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Groups Form Private Schools

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With the growing concern over the manner in which public schools are to be operated this fall in Franklin County, it was inevitable that private schools would enter the picture. To date, two organizations are busy at work in efforts to open one or perhaps, two such schools in the county this fall.

Farthest along with their plans is a group attempting to establish a kindergarten through eighth grade operation in the old Harris School building in the New Hope Community. Walter Ball of Louisburg is Chairman of the Board of the Franklin Christian School, Inc. and reports that 129 students have signed to attend the school this fall.

Ball's group has had a new roof put on the building, constructed in 1928, and other renovations and repairs are planned. Ball reported that Joseph Earl Gilliam is treasurer of the organization and that Gene Pleasants is secretary. He identified members of the Executive Committee as Jim Bennett, Willis Dupree, Charles Dickens and the three general officers. The full Board numbers sixteen members.

Ball says one teacher is already signed, and another has orally agreed to teach. He said he has nine applications from persons wanting to teach at the school this fall. He explained that he felt that his group would be unable to match the state teacher pay scale in this first year.

Ball and Gilliam report that the annual tuition per student for this year is expected to be about \$160. Ball says this figure is expected to increase in future years. Pleasants questioned this price as perhaps, unrealistic and when informed of a second group's efforts to establish a school, commented that it might be well if all interested parties pulled together to form just one school.

Pleasants says he has handled a large amount of paper work for the organization and has made a number of contacts in obtaining various information needed. He says he believes, that response would be better had the school been located nearer to Louisburg. He said he feels that the group must pay teachers "good salaries."

A look at the facilities at Harris and it becomes obvious that if a school is to operate in the building this fall, a great deal of work is necessary. The building, according to Ball, has been inspected for safety by State people and approved. His group has sown grass on the front grounds and he states that he believes that the school will be able to open this fall.

Pleasants disclosed Tuesday that the State Department of Revenue has

declared Franklin Christian School, Inc. a non-profit organization, free from filing certain tax forms and allowing all donations to be tax deductible. He also said that all necessary papers have been completed for the group.

One interesting note disclosed by Pleasants is that the school will accept students from the nonwhite races, provided the child qualifies. The Franklin Christian School group and the

newer Franklin Academy group in Louisburg play down the thought that the schools are being established because of integration. Both say unofficially that any child who qualifies will be accepted for enrollment.

The Franklin Academy group came to light over the past weekend when a series of phone calls were made in the area, asking if parents would be interested in having their child attend a private school this fall. No permanent

organization has been formed for this school as far as could be learned, but certain temporary appointments have been made. Tuition at this school has been reported to be \$430 per student per year.

It was learned that the group is interested in obtaining the use of Cedar Street School, a Negro school located about two miles north of Louisburg. The school was operated last year in the public school system, but all three plans presented to the U. S. Eastern District Court this week

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Site Of Franklin Christian School

Continuance Of Anti Poverty Program Requested

The Board of County Commissioners, meeting here Tuesday in special session, passed a resolution asking that the Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity anti-poverty project be continued in the three-county area. The resolution was passed at the request of George Boyd, who heads the organization.

The resolution said the commissioner board "is of the unanimous opinion that Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc., has made a significant contribution in the fight against poverty among low income families" in the three counties, and has "had a beneficial economic effect" in the three-county area.

Included in the program for the

area are the full-year Headstart program, involving 360 students, obtaining and opening three neighborhood centers involving participation of in excess of 2,000 persons, and operation of a Neighborhood Youth Corps involving 100 school enrollees and 25 out-of-school enrollees.

Also included are the summer Headstart programs delegated to the school systems in Franklin and Henderson and involving 316 students; cooperation with the PACE program with 16 students placed for summer employment; and cooperation with the on-the-job training program, involving 42 trainees.

The resolution "earnestly request-

ed" continuance of the program during the fiscal year July 1, 1968, to June 30, 1969.

The Commissioners also received representatives of the Mental Health Program, including several from Chapel Hill. The group gave an explanation on the workings of the program. Among those present were: Dr. Will Edgerton, Dr. Terry Miller, Mr. Henry Dier, Dr. Ken Bentz, Dr. Ralfs Pickerton all of Chapel Hill and Talmadge Edwards, Coordinator of the local Family Counseling agency, Edward Boone, Service Guide and Mrs. Irene Scott, secretary, all from Franklin County and connected with the project here.

Bible Recording Firm Is Formed Here

A Franklin County native with an idea has come home and in coming has formed a new business corporation for this area. The man is Robert Preddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Preddy of Franklinton. The idea is the recording of the New Testament of the Bible.

Gospel Recorded, Inc. is Preddy's firm and he is President of the organization which has members of its Board of Directors scattered across North Carolina, with several local businessmen among them.

Preddy's firm has recorded the King James version of the New Testament on twenty long-play 33 RPM records. The voice used is that of Rev. Tom Bolick of radio station WADA in Shelby, N. C. where Preddy spent the past twelve years as sales manager for an oil distributor. Bolick is experienced and holds degrees in the ministry and in voice. He airs a regular program over the Shelby station called, "Daily Bible Study."

Preddy, a 1956 graduate of Franklinton High School, said it took 300 hours of recording to get the twenty hours on records. "Some of the chapters were recorded 10 to 12 times before the engineer said it was correct", Preddy says. The recording was done in Nashville, Tenn.

Preddy credits a number of people with offering encouragement in the development of his idea. He lists among these T. W. Wilson, an associate of Rev. Billy Graham who offered suggestions on the voice to be used and urged that Preddy see his idea through. Pete Morrison, General Manager of Phillips Petroleum Co. of Bartonsville, Okla. gave suggestions on how to market the records. Preddy says there were a number of other ministers,

religious laymen and sales people who offered suggestions and encouragement. He also spoke of help given him by his mother, Mrs. Flora Preddy.

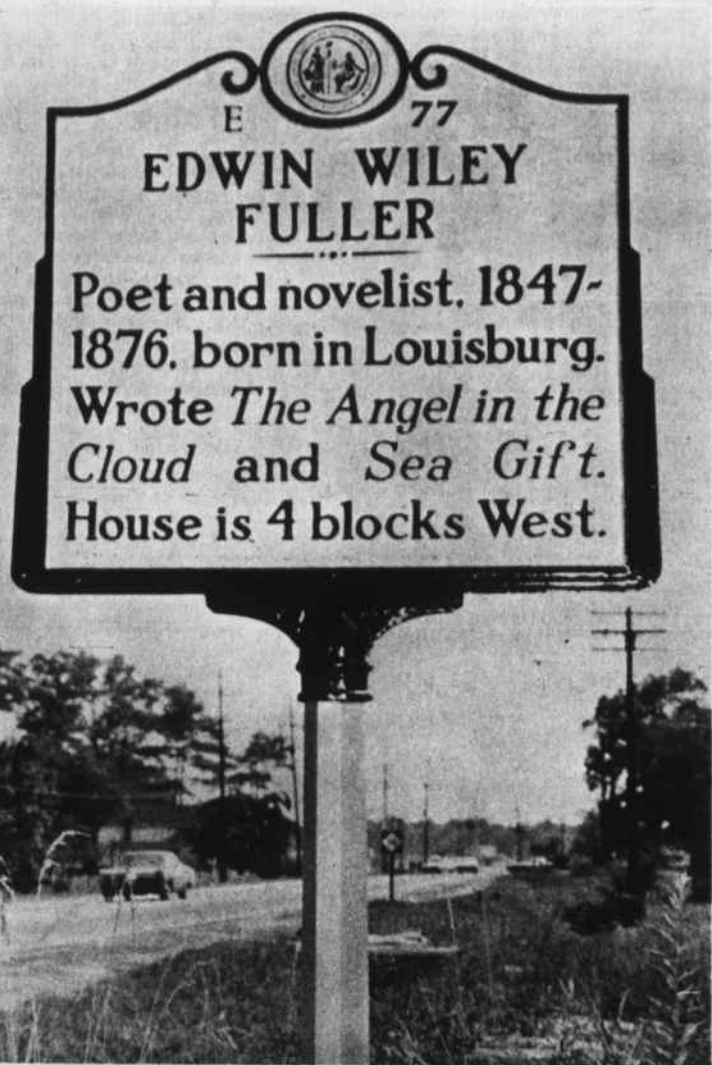
Preddy is past president of the Shelby Lions Club, a member of the City (of Shelby) Safety Council, County Safety Council and past president of the Inter-Civic Council. He is a member of the N.C. N.C.O. Club, a Mason, a Shriner, a Moose, a member of Eastern Star and an active church worker.

He is married to the former Bobbie Lloyd of Franklinton and the father of two boys, Charles, 11 and Robbie 10. The Preddys reside at 302 Lumpkin Blvd. in Louisburg.

Gospel Recorded, Inc. also will have offices in Shelby, N. C., the home of the firm's vice president, Don Beam, who is president of Beam Heavy Equipment Company there. A third office is to be established in Nashville, Tenn. where the records will be manufactured. The home office will be in Louisburg.

Preddy says this is a "great breakthrough in the religious field" and points out that it will "aid measurably in helping people to better understand the Bible". The product is ideal for elderly people, Preddy says, and for the youngsters and for those with failing eyesight. "If a child could listen to just one side of a record a night", Preddy explains, "Just think of the change this could make in a child's life."

Sales of the 20-record package in this area is being handled by local churches and civic groups. Using the area as a test, the firm plans to expand its sales campaign nationwide in the near future.



Marker Erected In Memory Of Local Poet

An historical marker has been erected at the corner of Bickett Blvd. and Noble Street here by the N. C. Highway Commission and the Department of Archives in memory of the late noted poet and novelist Edwin Wiley Fuller of Louisburg.

The marker, erected this week, states: "Edwin Wiley Fuller, Poet and Novelist, 1847-1876, born in Louisburg. Wrote 'The Angel in the Cloud' and 'Sea Gift'. House is four blocks west". The Fuller is now known as the Parham place on North Main Street between Sunset Avenue and Noble Street.

Fuller was born here in Louisburg, the only son of Jones Fuller and Anna Thomas Fuller on November 30, 1847. He attended the University of North Carolina in 1864 and when the University closed due to the Civil War, he entered the University of Virginia, returning home in the summer of 1868 due to his father's ill health.

While at Virginia, there was published in the University magazine a short poem that was later a basis for "The Angel in the Cloud". The book was finished in 1870 and published in 1871 when Fuller was only 23 years old by E. J. Hale & Son of New York.

In September of that year, Fuller married Mary Ellis Malone, daughter of Dr. Ellis Malone and sister of the late Dr. James Ellis Malone who married Fuller's only sister, Anna Richmond Fuller. Fuller and his wife had two daughters, Mary Ethel who died at the age of one and Edwin Sumner

Fuller who later became Mrs. Asa Parham and died in 1934.

In 1873 "Sea Gift" was published by the same New York firm that had published Fuller's book of poems. "Sea Gift" had been written when Fuller was only 18 years old and a student at the University. The late Rev. E. H. Davis in his book, "Historical Sketches of Franklin County" wrote of Fuller's works. "Each stamped him as an author of real ability and great promise and gave him a reputation extending beyond county or state lines."

Fuller was also known as a leading spirit for good in his community and was praised at the time for having built and equipped at his own expense, a country school in which he taught Bible to the children.

Davis also wrote, "This fine young man, absolutely irreproachable in life and character, brilliantly endowed, constant in the use and application of his varied talents, never reached his 30th year. Yet what he did within those limits, hampered as he was with business cares and an incurable disorder, may well make us pause and wonder whose thread of life has been so much longer".

Col. Theodore Fuller in his book, "Early Southern Fullers" says of Fuller, "Had his life not been cut short, Edwin Fuller may well have been as well-known as any American poet".

As if writing his own epitaph, Fuller handed his wife the following See FULLER Page A-6

Youngsville Men Get Suspended Terms In 1966 Assault Cases

Four Youngsville area men received suspended jail sentences and were fined \$278.50 each in Recorder's Court this week in connection with the October 1, 1966 assaults on two Louisburg men.

Bill Green, w/m/25, Sid Smith, w/m/24, Barney Paschall, w/m/27, and Bobby Pearce, w/m/25, were charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill against Rudolph Bartholomew, w/m/37, and Bill Hight, w/m/20, on the night of October 1, 1966. The foursome allegedly beat Bartholomew into unconsciousness at a local drive-in around 10 P.M. According to reports at the time, the men then drove to Youngsville, exchanged cars and returned to Louisburg where they assaulted Hight at another drive-in around 11 P.M. Hight was hospitalized at Duke for surgery to repair a broken jaw.

Judge E. C. Bulluck sentenced each of the four to 12 months in jail, suspended on payment to the Clerk of Superior Court office \$250.00 for the use and benefit of F. C. Hight, Sr. and \$37.50 for use of Rudolph Bartholomew and to pay one bill of costs. Each man was charged with two cases of assault.

Other cases disposed of in this week's Recorder's Court session of jury trials are as follows:

Charles Ransom Stone, w/m/20, speeding, careless and reckless driving, \$40.00 fine and costs; defendant not to operate motor vehicle for 30 days, to turn in license to CSC.

Matthew Melvin Copeland, c/m/20, operating auto-intoxicated. State accepts plea of careless and reckless driving, \$100.00 fine and costs.

Garfield Treadwell, c/m, larceny. Discharged on payment of costs.

Horace Allen Wright, n/m/36, operating auto intoxicated, 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs. Not to operate motor vehicle during hours of 8 p.m. - 6 a.m. and not to operate motor vehicle from 8 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Monday for 60 days.

Thomas Eugene Perry, n/m/37, speeding, \$20.00 fine and costs.

Irvin Radford, w/m/21, assault on

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Electric Service Interruption

Electric service to those served in the Youngsville, Creedmoor and Wake Forest areas by Carolina Power and Light Co. and Wake Electric Membership Corp. will be interrupted Sunday, July 21 from 5:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.

The announcement of the interruption was made by both CP & L and WEMC here Wednesday.

The interruption is necessary to shift the electric load from one set of lines serving the area to another in order to rebuild a major transmission line which delivers electricity throughout the area. This is part of a service expansion program which Carolina Power & Light Company has underway.

Roy Burch, CP&L Henderson district manager, explained that the early morning hours were chosen to inconvenience as few people as possible.



Bob Preddy

--- Man With An Idea