



"Useless Waste"

Alternate Sites Offered

# Commissioners Refuse To Make Motion In Land Dispute

The Board of County Commissioners, individually polled by named by Chairman Richard Cash here Monday, again refused to make a motion for or against a request by the Board of Education for transfer of title to a 60 by 90 foot tract of land on county hill. The School Board is seeking to have the land put in its name in order to qualify for an \$83,000 federally financed Methods and Material Center.

Horace Baker, Chairman of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith appeared before the Commissioners Monday. Baker read a motion, passed unanimously by his Board last Thursday night renewing the original request made last Monday. The Commissioners failed to act on the School Board appeal after the all-day session last week.

Late Monday afternoon, a letter was delivered to Supt. Smith, signed by Commissioner Cash as Chairman, which stated, "I regret to inform you that the . . . Board of Commissioners is not in a position at this time to grant the request . . ."

The letter stated that the Commissioners were offering "three alternate sites for the proposed material center, each alternate site being adjacent to the present education building . . ." The letter also stated that the Commissioners would "be happy to make any one of the alternate sites available to the Board of Education."

Chairman Cash told The Franklin Times late Monday afternoon that the alternate sites mentioned in the letter were located, (1) at the rear of the present building now occupied by mobile units housing the ESEA department,

(2) a tract of land to run parallel to the property line on the south side of the hill and (3) across the unpaved street behind the present building on the southeast side.

According to reports, members of the Board of Education had already studied these alternate sites prior to last Thursday's decision to renew the original request for the site directly in front of the present building. The Board's architect, Ralph Reeves of Holloway and Reeves of Raleigh, has visited the sites twice and has recommended the front site as being most desirable.

In yesterday's meeting, Baker urged the Commissioners to take some action, explaining that he and Smith were scheduled to appear before the State Review Panel Friday to attempt to gain approval of the project. The federal government has already approved the funds for the building. One of the requirements is that the Board of Education own the land upon which the building is to be erected and another directs that the funds be committed not later than June 30 of this year.

The Commissioners refused to act on the request Monday of last week, first on a premise expounded by Commissioner Norwood Faulkner that the building would "ruin the looks of the hill". Later, members of both Boards were told that Dr. J. B. Wheelless, county Health Director opposed the location because of the Health Department building located next to the Education office. Dr. Wheelless told

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## Unexpected Visitor

Mrs. Pauline Cash Goss, Rt. 2, Creedmoor woman, is shown above, right, following an accident along highway 56, five miles west of Louisburg Saturday morning. Mrs. Goss lost control of her car, ran through a plowed field for about 200 feet and struck a house occupied by the family of Griver Vines. The Creedmoor woman was taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital but was not believed seriously injured. Photo by Clint Fuller.

# Over Two Tons Of Sugar, Meal Destroyed

In Land Of Poverty

Many local citizens are questioning the destruction of 4,260 pounds of sugar by federal agents, at a captured liquor still last week and some are terming it "a useless waste". Agents destroyed the sugar and other valuable items found at a still about six miles southeast of Louisburg in a raid which netted the arrest of six men.

One local observer reported that the material destroyed would have brought about \$3,000 into the county school fund had the federal agents allowed

the items to be sold by local officers as is the practice with materials captured by Franklin officials.

According to reports, the federal agents dumped the sugar and several hundred pounds of meal on the ground. Also destroyed by dynamite were the two 500-gallon stills, the seven-foot vertical boiler, 43 250-gallon boxes of mash, 15 220-gallon barrels of mash, two gasoline pumps, 300 cases of jars and a variety of other items including buckets, shovels, hoes and

tubs, a 1961 pickup truck was confiscated.

Arrested and cited to face federal whisky making charges this week were; C. V. Cooley of Rt. 1, Youngsville; Closs Winstead of Rt. 1, Louisburg; Kenneth Horton of Rt. 1, Louisburg; Woodrow Leonard of Falls of the Neuse; and Dutch and Carl Page of Rougemont. The Pages are father and son.

The installation obviously was brand new and was to be run for the first

time.

Horton said Thursday that he was arrested when he drove the truck down the path to the plant for the first time Thursday morning and that the agents stated they had been watching it since Friday.

Franklin County Sheriff W. T. Dement said he was called to the scene after the raid had taken place but that his department did not participate, nor did any local officers.

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## A Chilly Finger'd Spring

Keats once wrote of a "chilly finger'd Spring" and his phrase can easily be applied to the weather in these parts in recent days. Temperatures dipped here Monday and more of the same this morning has brought forth winter clothing and higher oil bills.

G. O. Kennedy, Louisburg weatherman reported this morning, however, that no record lows have been recorded in the area. He says the 38 degrees experienced back on May 22 was the lowest and remarked that it was "About the low for this time of year".

Kennedy also reported a rainfall measurement Monday morning of nine-tenths of an inch and a reading this morning of .83 for a total of 1.73 inches of rain in the Louisburg area in the past two days. This, according to Kennedy, is the first appreciable rainfall since April 6 when one inch was recorded. He says there has been rain since that time but the recent downpour is the greatest in the past two months.

Meantime, the Raleigh-Durham weatherman says it's going to be cool today and has hesitantly predicted the temperature might reach 70 before nightfall. Ah, Spring, where hath thou gone?

# Mrs. Betsy Pernel Renamed Democratic Party Chairman

Mrs. Betsy Pernel, a member of the Louisburg College faculty, was re-elected Chairman of the Democratic Party in Franklin County Saturday as the organization's biennial convention was held here.

Mrs. Pernel was first named party head in the convention in 1966.

Other officers named to the Executive Committee, which is composed of chairman and vice chairmen of the eleven precincts in the county and the head of the Young Democrats and Democratic Women, were C. W. Brown of Franklin, Vice Chairman; Clint Fuller of Louisburg, second Vice Chairman; J. W.

Perry, Jr. of Pearces, third Vice Chairman. Mrs. John Matthews of Louisburg, secretary and A. F. Johnson of Louisburg, treasurer.

County solicitor Charles Davis was named permanent convention chairman and presided over the convention. Phillip O. Redwine, Executive Director of the State Democratic Party was the featured speaker. He told the group, "The Republicans haven't had a new idea in thirty years" and said of the GOP slogan, "Time for a Change", that "the Democratic Party has filled the need for change with progress". He added, "Voting Republican will hurt this State unbelievably".

In speaking of GOP gubernatorial candidate Jim Gardner, Fourth District Congressman, Redwine said, "Don't underestimate this man nor his party. They are willing to sacrifice you and me and all of North Carolina to win".

In closing he referred to his 89-year old grandfather and quoted the man as asking, "Jim, who?"

Local scoutmaster Hoke Steelman led his troop in the presentation of the flag ceremony which opened the convention. Mrs. Agnes Merritt, President of the Democratic Women and Nell Jennings, President of the YDC delivered the welcome to the group. Rev. A. S. Tomlinson, pastor of the

Louisburg Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Seventeen delegates to the State Democratic Convention to be held in Raleigh on Thursday, June 6 were elected along with 17 alternates. Named as delegates were: Nell Jennings, Mrs. B. H. Patterson of Youngsville; Clinton Carlyle of Pilot; Ralph Knott, Sidney Murphy, Tyree Lancaster, Simon Collier, James Alford, Clint Fuller, Mrs. Betsy Pernel, Willard Kearney, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. Hugh Perry, Gerald Wilson, Mrs. Mamie Clayton and C. W. Brown.

The seventeen alternates included: E. F. Griffin, George Fuller, Milton Pearce, Mrs. Agnes Merritt, Mrs. N. A. Brown, A. C. Stallings, Conrad Sturges, James Speed, Charles Davis, Elmer Tant, Mrs. Elmer Tant, Charles Richards, Mrs. Ralph Knott, Elda Ray

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## Gupton Heads Legion Post

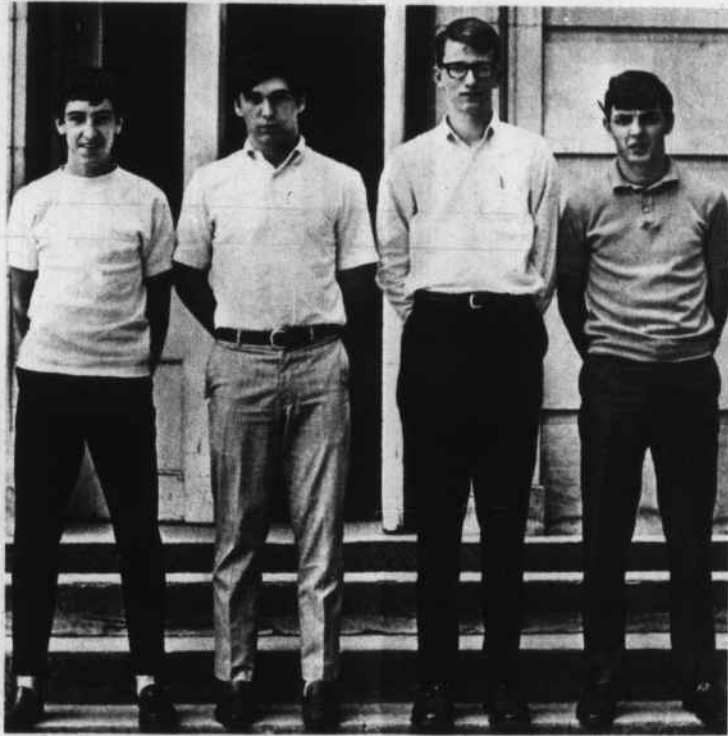
E. C. Gupton, local automobile salesman was named the new Commander of Jambes Post 105, American Legion in ceremonies here last Friday night. Gupton succeeds George Champion who was elected Post Adjutant. Raymond Tonkel was the installing officer.

Other officers named were Clay McBride, First Vice Commander, M. T. Ball, Second Vice Commander, Rev. A. S. Tomlinson, Post Chaplain and E. P. Stalnback, Sergeant at-Arms.

## Historical Meeting

The May meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society will be held Thursday night at 8 P.M. in the community room of the First Citizens Bank Building on Bickett Blvd.

This will be the last regular meeting of the society until September. All members and others interested in county history are urged to attend.



## Boy Staters

Pictured above are four students at Franklinton recently selected to attend Boys' State. Shown, left to right, are: Brooks Bennett, Dennis Carter, Lewis Edwards and Billy Johnson. Photo by Mrs. Bert Whitfield.

# Second Primary Slated For Saturday

Very little interest is being shown locally in the runoff election slated for Saturday. Indeed, many people express surprise when informed that there is to be an election here Saturday.

The only local race is between incumbent County Commissioner Richard Cash and John W. House of Franklinton, runnerup in the three-man contest in the May 4 primary. The only other race is a statewide runoff between Robert Somers and Larry Zimmerman for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator. The winner of this contest will face Democratic Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. in November.

Until the General Assembly made it possible last year for a runoff to be held in races for County Commissioner, none were held here, although many might have been over the years under this law. However, a second primary in a Commissioner race was staged here in 1962 when incumbent Com-

missioner Brooks Young, presently serving on the Board, was successfully challenged by a newcomer to politics at the time, the late Claude Arnold. Young tallied 1712 votes in the initial count and Arnold polled 1711. Through special agreement and proceedings, the two men staged a runoff.

In the second primary, Arnold mustered 1592 votes to Young's 1301 to gain the win. The 1277 votes polled in the first primary by two opponents failed to materialize in June as the vote dropped from a total of 4700 for the four candidates in May to only 2893 for the two in June.

If a precedent was set in that meeting, Mr. House has something going for him in calling for a runoff, although he was nearly 1600 votes behind Cash in the May 4 primary.

There have been only three local runoffs in recent years, although local

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## Four Injured

Scene above shows accident on Bickett Blvd. Monday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock in which four persons were injured. George Champion, Jr. of Jolly Street, Louisburg, Veteran Service Officer, and his five-year-old son, riding in the car at the left, were treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Young Wayne Champion suffered painful face injuries and his father sustained knee and leg injuries. Bertha Hicks, 50, and Jack Hicks, 64, passengers in a car reportedly driven by William Smith were also treated at the local hospital. Smith, charged with driving drunk and without an operator's license, was not injured. According to reports, Smith pulled out of Justice Aven. into the path of the Champion car.

Photo by Clint Fuller.