

**WEATHER**

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## Board Sets School Closing, Oct. 13 Holiday

The County Board of Education, meeting in regular session here Monday, set next June 5 as the last day of school. This represents one of the latest closing dates in recent years in the county system. The delay, is due in part to the loss of four days of school at the beginning of the year.

The Board approved Friday, October 13, as a holiday in order that teachers in predominantly white schools might attend the annual NCEA meeting in Raleigh. All predominantly white schools in the county system will be closed on that day. Teachers who belong to the predominantly Negro NTEA will attend that organization's

meeting in the Spring, it was announced.

No holidays were knocked out of the original schedule, although the possibility looms that, should inclement weather cause further loss days, some of the Easter holidays could be affected. As the schedule now stands, April 10, 11, 12 and 15 will be observed as Spring or Easter Holidays. Also included in the schedule is December 21 through January 1 as Christmas holidays. Two days will also be given for Thanksgiving.

Board chairman Horace Baker, members W. T. Boone and J. A. Winston were named delegates to the N. C. State School Board Delegate Assembly at Chapel Hill on October 26.

A lengthy discussion was held on school cafeterias during the session with no actions taken. A study is to be made of sales in schools which conflict with the lunchroom program, however.

Superintendent Warren Smith reported to the Board that as of September 20, there were 5,802 children enrolled in the county schools. It was also reported that of the 3,236 Negro students enrolled, slightly over ten percent were in predominantly white schools as directed by the U. S. Eastern District Court in a ruling last August.

Enrollment figures also show that the Bunn School leads in enrollment among the predominantly white schools with Louisburg High School close behind. Bunn reports 778 students while Louisburg has 771. Riverside is the largest Negro school with an enrollment of 1,307 as of September 20

## Firemen's Letter Ignored

The Board of County Commissioners ignored a letter from the Franklin County Firemen's Association calling for reinstatement of the County Electrical Inspection Program, in Monday's session here.

The letter, dated September 28, and reportedly delivered by hand to Chairman E. M. Sykes, was not presented to the Board in the regular session.

The document, entitled "A Resolution of the Franklin County Firemen's Association Petitioning the Honorable Members of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to Reinstate the Program of County Electrical Inspection" stated, the Association "believes that there is a need for all new electrical installations in buildings located in the corporate limits and outside the corporate limits be inspected and a certificate of inspection be issued".

The letter stated that it is the "unanimous" opinion of the members that the program should be reinstated "as a safety measure in reducing future fire hazards."

In closing, the request was again made that the program be reinstated. The Board killed the program earlier when several citizens complained of the lack of service.

## Promotion To Start

The Louisburg Business Association will launch its annual fall sales promotion Thursday, with bargains reported to be well distributed around town. Mrs. Juanita Pleasants, Executive Secretary of the Association, said last week that the event is slated to be one of the biggest of its kind ever staged here.

A \$50 cash prize is being offered by the Association members this year and customers are urged to register with each visit in any of the participating businesses. The drawing for the winner will be held Monday, October 9, and the lucky shopper will be notified.

## Rites Held For Col. Sturges

Funeral services for Conrad Boyd Sturges, 66, of Henderson were conducted Monday at noon from the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church. Burial followed in National Cemetery in Raleigh. Col. Sturges died Friday following a lengthy illness.

He had a military record of many years, and following retirement Aug. 1, 1959, was named executive secretary of the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, which office he held at the time of his death.

He was born in Henderson June 11, 1901, son of the late W. K. and Ella Belle Boyd Sturges. He was a member of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church and of the Henderson Rotary Club.

Survivors are his wife, the former Louise Allen of Louisburg; a son, Conrad B. Sturges, Jr., of Taylorsville, and a daughter, Mrs. W. T. Chestham, Jr., of Statesville; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. H. B. Bryan of Oxford; and two brothers, W. K. Sturges of Henderson and Charles Sturges of Chicago.

Col. Sturges joined the North Carolina National Guard in January, 1921, and was inducted into Federal service Sept. 16, 1940, and served in all commissioned grades from second lieutenant to colonel. He commanded a tank destroyer battalion in the Third

## Youths To Get Hearing

Four Negro youths arrested last week and a fifth picked up last Friday, will face preliminary hearings today in Recorder's Court here, in charges of assault against five Louisburg College students.

Arrested last week were, Lymuel Rodwell, 20, William E. Clifton, 19, Hannibal Shearin, 25, and Jimmy Alston, 19. Roy Lee Dale, 23, of Rt. 3 Louisburg was arrested Friday. All are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflicting bodily injury not resulting in death. The five students were, reportedly walking along Wade Avenue here on 11 P.M. when a truck carrying six to eight Negro youths stopped. The Negroes jumped out of the truck and began to assault the white youths, according to reports.

Bill Carpenter, 18, of Hendersonville, N. C. received an 8-inch gash and a 2-inch gash on the head plus an inch and a half gash on the arm. With Carpenter, when the attack occurred were: Jeb Koury, 19, of Sanford, Bruce Chandler, 19, of Wilmington, Delaware, Danny Taylor, 17, of Milford, Delaware and Pat Radford, 18, of Chesapeake, Virginia.

The report of the arrests was made by Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington who was aided in the investigation by SBI agent, Billy Crocker. The hearings today are slated before Judge E. C. Bulluck.

Army in France in World War II, and participated in all major campaigns in Europe.

After World War II, he served as senior Army advisor and chief of the military district of North Carolina, as post commander and chief of staff of the Southwest Command in Japan for four years, and as inspector general at Fort Jackson, S. C., until his retirement.

His decorations included the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service; the French Croix de Guerra with gold star, and the European and other campaign medals.

He was honored by the North Carolina National Guard by promotion to brigadier-general and by presentation of the North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal.

He returned to his home in Henderson upon retirement and soon thereafter affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce.

Active pallbearers were: W. Sturges Bryan of Oxford; Felix H. Allen, Jr., Louis H. Wheless, Jr., and William C. Perry, all of Louisburg; Robert (Bobby) Blaylock of Warrenton; H. John Hatcher, Jr., of Mocksville; Harry C. James, Burlington, and Robert A. Parker of Wilmington.

# Negro Parents File Notice To Intervene In Franklin School Case

Eleven Negro parents, representing 55 students, filed Notice of Intervention in U. S. Eastern District Court in Raleigh Monday afternoon. The parents seek, through their attorney, to intervene in the Franklin County School suit.

The parents claim that the original Negro plaintiffs did not represent them in the action brought by the NAACP and the U. S. Justice Department

against the Board of Education. The action resulted in a ruling last August by Judge Algernon Butler requiring the School Board to assign ten percent of the Negro school population to predominantly white schools. The intervenors are opposing this assignment of their children to schools which they did not choose under the freedom of choice plan in existence last Spring when choices were made.

Seeking to become intervenors in the case through Henderson attorney Linwood T. Peoples, the eleven parents claim, "That the plaintiffs do not represent the interests of the defendant-intervenor, but that orders of the Court have adversely affected this interest and rights of the defendants-intervenor."

The action also declares, "That in the Spring of 1967, the defendants-intervenor under the Freedom of Choice plan administered by the Franklin County Board of Education freely chose to attend predominantly Negro schools in Franklin County and this choice was made without threat or intimidation from any source and without fear on the part of the defendants-intervenor. That these defendants-intervenor still desire to attend the schools that they freely chose to attend in the Spring of 1967."

The Board of Education assigned 282 Negro children to predominantly white schools last month in compliance with the Court order. The 55 children mentioned in the action filed Monday were among those so assigned.

The intervenors say they are "informed and believe that the freedom of choice plan administered by the Franklin County Board of Education was approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and as to these defendants-intervenor, they allege that the freedom of choice plan is constitutional."

The defendants-intervenor also claim that they will "suffer irreparable injury unless they are allowed to intervene to defend themselves in this action."

In the original complaint, Rev. Luther Coppedge and ten other Negro parents claimed to represent "other parents similarly situated." The latest action in the two-year old suit brings out a discount to this claim.

In a separate action, filed Monday and entitled "Answer to Complaint", the eleven parents seeking to become intervenors on the side of the County Board of Education state: "It is admitted that the plaintiffs (original eleven parents filing the suit) . . . are plaintiffs herein but it is specifically denied that the defendants-intervenor are similarly situated and affected by the policy custom, practice and usage complained of in plaintiff's complaint. That the intervenors have never been contacted concerning this matter; that the defendants-intervenor are not members of the class on behalf of whom the plaintiffs bring the action; that the rights of the defendants-intervenor are not common to the plaintiffs herein; that defendants-intervenor do not seek the same relief as the plaintiffs and that plaintiffs do not freely and adequately represent the interest of the defendants-intervenor."

The Board of Education recently denied the request of the parents of the 55 children to have their children re-assigned to schools previously attended. The reason stated in the denial was that the Board was complying with the orders of the federal court.

A petition to stay the ruling was denied by Judge Butler last month and the School Board was given until next April 1 or thirty days following an appeal decision before the Fourth Circuit Court in Richmond, to file a plan other than freedom of choice with the court.

The parents filing Monday's action have asked the Court for immediate permission to intervene.



Harvest Time In Franklin County

The pretty little miss pictured above, enjoying the breathtaking fall harvest scene, is Martha Jane Powell, 3 1/2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Powell, 140 N. Berry Hill Road, Rocky Mount. The Powell's, traveling along U. S. 64 near Pilot in Franklin County, had stopped to view the above

scene and others in the yard of the E. L. Tant's, Rt. 2, Zebulon. The scene very adequately pictures the harvest season and is appropriate today as the Louisburg Business Association announces its annual fall sales promotion.

## Superior Court Ends Here

The second week of Superior Court held here, which dealt with the Criminal docket, was concluded last Friday, with Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood presiding. Cases disposed of are as follows: George Wayne Johnson, manslaughter. Jury verdict of guilty of involuntary manslaughter and finds that the defendant is a youthful offender; therefore under the provisions of General Statutes 148-494, the defendant is placed in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for treatment and supervision for a maximum term of three years or until conditionally released

or unconditionally discharged by the Board of Paroles as provided by law. William Henry Harris, murder. Defendant enters plea of guilty of involuntary manslaughter which plea is accepted by the State and the Court. Defendant to be committed to the State Department of Correction to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for a minimum period of not less than five years and a maximum of not more than ten. It is further ordered that the gun involved in this case be destroyed by the Sheriff of Franklin County.

Ernest Newell Ayscue, breaking and entering; larceny, attempting to break and enter. Pleads guilty to the charges of breaking and entering; larceny; and enters a plea of nolo contendere to the charge of attempting to break and enter. The Court orders that the defendant be committed to the State Department of Correction to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for a minimum period of not less than five years nor a maximum of not more than seven.

Marion B. Jeffreys, III, larceny of automobile; breaking and entering; larceny; breaking and entering and larceny; larceny of automobile. Pleads guilty to both cases of larceny of automobile and breaking and entering. Upon recommendation of the Solicitor, the State takes a nol pros with leave to

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## Loans Now Available

Advance Price-Support Loans are available now at the Franklin County ASCS Office on the 1967 crop of flue-cured tobacco stored on farms in our county. These loans will enable farmers to get immediate cash and hold tobacco on their farms for later marketing when congestion has lessened.

Here is how the loan program works: Visit the Franklin ASCS Office at 307 East Nash Street, Louisburg, N.C.; or call 496-3121 to apply for a loan. Office personnel will obtain appropriate information.

An ASC Committeeman will visit the farm, explain the program to the grower, and inspect the tobacco for quality, and make an estimate of the total poundage.

If the tobacco is of average quality or better, and the farmer has complied with his acreage allotment, the grower may receive 45¢ per pound on the portion of his tobacco which has not been marketed, up to 110%

of his marketing quota. Any grower in Franklin County who obtains a loan during the 95-hour period of marketing untied tobacco for the Middle Belt may sell the tobacco under loan in the untied form with price support on any belt, even after untied sales have ended for that belt.

A grower may not obtain a loan on tobacco on which a lien is held, unless the lienholder waives his prior rights.

Loans must be repaid by December 15, 1967 or the tobacco under loan will have to be delivered to a receiving station for a full price support loan from Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation.

The interest rate for these loans is 3 1/2 %, and there is a \$4.00 service fee for each loan. Visit or call the ASCS Office for more information.

## Board Orders Election

The Board of County Commissioners, after an aborted start Monday morning, reopened their meeting at 2:30 P. M. Monday afternoon and proceeded to set in motion the legal documents necessary to calling the \$200,000 Courthouse Bond vote.

Commissioners Norwood Faulkner, George Harris and E. M. Sykes showed up for the announced 10 A. M. session, but all had other business and in the absence of the two other members, adjourned until Monday afternoon. Commissioner Richard Cash was present for that session. Commissioner Brooks Young was absent.

Polling places and precinct Regis-

trars and Judges were announced for the November 25 voting on the issue of renovating the present courthouse facility. They are as follows:

Dunn--Bunn School; Registrar, Howard Tait; Judges, Willard White, Bennie Williams.

Dunn #2--Pearces Church; C. E. Pearce, Sr., Registrar; Judges, O. B. Perry, H. K. Baker.

Harris--Hagwood Store; B. T. Bunn, Registrar; Judges, Robert Ward, D. M. Pearce.

Youngsville--Town Hall, Mrs. E. J. (Estelle) Pearce, Registrar, Judges,

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