

Franklinton Expected To Get School Funds

The Franklinton City School system is to get the \$80,000 in federal funds which were expected to be lost in view of a recent decision by the School Board to reject federal demands for increased desegregation.

A reliable source reported Monday that correspondence from the office of Dr. Charles Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has assured the Franklinton system that its plan had "substantially approved." There were two clauses attached to the letter, one of which referred to the deferment of approval by federal authorities. The other made reference to minor changes in the original program.

The Franklinton program for use of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) funds is called, "A Fair Chance for Basic Education Development" and deals primarily with the first three grades and for the most part, is to be used in the B. F. Person-Albion Negro school.

The source also disclosed that Dr. Carroll had written Office of Education official John Hope, II to the effect that the N. C. office had granted approval of the Franklinton ESEA Program on August 9, and had, at that time, authorized the local school officials to obligate themselves based on this State approval. Federal funds are administered through Dr. Carroll's office and programs must first be approved by that office, said the source.

The Carroll letter did not constitute "final and complete" approval, but has been taken, according to reports, by Franklinton officials as approval and the officials are mapping plans to use the \$82,164.00 in funds. The program is designed to encourage attendance by the primary grade students and will be used to employ an Attendance Coun-

selor and extra teachers for the first three grades in order to ease the load and allow individual attention to children with special problems, according to reports.

Dr. Carroll's letter to Franklinton officials was

dated September 12 and his letter to Mr. Hope, Director, Area I, Equal Educational Opportunities Program, was dated September 13.

The letter to Mr. Hope stated, according to the source, that the Franklinton

program was approved on the day it was received by the State Department, August 9. Dr. Carroll made reference to several minor changes which had been made in the

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Miss Becky Moseley, left, and Mrs. Lucille Romero are shown above in the Industrial Development Office here tabulating the Labor Survey forms. A massive project has been underway since last Monday to get persons interested in a job with industry to complete and return one of the more than 60,000 forms being distributed in the area. The success of the survey is expected to play an important part in the decision to locate a major industrial plant here. Photo by Clint Fuller.

Rush Urged In Turning In Labor Survey Forms

Boarding Home Site

A special meeting was held here last night between the Board of County Commissioners and local industrial development officials. According to reports, the Board unofficially offered the Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home site on N. C. 56 west of Louisburg to the proposed industrial concern contemplating locating a plant here.

A reliable source reported that a modern boarding home is expected to be built in the area in the event, the industrial prospect should choose the site of the present home. It has been widely known that the Commissioners have been in favor of selling the present home for some time.

Industrial Development Commission Chairman J. H. Talton and Director W. J. Benton both expressed appreciation today to a number of people assisting in the current effort to get a labor availability survey completed in the area.

The forms are coming in and both men indicated that while they are pleased at the response, more efforts are needed to meet the deadline for turning in the forms. The deadline is Friday of this week and all forms must be turned in to Raleigh on that date. Some over 2,000 persons have indicated their willingness to accept employment in production should a major industrial prospect choose to locate here. Talton and Benton continued to decline any comment on the prospect except to point out that negotiations are still going on.

Talton, hesitant to single out any individuals for their ef-

forts in the survey project, did say that the civic clubs of the area had done an outstanding job. He named Bill O'Neal of the Louisburg Jaycees, Buddy Bean of the Lions Club, Rocky Saunders of the Rotary Club and placed par-

County Disaster Area

Fred A. Dow, Charlotte Regional Director, Small Business Administration, announced that Franklin County has been declared a disaster area by the Department of Agriculture, due to severe drought during June and July with periods of extremely high temperatures.

Any small business firm located in the county is eligible for consideration for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan provided it can show it has suffered substantial economic injury as a result of injury sustained by farmers affected by the unfavorable weather conditions. Farmers and stockmen are not eligible for financial assistance from SBA under this program but instead, should apply to the Farmers Home Administration. The authority to accept applications under this program will expire on September 30, 1967.

Inquiries regarding assistance under this program may be addressed to: Small Business Administration, Room 301 - 201 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202 Telephone 372-0711, Ext. 442

ticular emphasis on the women who have "worked so hard" in the efforts. Among these Talton named Mrs. Selma Oxnevad of the Democratic Woman's Club and Mrs. Nancy Beasley of the Jr. Woman's Club.

Miss Becky Moseley had been employed to assist Mrs. Lucille Romero, Industrial Office secretary, in tabulating the forms as they come in.

Benton said that neither he nor Talton had been able to devote much time to the sur-

vey because of daily contacts pertaining to the location of the prospect here. He, too, expressed his appreciation to all who had worked so hard in distributing the forms and urged everyone to return them immediately.

Benton also had high praise for Talton's efforts saying, "You'd think he was drawing overtime" in reference to the number of hours the local bank executive has spent on the project. Talton, as chairman of the Commission, is unpaid.



N. C. 39 Sunday Noon

Local Weather

Precipitation Last 24 Hours 1.37

Precipitation Same Period Last Year -0-

Precipitation Since 7 A.M. Last Thursday 1.42

Precipitation Same Period Last Year 1.03

Monday's High 68; Low 60

Year Ago High 92; Low 84

Tar River Level Today 1.45 ft.

Tar River Level Year Ago 2.90 ft.

FORECAST

Occasional rain or showers today and probably tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Sun sets tonight 6:15 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday 6:02 a.m.

County Schools Get \$471,634 In Federal Funds

The Franklin County school system has received approval of the 1966-67 ESEA project and will receive \$471,634.00 in federal aid under the Act. Superintendent of Schools Warren W. Smith and ESEA Project Director Earl Martin made the announcement here Monday.

The allocation of federal funds for the new project means a continuation of the program begun in the 1965-66 school year. The program deals with a number of areas of education, but concentrates on the development of reading

and the welfare of the students.

Three business education and three trade and industry teachers are being added to the 48-member staff this year. The number includes twenty teacher aides, 15 teachers, two nurses, five janitors, two truck drivers plus the Director, a Food Coordinator, Home Visitor, and office personnel. Six persons are white and sixteen are nonwhites excluding the aides and janitors.

The health portion of the program is new for this year and includes medical and dental assistance.

The program, under the direction of Martin and Smith and supervised by the Franklin County Board of Education, is to be administered in all the Negro schools in the system. Under the qualifying procedures accompanying the allocation of the funds, students coming from families with

an annual income of \$2,000 or less set the ratio. In Franklin County, 53 percent of all students enrolled in the schools come from families with this income.

For a school to be eligible, it must contain within its enrollment at least this percent or the county average. A child may not participate in the program, regardless of family income, unless attending a qualifying school.

One of the most misunderstood parts of the ESEA project is the lunch supplement. In qualifying schools, students obtain lunches for ten cents provided the student qualifies.

In nonqualifying schools, which in effect are all predominantly white schools in the system, no children qualify for the ten cent lunch regardless of family income or the child's race.

For example, according to one official, a child may come from a family with \$2,000 or less annual income but if this child is attending a predomi-

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County Has Eight Traffic Accidents

There were eight separate traffic accidents in the county over the weekend, resulting in several minor injuries and at least two seriously injured persons.

Two More Monday

Two minor accidents occurred in the area Monday. One involved a school bus reportedly driven by Betty Ann Horner, a student at Perry's School. The accident took place at the intersection of N. C. 56 and State Rural Road No. 1622. There were no injuries and little damage reported.

An automobile, reportedly driven by Maurice Perry, c/m/40, of Route 4, Louisburg, skidded across east Nash Street around 2:30 p.m. Monday into the path of a car driven by C. W. Strother of the county tax office. The accident, apparently caused by rain-slick highway, resulted in several dollars in damage to the two vehicles but no injuries were reported.

A head-on collision near Pilot on U. S. 64 late Sunday afternoon involving a late model convertible and a tractor-trailer resulted in injuries to two men, both of whom were taken to Wake Memorial Hospital. State Trooper Dwight Hinton reported Monday that Charles Danny Smith, w/m/23, was listed in critical condition with head and other injuries as a result of the crash. Willard J. Arnold, w/m/22, also riding in the convertible, had his condition listed as fair by hospital officials.

Hinton reported that the car was traveling between 90 and 100 miles an hour when the left rear of the vehicle struck the left front of the tractor-trailer driven by Melvin L. Reppert, 54, of Ogdensburg, N. Y. Reppert was not hurt and damage to the truck was estimated at about \$300.

Hinton said the car, heading east, traveled 512 feet after hitting the truck, hit an eight-foot embankment and turned over in mid air before coming to a stop 90 feet farther on. He said he had not determined which man was driving the vehicle.

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Franklinton Man Held In Calif.

Two North Carolina truck drivers were arrested after a topless dancer plunged from a fifth floor San Francisco hotel room Thursday.

Morocco Ely, 23, said one of the men threw her from the window. She accused both of kidnaping and attempting to rape her.

She was taken to General Hospital suffering from a broken arm and possible internal injuries.

Patrolman John Irish arrested Ralph Peiffer, 33, of Franklinton, N. C., and John Cash, 32, of Oxford, N. C. Both were booked for investigation.

The girl said she was forced into the room at gunpoint.

Louisburg Industry Featured

The M. E. Joyner Manufacturing Company of Louisburg will be featured Sunday, September 25, at 6:15 p.m. on the WPTF radio station's program "Profile." Bob Farrington, the program's director announced today that this will be the first local industry to be so featured.

The company, under Mack Joyner, has recently moved to new quarters on South Bickett Blvd. and is expecting to step up its production in the near future. The "Profile" program is sponsored by Hospital Care Association of Durham and features various industries in the state. Farrington does the interviews and comments.

Two Million Pound Mark

The Louisburg tobacco market passed the two-million pound mark here Monday with total sales for the nine-day period reaching 2,408,182 pounds. The average for the nine-day period is \$65.20 or slightly below the opening day average of \$66.28.

Total money paid through Monday's sales is \$1,570,195.91. No figures were given for separate sales since last Tuesday, but the total for the five days since Monday, September 12, totaled 1,544,148 pounds for \$996,668.31 and an average of \$64.54.

Franklinton Hits Snag In Water Plan

The plan by Franklinton water officials to pipe water from Cedar Creek to the town lake ran into a snag over the weekend, according to Water Commissioner Charlie Hight. The plan was to pump water through aluminum irrigation pipe a distance of over one and a half miles to supplement the fast dwindling Franklinton water supply.

It was found that the construction of the pipe was not strong enough to withstand

the pressure needed to move the water such a distance.

Meanwhile, over an inch of rain fell in the area bringing some relief to the situation. Officials had recently dumped two private water lakes into the town lake to ease the shortage. Plans are underway for a grant and loan from the federal government with which to renovate the present plant and to make permanent a pipeline from Cedar Creek to the present lake.



Just Off N. C. 39



Near Nash County Line