

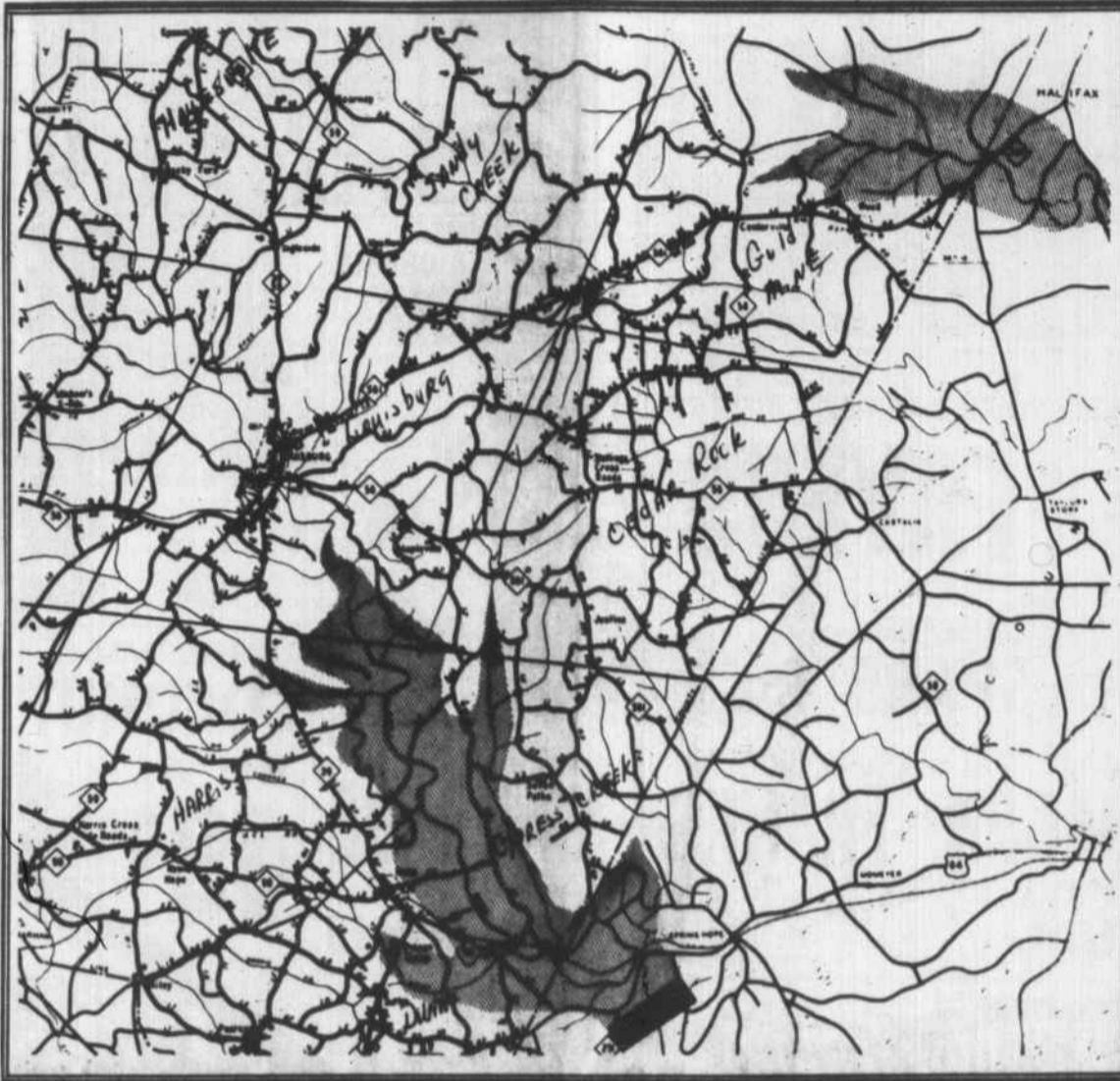
Franklinton School May Get Hearing

Franklinton City Schools, on the federal deferred list for funds, because of failure to comply with desegregation guidelines, may get an opportunity for a hearing under the recent Fountain amendment. The amendment makes it mandatory that all school administrative units placed on the deferred list by the Office of Education be given twenty days in which to request a hearing before an impartial judge. Following such a hearing, a decision on withholding of federal funds must be made. The amendment was introduced to an appropriation bill in Congress by Senator L. H. Fountain. Although the amendment was modified by a Joint House-Senate Committee, the basic requirements remain.

In addition to the Franklinton unit, there are nine others in North Carolina. For systems such as the 10 in North Carolina already barred from getting new federal program funds, the procedure will be this: A notice will be sent to each from the Office of Education's general counsel, with copies to State Department of Education, spelling out their guidelines deficiencies. They will have 30 days thereafter to reply and say whether they want a hearing before an impartial examiner. If they request such hearing, it must be held and completed within the time specified by law. The amendment as finally approved by Congress provides that a hearing must be completed within 60 days after notice of deferment and a See FRANKLINTON Page 8

Four Dams Proposed For Tar River

None In Franklin County



Senator B. Everette Jordan disclosed in a recent speech in Eastern North Carolina that preliminary studies of four dams proposed for Tar River could reduce flooding by "at least 75 percent". It was also revealed that the U.S. Corps of Engineers are expected to complete a comprehensive survey of the Tar River Basin next summer. Franklin County lies 83 percent within the Tar River Basin, but is not slated for one of the four proposed dams. According to information received, the four proposed sites, being studied are: South of Oxford in Granville County, a location to be known as the Cannady Mill site, Fishing Creek, a tributary of the Tar in Halifax County, west of Enfield; on the Tar in Nash County, south of Spring Hope and on Swift Creek, in Northern Nash, west of Whitakers. Senator Jordan said that the proposed network of dams would greatly enhance the industrial development all along the Tar. "Constant flooding", he said, "now causes serious damage to valuable farmland, but it is also a constant menace to the cities of Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Greenville". He expressed hope that the four dams which are presently under study could be brought before the Congress and given approval within the next 12 months.

course the county might take to protect its interest, particularly in the matter of locations for the proposed dams. Little has been heard on the matter in recent months and Senator Jordan's statement passed with little attention locally. In July, 1964 C. Settle Bunn of Stanhope in Nash County was named head of the Nash County Tar River Basin Development Association. Ten counties were said to be involved in the eventual development of the Basin. The Basin was said to contain 3,000 sq. miles with Franklin County having 412 of its 494 sq. mile area with the Basin. The four dam sites proposed in August, 1964 were: Fishing Creek, near Enfield known as the White Oak dam site; Spring Hope dam site near intersection of US 64 and NC 581; Langley dam site five miles upstream from the Atlantic Coastline bridge near Rocky Mount and Tarboro dam site, upstream from the US 64 near Edgecombe county. First public disclosures of the surveys on the river were made following a visit by Oxford and Granville county officials to Wilmington, N. C. The officials visited the Engineer's office to discuss future water needs in the Oxford-Granville area. One proposal talked in 1964 was for a dam to be built along the Tar in Franklin County between Louisburg and Mapleville. Other ideas expressed at that time sought to have a dam site chosen between Louisburg and Oxford along the Tar in order to reclaim land in the western part of Franklin County and eastern part of Granville. Neither of these plans materialized, however, and apparently the sites now being studied have been chosen by the Engineers for future dam locations.

Spring Hope, Enfield Dams Affect County

Pictured above is a Times Drawing, which first appeared on August 6, 1964, depicting proposed damsites on the Tar River expected to affect the Franklin County area. Disclosure this week that U. S. Engineers are studying four

damsites along the River reveals that the dam below Spring Hope, which would affect the largest area of Franklin County, is still under consideration. Map above shows the area to be affected should the dam be built south of Spring Hope.

Rogers Case Headed For Superior Court

The case involving Franklinton Schools Superintendent Fred W. Rogers charged with assaulting two teen-age boys at a football game in Louisburg on September 23, has been moved again. Originally set for trial before Judge G. M. Beam, Sr. in Recorder's Court here, the case was dismissed for lack of jurisdiction by Recorder's Court. New warrants were sworn by parents of Charles D. Smith 15 and Melvin D. Hayes 17, Franklinton students, and the case was set

for trial in Louisburg Mayor's Court October 10. An error in the warrants and a plea by defense attorney Hill Yarborough, resulted in a delay of one week by Mayor V. A. Peoples. Attorney for Rogers asked the case be moved from Mayor's Court to Recorder's Court when the case was scheduled for trial on October 17. Tuesday in Recorder's Court here, Judge Beam again moved the case back to Mayor's Court. The defense took an appeal to the Superior Court. The cast for the Superior Court is to decide where the assault cases will be tried.

Chief Issues Hallowe'en Warning

Louisburg Police Chief William Dement issued a reminder on the Town of Louisburg ordinance pertaining to activities at Hallowe'en here yesterday. Dement said that the observance would be held Monday night, October 31, and that trick or treaters would be limited to those 13 years old and under and the hours would be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in compliance with the local ordinance. Chief Dement said the ordinance prohibits the wearing of masks by anyone over 13 years of age and prohibits those older than going house to house seeking treats on Hallowe'en night. To place emphasis on the reminder, Chief Dement said the Police would be out in force Monday night to see that the ordinance is upheld. Franklinton Police Chief Leo Edwards issued a similar re-

Youth Arrested In Car Thefts

A 17 year-old Louisburg, Rt. 1, youth has been arrested on charges of stealing two automobiles and violation of probation, according to reports. Marion B. Jeffreys III, was arrested late Monday when he was discovered asleep in a car reportedly belonging to R. C. (Dick) Collier, of Louisburg, by Deputy Sheriff Tom Powell. The Collier vehicle was reportedly stolen from West Nash Street Sunday night. A tip that the vehicle had been seen in the area of Ferrell's bridge near Bunn, brought Sheriff's officers to the scene. reminder for citizens of the Franklinton area earlier this week. Franklinton, according to Edwards will observe their Hallowe'en night on Saturday.

Franklin Down In Rate, Up In Total Valuation

By Clint Fuller

As the fellow said, with some authority, "It doesn't matter what the tax rate is, if the valuation is low," and he added, "It doesn't matter what the valuation is, if the tax rate is low." In short, what he was saying is the only thing that counts is the amount of money the taxpayer passes over the tax collector's counter. The furor which accompanied revaluation and new tax rates in many North Carolina counties never materialized here in Franklin County. Very few property owners bothered to ask for a hearing on their particular assessment, when compared with the entire county population. Only one appealed the Board of Adjustment's valuation, and he lost his case at the state level. While the population failed to rise up and march on the county fathers with pick-axe and hoe, there are still some around the county who will grasp the slightest opportunity to discuss (if that be the word) their tax situation. One farmer was heard to say last week that he had cut his

family down to one meal a day in order to pay a tax which, he said, was more than double that of last year. He found little sympathy with the businessman he was crying to, due mostly to the fact that the businessman had his valuation and his tax also more than doubled. While it may be a good policy to let a sleeping dog lie, newspapers are not usually noted for this attribute. So, in light of a release this week of the information that Franklin County had the fifth highest tax rate in the state's one hundred counties in 1965-66, it seems appropriate to take another look at things as they are today. Franklin County was exceeded in its \$1.96 rate last year only by Madison, Buncombe, Scotland and Mitchell counties. It did not appear in the ten counties with the lowest property valuation either, which is somewhat strange. The lowest rate in any county in the state was witnessed in Stanly County with a .42 rate and the highest was in Madison with a \$2.05. Madison County's total valuation last year was \$18,304,600. Franklin County's valuation total for last year was \$31,886,132.00 which explains the difference between the highest rate and Franklin. See FRANKLIN Page 8

Two Injured In Accident

An early morning crash between two cars on Bickett Blvd. resulted in two persons being admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital here Tuesday. Chief William Dement of the Louisburg Police Department said apparently a car driver by Mrs. W. V. Hensley attempted to turn off Bickett onto Jolly St. shortly before 8:00 A.M. Tuesday and was struck by a car driven by George Bulluck, 40 year-old Julian K. Weldon, w/m of Route 3, Louisburg, a passenger in the Bulluck car received severe head and facial injuries. Mrs. Hensley was also hospitalized but the nature of her injuries were not disclosed. The Bulluck car was headed south on Bickett Blvd. when the accident occurred. Louisburg Police Earl Tharrington and Hubert Shearin are continuing their investigation. Weldon, a patient at Franklin Memorial, was reported to be "resting comfortably" Wednesday afternoon by his wife. Mrs. Weldon said he was on the third floor receiving visitors, indicating that his injuries are not of a serious nature. No charges had been made Wednesday, pending the outcome of further investigation by the local officers.

Meeting

The Franklin County Historical Society will hold a meeting at the Louisburg College Library Auditorium Thursday evening, October 27, at 8 p.m.

Boxscore

Raleigh -- The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, October 24:

KILLED TO DATE	1304
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	1262

Farmers Reminded Of ASC Deadline

Franklin County farmers are reminded that the deadline for requesting ACP assistance to establish fall seeded practices is rapidly approaching. The County ASC Committee has recently received some additional funds to be allocated to persons who are not participating in the 1966 program. Producers may request Government assistance through October 31, 1966, to seed Wheat, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Crimson Clover as a winter cover crop. The cost-sharing

Mangum To Speak At Farm Bureau Meet

B. C. Mangum President of North Carolina Farm Bureau Federations, will be the guest speaker at the Annual meeting of the Franklin County Farm Bureau on Monday, October 31st. Mr. Mangum is a farmer, operating a general farm in Person County. He has been active in farming and related work for a number of years. He organized and was President of Vance County Farm Bureau for four years. At the same time he was operating a Farm Machinery business in Henderson and was President of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. Mangum was elected to serve on the State Farm Bureau Board of Directors in 1950 and to the Executive Committee in 1955. In 1959 he was elected President and has served in that capacity since that time. "My interpretation of the purpose of Farm Bureau is that it should command the respect and support of farmers to the extent that it becomes the true voice of all agriculture. My goal as president is

to strengthen our program in effort to more completely accomplish this objective; become more conscious of farming problems and use their energies to work out means of solving these problems," states Mangum.

Dupree Announces 3-Point Plan

Willis Dupree, Republican candidate for County Commissioner in Franklin County, was guest speaker last Tuesday night at Louisburg College to an audience of students and public. In his brief but very definite address, he stated that he is basing his campaign on a 3 point plan, being No. 1--Better schools--upgrading schools to better the education of our young people, now and in the future; No. 2--More Industry --obtaining industry to raise the employment level and add to the growth and importance of the county as a whole and No. 3 -- Better Roads--improving road conditions which this county needs. "Mr. Dupree does not stand alone in his beliefs. He shares the ideas and opinions of many of his fellow countians. The county needs Dupree and men like him in offices where more can be done about these problems than just talk," said a spokesman for the Y. R. C. The College Y. R.'s have held business meetings at least once a month and try to schedule a different speaker each time. The public is invited to attend any and all of these meetings and hear the different speakers.



Louisburg Police Dept. Members of the Louisburg Police Department pose for their annual group picture above. Shown, left to right back row, Chief William Dement, Ned Lloyd, Larry Gilliam and Assistant Chief Earl Tharrington. Front row, left to right, Thurston Bottoms, Hubert Shearin and Gerald Eury. The group picture is to be used on safety calendars in the area. Photo By Clint Fuller.