

Weather

Fair to partly cloudy today and Friday. Cooler today and somewhat warmer Friday. Low today, 47; high, 63.

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Franklin Finally Getting Some Road Improvements



Before



Unusual Sight -
A Patch-Free Stretch
Of Highway In
Franklin County
- U. S. 1 North

Staff Photos by Clint Fuller



After

On Thursday, August 4, 1966 the picture, above left, of U. S. 1 intersection at Franklinton appeared on this page, along with three other photos showing road conditions in the county. Today, eight months later, U. S. 1 north of Franklinton looks like the picture, above right. The State Highway Commission is finishing up a project of resurfacing the stretch from Franklinton to Henderson. Four miles of the improvements are in Franklin County.

This is the most massive improvement to a primary highway in Franklin County since the early fifties.

The entire project on U. S. 1 is slated to cost \$140,000. There has been no breakdown on the amount spent in Franklin County. This is one of the projects promised last October. Other projects slated for Franklin County include resurfacing of U. S. 401 south of Louisburg to the intersection of N. C. 98 and straightening and resurfacing of U. S. 401-39 north of Louisburg to Henderson. The cost of the Raleigh Road project is set at \$101,000 and the Henderson Road project is expected to cost \$600,000. Workmen are busy today working on the shoulders of U. S. 1 north of Franklinton and traffic lines are expected to be painted on the new surface in the near future.

Mrs. O'Neal To Seek Re-Election

Mrs. Breatie O'Neal, local drug store operator and a member of the Louisburg Town Council since 1965, has announced her intentions to seek another term on the town board. Mrs. O'Neal filed for the post last week.

In making public her candidacy, Mrs. O'Neal stated, "I have enjoyed the phase of public service and will attempt two more years on the council if this is desirable to the voters."

"I feel that city government is a slow but continuing process but that we are on the move and I would like to help on the future program that will be of great value to all our townspeople and county." Mrs. O'Neal, a native of



MRS. O'NEAL

Johnston county, has been a resident of Louisburg for many years. She has been ac-

tive in civic and club work. For the past several years she has operated her own drug store with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs. Jackie Kimball. She is the widow of the late F. L. (Simie) O'Neal, a druggist here for many years.

Two other incumbent members of the council filed Wednesday. Jonah Taylor and H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys, are seeking reelection to the seats they now hold. Incumbents E. F. Thomas, Louis Wheelers, Jr. and S. C. (Buster) Foster have not announced. Newcomer Alfred Goodwin has announced for a seat on the council and thus far Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples is unopposed for reelection.

Farm Crops Pay Set

The Cropland Adjustment Program has gotten underway in Franklin County with 23 producers entering into contracts with the government to take crops out of production for a period from 5 to 10 years. These producers will be required to divert an acreage of cropland equal to the allotments and bases signed up in the program. Following is a summary of the allotments and bases taken out of production. Also shown is the amount of annual program payments.

Commodity	Acres	An. Paym.
Corn	179.0	\$ 6,177.00
Cotton	143.4	\$ 3,704.43
Tobacco	72.28	\$18,741.91
TOTAL	394.7	\$28,623.34

A Swing Around The County

All's Quiet On The Political Front

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

May 2. Bunn, due to a delay in a new charter in 1965, held their elections that year on May 25th. May 4 was election day in 1965 elsewhere in the county. No official announcement of the Bunn date has been made. Centerville was declared an incorporated town in May of 1965 and a Mayor and three councilmen were named by the Legislature to serve until elections this year. Presumably, Centerville will vote on May 2, although no announcement has been made on this date. Louisburg Mayor V. A.

(Tommy) Peoples announced last week that he would seek reelection to the post and newcomer Al Goodwin, sales representative for a Wilmington steel firm and former furniture store manager here announced for the Town Council. Incumbent Councilwoman Mrs. Breatie O'Neal filed for reelection, as did Peoples, last Thursday. Mrs. O'Neal's statement of announcement was made today. Goodwin has not yet filed.

Two more incumbent Louisburg councilmen filed Wednesday to bring the total in the local race to five. Jonah Tay-

lor, local insurance executive and H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys, local automobile dealer filed. Neither have issued a public statement on their candidacy.

George (Jolly) Bunn, unsuccessful candidate for a seat on the council in 1965, has been rumored as a candidate. He said privately that he thinks his section (south side) of town should have representation on the council. He declined, however, to say that he would seek a seat. Also rumored as a possible candidate is former councilman and former fire

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Taylor, Jeffreys File For Council



TAYLOR

Incumbent Louisburg Town Councilman Jonah Taylor and H. D. (Tommy) Jeffreys filed for reelection here Wednesday bringing to four the number having announced or filed



JEFFREYS

for the six council seats in the May 2 elections. Mayor V. A. (Tommy) Peoples has also filed for reelection to the top post and is thus far unopposed.

Filing earlier was Mrs. Breatie C. O'Neal, incumbent and the only woman on the council. Newcomer to politics Alfred Goodwin had announced earlier that he would be a candidate for the council.

Taylor, 57, is an attorney, having been admitted to the bar in 1932. He is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School here and the Wake Forest Law School. He is Branch Claims Manager for the American Mutual Insurance Co. with an office in Raleigh. He entered local politics in 1963, and won the council seat. In 1965 he was reelected for a second two-year term.

Jeffreys, making his first political bid in 1965, also won a seat on the council and is completing this first term.

Board of Education Holds Lengthy Planning Session

The Franklin County Board of Education, holding a special session here Tuesday night, worked into the wee hours of Wednesday morning in an attempt to reach a decision on certain long range planning and the 1967-68 school budget. Another session is slated for tonight.

The Board decided sometime ago to seek the little over \$500,000 in state bond money for construction of much needed facilities in the county and has been busy formulating plans toward this goal. In order to obtain release of the funds from the State, local units must present a long-range plan assuring the State planning people that construction is being done where buildings and school plants will remain in use over a long period of time.

Representatives from the Board are to appear in Raleigh before a review panel on the matter Friday. The short

time left to the Board to finalize long range plans dictated Tuesday's meeting and the fact that final plans were not completed at Tuesday's meeting and the fact that final plans were not completed at Tuesday's meeting which ended at 12:45 a. m. Wednesday has necessitated tonight's extra session.

Plans are not expected to be made public until approved by the state review panel. It is expected that, once approved, announcements of construction will be made. It is also expected that dates for construction to begin will also be announced.

The study of the preliminary budget was routine, although time consuming in Tuesday's meeting. The school budget is usually presented in its preliminary form to the county accountant on April 1. More study is expected to be given to the budget in tonight's session.



Franklinton Gets New Street Lights

The Town of Franklinton is getting 33 new street lights this week, according to an announcement from J. J. (Red) Johnson of Carolina Power and Light Co. The Town Board authorized the installation, and the work is being done by the power company at no cost to the Town of Franklinton. The new lamps, however, will burn more electricity while they brighten the thoroughfare.

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◆◆◆ Another "Secret" Meeting? ◆◆◆

An unconfirmed report circulating around town discloses that "some" members of the Board of County Commissioners held a meeting with Sixteenth District representatives James D. Speed and John T. Church here Monday. The meeting is reported to have been held in the local agricultural building.

A closed-door meeting was held between the Board and the two Representatives a few

weeks ago. During a regular session of the Board, a newsman and the Clerk to the Board were asked out of the meeting. It has not been announced what was discussed behind the closed doors. It has not been announced what, if anything concerning the people's business, was discussed in this week's "secret" meeting.

Attempts to reach Board Chairman E. M. Sykes and

Louisburg district Commissioner N. E. Faulkner were unsuccessful this morning and no verification of the meeting could be obtained from other sources. Board clerk, Register of Deeds Alex T. Wood, informed The Times that he knew nothing of any such meeting. Sources in the agriculture building said they were "off" Monday, which was a holiday, and knew nothing of any meeting.