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Thomas A. Riggan

New Principal Tours School

Aycock School Head Named Louisburg Principal

A 36-year-old Macon, N. C. native has been named principal of Louisburg High School to succeed Albert D. Fox, who resigned last week to accept a position in Plymouth, N. C. The Franklin County Board of Education announced the election of Thomas A. Riggan, principal at Aycock High School in Vance County, to fill the post.

Riggan, a teacher for seven years, has served as assistant principal at Aycock for three years and was principal there last year. He is a graduate of Louisburg College and East Carolina University. He received both his B. S. and his M.A., degree from East Carolina.

He was president of the freshman and sophomore classes while at Louisburg and vice president of the Student Council. He was recipient of the Dramatic award from Louisburg College and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha at East Carolina.

Riggan is a deacon in the Baptist Church, a Sunday School superintendent and a Sunday School teacher. He served in the Navy for four years as a hospital corpsman, spending twenty months in Japan attached to the Marines. He is married to the former Martha Allen of Henderson and the father of one child, Thomas Allen Riggan, Jr., age six months. Mrs. Riggan is also a teacher, but does not plan to teach this year.

Clint Fuller, vice chairman of the Board of Education and representative of the Louisburg district, said, "We are extremely happy to have Mr. Riggan accept the position. He comes very highly recommended and those of us

College Building Superintendent Retires

Norman J. Wicks, long-time Superintendent of Building and Grounds at Louisburg College, retired Wednesday, July 31, on his 64th birthday. Mr. Wicks first came to the college in 1947 during the presidency of Samuel Holton and was employed for five years. When Dr. Cecil W. Robbins became president in 1955, one of his first accomplishments was the employment of Mr. Wicks as superintendent. In his two terms of employment at the college the affable and hard-working Wicks has amassed 19 years of service to the Methodist institution.

On behalf of the College, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins presented Mr. Wicks with a gold watch appropriately engraved while Mrs. Wicks and dozens of college employees looked on. "We honor and pay tribute to one of the faithful employees of Louisburg College," Dr. Robbins stated. "The college has been fortunate in getting good people and keeping them across the years," he continued.

Mrs. Wicks, in fine humor, said that her husband was now a member of the "honey-do-club" - "honey, do this and honey, do that."

During retirement years Mr. Wicks plans to look more closely after his farm near Spring Hope, and to get in more hours of his favorite sport, fishing.

Ervin W. Dickerson, assistant superintendent for the past several years, moves up to the position vacated by Mr. Wicks' retirement.

charged with the selection of a replacement for Mr. Fox, are very favorably impressed by Mr. Riggan. We look forward to working with him and are confident that he will do a good job."

Willis Nash and L. C. Hasty of the local advisory committee, Superintendent Warren Smith and associate superintendent Mrs. Margaret Holmes joined in recommending Riggan for the position.

The Riggans are expected to move to Louisburg in the next few days and Mr. Riggan is likely to assume his duties here Monday, pending a decision by the Board to have principals report on that date.

Jury List Announced

The following people have been drawn for Recorder's Court jury service for the week beginning on the 26th day of August, 1968.

Dunn-Jack W. Richards, H. W. Tant, Edna Stone, George Larry Massey, Reecer P. Johnson, R. R. Alford, E. J. Horton, Jr., Durwood Pearce, Doris Ellington.

Harris-Mrs. Lucy Medlin. Youngville-Owen M. Mitchell, George Sharp, Mrs. Rondal L. White, Franklinton-Louis Smith, Alan W. Sherman, Norma B. Hunt, H. C. Collins, Thomas M. Ragen, Georgianna Hayes, Frank S. Bowling, Paul D. Philpott, Otis Hayes, Ernest B. Wheeler, Jr., James A. Crudup.

Hayesville-Thomas N. Tharrington, Jamie Hawkins, Mrs. Rowena W. Faulkner, Mrs. Clara Faulkner, Bobby

John White To Head Scott Youth

John White, 33, of Louisburg has been named Regional Captain in the Bob Scott Young Voter Program. The Louisburg native will head efforts aimed toward the 21 to 40 age groups in five counties.

The announcement of White's appointment was made this week by Irvin Aldridge, who heads up the young people's movement for Scott statewide.

White will head efforts in Franklin, Warren, Vance, Granville and Person counties. He said county captains have already been named in Warren, Vance, Granville and Person counties and that he expects to announce Franklin appointments within the next few weeks.

White, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Louisburg, is a graduate of W. R. Mills High School and attended Louisburg College. He is married to the former Nancy Gordon of Louisburg and the father of one child, Rebecca, 11. An Army veteran, White served three years in the National Guard. He is a Baptist and a former Jaycee.

Awarded Scholarship

Margaret Alston Weston, who will be a sophomore at Louisburg College, has been awarded a National United Methodist Scholarship for 1968-69 by the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Weston of 911 East Mason Street, Franklinton.

National United Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the United Methodist Board of Education and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 9,000 National United Methodist scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of National United Methodist Scholarships are received from local United Methodist Churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on United Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

Allen Faulkner.

Gold Mine-Jerry T. Rowe, W. C. Joyner, Jr.

Cedar Rock-Grace C. Shearin, Swannie W. Collins, R. V. Keith.

Louisburg-Perry Lee Williams, Mrs. Roy A. Williams, C. E. Ford, Lewis Donald Davis, Edward F. Kimball, Joyce Ann Pernel.



Sidewalk Sale Brings 'Em In

If you're having trouble getting around town today, part of the reason is shown above. The Trade Promotion Committee of the Business Association is staging its first Sidewalk Sale and hundreds flocked into the downtown area early this morning to take advantage of the bargains. The same picture was repeated along North and South Main Streets and East and West Nash Streets.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

As Convention Staged

Local Republicans Silent On Choice, But Many Favor Gov. Ronald Reagan

No resolutions were passed at the county GOP convention here Saturday, but some significance was attached to a button worn by a Republican lady who was keynote speaker at the meeting. Mrs. Jo Ann Long of Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Second Congressional Republican Committee sported a very visible "Reagan for President" lapel button.

A local GOP leader revealed that sentiment here favors California Governor Ronald Reagan, with some support seen for former Vice President Richard Nixon. New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller has practically no local support, according to the source.

Richard Alston of the Gold Sand Community was elected Chairman of the County GOP Executive Committee. He had acted in the capacity since the retirement of William Wagner a few weeks ago. Wagner, a member of the Louisburg College, is moving soon to Michigan. The convention passed a resolution praising Wagner for his service to the party for the past seven years.

Mrs. Melvin Nelms of the Justice Community was named Vice Chairman; Wallace Pruitt of Franklinton was elected Treasurer and Mrs. Linda Shearin was chosen secretary. In addition to these officers, the convention elected the following executive committee: Crowell Strickland, H. O. Gilliam, Archie Bunn, Larry Robbins and

Willis Dupree. Strickland ran for county commissioner as a Democrat several years ago and Dupree ran in 1966 for the same office as a Republican. Bunn is county manager for Congressman Jim Gardner, a candidate for Governor.

Wagner acted as convention chairman and called for the party to field GOP candidates for every office, including county offices in future elections. Mrs. Long stressed the need for "hard work" in all party functions.

Until Court Rules, Will Follow Own Plan

Board Holds Lengthy Session, Another Planned

The Franklin County Board of Education met until near midnight here Tuesday night clearing the way for the opening of schools four weeks hence. The Board accepted fourteen resignations and approved the employment of six teachers. Several vacancies now exist in the various schools in the system.

The ESEA budget was rejected by the Board and ESEA Director Earl Martin was directed to present a revised budget in a meeting slated for tonight. Employees of the Board, paid from county funds were granted a five percent pay increase. The hike will cost \$1,533.30 this year.

Superintendent Warren Smith was authorized to call the principals to work at such time as he deems necessary and the controversial sale of food in schools was left to each individual school. Some schools recommended that all such sales be made through the lunch rooms while others requested that they be allowed to continue the sales as a part of the school operation outside the lunch program.

School lunch prices increased for junior and senior high school students. The Board, after a long study of lunch room finances the past several weeks, set the price of lunches at 30 cents for

grades 1 through 6 and 35 cents for grades 7 through 12.

Six portable classrooms were ordered and two are expected to arrive within the next few weeks. The latter four are not expected to get here in time for the opening of schools.

Plans for the new Methods and Material Center building were shown Board members but time would not allow a study of the project. Another meeting is set for tonight and the Board is expected to get down to the business of assigning teachers. It was disclosed Tuesday night that the Board plans to move ahead with opening plans working under the three-step plan presented to the courts by the Board.

Adjustments to the plans will be made after the court issues a ruling in the case. Meantime, the Board is expected to assign teachers and students based on the three-step desegregation plan.

Weather

Partly cloudy, warm and humid today and Friday with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Low today, 72; high, 88.

Soil And Conservation Men Honored

Three members of the county Soil and Conservation department here were honored at the Annual Awards Banquet of the state Soil and Conservation agencies last week.

At the meeting, held in Raleigh, Wilton U. Smith, county Work Unit Conservationist and Talmadge H. Edwards and Eugene Bobbitt, local Conservation Technicians received local unit citations.

Charles W. Bartlett, State Conservationist presented the awards at the meeting held in the Sheraton-Sir Walter Hotel. Dr. Albert G. Edwards, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh delivered the principal address.

The local office received the three awards for "superior performance." Superior Performance Awards indicate that the employees or unit have made a very significant contribution to local understanding of conservation and natural resource development needs as well as on-the-ground application of planned conservation measures. The Soil Conservation Services provides technical assistance to locally organized Soil and Water Conservation Districts and to individual cooperating landowners.

For many years, the Soil Conservation Service has honored deserving employees by presenting them appropriate awards. These are either in the form of certificates of merit, cash awards, or in some cases both.



Receive Awards

Local Soil and Conservation personnel are pictured above at the Annual Awards Banquet displaying awards presented to them for outstanding service. Shown left to right are: Charles W. Bartlett, State Conservationist, Eugene Bobbitt, local Conservation Technician; Wilton U. Smith, county Work Unit Conservationist; Talmadge H. Edwards, local Conservation Technician and David L. Dixon, Area Conservationist.



Dr. Cecil Robbins congratulates Norman J. Wicks upon his retirement as Mrs. Wicks looks on.