



Looking Votes In Franklin County

" - - The Highway Commission's House Will Be Put In Order" Dan K. Moore 1964

Judge Dan K. Moore came to Franklin County on March 18, 1964. He came looking votes. Judge Moore came again to Franklin County on June 12, 1964. He came this time looking votes.

On his second trip, Judge Moore toured the county. He spoke at Bunn, at Louisburg and at Centerville. In fact, it has been reported that he said the reception given him at Centerville surpassed any he received during his three campaigns.

Candidate Moore spoke of many things on his trips to this county. One thing he spoke on was roads.

He was critical of the Sanford Highway Commission and has been quoted as saying during the campaign: "The people of North Carolina are presently saddled with the most expensive and politically-charged Highway Commission in the State's history . . . In thinking of a road bond issue, it would be utter folly for the people of North Carolina to place in the hands of the present Commissioners multi-millions of dollars to be spent on our highways . . ."

Does the Governor mean that it's alright for his Commission to be "politically-charged" but it was wrong for other Commissions to be so? It was "utter folly" to "place multi-millions of dollars" into the hands of HIS Commission.

Candidate Moore also stated, according to reports: "Activities of the present (Sanford) Commission have justifiably caused many people in North Carolina to lose

confidence in that body." Has he, as Governor, really changed anything?

"What," Candidate Moore asked in 1964, "has happened to our point system and the priority system for building and paving roads based on merit and need alone." What, Governor, indeed has happened to them?

"We must build highways and roads not just for today but for the future, under the policy supervision of a Commission, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH REPRESENT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE," the candidate remarked in a campaign speech.

Then candidate Moore is reported to have made this key statement: "THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE BEST ROAD-BUILDING PROGRAM FOR ALL PEOPLE AND NOT FOR POLITICAL AND PERSONAL GAIN." I pledge to you that the Highway Commission's house will be put in order!"

Obviously candidate Moore, since becoming Governor Moore, has not been paying attention.

If he has restored confidence in the State Highway Commission it isn't showing. If he has put the Highway Commission's house in order, nobody has noticed. If HIS Commission represents all the people, the population has shrunk greatly. If highways are being built on need alone, the Commission hasn't looked anywhere but in their own neck of the woods.

We rest our case.

Weather

Fair and cool today. Partly cloudy and warmer Friday. Low today, 32; high, 57.

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Local School Lunchrooms In Trouble

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The county school lunchroom programs are in trouble. At Louisburg only 53 percent of the 657 students eat in the lunchroom; at Gold Sand, in a new cafeteria, only 69 percent of the 329 students participate in the program. Other schools record somewhat better percentages, but all are losing money with every meal.

The lunchroom program, for years a break-even proposition, is now headed toward deep trouble.

The curtailment of federal surplus commodities and the rising cost of food has been blamed for the present situation. The price of a lunch was increased five cents by the County Board of Education at the start of this year. Already rising costs have eaten away practically all of this increase.

Payments on equipment in some cases are straining the budgets. Items purchased on time, with the expectation that income would remain stable and expenses would not rise by such leaps and bounds, has caught some schools in a tight squeeze. In one case, a lunchroom is \$1547.75 in the red already this year with little hope of pulling out of it from lunchroom income alone. Still another has dug into a surplus, through careful administration over the

years, of around \$5,000. The balance is now down to around \$1400 with over six months to go in this school year.

The State recommendation is that labor in lunchrooms not amount to more than 28 to 32 percent. Some schools report labor is costing as much as 35.3 percent. Bunn School is in the best shape labor-wise holding their labor costs below the average. Epsom is in the most trouble in labor expenses, with Gold Sand close behind.

Lunchrooms are charging 30 cents per lunch with a 3 cent reimbursement from the state program. In the month of September, cost of lunches ranged from 43 cents at Edward Best High School down to 32 cents at Riverside.

Supt. Warren Smith, under direction of the County Board of Education began an investigation into the rising costs of these operations. In his report to the Board this month, Smith pointed to a much improved situation. Cost of lunches had fallen from a top 39 cents per meal at Epsom down to 29 cents at Bunn and Perry's Schools. Edward Best Elementary, Louisburg, Riverside, Youngsville High and

Youngsville Elementary, in addition to Bunn and Perry's, had brought the cost of lunches below the 33 cent mark in the month of October.

What is this doing to the child? What has happened to the lunches themselves? Most agree that cafeteria managers are doing an outstanding job of feeding the youngsters nourishing, if not always appealing, meals. Somewhat like the television commercial, school officials are saying, in effect, "Eat it. It's good for you."

Meat is appearing on the menu in far less frequent times than in the past. Substitutes are not as appetizing to the youngsters. Participation is decreasing and thereby causing the cost per meal served to rise. The vicious circle continues. Until the quality of the meal improves, fewer and fewer students will want to buy; until more students eat in the lunchrooms costs cannot be cut and better variety cannot be offered.

One school menu today posts peanut butter and jelly and pimiento cheese sandwiches. Nourishing to be sure and

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County Climbs In Total Industry

Franklin County, now in the process of changing from a predominantly agricultural community toward more industrialization, has climbed a long way in the past few years. Franklin is 63rd among the 100 counties in North Carolina in the number of employers listed as industries. Franklin has 131 such establishments. The leader of the state, Mecklenburg County had 3,896.

Franklin County is 70th in the state in the number of persons employed by industry and in the annual payroll. The county has 2,038 persons employed in industry within the county with an annual payroll of \$6,765,883.00 Mecklenburg has 114,246 persons employed and an annual payroll of \$600,220,447.00 to lead the state.

The average weekly income of those employed in industry in the county is \$63.97 and Franklin ranks in 77th place in this category. The leader is again Mecklenburg County with an average income of \$101.03.

The state weekly average per worker in 1965 was \$83.99

having climbed from \$46.77 in 1950.

Neighboring Warren County is in the same grouping with Franklin in the number employed in industry, but is below Franklin in each category. Vance is ahead with 261 industries employing 6,462 persons. Nash County has

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Franklinton Legion Is District Host

(Frk. B.W.) Franklinton Post #52 American Legion was host to the Fifth District Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Legion Hut.

District Commander B. B. Beasley of Henderson Post #60 presided. Commander Honeycutt of the Franklinton Post received 100% membership awarded from North Carolina Division for local post reaching its quota in 1967 Membership Drive.

There were representatives from the Henderson, Oxford and Roxboro Posts as well as from the local post.

Hospital Project Passes Halfway Mark

Franklin Memorial Hospital Administrator M. M. Person, Jr. reported today that construction on additions to the

Talton Gets CADA Post

J. H. Talton, Vice President of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Louisburg, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Capital Area Development Association at the annual meeting of the Association held at N. C. State University Tuesday night, November 22, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

Towns and rural communities in the seven-county Capital Area Development Association

local hospital is about 55 percent completed. The entire outside walls have been erected on the south side and at the rear of the northeast side of the present structure.

Person said the entire job is expected to be completed sometime in March, 1967.

The Administrator issued a statement on behalf of the Board of Trustees and his staff expressing their appreciation to the public and particularly to patients and visitors, for the splendid cooperation during this time of construction.

The project consists of a two-story wing connecting with the present building on the south side, plus an addition to the dietary department and a supply and equipment room added on the north side.

Construction and furnishings are to cost around \$900,000 according to the announce-

ment, and will increase the present 50-bed capacity to eighty, plus expanded space for the various departments.

Contained on the ground floor of the new wing are: new X-ray department, laboratory, pharmacy, drug room, blood bank, new out-patient department and a new emergency room. Where the buildings connect, there is to be

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a fire escape stairway.

All of the second floor of the new wing will be taken up by patient rooms, nurses stations, examination and treatment rooms and two new waiting rooms. The patient rooms will be divided into fourteen private rooms and 12 semi-private. A new heating system for both the new

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Guild Slates Drive

Mrs. Helen Lloyd, President of the Franklin Memorial Hospital Guild announced today the start of a fund raising drive by the Guild to raise funds for the purchase of a hot-cold food cart which will be needed when the new wing of the hospital opens this Spring.

The cart, reportedly to cost around \$1800, will be used in

the care of patients at the hospital.

Mrs. Lloyd said that anyone wishing to make a contribution, which is tax deductible, could do so by contacting any member of the Guild. The drive starts November 25 and last through December 23, according to the announcement.

Market Closes, Notes Good Year

The Louisburg Tobacco Market closed Tuesday, November 22, after experiencing one of its best years. Unofficial figures show that the market sold 10,269,147 pounds at an average of close to \$65.

00 per hundred. This exceeds last year's sales figures by about two million pounds.

Growers, warehousemen and others appeared pleased with this year's results after a growing season that produced several extremes in weather. There was some disorderly marketing throughout the tobacco area caused by limited loose leaf sales, market congestion and price fluctuations. Local agricultural officials report that the over-all yield in the county was better than in 1965 when the county fell

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Approve "Nickels" Issue

North Carolina farmers approved their unique "Nickels For Know-How" program for another three years in a referendum Tuesday, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

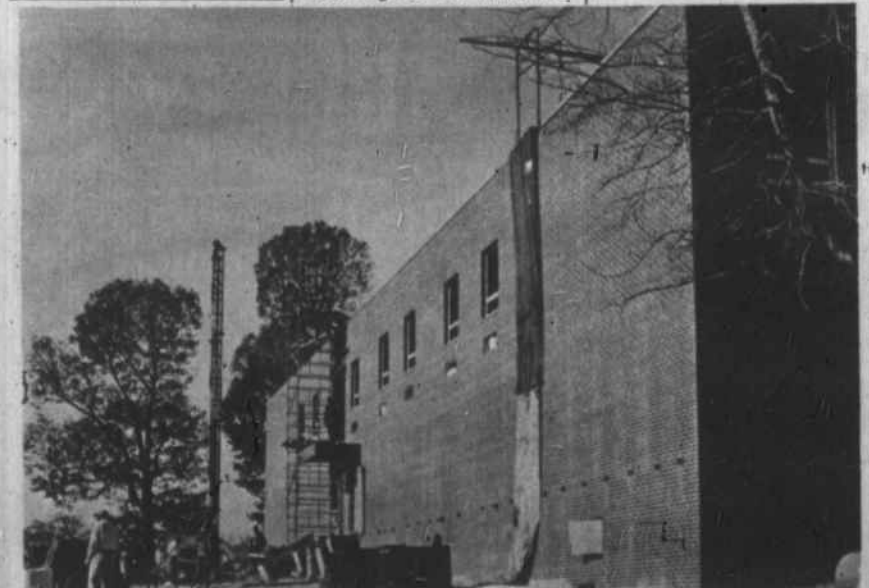
Dean said the margin of approval was approximately 90 per cent. Franklin County returns showed 564 favoring the program and 65 opposing it.



Shriners Give Check

Members of the Franklin County Shrine Club are pictured above with state Shrine officials as the local organization presented a check to the Crippled Children's Hospital Fund in ceremonies here this week. Pictured left to right are: Herman Spencer, Chairman of the fund-raising fish fry staged

by the local group; Charles Barker, Potentate Aids; H. H. Jobe of Wilson, President of the local club; T. Bruce Boyette, of Wilson, Potentate; Bernard Walters, local Treasurer; and Charles D. Haley, Chairman, Crippled Children Activity Committee. Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.



New South Wing