



Still Good Neighbors In Franklin County

Shown above is testimony that there are a lot of things good about this county in which we live. In the days of strife and turmoil, doubt and fear, all can take heart that neighbors are still neighbors in Franklin County.

Pictured above are some of the sixty people who showed up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilliam on U. S. 401 south of Louisburg last Saturday morning. Their purpose: To house the Gilliam tobacco crop. Their pay: The feeling of having helped a neighbor.

Gilliam was injured in an automobile accident between Youngsville and Wake Forest on July 30. He has been bed-ridden since with knee and facial injuries. During this time, friends and neighbors have tended his crop. Saturday they came to work at 6 a.m. and stayed until they had hung 800 sticks and sprayed the remaining tobacco in the fields.

The neighbors came from Harris Chapel Church, the Harris community and the Royal community. Included in the workers was Rev. John

Donnell, pastor of Harris Chapel. Announcement of the get-together had been made in the church on the previous Sunday. The Gilliams and their daughter Pam expressed their appreciation to all these friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam were visibly affected by this outward show of good neighborliness.

Mr. Gilliam was hospitalized with a broken ankle suffered in a freak accident at his home on August 4, 1965. On August 4, 1966 he was hospitalized following an operation on his

right knee as a result of the automobile accident. His neighbors helped last year and are back for more this year.

Not a single one of the neighbors expressed any feeling that they were doing anything out of the ordinary. One would think they did this type of thing every day. In their hearts, we know they do. It's good to know that while Franklin County may be criticized for some things, we at home know there is a lot of good going on here.

Plaintiffs, Justice Dept. File Objections To Franklin Teacher Requirements

Charlotte attorney Lavonne Chambers, acting in behalf of eleven Franklin County Negro parents, and U. S. Justice Department attorney Frank Schwebel have filed separate objections to the Court Ordered "Objective Standards for Teacher Hiring" by the Franklin County Board of Education.

In an Interim Order by U. S. Eastern District Court Judge

Algernon Butler last month, the local board was required to file with the Court, "to set up and file with the Court on or before August 10, 1966, definite objective standards for the employment, assignment and retention of teachers and professional staff in a manner not inconsistent with this order and compatible with the requirements of the Due Process and Equal Protection

Clauses of the Constitution." Such "definite objective standards" were filed by the Board of Education prior to the August 10 deadline.

The three-page document contained standards for initial employment, assignment and retention of teachers. Articles I in each of the three categories expressed the Board's intent that "race, color or national origin not be

a factor." Other requirements dealt with certification by the State Department of Instruction, National Teachers Exam scores and physical conditions of teachers.

The Board's standards also stated that teachers would continue to be employed, using the same process as heretofore, whereby local advisory committees with the approval of the principals recommended teacher applicants to the county board for final election.

The Negro plaintiffs objects to the standards as being "subjective" and oppose the evaluation of applicants by advisory committees. Chambers also claims, "That paragraph III (dealing with teacher's choice of school) on Assignment is subjective and designed to perpetuate segregation of staff and faculties in the Franklin County School System."

The Justice Department Ob- See TEACHERS Page 4

Franklin Gets USDA Approval

Washington, D. C. - The Department of Agriculture advised today that sixteen North Carolina Counties, including Franklin, have been approved for hay and grazing privileges on crop land taken out of production. These are counties in which livestock feed and forage are inadequate due to drought. Farmers should contact the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office for full details.

Short Schedule But

No Delay In School Start

Franklin County schools will open as originally scheduled, according to Superintendent Warren W. Smith. The Board of Education, in special meeting, declined to postpone the September 1 opening day. Students are to report at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, for orientation with the following day listed as the first of the 180-day schedule.

"Students will report at 8 a.m. on September 1," said Smith. "Because of the late harvest season of tobacco and because of the shortage of farm labor, schools will operate from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through September 16. This is being done in order to help the farmer and the farm child as much as possible."

Smith explained, "The Board was cognizant of the farm situation when these dates were set, but it was equally aware of the hardships imposed on students and teachers who wanted to attend summer schools or work during the summer months when schools close after June 1."

The Superintendent asked that "principals, teachers, students and parents co-operate in helping the children to keep up with their school work and attend school as re-

gularly as possible."

He pointed out the "absences for farm work will be excused absences but will have to count as an absence for any child working toward perfect attendance. Each child will be given an opportunity to make up any work lost due to an absence for the purpose of working on the crop," Smith added.

The schedule was approved several weeks ago by all local school committees attending a special meeting held in Louisburg and the Board announced adoption of the September 1 opening date some time ago. Lunch will be served in all schools having cafeterias during the short schedule, according to Smith.

Several farm citizens had requested members of the Board to delay the opening due to the late crop conditions.

In other actions, the Board assigned all of the 3,239 Negro students whose applications under the new choice period had been received and since efforts had been made to contact many of those not filling a choice, the Board ordered the choice period closed and assigned the remaining students to the school

they chose in the Spring choice period.

The Board did not make public the number of Negro students assigned to previously predominant white schools, as a result of the new choice period ordered by Judge Algernon Butler of U. S. Eastern District Court.

David Jacobi Supply Co. of Wilmington was awarded a contract for a walk-in cooler and an automatic dishwasher under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act program. The firm was low bidder at a total for both of \$11,893.32.

The Board passed a resolution in praise of the office force for their "outstanding work, especially in the short period of time allotted under the court order for processing the large number of forms required."

Two More Groups Join Road Backers

Two more local organizations have passed resolutions endorsing efforts of The Franklin Times to obtain road improvements in Franklin County. Latest to join the growing list are the Franklin County Democratic Women and The Louisburg Rotary Club.

The Democratic Women took action following their annual husband-wife banquet here last Saturday night. The Rotary Club voted support of the efforts in a meeting last Thursday night.

The Democratic Women voiced their support by letter signed by Mrs. Agnes Merritt, president. The letter states: "The Franklin County Democratic Women hereby take this means of publicly expressing its support... in efforts to get roads in Franklin County improved."

The Rotary Club letter, signed by Dennis Saunders, president, and John R. Davis, secretary, states: "The members... wish to express their support of The Franklin Times' effort to improve road conditions in the county. Club members feel that tax funds should be allocated to counties based on needs and taxes

have to get out and work. The party is an influence for good government. Our offer to continue our leadership is based on past performances."

Mrs. Agnes Merritt, President of the organization, presided over the meeting held in the Louisburg College Cafeteria.

Louisburg Linesman Injured

Bobby Gilliam, 28-year-old power linesman for the Town of Louisburg, received head and hand lacerations this morning when he was knocked from a power pole near the intersection of E. Nash Street and Bickett Blvd.

Gilliam, who lives at 102 Franklin Street here, was working on a replacement pole when, according to Electric Superintendent Harold Foster, something went wrong with the primary and neutral line. Foster said Gilliam received a feedback from the ground wire. The shock of the volt caused Gilliam to slide down the pole; his safety belt prevented his falling the distance to the ground.

The Louisburg Rescue Service administered first aid on the scene and transported the injured man to Franklin Memorial Hospital. Gilliam has been a linesman for the Town of Louisburg for about three years, according to Foster.

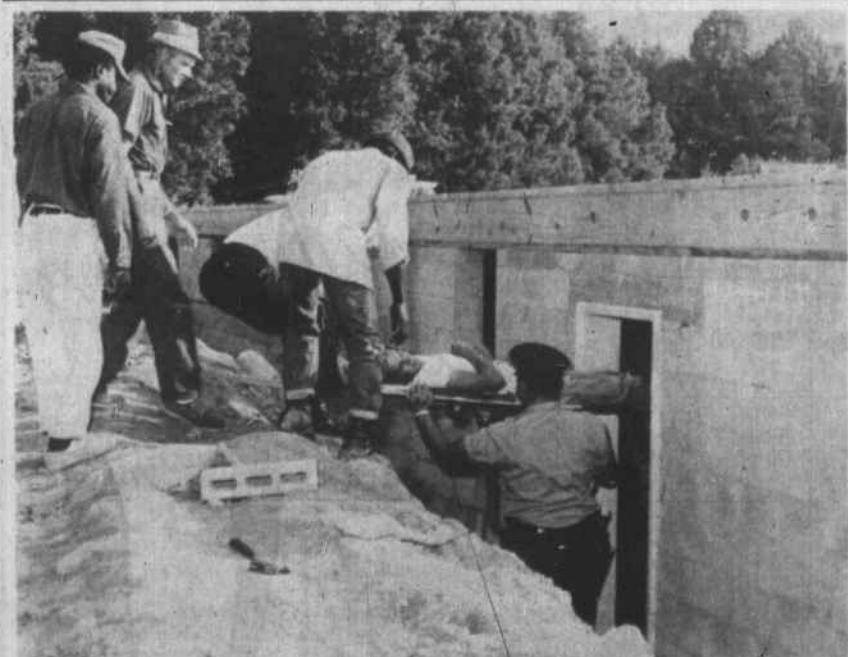
Death Claims

W. J. Cooper

Funeral services for W. J. Cooper, 91, of Louisburg were held today at 3 p.m. at the Louisburg Baptist Church. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Cooper died Monday in a Bladen County Hospital. He had resided in recent months in a rest home there. He served as a Town Councilman in Louisburg for more than twenty-five years and operated businesses here for over fifty years. He was engaged in the cotton business until his retirement a few years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John Beatty of Elizabethtown and Mrs. Swayn Hamlet of Wilson; two sons, Lawrence Cooper of Clayton and W. J. Cooper, Jr. of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Pitts of Siler City and Mrs. Georgia Morgan of Leary, Tex.; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



Injured In Fall

Rescuers and others are shown above removing William Burnette, 25-year-old carpenter from the basement of the John Garrett home construction site just off Jeffries Drive here early Monday morning. Burnette had fallen through a hole in the flooring to the ground below, a drop of over eight feet. The local Rescue Service transported the injured man to Franklin Memorial Hospital with undetermined back injuries.

—Staff photo by Clint Fuller.



A Gathering Of Democrats

Principals at Saturday's annual husband-wife banquet meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Women are shown above. Left to right, Rep. James D. Speed, who introduced the speaker; I. T. Valentine, Chairman of the N. C. Democratic

Executive Committee, featured speaker; Mrs. Agnes Merritt, organization President; Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood, who gave the invocation and Mrs. T. H. Weldon, who delivered the welcoming address. —Staff photo by Clint Fuller.