

Warmer with chance of scattered showers this afternoon. Wednesday, partly cloudy and mild. Low today, 45; high, 74.

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Franklinton City Board Adopts Free Choice Plan

(Frk. B.W.) The Franklinton City Board of Education acted to sign HEW 441-B and to extend freedom of choice to all students and parents in the system regarding the school they wish to attend during the 1966-67 school term.

Parents of nearly 1500 Franklinton students will receive letters asking them to select a school for their child to attend next year. The letters were mailed last Thursday.

The parents must notify school officials of their choice of school by May 12. The letters are part of the "freedom of choice" desegregation plan in effect in the local school system.

Each student must choose a school before he will be enrolled at any school next year.

The letters signed by Franklinton Supt. Fred W. Rogers say that "no principal, teacher or other school official is permitted to influence anyone in making a choice. No one is permitted to favor or penalize any student or other person because of a choice made."

Once a school is selected by a student, the selection may not be changed except for serious hardship.

The "freedom of choice" desegregation formula adopted by the U. S. Office of Education directs that a substantial rate of progress be attained next

year. Unless the parents and students make choices that result in substantial integration, the freedom of choice desegregation plan may be abandoned by the Office of Education.

Parents of children who will be entering school next year for the first time will receive letters soon also.

"Action was taken this week on the matter of School Desegregation in Franklinton City Schools after a most thorough, painstaking and sometimes strenuously frustrating study of the 1966 School Desegregation Guidelines in the light of sound and practical educational goals for this small administrative unit with its unique set of circumstances.

"The great challenge with which we all seem to be confronted is to improve education for all of our children and to desegregate the schools consistent with the law in a spirit of good faith. This is a difficult task for the very best of men," Supt. Rogers said.

"The Franklinton Board of Education has expressed itself in regard to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in this way. It is our full intention to comply with the law in so far as we are able to interpret it in the light of the Franklinton situation and to execute all plans regarding it, in the same spirit of good faith that has characterized the actions of this board from the beginning," Supt. Rogers concluded.

Two File For Constable

Kenneth B. Hill of Youngsville and Van Champion of Cedar Rock are the latest to file for the coming May 26th Democratic Primary. Both men filed for Constable of their respective townships.

This brings the number filing for the election to twenty-five, according to Elections Board Secretary John King.

Wood Merchant, Leader Passes Saturday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Wood Baptist Church for Frank Read, Sr., 65, who died of a heart attack late Saturday afternoon. He was a merchant and a community leader. Mr. Read served for many years as a committeeman of the Gold Sand School District and was chairman of the Franklin County Citizens Committee for the Study of Consolidation in 1963-64.

Active in his church, Mr. Read was also a Mason and a former postmaster at Wood, N. C.

Services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday by the pastor, Rev. Everett L. Parsons, and Rev. Robert Ricks Boone. Burial followed, with Masonic rites, in Oakwood Cemetery in Louisburg.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nannie Perry Read, two daughters, Mrs. Rose Mercer of Whiteville and Miss Nancy Read of Winston-Salem; two sons,



Frank Read, Sr. Perry of Charlotte and Frank, Jr., of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. Arrington Davis of Henderson and Mrs. R. B. Roberson of Littleton; one brother, J. L. Read of Palmer Springs, Va.; and seven grandchildren.



The Winners!

Pictures above show the annual Easter Egg hunt, staged each year at Green Hill Country Club here. Youngsters, dressed for the Easter bunny, roam the grass-covered club grounds in search of the brightly colored delicacies. Pictured directly above are the winners, left to right, Landis Medders, 4-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Doyle Medders; Mary Wyatt Freeman, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Freeman; and Bennett Joyner, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Joyner. The youngsters won in their respective age groups by finding the largest number of eggs. —Staff Photos by Clint Fuller.

Fountain Assured Freedom Of Choice Plans To Continue

Washington--Rep. L. H. Fountain (D., N. C.) said Friday he has been assured by the U. S. commissioner of education that freedom of choice integration plans will be allowed to continue.

Rep. Fountain talked with Commissioner Harold Howe II after a two-hour conference Thursday with another U. S. Office of Education official who also told him tough new integration guidelines are not intended to impair freedom of choice plans.

Howe told the Second District congressman he is calling for a conference of Southern educators next week to discuss

Choice Forms Coming In

Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith reported this morning that 1846 choice forms have been returned to his office. Smith said this was out of 5500 forms mailed to parents last week.

Twelfth graders did not receive the forms, and children entering the first grade for the first time this fall will receive their forms at Beginner's Day or the parents may pick them up at any school or the Education office.

Bunn school leads the list of those returning their forms early. Smith said around 90% of the forms sent there have been returned.

All students must have choice forms returned for them not later than May 4, under the new guidelines set down by the U. S. Office of Education. Under the guidelines, no student will be assigned to a school until a choice is made. Once assigned, no student may be moved except in extreme hardship cases, according to the new rules.

O'Neal To Open Realty Office Here

William O'Neal, formerly with WYRN Radio Station here, has announced he will open a realty office in the Lumpkin Building on North Main Street here this week.

O'Neal, a native of Louisburg, is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School, attended Louisburg College, and is a two-year service veteran.

O'Neal lives with his wife, the former Polly James, assistant Home Demonstration Agent for Franklin County, on Route 3, Louisburg. She is formerly of Duplin County.

The new business will deal in the sale and purchase of farm and real property, according to the announcement.

Franklinton Loan Sets New Hours

The new banking hours at the Franklinton Savings and Loan beginning April 18 will be from 9 to 5 Monday-Thursday, 9 to 6 Fridays, and they will be closed each Saturday beginning April 23.

Franklinton Savings and Loan is closing on Saturday in cooperation with the banks in the area.

Wreck Victim Dies Fourth Road Fatality

A 56-year-old Epsom man, injured in last Wednesday's truck-car collision near Ingleside, died in Franklin Memorial Hospital last Thursday night.

William A. Carter, a native of Warren County, became the fourth highway fatality of the year in Franklin County.

Mr. Carter was reportedly driving a 1957 Ford which struck an Allen Transfer Company, a Louisburg firm's, truck on a rural paved road about one mile west of Ingleside around 2:30 p.m. last Wednesday. Mr. Carter was thrown from the vehicle.

Injured in the accident was a passenger in the Williams car,

Alert Youths Aid In Capture Of Youngsville Bank Burglars

Alertness on the part of six youths, three from Louisburg and three from Youngsville, early Sunday morning resulted in the arrest of three men charged with entering the Youngsville branch of Central Carolina Bank and Trust Co. Thomas C. Pergerson, Joel H. Pusey and Gregg P. Collins, all of Louisburg, and William B. Alford, Jerry K. Kinton and

Harold Kearney of Youngsville alerted State Trooper Gary Kearney of the break in after they spotted three men leaving the bank around 1 a.m. Sunday morning. The youths followed the get-away car long enough to get the license number, which they reported to officers.

The three men were charged Monday in the theft of \$550 in coins from the Youngsville bank.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said Robert Russell O'Neal, 38, formerly of Durham and now living in Maryland; Charles Thomas Ashley, 36, of Durham, and James Callie Hamilton, 36, of Wheaton, Md., were charged with bank burglary.

Ashley, a resident of 115 N. Dillard St., already is charged with recent armed robberies at J. P. Harbison's grocery-service station on Fish Dam Road, Compton's Service Station near Hillsborough and a service station on Highway 70-East near Raleigh.

A "substantial" portion of the money was reportedly recovered, and the FBI reported that several tools were found in the car of the suspects.

Bonds were set at \$10,000 each after a preliminary hearing in Durham before U. S. Commissioner Oliver Alphin. The hearing was continued until noon today at the request of FBI agents seeking time to draw up their case.

The suspects were arrested at 1:30 a.m. Monday when their car was stopped at a roadblock in Durham, some 25 miles west of Youngsville. The arrests were made only 30 minutes after the bank was burglarized.

The bank was entered by prying open the glass front doors, according to Kearney. The dial of the vault was knocked off and "the lock mechanism was punched out."

Epsom Merchant Shoots Negro Man

A 30-year-old Negro man from Elizabeth, New Jersey, formerly of Franklin County, is in serious condition in Duke Hospital, Durham, N. C., following a shooting spree at Epsom Saturday.

Alphonso Terrell, formerly of near Ingleside, was reportedly shot by Harold Ayscue, 45-year-old white Epsom merchant Saturday around 9:30 a.m. when Terrell entered the Ayscue store and became arrogant when refused use of a bathroom.

Sheriff Joe Champion's office reported that Ayscue told the Negro he did not have a public bathroom. Following an exchange of words, according to Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton,

Terrell returned to his car and obtained a pistol. Several witnesses in the Ayscue store were forced to get down when Terrell began firing the gun.

Batton reported that Terrell returned to the store three times and on the final trip, Ayscue shot him with a shotgun. The shot entered the Negro's chest. One report said the man drove his car a few yards up the road before passing out from the wound, wrecking the car. He was taken to Duke Hospital, where reports are his condition is serious.

No charges have been filed against Ayscue. Terrell is charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Elections Board Chairman Says Tests Not Administered Unfairly In Franklin County

Mr. Taylor W. Boone, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Elections, stated in a letter to Sen. Sam Ervin (D., N. C.) that the literacy tests now abolished in the county by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, were not administered unfairly.

Franklin County is one of the North Carolina counties referred to by Sen. Ervin as "falling within the condemnation of the presumptions created by the Act because less than 50 percent of the persons of voting age residing therein did not vote in the Presidential Election of November, 1964."

Referring to the fact that he has been Chairman of the Elections Board for the past ten years, Mr. Boone said, "To my knowledge, the literacy test that we used before the 1965 Voting Rights Act was always used fairly and discreetly and was used only to determine whether or not an applicant had the intelligence to allow him to vote."

"The literacy test was always used fairly and impartially regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, and I know of no case in Franklin County where the literacy test was unfairly administered," Mr. Boone added.

Senator Ervin wrote Mr. Boone on March 31, inquiring as to the Chairman's feeling on

the subject. The Senator referred to the Voting Rights Act as "artificial and arbitrary" and stated, "I am satisfied that the election officials in your county have not used the literacy test for the purpose of denying or abridging the right

of citizens to vote on account of their race or color."

Senator Ervin also asked Mr. Boone to "give your opinion as to why less than 50 percent of the persons of voting age residing in your county failed

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Miss Paula Belle Justice
Louisburg Coed Fifth Contestant

Miss Paula Belle Justice, 18-year-old coed at Louisburg College, whose home is in Clayton, N. C. is the fifth contestant in the 1966 Miss Louisburg Pageant sponsored by the local Jaycees. The Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, in the College auditorium.

Miss Justice has had special training in piano, dancing and voice and she plans to perform a skit as her talent in the Pageant. She is now or has been a cheerleader, a member of the Yearbook staff, Monogram Club, Glee Club, Science Club, French Club, church choir, president of her local Methodist Youth Fellowship and the College Glee Club and Chapel Choir.

She is a member of the folk singing trio at the college, called the "Whiskey Hill Singers" and was first runnerup as "Miss Smithfield" in the 1965 contest. She was named "Miss Congeniality" in the Smithfield contest. She has hazel eyes and brown hair. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Justice of Clayton, N. C.