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Ten More Days In Choice Period

1722 County Children **Nithout School Choices**

the 30-day choice period, 1722 Franklin County school children have not had a choice of schools made for them, according to a disclosure at Monday night's special meeting of the Board of Education here. Under the federal guidelines the system's Freedom of Choice plan calls for a choice of schools form to be exercised for every child in the county schools and none can be assigned to a school until such a choice is made.

The figures were brought out in a special meeting held to clear up several items of business which could not wait until the regular meeting in April. Supt. Warren W. Smith told the Board that of the 5832 forms sent to children now in school, only 4110 had been returned. This represents 70.4 percent.

Louisburg School has 605 forms in with 83 yet to come. Epsom school has 123 forms returned with 110 still out. This represents the largest percentage of students still having not made choices of any school in the county. Riverside is close with 791 choices made and 705 still out. Bunn has 597 in with 110 togo and Gold Sand has the best record with 319 in and only 20 still to come. Other schools show similar responses.

Under the free choice plan, parents may choose any school in the county system for their child to attend. Children in the ninth grade or 15 years old can make their own choice. The choice period for this year was set as March 1 through March 31 and the Board of Education issued requests that each parent execute the forms and return them as readily as possible. Teams from the Board have visited PTAs throughout the county explaining the plan and urging parents to make their choices and to return the

forms before the 30-day period is concluded.

Students whose choices are not made during the 30-day period cannot be given preference over those made during the alloted time. However, there is no premium placed on those returning forms early in the period. If the forms are returned during the choice time, children will be assigned as requested, according to information from | and record keeping is time

Plans now call for the Board to act on assignment of students for whom a choice has been made at the April 3 meeting. Once assignments are made they cannot be changed, according to provisions of the guidelines, except

in extreme hardship cases. A tremendous amount of book work is necessary in carrying out the freedom of choice plan

made for all parents failing to send in a choice form and this takes a tremendous amount of time and expense, according to one spokesman. Forms may be returned to the school principal by the student, handed in at the school or the Education office by the parent or mailed. Anyone having misplaced their forms may obtain an additional one by contacting their school

principal or the Education Of-

fice, it was explained.

official. Searches must be

Boone, Fuller Listed In School Board Bill

Two Franklin County nominees for six-year terms on the Board of Education are listed among those from 78-counties in the state in the "ominibus" bill introduced Monday night in the House by Rep. R. D. Mc-Millan of Robeson County, Chairman of the House Education Committee.

Justice farmer William Taylor Boone and Times Editor Clint Fuller are listed in the bill. Both won nominations in last May's primary elections in the county. The bill is expected to get ready passage and Boone and Fuller are expected to be sworn to sixyear terms when the Board meets to reorganize on April

This will be the first term for Boone and his initial entry into public office. He has been an officer in the Justice Volunteer Fire Department and a leader in his community for many years. Fuller will be starting his first elected term, having been appointed in February, 1961 to fill a two month short term and a full six-year term of the late Paul Elam. He has served as vice chairman of the Board for the past six years. dar Rock-Gold Mine townships and Fuller will continue to represent the Louisburg-Cypress Creek townships on the five-member Board.

The bill provides that the board members take office on or before the first Monday in April, 1967. McMillan said the House Education Committee will consider the bill on Wednesday and urged that all representatives check their county education board members in the bill.

State law provides that members of county boards of education be appointed by the General Assembly unless exempted from the law by special act. Of the 100 counties, 22 have special acts allowing election or appointment of board members within the county.

Those counties whose school boards are appointed by the General Assembly elect board members whose names are sent to the legislature after being certified by the county board of elections and the State Department of Public Instruc-

Members of the legislature may amend the bill to drop a name and substitute another on the list.

Chamber Elects Officers

Bill Johnson, Franklinton druggist, was reelected President of the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce in elections held recently at Franklinton.

Jimmy S. Joyner, local banker was named Vice President and Johnnie Callahan and Sidnew Johnson were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Others elected to make up the Board of Directors were: A. J. Perkinson, M. R. House, Joe Cutchins and "Red" Johnson.

The organization, formed some time ago to promote the Franklinton area, is composed of business and professional leaders and is not confined to Franklinton merchants solely, but seeks to embody the entire township area. The group has repeatedly acted to promote trade and industry in the area and was a strong advocate of better roads for the county in last year's drive to gain more highway funds.



Editor Speaks At College

LOOK Editor William B. Arthur, above left, is shown delivering an address at the Louisburg College auditorium here last Thursday night. Others shown left to right, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President, Louisburg College; David Daniel, Director of College Relations; Dean John B. York and Rev. Wade Goldston. Mr. Arthur spoke in connection with the College's 180th Anniversary celebration on the subject, "The Changing --Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Look Editor Delivers Address

William B. Arthur, Editor of Look magazine spoke at Louisburg College last Thursday night, as the local institution continues the marking of its 180th Anniversary year by bringing outstanding speakers to Louisburg.

Mr. Arthur commented briefly on the Manchester incident involving his publication and the family of the late President John F. Kennedy, but did not elaborate on the subject in response to a question from a Louisburg College student following his ad-

Dropping the words "of higher education" from his announced topic, Mr. Arthur spoke on "The Changing Patterns". "We must live with

change", he said in his opening remarks. "The greatest change of all taking place today", he stated, "is the change of youth". Better education and less traditional bond with parents have

caused a freer separation than

has been seen in centuries". · He spoke to a large crowd of students in the College auditorium and told of the many to be called "young people". changes taking place since his youth in Louisville, Ky. He mentioned a son, Dick Arthur who attended Louisburg College last year. Another son attended Duke and married a girl from Nashville (N.C.) he disclosed.

"Teen-agers spent \$18 bil-

lion in 1966. By 1970 they are expected to spend \$30 billion. A problem which took the first computer in 1950 an hour to solve now takes 3 seconds. In 1946 there were 16,476 television sets in the United States, by 1951 there were 15 million. Today 94% of American homes have a television set", he stated in pointing to some of the chang-

"Television", he added, 'Might well be the most important influence on this generation under 25 years of

In speaking of education, he pointed out that by 1985 every college now in existence in this country would need to double in size to accomodate those seeking to enter and he added that one thousand new colleges must be built.

"Young people are flocking to what is honest in this world as they see it", he remarked, "They are seeking honesty in an age of gimmicks".

He defended today's teenagers, saying that he did not townspeople, teachers and like the word "teen-ager" but to be called "young people". He discounted those who stand out from the "norm" as teenagers and praised those searching for answers to today's problems. He spoke of his recent trip to the Soviet Union briefly and told of coffee houses where students could meet and discuss mutual prob-

Oldest And Youngest Fans

The oldest and the youngest Youngsville Phantom fans are shown above attending last Friday's semifinal game in the State Tournament at Durham. Shown, left to right, hold-

ing the youngest is Rev. Jervais Phillips, and his 5-month old daughter, Leslie. At right is Mr. Charlie Roberts, 88, an ardent supporter of the Phantoms. Both attended most of the Phantom games.

-Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

lems. He said these were good things and should be encouraged.

In answer to a question from the audience, he stated that he believed the current investigations in New Orleans into a proposed plot to assassinate the late President Kennedy was mostly a publicity stunt. He said he believed the Warren Commission report was sufficient.

Mr. Arthur was introduced by Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, President of the College. Col-

Dean John York welcomed the audience. Rev. Wade Goldston gave the invocation. The next event in the series of celebrations is the formal Anniversary Ball featuring Buddy DeFranco and the Glenn Miller Orchestra on Thursday

lege Relations Director David

Daniels spoke briefly an-

nouncing future 180th Anniver-

sary celebration events and

night, March 23. On April 19, Dr. Joseph W. Mathews of Chicago is scheduled to speak

Ed. Board Clears Routine Business

The Franklin County Board | of Education met in special session here Monday night to clear up several items of business, including a check on progress of the 30-day choice period now underway under the Board's Freedom of Choice school plan for the 1967-68 school year.

Other Items ceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Peggy Anderson at Youngsville and the appointment of Mrs. Kay D. Phillips as a replacement and a study of an E.S.E.A. form to be sent to parents to reestablish schools which will be eligible for E.S.E.A. funds

The Board also discussed repairs at the Gold Sand gym, dining areas for Perry's and Gethsemane Schools, Riverside graduation requests and a Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

The Board delayed action on a request by the Board of County Commissioners to First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. to Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. until the April meeting. It is expected that the Board will then request a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the matter.

Costs of painting the gymnasiums of the schools in the county system were presented by Supt. Warren Smith. The Board moved sometime ago to have this done as readily as funds were available. Renovations to the Bunn gym are nearing completion and the gym was ordered painted while work was underway. Improvements to the Gold Sand gym have also been approved and the Board ordered this gym painted in Monday's meeting at a cost of \$2400 for labor. The Board is to supply the paint and found that a savings of nearly \$400 could be had if the work was ordered now under a special agreement with the contractor.

Prices for painting of the gyms at Edward Best, Gethsemane, Perry's, Youngsville and Epsom were also given to the Board. These are slated for painting as funds become available, it was said.

Miller Band To Perform Thursday The Glenn Miller Orches

tra directed by Buddy DeFran-co appears at Louisburg College Thursday night for the College's 180th Anniversary Ball. The formal ball in the B. N. Duke College Union begins at 9 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets are available at the College from

the Office of College Rela-

History Professor Speaks

Dr. Theodore Rogg, History Professor at Duke University, will speak at a meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society, March 23 at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the community room at First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., on Bickett Boulevard. Dr. Ropp's subject will be "A View of the Civil War."

Dr. Ropp joined the Duke faculty in 1938. He received his academic training at Oberlin College and Harvard University. He was an instructor at Harvard in 1937-1938, and a visiting lecturer there in 1948-1949. He is the author of five publications, the latest of which was published in 1959, "War in the Modern World." He is a member of the editorial and historical advisory boards of the Journal of Modern History, Smithsonian Journal of History, International Studies Quarterly, and World Book Encyclopedia. Society Memberships include: Chairman of the Board of the Historical Evaluation and Research Organization; Trustee of the American Military Institute; former member of the Secretary of the Army's Historical Advisory Committee; Member of the Council and the Executive Committee of the American Association of University Professors. From July 1, 1962 to July

1, 1963, Dr. Ropp was on leave as Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History, U. S. Naval War College, New-



Fire Hits Five Homes In County

Fire completely destroyed the home of an elderly couple, shown above, near Saint's Delight Church in Hickory Rock Saturday around 11:40 A. M. Mr. Emit Valentine, 69, and his sister, Miss Ida E. Valentine, 75, escaped without injury. The blaze was one of five answered over t weekend by the Justice Volunteer Fire Department. Friday afternoon a smoke house on the Simon Collie farm at Seven Paths was destroyed and Saturday, in addition to the Valentine fire firemen managed to save a dwelling on the A. B. Inscoe farm in Hickory Rock for the time in the past two-three years. A fire around noon Sunday destroyed a dwellin Tharrington's Store in Hickory Rock and another around 2 P. M. destroyed a tenant ho the C. T.—Dean, Sr. farm near Stallings crossroads. The Centerville Fire Department Justice at the Valentine fire and the Sunday noon blaze, according to reports.