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## Franklinton, County Charges About Same

# School Systems About Average In Fees

With the legislature about to go into session in North Carolina, the subject of school fees has again come up. Releases from the State Department of Public Instruction and public statements by other educators have brought public attention once again to the subject of fees.

The Franklin County School system and the Franklinton City School system charge about the same amount each year although there are some differences. The County charges \$2.00 instructional sup-

plies fee in the elementary grades while Franklinton charges only \$1.00. Franklinton, however, charges \$1.00 in high school for instructional supplies while the county system does not.

Both systems charge \$5.00 book rental fee in high school. The county charges \$13.50 for business education (typing) while Franklinton's fee is only \$9.00. Other charges by the county system include \$2.00 for Home Economics and \$2.50 for agriculture while Franklinton charges \$4.00 for each.

The county system also charges \$1.00 for science.

The study came about through efforts of the State Department in an effort to standardize fees and hopefully, to have the legislature eliminate at least some of them in the upcoming session.

Both systems are among those with uniform fee schedules. Several North Carolina units have no uniformity and sixteen units have no fees at all. Most are city units with supplemental tax aid. Some have only special fees

and some charge only for textbook rental.

At least three units have what may be termed as unusual fees. These include Activity and Entertainment fees, grade and subject fees and one unit, Stanly County has a \$50 fee listed for "Acrobatics fee." A notation by the compiler of the figures says this is perhaps a fee paid to professional performers from admission charges.

The county system has a \$2.00 optional insurance fee

(\$1.75 for elementary children) and a \$2.00 optional fee for National Defense Education Act. The latter is equally matched by the federal government and, while optional, is voted on by many PTA groups before the school participates.

In the matter of the high cost of typing in the county systems, it is pointed out that many others charge as much as \$15 to \$18 with some as low as \$1.50.

Some progress has been made over the years toward

the elimination of fees in North Carolina's "free" schools but much remains to be done before Tar Heel Children have access to a truly free system of education as called for in the Constitution, according to the State superintendent of public instruction.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll said a recent fee survey among the State's 169 county and city school administrative units documents the many fees now being charged students and points up the lack of uniformity. "In many school

systems the amount being charged for the same purpose varies from school to school," he said.

State funds provide \$1.75 per pupil for instructional supplies and \$1 per pupil for library books. The State also provides free books at the elementary level, both basal and supplementary. At the high school level the State provides \$5 per student on the rental of textbooks and State Board of Education re-

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At Inauguration

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher Stone of Louisburg with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Stone, immediately following the formal inauguration December 3 of Dr. Stone as the first president of Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, N. C.

The inaugural ceremony Saturday morning, attended by many dignitaries from all areas of the state, was the first event of a two-day program of festivities on the Sandhills College campus. On Sunday the four new buildings of the College and the 180-acre scenic campus were dedicated. Speakers who were featured on the Saturday and Sunday programs were Chancellor John Caldwell of North Carolina State University, Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem, and former Governor Terry Sanford.

## School Board Hears State Official On Long Range Plans

The Franklin County Board of Education, in regular session here Monday, heard Dr. J. L. Pearce, Director of the Division of School Planning for the state, tell about long-range needs for the county system and requirements for spending the \$558,049.90 in state bond money.

Dr. Pearce told the Board funds could be spent on any school which figured to be continued in use over a long period of time. An overall plan, however, must be approved before such funds can be obtained, he pointed out.

Dr. Pearce's appearance with his assistant, Mr. Ben Quinn, coincided with an appearance before the Board of their architect, Mr. Ralph Reeves of Raleigh. A thorough

discussion on county building needs was held and indications were that the Board will move immediately toward some long-range plan in order to utilize the half million dollars in state funds.

In other actions, the Board gave final approval to the renovation of the Bunn gymnasium, which includes a new heating plant, a boiler room, complete paint job plus an enlargement of the present facility.

A bid by Will Dickerson for the Louisburg Activity bus for \$210 was approved, but the sale of a number of used desks for \$5 was not allowed. Both had been subject to confirmation by the Board after a public auction held last week.

A request by the Franklinton City Board of Education for use of two school buses during the summer for a Head Start program there was approved by the County Board, which controls transportation for both systems. Eleven buses, however, are designated for Franklinton use and the County Board adhered to the Franklinton request.

A report was presented the Board by Superintendent Warren Smith on the progress of school lunchrooms which have been plagued of late with dwindling finances. The report indicated that some improvement is being made in the situation and the Board took no further action on school lunches.

## Mrs. Beasley Heads Dimes Drive

"The March of Dimes is fighting birth defects because each year these tragic conditions rob more than a quarter-million American children of their birthright: to enter the world healthy and grow normally."

Mrs. Ralph E. Beasley made this statement today as she accepted the chairmanship of the January 1967 Franklin County March of Dimes campaign. Mrs. Beasley is associated with the Franklin County Welfare Department.

"I think most of us would consider it alarming if we heard about an epidemic in which a new case struck every other minute, which was the second greatest destroyer of life, and which caused half of all cases of mental retardation," declared Mrs. Beasley. "Yet," she pointed out, "birth defects are responsible for all this, and for much more human damage. Many

defects are not apparent at birth. They appear later in life, causing physical or mental disability. The March of

Dimes is making important progress in birth defects, but we need increased public support to continue and to expand these programs."

Mrs. Beasley noted the growing number of March of Dimes-supported centers where birth defect children receive superior treatment from teams of trained medical professionals. There are now 77 of these centers in operation, including the Birth Defects Treatment Center in Chapel Hill and a brand new Evaluation Center at Western Carolina Center in Morganton, North Carolina.

In research, scientists supported by March of Dimes grants have developed ways of detecting several defects of body chemistry that can cause mental retardation, and are studying the hereditary and environmental factors which affect a baby's development before birth.

Mrs. Nancy Beasley

# Franklinton Board Answers Charges, To Seek Hearing

The Franklinton City Board of Education voted last week to answer charges brought by the U. S. Commissioner of Education and to request an official hearing on the charges. The Board also authorized attorney W. P. Pearce, Jr. to obtain the services of Raleigh attorney Irvin Tucker to aid in the defense of the Franklinton system.

The Franklinton Board, plagued for months by increasing pressures from Washington, to increase desegregation of the two schools within the system, has been charged by the U. S. Office of Education with failure to comply with federal guidelines on school desegregation.

Franklinton is one of several North Carolina units under at-

tack for what Commissioner Harold Howe, II, terms inadequate integration. Board member Joe Whitaker made the motion that Franklinton answer the charges and ask for a hearing. Howard Conyers seconded the motion.

Monday, eight of the nine Board members, Superintendent Fred Rogers and attorneys Pearce, Tucker and

Louisburg attorney Hill Yarborough, an associate of Tucker's attended a meeting in Raleigh with State Superintendent Charles Carroll and Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody to discuss the charges and to determine a course of defense. Representatives of several other school systems affected were also present.

Mr. Moody explained that North Carolina was a part of this latest action and that his department would defend the State and, when possible, the local units. He pointed out, however, that each local system must prepare its own defense. He said it was possible that North Carolina could be successfully defended where some local unit could not be.

The State position on desegregation has been stated often by Dr. Carroll as "committed to the freedom of choice plans". Franklinton operates under this type plan.

Hearings in the actions are expected the week of December 19 or December 26 in Washington. It was also pointed out in the Raleigh meeting that school systems under court orders are not necessarily in compliance with the guidelines. Caswell County units operate under a court order but have been charged with the same noncompliance as the Franklinton unit. The Franklin County system, which controls most of the schools in the county is operating under a federal court order with a freedom of choice plan.

Financially, the Franklinton system is threatened with stoppage of federal funds presently being used in certain programs and a deferment of future funds.

Many observers believe the latest charges by Washington are attempts to compile some court rulings on the contro-

## Local Market Tops 1965 Total Poundage, Average

The Louisburg Tobacco Market topped the 1965 mark for pounds sold and averages paid, in the recent 1966 selling season, according to figures released this week by the federal-State Market News Service.

According to the report, the Louisburg market sold a total of 10,269,102 pounds for an average of \$64.02. This is compared with the 1965 sale of 8,380,060 which brought an average of \$61.57.

Only the Fuquay-Varina and Sanford markets surpassed Louisburg in average. Durham bested the local market by a small percentage. Sanford led with an average of \$66.20; Fuquay-Varina had \$66.06 and Durham had \$64.18.

Louisburg sold more leaf than markets in Aberdeen, Carthage, Ellerbe and almost as much as Sanford and Warrenton. Fuquay-Varina and Henderson led the Middle Belt

markets in poundage sold.

The 1966 crop sales of Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco were marked by substantial increases over the previous year in poundage, in value paid to growers, and length of the season. According to the Federal-State Market News Service, most grade averages were up while the overall quality declined. The general average also was higher than for the 1965 season but failed by 38 cents to reach the 1961 record. Stabilization Corporation receipts were up from last

year. Around one-third of total sales were uncut.

Gross sales (retails included) amounted to 154,591,062 pounds and averaged \$64.09

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## Masonic Notice

Louisburg Lodge 413AF and AM will hold its yearly election of officers on Tuesday evening, December 13, at its stated communication. Also, work will be in the Fellowship Degree. All Fellowship and Master Masons are urged to be present.

From Welfare Dept.

## The Children Who Never Heard Of Santa Claus

As the Yuletide Season draws near, the welfare staff never fails to remember three small children left with the agency, hungry, dirty, and frightened as animals, one bitter cold day not so long ago.

The children were placed in a licensed foster home with a warm, motherly woman who gave them love and tender care.

As it was nearing Christmas, the foster mother began to question the children about what they wanted Santa Claus to bring them. The answer was "Who is Santa Claus?" These children had never heard of Christ's Birthday, nor had they ever seen a Christmas tree.

These were Franklin County children.

The agency is requesting cash donations not only to provide for our children in foster homes, child caring institutions and schools for

the mentally and physically handicapped, but also for older persons in need.

There will be a worker available at all times (8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday) to receive telephone calls with regard to these needy families in the county for whom they might like to provide.

Mrs. Jane York, Welfare Director, stated, "Franklin County people always take care of their own and I am confident that the needs will be met bringing joy to the giver as well as the receiver."

No prepared Christmas boxes will be given to persons coming to the office and the agency will be unable to receive gifts for distribution - this is an opportunity for the people to get to know the needs of their neighbors.

The Welfare Office will close at 5:00 p. m. on December 22, and open at 8:00 a. m. on December 28th.

## Mrs. Dean Artist Of The Month

Shirley Catielle Dean is the artist of the month for December in the program initiated by the Fine Arts Department of the Louisburg Woman's Club. Mrs. Dean will exhibit three of her paintings during the month of December at the Franklin County Library.

The first painting which is on display now, December 1-10, is a portrait of her sister, Mrs. Robert Edwards, will be seen in the library, of Wake Forest. In addition to her interest in art,

wards, will be seen in the library the week of December 12-19. A landscape is Mrs. Dean's contribution to the remainder of the month from December 21-31.

Mrs. Dean is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School and attended Wake Forest College. She studied art under Mrs. M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, for four years and for the past year has been studying portraiture under John Fogarassy Wallner, of Wake Forest.

Mrs. Dean is an active member of the Town and Country Garden Club. Shirley is married to J. Jackson Dean, local businessman, and they have one daughter, Mary Martha.

The public is invited to come by the Franklin County Library on Justice Avenue and see each of these fine paintings. A good selection of books on art, music and sculpture will continue to be grouped on the shelves maintained by the Louisburg Woman's Club for your convenience.



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