

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, quite warm and humid today and Wednesday. Chance of widely scattered afternoon or evening thundershowers. Low today, 68; high, upper 80s.

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It would be interesting to hear today's teen-agers tell their children what they had to do without.

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Screening Of Applicants Set

Search Underway For Development Director

J. Harold Talton, Chairman of the Franklin Industrial Development Commission, disclosed this morning that a meeting has been set for the Commission Friday night for the purpose of studying some fifteen applications for the post of Industrial Development Director.

The \$9,600 per year position was vacated the first of the month when W. J. Benton, who had served in the post for the past six years, resigned to accept a similar position in Halifax County.

Talton said that he has personally interviewed "two or three" applicants but indicated that all applicants would be given proper consideration when the Commission meets this week.

"We're going to screen them and go over them," he stated.

He did not estimate when he felt a new Director would be named, but with action expected on the applicants shortly, it is assumed that an appointment will be forthcoming in a relatively short time.

Prior to Benton's departure it was reported that there were one or more prospects for plant locations in the county. Talton traveled to New York recently to work on acquiring industry here. It was not learned what results if any, the northern trip netted.

Benton, meantime has taken up his duties in Halifax County and a note from him, received this morning, says the job is "keeping him busy."

Locals Get District State Party Posts

Franklin County gained representation on District and State Democratic leadership levels in the aftermath of last week's State Party Convention. Mrs. Betsy Pernell, County Party Chairman disclosed today.

Named to the State Executive Committee were Mrs. Coleen Ott and Clint Carlyle. Mrs. Pernell was elected Vice President of the State Convention.

Elected to important District positions were: James Speed and E. F. Griffin, District Congressional Committeemen; A. C. Stallings, Joe Denton, District Judicial Committeemen; Neil Jennings, L. S. Ward, Al Pearce, District Solicitorial Committeemen; and Baxter Harris, District Senatorial Committeeman.

Delegates elected to the National Convention from the Second Congressional District are: Carroll Singleton of Henderson; Sonny Hoyner of Garysburg in Northampton County;

Gardner Rally Tonight

A large number of area Republicans are expected to attend a fund raising dinner and rally for Jim Gardner here tonight. The GOP gubernatorial hopeful is scheduled to speak at Ford's Warehouse following the dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Vance County party leaders and Gardner supporters are expected to join Franklin supporters and some estimates say that as many as 600 are expected to attend.

The Fourth District Congressman was nominated in the May 4 primary by his party as the GOP candidate for Governor. He will oppose Democrat Lt. Gov. Bob Scott. Both camps are already involved in vigorous campaigns.

Gardner opened this portion of his campaign this morning in Roanoke Rapids, spoke in Littleton and visited in Warrenton today. He will complete his day's campaigning here tonight.

Rainfall

The deluge of rain that hit the area Saturday and again Monday afternoon was the greatest in several months according to Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy. The Saturday downpour netted the area 1.01 inches and Monday's storm accounted for an additional .8 of an inch.

This total of 1.9 inches for the two days exceeds the 1.73 inches which fell on May 27-28 this year.

According to Kennedy, both readings exceed the one inch of rain which fell on April 6. That reading was one of the greatest for the year.

Predictions are for more widely scattered thundershowers again this afternoon.

Gay Products Creates New Sales Post

Clearwater, Fla., June 3—Milton Hartley, until recently with the Sheldon Company in Greensboro, N. C., has joined Gay Products, Inc., to fill the newly created position of sales administrator. This was announced today by Kyle W. Smith, Gay Products vice president and sales manager.

Hartley held the position of assistant to Irwin Morgenstern, president of the Sheldon Company, a manufacturer representative firm operating throughout the Southeast. The firm has handled the Gay line of casual aluminum furniture for several years and Hartley comes to Gay Products well recom-

mended and with Morgenstern's approval.

Although Hartley has officially joined Gay at this time, he will spend some time at Gay's Louisburg, N. C., plant observing branch operations and production methods before coming to Florida. Upon arrival in Clearwater he will assume direction of operations within the sales department, involving supervision of the inventory in Gay's three factories (Florida, North Carolina and Texas) and eleven warehouses located in major cities throughout the United States which comprise Gay's "Nation-wide

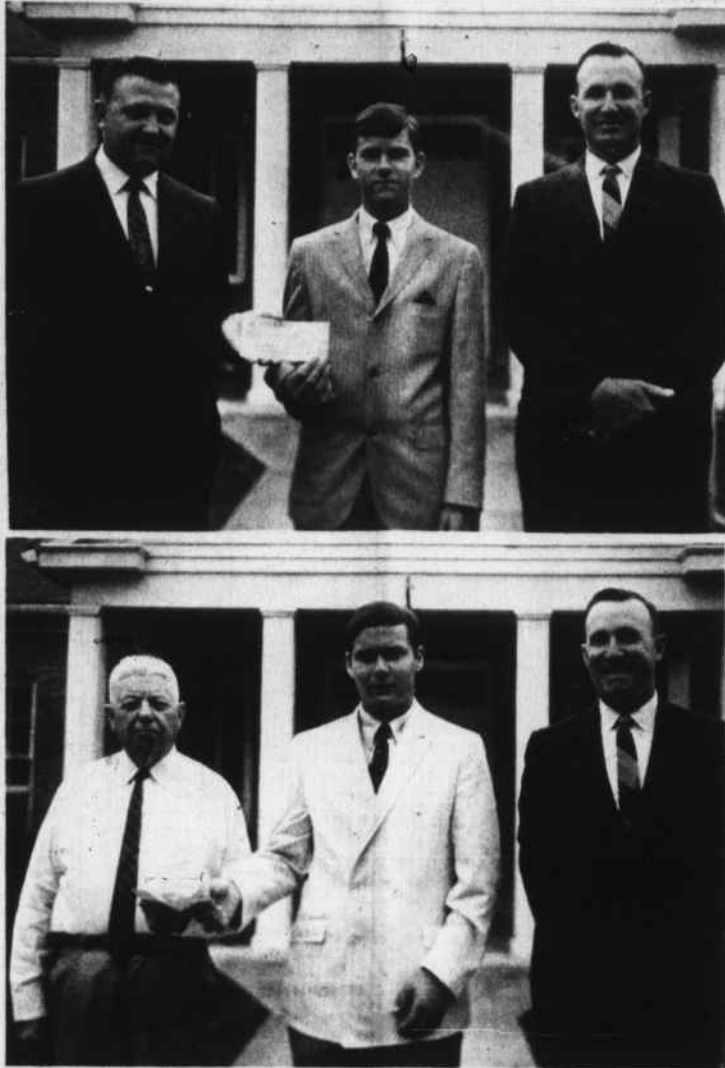
Priority Service" system.

Duties of the new sales administrator position will also include directing, assisting and maintaining liaison with the over 50 Gay representatives throughout the country; coordinating the sales departments of the three branches and assisting in the marketing plans for new additions to the company's adult and juvenile furniture series.

Hartley, a native of Birmingham, Ala., served four years in the U. S. Air Force as a personnel specialist. Upon leaving the service in 1959, he joined Bon Marche Department Stores in Seattle, Wash. He later became toy buyer

for the Paradise Co. based in Atlanta and supervised inventory for all their stores. Prior to joining the Sheldon Co., he was senior toy buyer for the Leitzey Co. of Columbia, S. C., and also managed their inventory in six warehouses located in the Southeast and Southwest.

Gay Products, Inc., with corporate offices and one of its plants in Clearwater, Fla., is one of the nation's largest manufacturers of casual lawn and patio aluminum furniture. It markets nationally under the Gayline and Gayline, Jr., labels.



Workshop Participants

Photos above show participants in the Resources Conservation Workshop. Top left to right, Alvin Hamlet, Sales Supervisor for Stallings Milling Co., who presented a check to Tommy May, center, to cover expenses of the workshop, and at right, Bennie Ray Gupton, Chairman of local supervisors. Bottom photo shows, J. P. Timberlake of Franklin Milling Co., left, who presented an expense check to Jimmy Boone, center, and at right, Gupton.

Photos by Wilton Smith.

School Troubles Started In 1962

By Clint Fuller

Note: On June 20, this month, a hearing has been slated on the plan to do away with the dual school system in Franklin County as ordered by the federal courts. This series recounts the many incidents and the series of court actions leading up to this month's hearing.

In an article, appearing on these pages on March 4, 1965, entitled "What Next For Franklin County Schools?" it was said, "The most acute crisis coming up is the problem of integrating schools. Franklin County, like so many others through the country and especially in the South, is now faced with this reality."

Prophetically, the time seemingly has come. The Franklin County Board of Education has been ordered to appear for a hearing on a proposed plan of integration on June 20 in federal court in Raleigh. The Board lost its last avenue of appeal last week when the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals denied its petition for a rehearing of the case which began in December, 1965.

A ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court the week before, knocking out freedom of choice in three systems in varying parts of the country, indicates very strongly that any appeal to that body would be futile in the local school case.

Franklin County has a six-year history of struggle in the field of school desegregation dating back to the fall of 1962 when several Negro students applied for admission to what were then, all-white schools. The county system, operating under the N. C. Pearsall Plan ruled that proper application had not been made and thereby denied the applications.

In 1963, as schools opened in September students boycotted the Riverside School in Louisburg and a number of parents marched in front of the Negro school carrying signs complaining of certain discrepancies in the school. The Board of Education and leaders of the NAACP, which sponsored the boycott, quickly resolved their differences and things returned to normal within a few days.

In June, 1964, eight Negro students applied for admission to white schools and these were rejected by the Board for various reasons, including improper applications. In January, 1965 representatives of the School Board attended the first, in what was to become an ever-mounting number of meetings with federal officials for instructions on various plans of desegregation. This initial meeting was staged in Raleigh.

In April of that year, the Board received an inquiry from an NAACP attorney on a petition received by the Board in March, 1964, and signed by a number of county Negroes, requesting the desegregation of the school system. Later in April, the Board appointed Supt. Warren Smith, attorney E. F. Yarborough and Board member Clint Fuller, a committee, to formulate a plan which would meet the requirements of the Office of Education in Washington.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare was by April, 1965, pressing all school systems in the South to comply with guidelines, which were not even issued until much later that year, although State authorities released a suggested guideline in April. Also in April, 1965, four representatives of the School Board flew to Washington attempting to get some idea of what was being required.

The Board finally adopted a plan on May 3 and after several amendments, and a summertime of confusion, agreed to desegregate four grades. Before Washington would grant final approval in late August, the Board was forced to agree to desegregate all grades the following year.

The plan contained a provision for transfer of students from one school to another who were not included in the four grades where a free choice could be made. The provision, called "Lateral Transfer" soon became the focal point of the entire desegregation plan and was to lead to three years in federal courts.

The federal guidelines required that in order for a student to transfer from one school to another, that one of two circumstances must prevail. One, the child must desire a subject not being taught in the school to which he or she was assigned and two, must change residence. The latter was automatic in Franklin County. The first provision had also been a policy of the system

Harris Breaks Tie Vote

Commissioners Again Refuse Land Request

Chairman Richard Cash stepped down, temporarily here last Friday as the Board of County Commissioners held still another meeting to study the budget and offered a motion that the body grant the Board of Education's request for title to a 60' x 90' tract of land on county hill. Commissioner Brooks Young seconded Cash's motion.

Vice Chairman George Harris presided over the vote which ended in a two-two tie, as Commissioners Norwood Faulkner and E. M. Sykes voted against the move. Harris cast his tie-breaking vote against the proposal and the controversy still rages.

Several weeks ago, the School Board requested the Commissioners to transfer title to a plot of land in front of the present Education office on the county hill complex. The Board had received approval of federal funds for an \$83,000 building provided the Board could gain title to the land upon which the building was to be constructed.

The Commissioners have refused to transfer title to the property, which is county owned, but have suggested purchasing adjoining property for the purpose of erecting the Methods and Material Center. The Board of Education has twice sent a formal request to the Commissioners, saying the proposed site is the most desirable and functional.

As matters stand today, the Board of Education has only 19 days remaining if it is to save the building.

Federal requirements demand that the funds be committed for the building not later than June 30. Informed source see this as an impossible task. Reports have it that the School Board is attempting to gain a delay from Washington authorities in order to gain necessary time for working out the land tangle. Thus far, no delay has been granted and chances for such a delay are slim, according to reliable sources.

Meantime, word is expected from the State Board of Education on a request by the Franklin Board of Education for approval of the project. Supt. Warren Smith attended a meeting of the State Review Panel last week to make the request. Without definite word as to the ultimate location and ownership of property for the building, the possibility of State approval is questionable.

In other actions, the Commissioners approved the \$247,484.23 Welfare Department budget for the coming year and restated an earlier position that the Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. agency be the community action group for Franklin County.

There was one other split vote during Friday's meeting. Commissioner Sykes moved to grant Jailer Walter L. Faulkner the sum of \$100 vacation pay. Commissioner Faulkner seconded and Harris voted in favor. Commissioner Young voted against the motion.

County Youths To Attend Conservation Workshop

According to Mr. Bennie Ray Gupton, chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, the Stallings Milling Co. is sending Tommy May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob May of Route 1, Castalia, N. C. and Franklin Milling Co. is sending Jimmy Boone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boone of Route 4, Louisburg, N. C., to a one week Resource Conservation Workshop at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, during the week of June 10-14, 1968. This workshop is being sponsored jointly by the N. C. Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of America, N. C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the N. C. Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

According to Mr. Gupton, those students attending will receive instructions in many phases of conservation and natural resources development including soil and water conservation,

wildlife conservation, forestry, and so forth. In addition, a well rounded recreational program has been planned including swimming, basketball, and other suitable sports at various times.

At the conclusion of the workshop, tests will be given and prizes awarded to those making the highest scores. A two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar scholarship will be awarded, at the banquet, which will be held Thursday night.

Mr. Gupton indicated that this is the fourth year of this workshop and that interest throughout the state is apparently very high based on the present indications of the number of boys expected to participate. He further stated this workshop should serve to create a far greater awareness of the need for proper stewardship of our natural resources.

Both of these boys are rising Juniors at Edward Best School.

Killed In 1958

Glacier Named In Honor Of Franklin Airman

The United States Naval Support Force, Antarctica has announced that the United States Board of Geographic Names has named a glacier in honor of a Franklin County airman, killed in line of duty in 1958.

Glacier Burnette has been so designated in honor of Airman Second Class Robert L. Burnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton B. Burnette of Rt. 2, Louisburg, near Wood.

Airman Burnette lost his life on October 15, 1958 when the C-124

Globemaster transport plane in which he was flying crashed while en route from Christchurch to McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. The craft crashed into a hill while attempting an air drop to an outpost near the South Pole, according to reports at the time.

Five others died in the accident and seven were rescued and survived. Burnette attended Gold Sand School and enlisted in the Air Force in April, 1955. He is survived, in addition to his parents, by a sister, Mrs. C. E. Evans of Rt. 2, Louisburg.

The citation, accompanying the announcement states in full, "The United States Naval Support Force, Antarctica announces that the United States Board on Geographic Names has honored A/2C Robert L. Burnette, U. S. Air Force for his contributions to the antarctic program by naming for him Burnette Glacier, which is located in Antarctica at Latitude 72 deg. 56' South; Longitude 170 deg. 10' East". The document is signed by J. L. Abbot, Jr., Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy Commander.



A/2C Robert L. Burnette

