

30% chance of showers today, and hot in the afternoon. Friday, fair and warm. High today, in the 90's; low, in the 70's.

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The habit of loafing is not hard to acquire; in fact, many people seem to be born with it.

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News Item: "Record \$110 To \$120 Million To Be Spent On State Roads This Year"

What Is Franklin County Getting For Primary Road Construction? NOTHING!

U. S. 401 leads through Franklin County to Raleigh, the State Capital... home of the Highway Commission. It was hard-surfaced sometime in the thirties. It was resurfaced in 1965 from Raleigh to the intersection of N. C. 98 just inside the Franklin County line.

Legend here has it that Franklin gained a few tenths miles of resurfacing because the heavy road machinery had no place to turn around in Wake County and therefore had to come over into Franklin.

Last week Wake County received, in one bid letting, \$960,600.00. We are happy for the good citizens of Wake County. THIS IS \$60,286.89 MORE THAN FRANKLIN COUNTY HAS RECEIVED FOR STATE PRIMARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE PAST 29 YEARS.

The Chairman of the State Highway Commission has predicted that road contract awards will reach an all-time record of \$110 to \$120 million this year.

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Franklin County has received \$1,813.85 in the PAST SIX YEARS.

Franklin County has received \$2,194.86 in the PAST SEVEN YEARS.

Franklin County has received \$5,198.16 in the PAST EIGHT YEARS.

AND IN THE PAST 29 YEARS, FRANKLIN COUNTY HAS RECEIVED ONLY \$900,313.11.

There are 11,560 miles of Rural Primary Roads in North Carolina. They are divided into three categories: Trunk, Trunk Feeder and Rural Collector. We are not sure just which of these categories Franklin County roads fall under, but we firmly believe they fall under one of the three.

Funds are allotted for road construction and improvements by priority. Highway Commission officials have been quoted as saying N. C. 56 in Franklin County holds a "low priority." It has been in need of repairs for many years and these improvements have been promised for this particular highway for the past ten years. How long does it take to get to the top of the priority list?

What forms a basis for a priority?

Is it traffic count? We've had traffic in Franklin County every year, including those in which we received NOTHING.

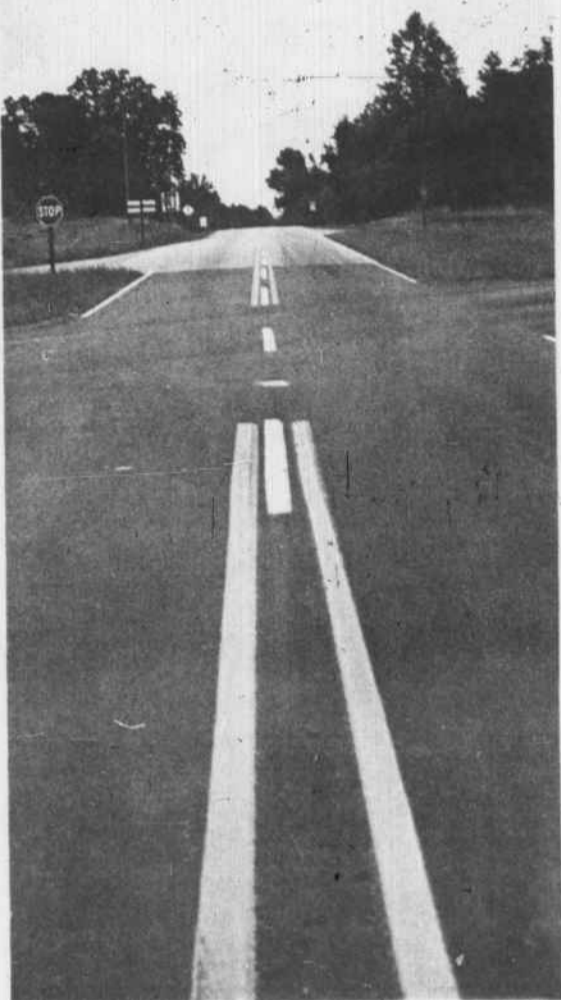
Is it based on need? Who needs it more?

Is it based upon taxation? Franklin motorists pay the same state gasoline tax each year they drive up to the pump as every other citizen of the state.

Is it based upon road mileage? Franklin has seven primary highways running (or should we say crawling) through the county. They touch the line in twenty different places.

Is it based upon population? Franklin has 28,755 hearty souls tiring of supplying funds for highway improvements in other counties.

Turn it, twist it, cuss it, or pray over it. Franklin cannot get the answer. But, we're still asking... WHY?..



Where U. S. 401 Slips Into Franklin County



U. S. 401 As It Is In Franklin County

Trooper Saves Lives Of Wreck Victims

Two men were critically injured in a grinding head-on crash near Franklinton Tuesday night around 6:15 p.m. and State Trooper W. S. (Bill) Etheridge is credited with having saved their lives by quick action at the scene of the wreck.

Elliot Leslie Fuller, w/m/49, Rt. 3, Louisburg farmer and Edward G. Robinson, w/m/39 Raleigh magazine salesman, are both in critical condition in a Raleigh hospital. Both men suffered possible loss of their left arms in the accident. Robinson's arm was completely severed at the moment of impact and Fuller's was badly mangled with the bones crushed and was described by Trooper Etheridge as "hanging by thin flesh" following the accident. Fuller also suffered a severe cut about the neck and both men suffered head and neck lacerations.

The accident occurred one-tenth of a mile south of the

Tar River bridge, north of Franklinton of U.S. 1, when Fuller drove into the wrong lane and struck the GMC panel truck being driven by Robinson, according to Etheridge.

Etheridge said he has charged Fuller with driving under the influence and with speeding 80 miles per hour. Trooper Etheridge was a short distance behind the Fuller car when the accident

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Coss To Be Henderson City Manager

Jack C. Coss, former city manager of Louisburg who has served in a like capacity in Washington, N. C. since leaving the post here, has been named city manager at Henderson, according to reports.

Coss will assume his new duties August 8 at a salary reported at \$13,000 plus \$600 in travel annually. Coss, a native of St. Petersburg, Fla., came to Louisburg from a post as assistant city manager of Raleigh.

Henderson Mayor, Carroll V. Singleton said, "We are pleased that we could recruit a city manager with Mr. Coss' experience to accept the position of manager for our city governmental operation."

Turn the air conditioner down, it's not as hot as you thought. While Monday and Tuesday reached the highest temperatures thus far this year, neither day set a record.

Both days registered blazing 97 degrees, which topped the 95 degrees reached on June 24 and 29 and again last Sunday.

However, according to Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy, these did not match the record 103 degrees set here on June 20, 1964. Kennedy points out that he has kept such records only since March 1960. However, the 103 degree seems to be the highest re-



New Lions Club Officers

New officers of the Louisburg Lions Club are shown above at installation ceremonies held here Tuesday night. Seated: Judge Gaither M. Beam, past District Governor of Lion's International presents the gavel to his son, Gaither M. Beam, Jr., incoming President. Standing, left to right: Al Fox, Lloyd West, two year directors; J. Harold Talton, 1 year director; M. G. Wilder, Treasurer; John Collins, Lion Tamer; Paul Mullen, 1st Vice President; L. D. Moon, Secretary; Alex Wood, Tail Twister and Courtney Smith, 1 year director.

--Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Lions Install New Officers

Gaither M. (Buddy) Beam, Jr., Louisburg insurance agent, was installed Tuesday

evening as president of the Louisburg Lions Club. Former District Governor Gaither M. Beam, Sr. served as installation officer at the regular semimonthly meeting of the organization, held at 6:30 o'clock at the Murphy House.

Out-going president Wilton Smith thanked Club members for their cooperation and support during his year in office, and Secretary J. D. Moon awarded him a past-president's pin and certificate.

Other officers installed by Lion Beam were Paul Mullen, Tommy Jeffreys, and James Edwards, vice-presidents, who will head important committees during the coming year in Lionism; Harold Talton and Courtland Smith, one year directors; Al Fox and Lloyd West, two-year directors; and John W. Collins, Lion tamer.

Re-elected to serve another year and installed with other officers were Alex Wood, tail twister; Moon, secretary; and

M. G. Wilder, treasurer. Lion Smith displayed the perfect attendance trophy recently awarded the Club for the year just ended. The new president was recognized for bringing in three new members during promotion month last October, and Smith, Wilton N. McDonald, and Moon were recognized for bringing in one member each.

Verne Cayton of the Rose Hill Club was a visitor, and Joe Pearce served his first evening as pianist for the summer.

Boxscore

RALEIGH--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5:

KILLED TO DATE	766
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	700

Commissioners Name County Planning Board

Franklin County is getting a Planning Board following the appointment of five county citizens to the new agency by the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday.

The resolution establishing the agency states, "Whereas it appears to be advantageous to the welfare of the County of Franklin that a comprehensive and continuous planning program be undertaken" and because, "The Board of County Commissioners needs the active assistance and constant cooperation of many civic-minded, far-seeing citizens in their efforts to serve the best interest of the people and to direct the county's physical growth along good civic lines."

Named to the new Board were: Ronald Tharrington, District 5 to 1971; W. R. Richards, Jr., District 1 to 1967; Kenneth Fuller, District 3 to 1968; Mrs. Dawn Dickens, District 4, to 1970 and Lee F. McLemore, District 2 to 1969.

The Board is scheduled to meet monthly and to "plan physical development of the area." It is also charged with "establishing principles and policies governing development of the area" and is to "acquire and maintain current

information on past trends, present conditions and forces at work to cause changes in these conditions." The Board is also required to keep the Commissioners and the general public informed of its actions.

In other actions, the Commissioners extended the controversial dog warden program for another twelve

months, naming the present Warden, Tyree Lancaster, to the post for the new term. The motion was made by Mrs. Jeanette P. Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Richard Cash with all members voting in favor of the motion. Also required was that the Warden keep in constant (daily) contact with the local Health Department office.



WRAL-TV Reports On County Road Conditions

WRAL-TV news photographer Jack Edwards is shown above as he visited the county Wednesday. Edwards took a photographing tour of Franklin County primary highways with Times Editor Clint Fuller. Pictures of the roads and comments by Fuller were broadcast on the Channel 5 Raleigh Station's Dateline News Wednesday night. The Raleigh station became interested in county roads here following the front page editorials appearing in The Franklin Times.

--Staff photo by Clint Fuller.