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Banks Get OK On Saturday Closing

Acting Commissioner of Banks Frank L. Harrelson has granted permission for Saturday closing to the three branches of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Franklin County. The announcement, made today, sets April 23 as the starting time.

The order affects First-Citizens offices in Franklinton, Bunn and the two in Louisburg.

The new schedule of banking hours are listed as 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Friday when the afternoon hours will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The new hours will be in effect in all branches, but dates have not been announced for Bunn and Franklinton. Louisburg has been observing these hours for some time with the exception of the extra hour on Friday afternoons.

The facilities will also be open on several holidays which heretofore have been observed. Among these are: Lee-Jackson Day, Halifax Day, Confederate Memorial Day, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Day, Memorial Day and Election Day, except when these days come on a normal closing day for the banks.

The request for banking officials for permission to close met some resistance in Louisburg, but none from Bunn and Franklinton. Commissioner Harrelson visited Louisburg last week to complete his investigation. The order was filed with the Secretary of State last Thursday afternoon.

Attorney Attacks Board:

Board Of Education Fights U. S. Justice Dept. Request

A heated discussion took place in U. S. Eastern District Court last Friday as attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education asked the court to deny a request by the Justice Department for additional information from the county school office. The Justice Department, represented in the case by Attorney Howard Fink, had issued a request of interrogatories concerning information on Franklin County schools which school board Attorney E. F. Yarborough argued were not pertinent to the department's case.

Fink attacked the members of the Board of Education saying, according to press releases, "I'm not saying all members of the board went out and burned crosses in front of houses. I am charging they abetted these people by publishing the Negroes' names in the newspaper...and by other means that made it very hard for the children to transfer."

Fink also reportedly stated that the school board "got away with" not complying with the desegregation plan this year and is asking "to get away with it again next year."

He said, according to Roy Rabon, News and Observer reporter, that the Office of Education "can't send armed guards into Franklin County" and Negro children "shouldn't have to live in fear of well-

poisonings or shots in the window. We think we ought to have a chance to show that."

Julius S. Chambers of Charlotte, attorney for the eleven local Negro parents, reportedly told the court that the freedom of choice plan is "inadequate." "Some other plan is going to have to be used other than freedom of choice," Fink allegedly told the court. "These things (fear and intimidation) were present in Franklin County and therefore there was no freedom of choice."

E. F. Yarborough told the court that the Franklin County Board had already adopted the new guidelines for the coming year and planned to comply with them 100 percent.

The pre-trial conference last Friday was delayed by the interrogatories requested by the Justice Department, and a new conference date was set for April 14. Attorneys in the case met Monday afternoon in Raleigh as required ten days prior to the pre-trial conference. Little was expected to be accomplished by the Monday meeting, according to one local school official.

Judge Algernon Butler, Eastern District Judge, denied a motion for preliminary injunction against the Board last February in which he ruled that the Board was in compliance with the plan approved by the U. S. Office of Education

and with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He also ruled that the Board had acted in "good faith."

Clint Fuller, Vice Chairman of the Board and managing editor of The Franklin Times, said that Fink had made repeated remarks about the printing of the names of applicants in his newspaper last May. Fuller added that Fink failed to mention that the names had been made public four days earlier and that the alleged harassment of Negro students took place over a month after the publication of the names. Fuller filed an affidavit in court in which he stated that in his opinion the harassment did not necessarily come from the school applications or the fact the names were published.

Fuller has also contended that when any list of names or any

other actions taken by a public board become a part of the minutes of that group's meeting, it becomes public business and is, therefore, liable for publication. The Justice Department and the Negro plaintiffs are seeking to enjoin the Board from making these names a part of the minutes or releasing them to the news media.

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Jackie Cassell



Ann Avent

Frank Freeman Gets License In Pharmacy

Nyma Franklin Freeman, Jr., was one of the thirty-three candidates who passed the examination for Pharmacy Licenses at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Freeman, Sr., of North Main St., Louisburg.

Auxiliary Chooses Two For Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Jambes Post met Friday evening for a dutch supper at The Murphy House.

Mrs. Hugh Perry, president, presided at the business meeting which followed the opening formalities.

Names of the top students among the rising senior girls at Louisburg High School were presented by Miss Elizabeth Johnson for selection of two representatives to attend Girls State at Greensboro in June.

Ann Avent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Avent, and Jackie Cassell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cassell, were selected to represent the unit.

Mrs. Perry read communications which had been received from headquarters and appointed a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Cecil Sykes, Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Florence Wells, who will report at the May meeting.

Over 6000 Choice Letters Go To Parents

The Franklin County Office of Education mailed out over 6,000 letters to parents of school children last Saturday, containing instructions on the desegregation of the schools, plus a choice form.

The three-part packet was mailed to the parents of every school child in the county, with parents having more than one child in school receiving more than one letter.

According to school officials, the salmon colored sheet, or Choice Form must be returned by May 4, 1966 designating the choice of schools that particular child wishes to attend. Under the new guidelines, explained in the instruction sheet

mailed out and contained in an advertisement by the Board of Education in this newspaper today, once a child is assigned this year, there will be no re-assignment except in extreme hardship cases.

School officials urged every parent to read carefully the contents of the letters. The same material is being mailed by school units throughout North Carolina and the guidelines will apply in every system in the state that operates under a Freedom of Choice plan.

Neighboring Nash and Wake counties have already mailed the same forms to all parents. Hertford County sent their's out last Friday. Roanoke Rapids has announced the closing of one Negro school and combining the students into the formerly all white facility.

Wayne County Superintendent Gerald James told a special news conference in Goldsboro last week of Wayne's compliance to the new guidelines: He also explained Wayne's program for faculty desegregation.

Franklinton City Schools have not announced their plans for the coming year. They operated under a 12-grade Freedom of Choice plan this year.

One More Candidate Files

Claude Satterwhite of Franklinton filed last Thursday for the post of Township Constable at Franklinton. This was the only filing activity on the local political scene in the past several days. Satterwhite will oppose Gus Stroud, Jr. of Franklinton for the position. Stroud filed several days ago.

This brings to 25, the number of candidates in the local races for the May 28th Democratic Primary. The filing deadline is noon, Friday, April 15.

Sen. Ervin Attacks School Guidelines

Sen. Sam Ervin, D-NC, asked Commissioner of Education Harold Howe II Thursday to delete from new federal guidelines for education sections dealing with racial imbalance.

Ervin said he asked Howe to reconsider his new public school policies because of the great concern of North Carolina school officials and citizens. He said he hoped Congress would strike down the guidelines if Howe doesn't reconsider.

"I have written Commissioner Howe and asked him to reconsider these new policies in light of the disruptive effect that

they might have on the good faith progress which has been made under the original rules." Ervin said, "At least, it would seem that the Office of Education should delete the sections of the guidelines dealing with racial imbalance in order to conform the new rules to congressional intent."

Ervin said the new commissioner of education, who left the University of North Carolina two months ago to take the post, "has zealously promulgated new rules and regulations which go far beyond the legislative power which Congress allocated to him."

Ervin said the law authorizes the Office of Education to promulgate rules of general applicability but that Howe's guidelines are clearly designed to deal only with the dual school system in the South.

"The whims of the commissioner of education are amending the 1964 Civil Rights Act," the North Carolina senator asserted.

Woman's Club To Hold Local Cancer Drive

The Louisburg Junior Woman's Club is mapping plans to hold a town-wide fund raising drive for the Cancer Society beginning April 11, according to an announcement this week by Mrs. Thomas Dean, club president.

Mrs. Wilson Clay is in charge of mapping the town into districts and assigning districts to the members. The drive will not be concentrated, Mrs. Dean stated. It will continue through April 30, she added.

She also reminded the public of the Cancer Clinic held every third Wednesday at the Health Department, pointing out that the service is free.

Meeting

The Franklin County Firemen Association will hold its monthly meeting April 6, 1966, at 7 p.m. with the Youngsville Fire Department.

Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, April 4:

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| KILLED TO DATE | 374 |
| KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR | 339 |



Now Enough

A workman is shown above, left, installing the 44 new post office boxes this weekend. W. O. Fuller, Jr., right, postal employee in charge of box rental, is shown at right inspecting the completed job. Postmaster E. L. Best says the addition

of these new boxes will take care of the immediate demand by the public. Best explained that there are 268 original boxes now in use. Some of the new boxes have combination locks. -Staff Photos by Clint Fuller.

"A Moment To Decide" - Part 2

A U. S. Senator And A Congressman

By Clint Fuller

Note: John Russell Lowell wrote in his poem, "The Present Crisis": "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide." One of those moments will come to us on May 28th in the Democratic Primary. This is the second of a ten-part series on the elective offices to be decided on in this election.

Next to becoming President of the United States, aspiring mothers long for their sons to become, probably more than any other thing, a Congressman. Franklin County voters will have the opportunity to vote on at least two mother's sons on May 28th for this high position and will add its voice to the selection of a U. S. Senator.

Second District Representative L. H. Fountain of Tarboro is unopposed in the primary. This race, then, is already settled. This leaves only the race for one of the two Senate seats from North Carolina open to the voter. Senator B. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw, N. C. is opposed by Democrat Hubert E. Seymour, a Greensboro attorney. Democrats must decide on May 28th which of these two men will run in the November general elections against Republican John S. Shallcross, a resident of Smithfield, N. C. who operates an electronic company in Selma, N. C.

Senators serve for six year terms. House members must run every two years. Both Senators and Representatives receive \$30,000.00 per year salary plus expense of offices, staff salaries, postage, travel expense, telephone charges and other expenses. Each state has two Senators and North Carolina has eleven Congressmen.

To be eligible to run for the House, a person must be 25 years old, a U. S. citizen for seven years and a resident of the state from which he or she is running. A person must be 30 years old and a citizen for at least nine years to run for the Senate.

Half the House membership must run every year and one-third of the Senate runs every two years.

While there is no requirement to do so, it helps to be a lawyer when aspiring to Congressional election. There are 305 lawyers in the Congress, plus 465 professional politicians who in all probability were at some time law-yeers. There are presently 147 business people, four doctors and two ministers. The House has 10 women and six Negroes. The Senate has two women and no Negroes. The average age of the 89th Congress in the Senate is 57.7 and the House is 50.6 years. The youngest Re-

presentative is Jed Johnson, 26 (D-Okla.). The oldest is Barrett O'Hara 83, (D-Ill.). In the Senate, Carl Hayden of Arizona is the oldest at 88 and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts is the youngest at 33.

Although he no longer represents the district in which Franklin County finds itself, there is much local interest in the race between Congressman Harold Cooley of Nashville and Bill Creech, a Raleigh attorney. The Primary will decide which is to meet Republican Jim Gardner of Rocky Mount in the November elections. Cooley, for many years, represented Franklin County.

Congressional races do not usually stimulate as much interest in this area as county races. It is expected to be true this year. More conversation and perhaps more heated activity will accompany local races than are expected from the district and state contests.

However, with the tremendous impact the Federal government now exerts on the daily lives of local citizens, one is obligated to study the candidates and issues brought out in these races. They may not be as heated, but they certainly are utmost in importance.

Next: North Carolina, The Senate and The House; A Moment to Decide.