

Partly cloudy and warm today and Friday with widely scattered afternoon or evening thundershowers. Low today, 68; high, upper 80's.

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Hospital Open House Date Tentatively Set

The Board of Trustees, the Administrator and the personnel of Franklin Memorial Hospital, with the inconvenience of tearing-out and putting-back, painting, plastering and patching almost being them, are looking forward today to the end and to the beginning.

Looking to the end of overcrowded conditions, a self-imposed, apologetic air over minor inconveniences to patients, and general frustration at the time-consuming construction, thoughts are turned today to plans for the beginning of a new era in what is surely one of the finest medical facilities to be found in this area.

M. M. Person, Jr., capable

Administrator, reports that Sunday, July 30, has been tentatively set as the target date for open house ceremonies and public tours of the new facilities. Formal ceremonies are now set for 2 p.m. but no details were announced.

Work is underway on the new drive which will circle the structure and paving plus preparations of new parking areas are expected to be completed next week. Most of the furniture is now on hand and work continues at a steady pace, making ready the various new features of the hospital.

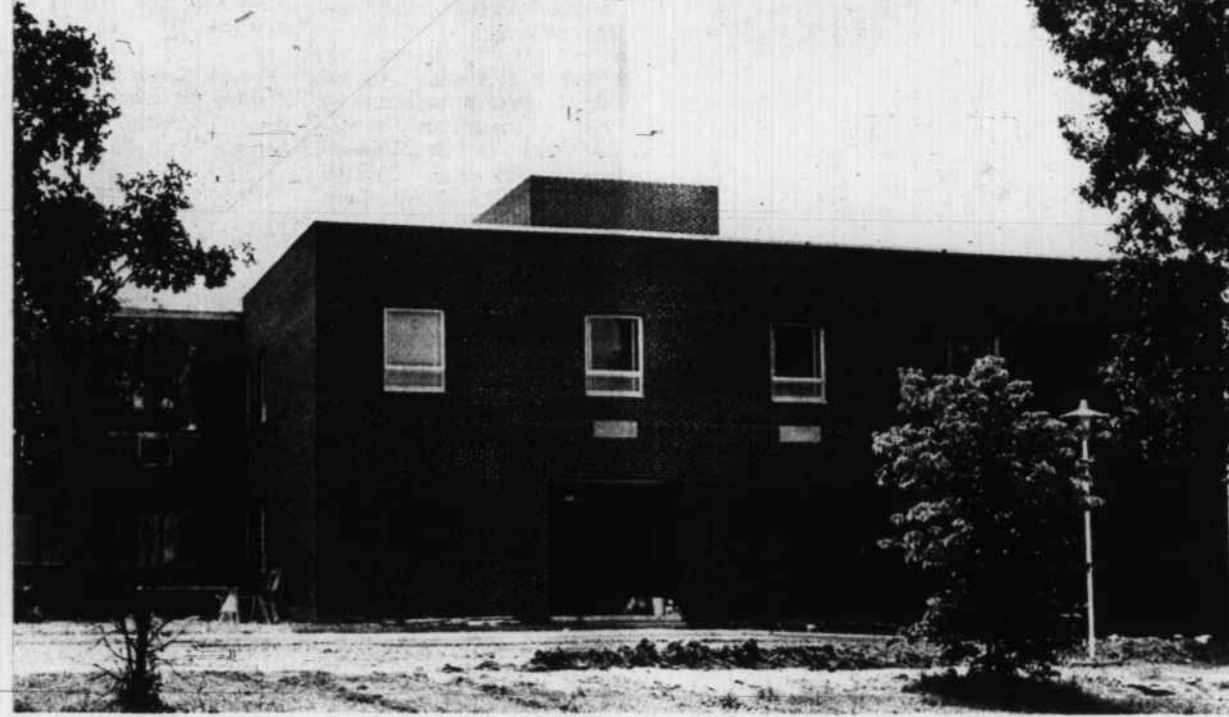
Even before this monumental improvement effort is finished, plans are already being made for future development. The new wing is designed and built to accommodate two additional floors which will contain sixty additional beds, with the same floor arrangements as that used in the present expansion. Plans for the next stage include an additional operating room and other enlargement of the operating department. An intensive care room, an OB delivery room and labor rooms are also included in thoughts of the future.

\$600,000 Grant Announced

The anti-poverty organization in Franklin, Vance, and Warren counties has been given nearly \$600,000 for 1967-68 operations.

The Office of Economic Opportunity announced the grant Wednesday. It will go to Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunities, Inc.

The organization will operate neighborhood centers and a preschool Headstart training program for 360 youngsters.



New Wing About Ready

Final in a three-part series by Clint Fuller Times Managing Editor

facilities are designed to take care of additional emergency facilities, heating and air conditioning units and enlarged administrative spaces should the need arise.

Plans are progressing in the area of additional medical staff personnel and all are designed to eliminate the need for tearing-out of present structures as was necessary in this most recent renovation.

Now that the dream which prodded hospital officials to move to this point and which brought overwhelming support from the people is about to be culminated, what part do the people play in the overall operation of the hospital? What part will the people have in the future of the facility?

The institution has grown and prospered in recent years because of dedicated personnel and renewed interest among the people. Public good will is a most necessary commodity in the future success of the hospital.

But, it will come as somewhat of a surprise to most that very little public money is used to support the hospital. True, it is a county building and true, the taxpayers voted bond indebtedness upon themselves to finance part of the new improvements. However, of an annual operating budget (for 1965-66, the latest figures available) of approximately \$525,000 the amount of support from county tax funds amounts to only \$51,823. The latest budget includes a similar amount for the current fiscal year.

Where does the remaining

half million dollars come from? From patients. The hospital is, to this degree, self-sustaining. Income comes from cash patients, insurance, welfare and medicare patients. The average cost per patient day of operating the hospital is \$30.56, a remarkable figure taken in light of today's costs. The average cost per room to the patient is considerably less than that of other hospitals

in the area. This can be attributed to an efficient operation. Almost one of every five (18.9 percent) are welfare patients. In final summary, through the efforts of many people, especially the Board of Trustees, the Administrator, the professional personnel and many others planning intelligently ahead, Franklin County now has medical facilities second to none of its size and far better than most.

Thirty new beds, new laboratory facilities, new pharmacy, emergency room enlargements, new x-ray improvements, better communi-

cations, the new Chapel, more efficient administrative quarters, enlarged kitchen and dining facilities and many other improvements are now ready to serve citizens of this area. Open House, set for July 30, is the target date for final completion. At that time, the public will be given an opportunity to view first-hand, these improvements. The public, might at the same time, wish to express its appreciation to those who have made it possible.

It's comforting to know, such facilities are readily available right here to the benefit of all.

Two Of Trio Draw Fines

Two men, arrested last Saturday by Sheriff William T. Dement and ATU officers at a whiskey still near Youngsville, drew fines totaling \$300 in Recorder's Court here Tuesday. A third has his case not pressed by the state.

William Herbert Perry, Jr., w/m/21 was fined \$100 and costs on charges of possessing material for making whiskey and manufacturing whiskey. James William Smith, w/m/27, was taxed \$200 and costs on similar charges. Robert Royal, c/m, was freed

when similar charges against him were not pressed.

The men were arrested following the discovery by officers of four 800 gallon submarine-type stills near Youngsville.

Other cases heard in Recorder's Court Tuesday were: Charlie Ray Proctor, w/m/32, motor vehicle violation. Not guilty.

Kirby Tharrington, w/m/18, G. S. 20-105. State takes no pros.

Keever Baker, speeding. \$10 See COURT Page 8

Attorneys Meet In Washington

School Suit Trial Date Is Moved Up

Federal Judge Algernon Butler has informed counsel of record in the Franklin County

Board of Education suit that the trial date, originally set for next Wednesday, has been

moved up to Tuesday, July 25, at 10 o'clock.

The move had been requested by Frank E. Scheib, Justice Dept. attorney, in order that he might attend a Federal Bar meeting in San Francisco on Thursday. Scheib has been named Younger Federal Lawyer by the Association. Board attorneys E. F. Yarborough and Charles Davis of Louisville and Irvin Tucker of Raleigh had earlier agreed to the change in date.

Yarborough and Davis flew to Washington Wednesday to meet with St. John Barrett, Assistant Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, Mr. Scheib, chief government attorney in the case, and Francis Kennedy, also a Justice Dept. attorney in the Franklin suit.

Judge Butler's letter called for "all parties to meet prior to the hearing date and undertake good faith negotiations to effect an amicable settlement of this case and tender a consent decree."

No announcement of results of Wednesday's negotiations have been made and a meeting of the Franklin Board is slated for tonight to map plans for next week's hearings.

Judge Butler's letter also stated that "if settlement is

not affected, counsel are directed to prepare proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions, Order and brief in advance of trial." Attorneys are also required to stipulate or be prepared to show the status of pupil, teacher and staff integration in the several schools of Franklin County for each of the last three years.

Earlier Judge Butler had requested that attorneys limit the trial to two days and directed that a Pre-trial Order issued in May by Federal Judge Alexander Harvey, II, of Baltimore, that each side present only five witnesses. Both sides have voluminous testimony taken from witnesses in the drawn-out litigation.

At stake in the case is Franklin's freedom of choice system of desegregation of the schools in the system. Last year some over forty Negro students attended predominantly white schools and faculty integration was accomplished in several schools.

The suit was brought in December of 1965 by eleven Negro parents in the county. The U. S. Department of Justice entered the case in January.

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Budget OK Due Today

The County Commissioners met this morning at 10 a.m. and are expected to give final approval to the 1967-68 budget before adjourning later today. The budget, calling for expenditures of \$1,270,172.60, represents an increase over last year of \$95,342.85.

Barring unexpected changes during today's session, the new budget will necessitate a tax rate of \$1.64, up eight cents over the \$1.56 rate of the 1966-67 fiscal year.

Notice of today's meeting announced action on the budget as its prime purpose but the Board will take up any other business to come before it. No announcement of any other items have been made.

Today's session will be the 18th meeting since the study of a new budget began earlier this year. Although all meetings did not concern the budget itself, the county finances for the new fiscal year have taken most of the Commissioners time and efforts in recent months.

Local Man Among First Americans In Old Jerusalem

The first group of American tourists to be allowed to live in the old city of Jerusalem following the recent Middle East War includes Rev. Cleo Wade Goldston of Louisburg, a student with the Foreign Language League Schools of Salt Lake City, Utah in their Bible Lands Study Program 1967.

The thirty-two students composing the first Americans to enter old Jerusalem, Jordan, now called by the Israeli, East Jerusalem, Israel, had arranged through Mr. Maurice Saad and Mrs. Hope Hilton with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

for special permission to enter the city after the 9:00 p.m. curfew. A military police escort guided their bus to the hotel, which until the previous day had been occupied by Israeli soldiers. Rev. Goldston reports that their hotel is the only one in operation presently in the old city, others remain occupied or were too badly damaged to reopen. Water and electrical connections with the West side of Jerusalem had been completed four days before the group arrived; telephones, however, are still inoperable.

Rev. Goldston is a teacher

and chaplain at Louisburg College and will undertake credited studies in Biblical history and in archeology during the six week program. The group will spend four weeks in the old city of Jerusalem, with additional trips to the countryside, and to Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Rome, Italy. The Rev. Robert Y. O'Brien, Acting Dean of the Theology Dept. at Wheeling College, is the resident professor of studies, to which Biblical authorities have been scheduled to lecture. The group will return from Rome to the United States on August 14.

Franklin County farmers voted 96.8 percent in favor of continued tobacco marketing quotas in Tuesday's referendum, approved by large margins tobacco assessments and cotton promotion. The total vote in the marketing referendum was reported by the local ASCS office as 1,862 for and 70 against.

In the voting on Tobacco Associates, the county growers cast 1,651 for continuation of the programs and 206 against. Fewer cotton growers participated in the Cotton Promotion Association voting, but those who did gave the program 1,317 to 165 approval. The peanut referendum did not apply here.

All ten of the county townships gave an overwhelming vote of approval on the three issues at stake. The marketing quota issue had a high of only 12 negative votes, this coming in Harris township with 164 voting in favor of the issue.

A complete rundown on the voting on marketing quotas by townships follows: Cedar Rock, 188 for, 9 against, total 197; Franklinton, 106 for, 6 against, total 112; Hayesville, 225 for, 5 against, total 230; Youngsville, 145 for, 1 against, total 146; Cypress Creek, 107 for, 9 against, total 116; Gold Mine, 125 for, 7 against, total 132; Louisburg, 306 for, 5 against, total 311; Dunn, 336 for, 8 against, total 344; Harris, 164 for, 12 against, total 176; and Sandy Creek, 160 for, 8 against, total 168.

The county vote fell short of the 3,000 voting in the last referendum, but leaders were pleased at the way the voting went. The county's 96.8 percent fell short of the North Carolina margin of 97.1 percent, but opposition from other states such as occurred in the last voting did not materialize

this time and the issue was strongly decided.

The favorable vote exceeded 90 per cent in each state and in all North Carolina tobacco-growing counties except Rowan and Davidson.

Totals in North Carolina were 107,195 favoring quotas and 3,230 opposing.

The total vote and the favorable percentage in other See REFERENDUMS Page 8

Gordon Takes Over As Superintendent

(Frk. B.W.) Mr. Rossie Beamon Gordon, a native of Franklin County, has become the Superintendent of the Franklin County Schools.

Mr. Gordon is a graduate of Edward Best High School and Wake Forest College, where he received a B. S. degree. In 1954 Supt. Gordon received a Master's Degree in Education and in 1963 he completed the Six Year Graduate Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and met the requirements for the Advanced Superintendent's Certificate.

Teaching experience includes two years as teacher of

Mathematics and Science at Swansboro High School in Onslow County and four years as teacher of Math and Science at Benvenue High School in Nash County.

Since 1942 Mr. Gordon has served as principal of Benvenue High School.

Gordon helped to organize and is a Charter Member of the Benvenue Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C. where he served as chairman of the Board of Deacons, Superintendent of Sunday School and Church Treasurer. He also helped to organize and is a Charter Member of the Benvenue Ruritan Club, served as president for two terms and served on the Board of Directors.

Supt. Gordon is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary professional fraternity for men for the promotion of research, service and leadership in Education. He is a life member of the National Education Association, a member of N. C. Education Association and an active member of the American Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Gordon is married to the former Cornelia Grissom of Courtland, Virginia. They have two adopted daughters, Jane, age 9, and Gwynn, age 6. The girls are the daughters of Mr. Gordon's brother who was killed in an auto accident in 1960.



R. B. GORDON



Gift To Aid Crippled Children

Pictured above, holding a \$200 check donated to aid Crippled Children Hospitals, are, left to right, Bernard Walters, Shrine Treasurer; Joe Tonkel, Chairman of a recent Benefit Show to raise the funds; Nelson Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple, and Herman Spencer, President of the Franklin County Shrine Club. The local organization works to aid crippled children regularly. The latest gift was made this week at a cabin supper here.

Research Tour Here

Franklin County will be host for a Research on Wheels tour on Tuesday, July 25, according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman.

Dean said a tour of an Area Soil Fungicide Test and an Area Variety Test would be held on the farm of H. A. Murphy, Youngsville, N. C., Route 1, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. An Area Nematocide and Preliminary Nematocide Test will be observed on a farm operated by Elmo May, Louisburg, N. C., Route 1, from 10:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

Dean said that all Franklin County tobacco growers and individuals interested in tobacco were invited to attend both of these field events. Over 100 guests from over the state and nation as well as officials from North Carolina State University are expected to attend these events.

The Murphy farm, located between Harris Crossroads on US 401 and Youngsville (Tarboro Road), is where visitors will be able to see 20 tobacco varieties including experimental lines that may be released for 1968 planting plus many fungicides that we are hoping will control Granville Wilt and Black Shank. Also an equipment display and watermelon slicing will be held under the shade of the oaks in the Murphy yard.

At the May farm, located four miles from Louisburg on NC 39 toward Bunn, visitors will observe 85 different plots where every nematocide available on the market plus all that have shown promise in research has been used. "Remember Tuesday, July 25, is a big tobacco day in Franklin County. Don't miss it," Dean concluded.