



"Some Of These Horses Are Wild"

Young Blake Mustian, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mustian of Ford Circle, Louisburg, is shown above enjoying the traditional ride on the merry-go-round at the Franklin County Fair here Monday night. The annual event is in full swing at the fairgrounds on the River Road this week and Fair manager George Bunn says this is the best one yet.

—Staff Photo By Clint Fuller.

Franklinton NCEA Backs School Administration

The Franklinton unit of the North Carolina Education Association, the teacher's professional organization, has issued a public statement in support of the Franklinton school administration. The action, apparently prompted by recent dissension between some parents and citizens of the Franklinton District and school officials, was taken

in the form of a prepared statement to be sent to civic organizations, ministers, members of the Franklin County NCEA unit and others. The statement calls for "an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect" and expressed belief that "we have an obligation to set a wholesome example for our children."

"We believe that the administrators of the Franklinton schools have consistently acted in good faith in their efforts to provide meaningful educational opportunities for the children of this school district, and we pledge our support to them in their endeavors," the statement reads in support of the administration.

The School Board and Superintendent Fred Rogers have come under fire in recent weeks for having accepted first recommendations of U. S. Office of Education officials to transfer two seventh grades from B. F. Person-Albion school to the Franklinton High School in an accelerated integration move. The Board later reversed the decision under pressure from the citizens of the district.

The full text of the Franklinton NCEA statement follows:

The Franklinton Unit of the North Carolina Education Association wishes to express this philosophy: We believe that a faculty and its administrative personnel can work most effectively for the welfare and educational progress of the youth entrusted to them when an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect prevails. This is an atmosphere which our community has enjoyed and cherished for many years, and we fervently hope to see it continued. Anything less than this causes mistrust and insecurity within a community and is reflected in the atti-

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College Enrollment Reaches 691

Enrollment at Louisburg College reached 691, as the College began its 180th year of operation. Registrar Zelda Coor announced that 413 freshmen and 278 sophomores make up the student body, representing thirteen states and one foreign country. North Carolinians number 497, 218 of whom come from the five counties of Franklin, Durham, Wake, Vance, and Nash.

Nineteen various denominations and faiths are represented including 278 Methodists, 205 Baptists, 71 Presbyterians, 45 Episcopalians, 17 Christians, 17 Catholics, and 14 Lutherans.

Students following the liberal arts and general college curricula, total 466, while 108 are concentrating on the business study. One hundred twenty-one students are in pre-professional and special studies.

Veteran County Accountant Lee Murray tendered his resignation to the Board of County Commissioners here Monday to accept a similar post in Wake County. The move, rumored for the past few weeks, was made following Murray's approval for the Wake position by the Wake Board of Commissioners Monday morning.

The Board named veteran Tax Supervisor Kenneth Braswell to replace Murray and Braswell's assistant C. W. Strother was elected Super-



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viser, replacing Braswell. The new positions become effective October 18, although Murray's resignation does not become effective until the first of December.

Chairman Norwood Faulkner explained that Murray had some accumulated time and would be relieved of his duties on October 18. He said Murray would be available to assist Braswell in the transition.

Braswell was elected by secret ballot, after a motion of Commissioner E. M. Sykes made Braswell's election unanimous. Three other persons had made application for the position. These included Louisburg businessman Lloyd A. West, a member of the County Board of Education; Strother; Mrs. Carolyn Pearce, former assistant in the Accountant's office and Winifred M. Murray.

Murray gave as his reason for resigning, "I feel the

choice is an opportunity for me to better provide for my family's future." It was learned that the starting salary for the position of County Treasurer-Finance Officer in Wake County is \$9,000 annually. Franklin County pays the accountant \$5,628.00 annually.

"Leaving our friends, neighbors and acquaintances has been perhaps my most difficult decision. However, I feel that the advantages Wake County has for its employees will justify my relocating," Murray said in the letter presented to the Commissioners.

Murray said he had "absolutely no criticism or complaint for any person connected with the Franklin County government" and stated that "Cooperation of all departments and the Commissioners have been excellent."

He thanked the Board for "Having me work for you these past fifteen years." Murray, who is presently President of the N. C. Association of County Accountants and a past Commander of the American Legion Post here, is expected to move to Wake County following this school year. He is to assume his duties in Wake the first of December.

In other action, the Board received a request from Charles Eaves of Epsom for one additional Sheriff's Deputy to patrol the county on weekends, and holidays. Eaves stressed the point that he was not being critical of the present department and system but felt there is a need for additional help. He reportedly suggested the new man be placed when the new Sheriff takes office in December.

Some requests were made of the Board in connection with a prospective new industry locating here, but Chairman Faulkner asked that they not be made public at this point in a move to cooperate with the company's desire to remain anonymous and to keep their plans private.

Nick Perry of Raleigh and William Place of Louisburg, both CPAs appeared before the Board to discuss a contract for the job of auditing the county's books on an annual basis. No action was taken on the request.

Markets Close For Lack Of Buyers

The three warehouses on the Louisburg tobacco market are closed today and plans now are not to reopen earlier than next Monday. The local warehouseman, in a meeting here Monday voted to close due to the absence on the market of buyers for three major companies.

Sterling Cottrell of the Big Franklin warehouse said this morning that Export had pulled their buyers off and Universal had said they would work "Monday (yesterday) on a limited basis." Cottrell stated that Imperial had said they would not follow the sale without a full set of buyers.

Clemson Pearce of the Friendly Four warehouse stated, when asked when he expected the local warehouses to reopen, "I figure we'll open on Monday. We are ready to open when the other boys do," referring to the two other local warehouses.

Charlie Ford of Ford's warehouse could not be reached for comment, but it is understood that the three local warehouses plan to reopen Monday provided buyers are available.

Cottrell said, "Your guess is as good as mine," in answer to a question of what to expect

now. "I believe it will be better on leaf tobacco when we reopen, however, cigarette tobacco sold good yesterday."

The Bright Belt Warehouse Association took no move to close all markets as Fred S. Royster of Henderson, Director of the association held a news conference Monday. Each market was told to make its own decisions. Another meeting of officials is slated Friday in Raleigh to discuss the situation.

Export reportedly pulled their buyers off the markets due to overcrowded conditions at the company's re-drying plants. Imperial and Universal followed. Domestic buyers have "supported the markets" said Royster.

Auxiliary Meeting

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, president, announced today that the October meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Friday night, October 7th, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. James Johnson on the Raleigh Road.

All members are urged to attend.

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