

WEATHER

Partly cloudy today through Wednesday. A little warmer tonight. Low today, 25; high, lower 50's.

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Dr. Stone To Kick Off Campaign At Epsom

Dr. Raymond A. Stone, candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction will launch his campaign on Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 at the Epsom School in Franklin County.

Dr. Stone is a native of the Epsom Community located on the Vance, Franklin, and Warren County lines and attended school there for 9 years. Granville County friends will join supporters from Vance, Franklin and Warren in the four county rally.

Ople L. Frazier, Jr., member of the Henderson City Council and school mate of Dr. Stone, is general chairman for the event.

The rally will feature entertainment, recognition of the teachers who taught Dr. Stone, and a brief address by the candidate himself. A social hour will follow the rally to give those attending an opportunity to meet and renew their acquaintance with Dr. Stone.

Dr. Stone is well known in Granville, Vance, Franklin and Warren Counties where a large number of his relatives and friends live.

Dr. Stone pointed out that all friends

are invited to participate in the kick-off campaign rally. A large crowd is anticipated.

The Southern Pines Democrat announced his decision to run and paid the \$200 filing fee at the State Board of Elections office in Raleigh on January 8. He entered the campaign when Dr. Charles Carroll, incumbent State Superintendent of Public Instruction, disclosed that he will not seek reelection in 1968 to a new term.

When he announced his candidacy, Dr. Stone told newsmen the most serious problem facing public schools in North Carolina is money, and he suggested that local sales taxes similar to a one per cent levy recently approved in Mecklenburg county "has significant implications" for education.

He added he is confident that if people on the local level are made aware of their school's problems, they will help support public education. Stone also criticized the structure of the State education administration for having an elected superintendent and a policy-making board appointed by the governor.

Franklin School Suit In Hands Of Appeals Court Following Hearing

Attorneys for the Franklin County Board of Education, the NAACP and the U.S. Department of Justice presented limited arguments Monday before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond. The Board appealed the ruling last August 17 by U. S. Eastern District Judge Algernon Butler in the two-year old case involving desegregation of Franklin County schools.

Judge Butler knocked down the county's freedom-of-choice plan and ordered ten percent of the Negro school population be transferred to predominantly white schools. More integration of faculty was also ordered and the Court ordered the Board to present a plan aimed toward a unitary school system.

Each side was allowed thirty minutes before the seven-member tribunal Monday with the case being heard at noon. Attorneys E. F. Yarborough of Louisburg and Irvin Tucker, Jr. of Raleigh presented the arguments for the Board. U. S. Department of Justice attorney Frank E. Schwebel presented the government's case and J. Lavonne Chambers of Charlotte spoke for the NAACP. Louisburg attorney Charles Davis assisted Yarborough and Tucker and Francis Kennedy attorney for the U. S. Office of Education assisted Schwebel and Chambers.

Henderson attorney Linwood Peoples, spoke on behalf of a group of Franklin Negro parents who contend that their constitutional rights were violated when the Board of Education, in compliance with the Court order, assigned their children to schools not of their choosing. Peoples shared the thirty minutes allotted to the defendants.

Others attending the hearing included Louisburg attorneys W. M. Jolly, a law partner of Yarborough's, W. H. Taylor and Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith. Also in attendance were members of the Franklin County Board of Education, Horace Baker, Clint Fuller, Lloyd West, Jones Winston and William T. Boone. Mrs. Peoples, wife of the attorney, also attended the hearing.

The brief hearing allowed time only for attorneys to review some of the major contentions in their cases, with Board attorneys arguing that the Board of Education had acted in good faith and had complied with court orders. Plaintiff attorneys contended that Franklin's free choice plan had not resulted in substantial desegregation of the schools. They also spoke of disparities and community hostility.

Both sides filed lengthy briefs several weeks ago and questions were posed by the Judges. The Court asked questions on bus transportation, and one jurist asked for an explanation of why

the number of requests to attend a predominantly white school by Negroes had diminished over the past two years.

Judge Braxton Craven of Morganton, N. C. commented to Board attorneys that it seemed Judge Butler gave Franklin County an apple first and when this did not work, he gave Franklin castor

oil. His reference was to the orders handed down by the Clinton, N. C. jurist in the case in July, 1966 and August 1967.

Another Judge questioned Mr. Tucker on shootings and dynamiting of homes as referred to by Mr. Schwebel. Both sides cited ruling by the Fourth Cir-

cuit and other Courts in making their points.

There were no indications as to when the Court will make its ruling, but members of the Board have set a special meeting for Wednesday night to discuss what actions, if needed, are to be taken in light of Monday's hearing.

Matt Brown Is Junior Rotarian

Matt Brown, a sophomore at Louisburg College, has been selected as Junior Rotarian of the Month by the Louisburg Rotary Club, according to an announcement this week. Brown is the son of Capt. and Mrs. James Brown, Rt. 3, Louisburg. Capt. Brown is a member of the faculty at Louisburg College.

Young Matt, served as Chief Marshal of the graduating class in 1967, as a freshman. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity and is serving as President of his sophomore class. He maintains a B average on all his college work.

Matt, as a son of a retired Naval Captain, has traveled extensively and holds a keen interest in sports and lists antique cars as his favorite hobby. He plans to major in mechanical engineering and hopes to enter John

Hopkins University next year. He spent some time at the institution in Baltimore, Md. during his recent school holidays.

In high school, Matt was fourth in his class, averaging over 95 and gained a scholastic letter in his senior year. He was a member of the French Club and the Science Club and was a class marshal in his 11th year.

The local civic club honors outstanding young men monthly as Junior Rotarians. The program has been in effect for the past several months.



MATT BROWN

Murray Gets Wake Leave

The Wake County Board of Commissioners gave approval Monday to a request for a leave of absence by E. Lee Murray, Wake Treasurer. The former Franklin County accountant had been tentatively granted a leave until his trial on five counts of embezzlement in Franklin County, by Wake manager Garland Jones.

After he was indicted on Monday, Jan. 29, Murray wrote a letter to Wake County Manager Garland Jones requesting a leave of absence until he has been tried. Jones granted the request pending further action by the Wake commissioners.

Jones told the commissioners Monday, "In my opinion, we should allow his request. He has been relieved of all duties, and he will be reconsidered for the position if his name is cleared." Jones pointed out that the bonding company which holds Murray's \$100,000 bond has not taken any action to retract the bond. The earliest possible date for Murray's trial is "some time in May," Jones said.

The commissioners granted the leave of absence by a unanimous vote and named assistant treasurer Mrs. Mary M. Bryant as acting treasurer.

By-Pass Scene Of Five Accidents Saturday

Bickett Boulevard, the Louisburg by-pass, long noted for congested traffic set a new record Saturday with five smash-ups in one day. Fortunately no one was seriously injured and property damage was not extensive. However, the Louisburg Rescue Service might as well have set up shop along the busy stretch.

The first accident occurred shortly after 11 A.M. when Johnny Winston

Shannahan, w/m/18, Rt. 2 Zebulon attempted to make a left turn off Bickett onto Wade Avenue. According to Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington, Shannahan turned into the path of a car being driven by Brantley Edison Jeffries, w/m/17, Rt. 1, Louisburg. There was no report on damage, but Shannahan was charged with failing to yield right of way.

Shortly after 4 P.M. a car driven by

Willie Ben Tabron, c/m/35, Rt. 3, Louisburg struck a pedestrian along the by-pass. Pearl Harris Williams, c/f/40 was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital for x-rays and released. She apparently suffered minor knee injuries. Chief Tharrington ruled the incident an unavoidable accident.

About the same time two cars bumped near the ABC store on the northern end of Bickett with minor damages and the drivers elected to settle. No charges were made in the incident.

Two more crashes took place at about the same time Saturday night around 11 P.M. One, near the Blvd. drive in involved Joe Nathaniel Fogg, n/m/38 who ran into a car being driven by John Parrish, w/m inflicting damage to Parrish's 1967 Plymouth. Fogg was charged with driving under the influence.

The second involved a single car, driven by Jimmy Lee Williams, c/m/16 who struck a traffic island at the Bunn road intersection and knocked over a stop sign. He was charged with driving under the influence.

One Hurt At Franklinton

Saturday Morning around 10 A.M., a Wake County man, identified as Tony Wall suffered head and back injuries when his car reportedly plowed into the rear of a truck two miles south of Franklinton on U. S. 1. According to Franklinton Rescue Service members, Wall's car rolled down an embankment.

He was admitted to Franklin Memorial Hospital where he underwent an operation and was transferred, Monday to Wake Memorial Hospital at Raleigh.



Smith Car

The car in which former Wake County Schools Superintendent Fred A. Smith died Saturday night, is shown above where it came to a stop just off the highway on N.C. 561 near Centerville. A deer, thrown into the Smith car by a 1967

Renault, driven by Norma Garrett, Durham Negro woman, entered through the windshield (arrow) struck Smith and was cut in half, with the front portion of the animal exiting from the left rear window (arrow). Photo by Clint Fuller

First Road Fatality Of Year

Former Wake County School Chief Killed Near Centerville

Fred A. Smith, 58, former Superintendent of Wake County Schools, was killed Saturday afternoon shortly after 5 P.M. in a freak automobile accident three miles east of Centerville. He is the first highway fatality of the year in Franklin County.

Smith, traveling west in a 1963 Buick was meeting a 1967 Renault, reportedly driven by Norma Garrett, 27 year old Durham Negro, when a deer jumped from a wooded area into the path of the Garrett car. The animal was struck and thrown into the windshield

of the Smith vehicle.

Entering the Smith car through the windshield on the driver's side, the deer was cut in half, with the front portion exiting through the left rear window. The animal struck Smith directly in the face.

Centerville Rescue transported Smith to Franklin Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mrs. Garrett, her husband James and an unidentified passenger in the car were not injured. Garrett said his wife's head struck the windshield, but did not require medical attention. Slight damage was done to the left front fender of the Renault. The Smith car was undamaged except for the windshield and the two left glasses. It stopped on the shoulder of the road several yards from the point of impact.

Smith, who was fired from his job as Wake Schools Superintendent in a heated battle with the Wake Board of Education last year, was apparently on his way home from his work as Adult Education Director of the Choanoke Area Development Association, with headquarters in Murfreesboro.

A spokesman for the four-county agency told The Franklin Times Saturday night, "Smith was doing an outstanding job. This is a great personal loss and a great loss to the program".

Attorneys Sworn At Richmond

Four Louisburg attorneys were sworn in at Richmond Monday, and became eligible to practice law before the Fourth Circuit Of Appeals. The ceremonies took place just prior to the hearing on the Franklin County school suit.

Those sworn included W. M. Jolly and W. H. Taylor, who attended the hearings as interested spectators and E. F. Yarborough and Charles M. Davis, attorneys for the Board of Education.

Henderson attorney Linwood T. Peoples was also sworn in and appeared at the hearing representing a group of Franklin clients. All five were presented and recommended to the Court by Irvin Tucker, Jr., Raleigh attorney, also representing the Franklin Board of Education.

He explained that Smith was setting up curriculum for adults with a zero to 8th grade I.Q. and teaching them, hopefully, to reach a vocational education level. Smith maintained a home at Murfreesboro as well as a residence in Zebulon.

Although the accident occurred around 5 P.M., it was thirty minutes later when the Centerville Rescue Service received notice of the mishap. Garrett told The Franklin Times that he and an

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Make Up Days Set

Bids Let On Jr. High Building

The Franklin County Board of Education, returning from a hearing on the Franklin School suit in Richmond, Monday afternoon, held its regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m. in the Education building.

Discussions of the day's hearing before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals was dispensed with as the Board tackled more routine matters of business. A special meeting was set for Wednesday night at 7 p.m. for discussion of the court case.

Bids were awarded for the Louisburg Junior High School building to four low bidders. The total cost of the structure is listed at \$87,342. Bids were awarded to H. S. Lewis and Sons, Raleigh, General Contractor, \$56,141; Carolina Electric Service, Henderson, electrical, \$13,439; Richardson and Skinner Plumbing and Heating Contractors, Wilson, Plumbing, \$8,562 and Henry Baker Heating Company, Wilson, heating, \$7,200.

Funds for the project are subject to approval by the State Board of Education, which has already approved the Board's plan to erect such a building. Work is expected to get underway in the next few weeks and the building is expected to be ready shortly after school opens in the fall. It will include four classrooms, science room, storage and toilet facilities.

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Masons Honored

Newly installed officers of Louisburg Masonic Lodge No. 413 AP & AM were guests of James Harris Wheless, Master, at a steak supper at the Murphy House on Friday night. A meeting was held to outline the plans for the year's work following the supper. FRONT ROW--James Johnson, Secretary; Candler Strickland, Jr. Warden, James Harris Wheless, Worshipful Master; Douglas Gupton, Sr. Warden;

Dean Holton, Sr. Deacon; George Finch, Jr. Deacon; BACK ROW--Perry Beasley, Installing Marshal; Milton Alford, Steward; George Perry, Chaplain; Samuel Ellis Beasley, Steward; Larry Griffin, Tyler; Herman Spencer, Installing Officer. Not present when the picture was made was Robert W. Knott, Treasurer.

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