

In his statement to the press, Church said, "Vance, Warren, and Franklin Counties have recently begun to experience a measure of economic growth. Encouragement from local citizen groups and various levels of government has provided impetus for our industrial development, the benefits of which we are just beginning to enjoy. Much depends upon our legislature maintaining a favorable governmental climate in which industry will continue to locate, expand and flourish in the State of North Carolina, and particularly our three counties. To properly supplement industrial development, we must, of necessity, improve our transportation and recreational facilities, and regardless of all other considerations, our various educational systems. The needs of agriculture, so vitally important to Vance, Warren and Franklin Counties must be fully met to further strengthen this part of our economy."

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only other bank in that city." Waccamaw obtained approval of the application last November.

Holding and other members of his family have received widespread publicity since it was revealed in Richmond, Va., bank hearings that the Holding family owns stock in Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. and other North Carolina banks. Waccamaw Board Chairman Ben L. Nesmith, Jr., announced earlier this week that the Holdings owned just over 5% of the Waccamaw shares outstanding and had never held membership on the Board of Directors or had a voice in the management. Holdings involvement has brought forth an investigation of actions by the Banking Commission and is likely to result in some revisions of commission policies.

## Weather

Partly cloudy and a little cooler today, Friday partly cloudy and somewhat warmer. Low today, 44; high, lower 60's.



Participants in the Junior Woman's Club meeting here Wednesday night are shown above, left to right, Mrs. Thomas Dean, retiring president; Mrs. C. Gordon Maddrey of Raleigh, featured speaker; Mrs. J. W. Weathers of Youngsville, District 14 President, and Mrs. Ralph Beasley, incoming president. See Story on Page 2. -Staff Photo by Cliff Fuller.