

Attendance Down As Schools Open

Attendance is off today as schools in the Franklin County system began their first full day.

Franklin County schools opened this morning with attendance down from what had been expected, although somewhat higher than opening day last year. Superintendent Warren Smith reported that 4,762 students reported to the schools this morning. He said 5,855 had been expected based on choice applications filed earlier with the school office.

Of the 4,762 enrolled today, 2330 were Negro students and 249 of these reported to predominantly white schools where they had either exercised a freedom of choice to attend or were assigned, under court order, by the Board. This represents over ten percent Negro enrollment in predominantly white schools as required by Judge Algernon L. Butler, Chief Judge of U. S. Eastern District Court, for opening day.

The Board had assigned slightly over 282 Negro students last week to predominantly white schools to bring the total to over 328 which was the temperment mark based on pre-school applications.

The greatest number of absences today occurred at Riverside School in Louisburg where 802 students showed up out of 1514 expected. At the predominantly white Louisburg High School 730 of 773 expected enrolled.

County Fair To Open Sept. 25

The Franklin County Fair will open on Mon., Sept. 25, for a six day run, to begin its 54th consecutive year of operation.

Reservations are now being taken for booth competition, which is open to all organizations and groups in the county in the classifications listed in the premium list. The management urges all homemakers, gardeners, and farmers to begin now to select prize winning products for exhibit.

A special matinee is planned for Wed. and Sat. of fair week, which are designated as school days and tickets will be distributed through the schools.

On the midway will be the Delmarva Shows with rides and entertainment for the whole family. As a special feature this year--The Golden Boy on the highwire will entertain you nightly with his famous and death-defying highwire routines without the aid of any balancing device or net.

Professor Entertains Louisburg Lions

Al Wright, Professor of English at Louisburg College, entertained the local Lions at the Murphy House Tuesday evening.

Professor Wright, while playing the guitar, beautifully sang "Green-sleeves," followed by two rounds, one each in English and German. The groups participated in both rounds.

Lion President Paul Mullen made two announcements: Lion Avery Cook is a patient at N.C. Eastern Sanatorium in Wilson; also, Lion Mullen urged that the Birthday Calendar Sale be completed within two weeks.

There were five visitors from Louisburg College: Wayne Burris, a former student at Louisburg College and now an instructor of biology at the college; Norman Cooper, a student; Blair Plunkett, and instructor of French and Spanish; Don Richardson, library staff; and Sidney Stafford, director of religious activities as well as an instructor of religion.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy with little change in temperatures today and Friday. Low today, near, 60; high, lower 80's.



Checking The Ticket

Bunn had 766 of an expected 795; Cedar Street had 58 of 76; Edward Best High School (including elementary grades) had 300 of an expected 354. Gethsemane School in Bunn recorded 531 of 689 students expected and Perry's School had 588 of 803. Gold Sand had 324 of the 388 expected and Epsom enrolled 222 of the 258 assigned there. Youngsville Elementary registered 102 of the 156 due to report and Youngsville High School

had 339 of the 355 students assigned there.

Meters To Be Checked

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington announced today that beginning next Wednesday, parking meters in Louisburg will be checked by local officers.

The meters are not checked on Wednesday afternoons during the summer

All teachers reported for duty, including those who appealed to the Board

months when many of the downtown businesses are closed.

Starting Wednesday afternoon, September 13, overtime parking will bring a ticket and the subsequent \$1 fine, according to Tharrington.

last Monday night against their being assigned across racial lines. The Board after several hours of deliberations, denied all appeals and ordered the teachers to report to the schools where they had been assigned.

The court order, issued August 18, required that the Board assign at least two Negro teachers to each predominantly white school and two white teachers to Negro schools.

Today's opening day count exceeds

the 4,583 on opening day last year but falls short of the 5,351 showing up on opening day in 1965. In 1964, 4,990 enrolled on opening day.

Schools close today at 1 p.m., operating on short schedule due to the late tobacco harvest. Opening was delayed one week when the court order was issued, in order to give the Board some time to work out the requirements. The short schedule will continue through next week in the county system.

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Opening Sale

Congestion Is Rule As Tobacco Market Opens

The Louisburg Tobacco Market opened here this morning with a full scale congestion of people, tobacco, trucks and cars. Usual opening day confusion and excitement reigned as the chant of the auctioneer was heard first at Ford's Warehouse, where first sale was still in progress just before noon.

William Boone, Sales Supervisor, remarked briefly that he could not say just when he might have a report of today's sales. Prices were generally pleasing to most growers, but some complained. Middle of the stalk leaf was not selling as high as some thought it should, while lower leaves were doing alright, according to some observers.

All local warehouses were filled for today's sales and some report book-

ings well into the next couple of weeks. Big Franklin Warehouse on Bickett Blvd. is slated for second sale today and The Friendly Four Warehouse on Main Street has third sale. It is expected that the sales day will last well into the night before final figures are available.

Key personnel of all three houses were back today. Ford's is operated

by Charles E. Ford with E. M. (Buck) Sykes and Harris Turner assisting. Big Franklin is operated by Sterling and Bryant Cottrell with Arch Wilson and others among the personnel. Friendly Four is operated by James Speed, Clemon Pearce and "Gus" McGhee.

A host of tobacco company personnel were here for the opening as well

as out-of-town newspaper reporters and photographers.

The Middle Belt is the only belt operating this week as all others are observing a holiday to aid in relieving congestion in redrying plants. The Louisburg Market will operate on a four-day basis next week as all belts resume sales.

Flue-Cured Crop 7.5 Per Cent Greater

Total flue-cured tobacco production for sale in North Carolina is forecast at 818,500,000 pounds, or 7.5 percent above the 761 million pounds sold last year, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The expected average flue-cured yield for all types computes to 1,999 pounds, 69 pounds above the 1,930 pounds produced in 1966 when flue-cured yields were reduced by droughty conditions during July. Good stands were obtained early in the season and soil moisture was mostly ample to excessive to August 1.

Acreeage, yield, and production fore-

cast for North Carolina by types as compared with 1966 are as follows:

Type II -- (Middle and Old Belts): Production 300,200,000 pounds from 158,000 acres with a yield of 1,900 pounds. The 1966 production was 276, 120,000 pounds on 156,000 acres yielding an average of 1,770 pounds.

Type 12 -- (Eastern or New Bright Belt): Production 403,850,000 pounds on 197,000 acres with a yield of 2,050 pounds. In 1966 a production of 394,020 000 pounds was harvested from 199,000 acres with a yield of 1,980 pounds.

Type 13 -- (Border Belt): Production of 114,450,000 pounds on 54,500 acres

yielding 2,100 pounds as against a 1966 production of 91,080,000 pounds on 49,500 acres with a yield of 1,840 pounds.

Type 31 -- (Burley Tobacco): The burley crop is not as good as last year's. Production estimated at 17,380,000 pounds is expected to be harvested from 7,900 acres with yield indicated at 2,200 pounds per acre. Last year 18,328,000 pounds were harvested from 7,900 acres with a yield of 2,320 pounds per acre.

United States
The National flue-cured estimate is for a production of 1,257,123,000 pounds to be sold for an increase of 13.5 percent from the 1,108,074,000 pounds sold last year.

Completes Projects

RALEIGH--The State Highway Commission completed work on more than 8.48 miles of roads in the Fifth Division during the month of August, according to Commissioner J. B. Brame and Division Engineer M. T. Adkins. Work was completed in Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties.

In Franklin: 2.4 miles of grade, drain and stabilized was improved to SR-1222 (Will Mitchiner Road) from NC-56 to SR-1003; 2.4 miles of grade, drain and stabilized was improved to SR-1110 (Cottrell Road) from SR-1109 to NC-39.

In Vance County: 3.04 miles of base, paving and erosion control was improved to SR-1335 (Burnside Road) from SR-1329 to SR-1303.

In Warren County: 0.64 mile of grade, drain, and stabilized was improved to SR-1360 (Kidd Road) from bridge, west to SR-1361.

Fountain Named In Gubernatorial Speculation

Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain is figuring in speculation this week, of who, if anyone, might contest Lt. Gov. Bob Scott for the Democratic nominee for Governor in 1968.

The Tarboro native, who represents Franklin County among others in Congress, was quoted by Roy Parker, Jr., writer for the Raleigh News and Observer this morning as saying, "As of now, I have no other plans than to run for re-election to Congress" in 1968.

The Chapel Hill Weekly commented in yesterday's issue that the popular law-maker is being mentioned and implied that he is the chosen representative of the Lake forces among the Democrats. The Weekly also

Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of during a session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, September 5th:

Percy Boyd Eaton, n/m/40, operating auto intoxicated; failing to decrease speed to avoid collision. 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs.

Florence Clark, w/m, common nuisance. State takes Nol Pros with leave.

Garland F. Green, w/m, non support. Order for dismissal allowed by Court.

speculated on Congressman James Gardner's plans in the event Representative Fountain should choose to run for Governor.

However, based on Mr. Fountain's comments it is deemed unlikely that he is giving serious thought to running for Governor.

"Anyone would be pleased by such suggestions", he is quoted as saying, "However, my immediate plans are to concentrate on my Congressional responsibilities which will be unusually heavy in coming weeks."

This most recent speculation came following a closed-door conference of top Democratic party officials in Raleigh Tuesday. The meeting reportedly was called to discuss the growing threat of Republicans in the state.

Haywood Harris, non support. Court orders case dismissed.

Melvin Richardson, non support. Court orders case dismissed.

George Montague, Jr., n/m, speeding. \$5.00 fine and costs.

James Farman Matthews, w/m/23, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

John Clifford Joyner, II, w/m/18, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

John Edward Williams, n/m/21, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Sam Junius Spencer, n/m/49, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Danny Neal, n/m/22, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

Thomas Clifton Finch, w/m/18, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

James William Watson, n/m/39, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

James Mills Wiggins, w/m/29, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

James Edward Hilliard, n/m/45, no operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Larry Frederick Leonard, w/m/21, falling to drive on right half of highway; driving while license suspended. \$200.00 fine and costs.

C. S. Ray, w/m/43, assault on female. \$50.00 fine and costs.

Moses Glaties LeMay, w/m/57, falling to see before starting such movement could be made in safety; hit and run. 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$75.00 fine and costs.

Jesse Ed Preddy, Jr., w/m/17, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs. License to be held by C. S. C. for two months.

Cornelia Lynn Langley, w/i, speeding. Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.



Buyers Rest At End Of Row

Board OKs Bond Application

The County Commissioners, meeting here Tuesday, authorized the publication of a notice of intention to apply to the Local Government Commission for approval of the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds for courthouse improvements. The issuance of such bonds will be subject to a vote of the people.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Alex T. Wood, Register of Deeds, as Clerk to the Board, a post he has held for a number of years. Wood, in his letter of resignation, gave added duties in the Deeds office as his reason. However, local observers have noted a growing breach between the popular Register and the Board in past months. Neither Wood nor members of the Board have made any comments on this.

His resignation was accepted "with regrets," according to a reliable source.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Inez W. Foster as Home Extension Agent. She is reportedly accepting a position in Iredell County.

In other actions, the Board approved the audit by Lonnie R. Shuping, local CPA of the Register of Deeds office and awarded the next year's audit again to Shuping. Two members of the Mental Health Program from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill appeared before the Board to discuss the local program.

The Board, also ordered Allen Oil Co. of Louisburg to install a new boiler at the county jail at a cost of \$1,126.51. This, while ordered, was not recorded by motion in the minutes of the meeting. Also discussed, but according to reliable reports not ordered, was a boiler for the courthouse which was bid at \$3,748.38 by the same firm.

The Board scheduled another meeting for Thursday night at 8 P.M. to make the final tax settlement in order to turn the tax books over to the tax collector on 1966-67 taxes. The Board, according to reports, is also scheduled to meet again on Monday, September 18. The nature of this meeting was not disclosed.

Burley production is forecast at 547,795,000 pounds -- 6.6 percent below the 1966 crop of 586,672,000 pounds.