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## Board Files Petition For Stay Of Court Order

### Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, July 8th:

Jerry Wayne Boone, w/m/17, speeding. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Edward Alston, n/m/37, operating auto intoxicated. Pleads guilty to careless and reckless driving, which plea is accepted by the State. \$100.00 fine and costs; defendant not to operate motor vehicle from 8 p.m. on Fridays to 5 a.m. on Mondays for a period of 60 days.

Jack Evans, n/m, damage to County property. Upon payment of \$40.00 today, defendant given until August 20, 1968 to pay balance.

Larry Allison Hight, Jr., w/m/21, speeding. State takes nol pros.

Robert Cephus Sledge, w/m/57, speeding. \$10.00 fine and costs.

George N. Edwards, w/m/42, driving without valid chauffeur's license when vehicle is registered for over 26,000 lbs. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Hugh Vernie Person, n/m/22, speeding. \$15.00 fine and costs.

Carl Lovola Thompson, operating auto intoxicated; no operator's license. 60 days in jail, assigned to work under supervision of State Dept. of Correction.

Adolphus Kearney, n/m/26, driving left of center line not in passing; without a valid operator's license. State takes nol pros as to no operator's license. Not guilty to driving left of center line.

Peter Foster, Jr., n/m/43, driving without valid operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

Peter Foster, n/m/74, authorizing or knowingly permitting unlicensed person to drive motor vehicle owned by him. Discharged on payment of costs.

William Ellis Hodge, n/m/24, failing to ee before turning from direct line that such movement could be made in safety; without having a valid operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

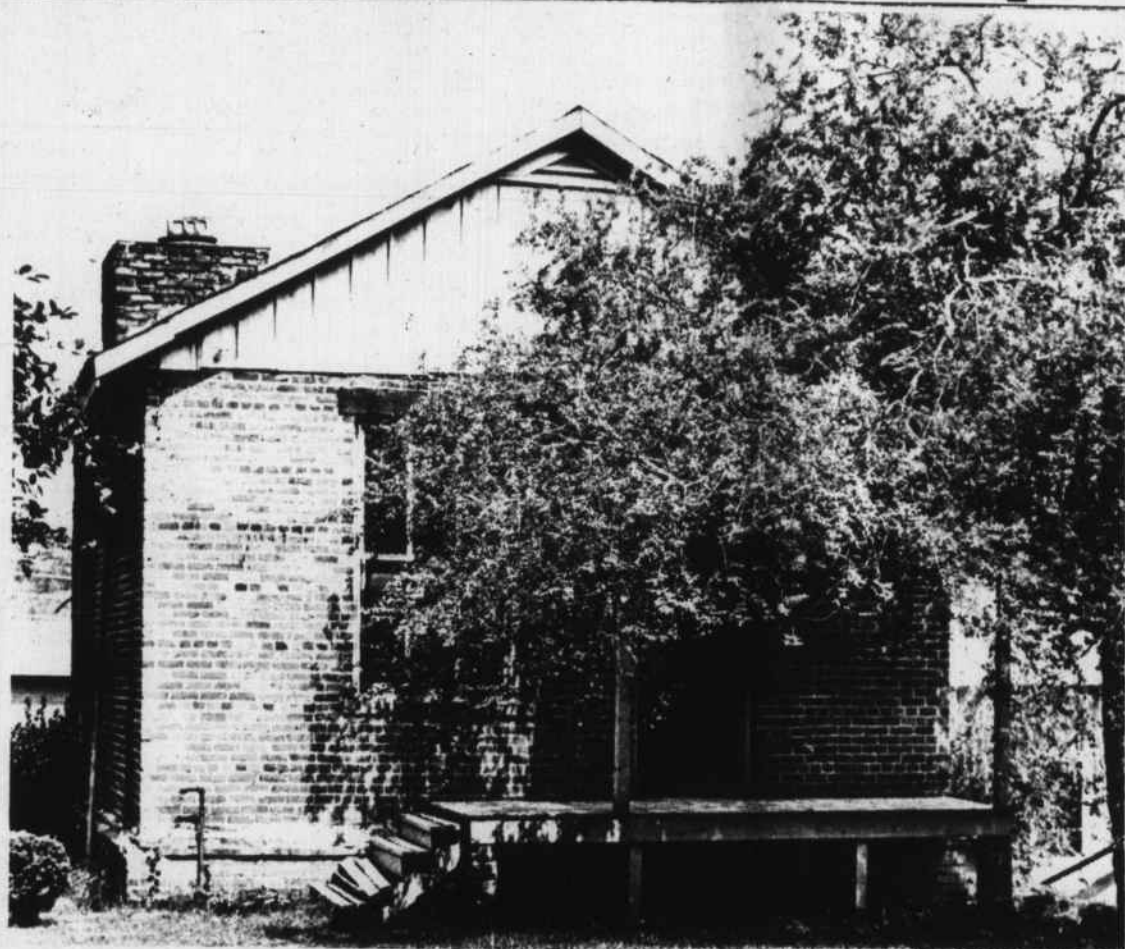
Jesse Herman Fogg, n/m/17, driving without valid operator's license. \$25.00 fine and costs.

James Alston, n/m/68, authorizing or knowingly permitting unlicensed person to drive a motor vehicle owned by him. Discharged on payment of costs.

David Vick, assault on female. State takes nol pros.

Elmo Cooke, n/m, non support. 6 months in jail, suspended and defendant placed on probation for one year. To pay \$18.00 per week and costs of court.

Richard Alston, n/m/25, murder. Defendant to be held for Franklin County Grand Jury. Appearance bond set at \$2,500.00



Old Sits Amidst The New

The building shown above sits directly behind the Main Building at Louisburg College. To the west of it stands the ultra modern student union building and to the north a new modern women's dormitory is nearing completion. The old structure is surrounded by newness, but still makes an impressive picture. Its exact age is unknown, but it was once a servant's quarters and is used today as a maid's lounge. Somewhere in between the basement floor was used as a furnace room and the upper or ground-level floor was used for quarters for those working at the College.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

## Nixon Nomination Stirs Little Excitement Here

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

If bumper stickers and loud conversation are any indications, the nomination early this morning of former Vice President Richard Nixon by the Republican Convention in Miami Beach, will have little meaning here. Nixon, never one to ignite the imagination of local voters, is expected to play, at best, second fiddle to George Corley Wallace.

Most locals place Nixon above anyone the Democrats might select in their convention in Chicago three weeks from now, but as of today, the Wal-

lace strength appears overwhelming in this area.

On the eve of the GOP convention, when a certain degree of suspense was supposed to exist, very little wordage could be found for Mr. Nixon in travels around Franklin County. Local Republicans themselves favored California Governor Ronald Reagan, although the entire North Carolina delegation was split between the two.



RICHARD NIXON

Nixon, however, might yet capture Franklin support should Wallace falter from his recent swing toward a southern view of civil rights. A position undoubtedly prompted by the rise of Wallace support throughout the south.

Mr. Nixon is reported now to take such positions as: against busing children to obtain racial balance; opposing courts usurping powers of local school boards; favors a revamp of the Supreme Court and amending the 1965 voting rights act. All these things appeal to Franklin voters and if the overall scene in late October seems to indicate that Nixon has a better chance than Mr. Wallace, local voters might give some serious thought on what to do with their vote.

One political reality prevails here. It may be Wallace or it may be Nixon. It is not very likely to be Vice President Hubert Humphrey, assuming he will be the Democratic nominee.

Nor is it likely that Senator Eugene McCarthy would fare any better.

There are a number of major issues that concern Franklin voters. Highest among them at this time is the crisis in the public school system. Most locals believe that under George Wallace or even under a president influenced by

Mr. Wallace, this problem would be less acute.

The former Alabama Governor's appeal also comes from the belief here that he would handle crime in the streets and racial riots in a manner more suitable to local thinking.

Tobacco problems and others related to farming are of concern to Franklin voters. Many believe that the Wallace influence would help in this area.

The liberalism of the U. S. Supreme Court has long been a sore spot among southern voters, locals included. Wallace's repeated denunciation of this situation is widely accepted here.

And there are many others areas where the Alabamian appeals to local voters. Whether Richard Nixon can cut into this appeal is an interesting question. While local Republicans, busy organizing their party back into existence after years of dormancy, talk publicly of support for the GOP ticket, privately practically all are Wallace supporters.

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The Chief Judge of the U. S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to hear Franklin County's petition for a stay of the ruling made this week by U. S. Eastern District Judge Algernon Butler in the three-year-old Franklin school case. Judge Clement F. Haynsworth of Greenville, S. C. says he will rule immediately on a petition to be filed by school board attorneys today.

Chief board attorney E. F. Yarborough said this morning that a petition asking for a stay of the ruling which called for geographic zoning of six attendance areas in the county school system this fall, would be filed today. He said a notice of appeal would also be filed today with the District Court Clerk in Raleigh.

Judge Butler's ruling, released Tuesday, has brought widespread reaction from across Franklin County. Reports of a number of young children breaking down in tears have been heard. Parents have made intensified efforts to enroll their youngsters in the two proposed private schools in the county. Still more parents have openly said they would not send their youngsters to school when the fall opening comes.

The order, in effect, prohibits the so-called neighborhood schools which have long been a method of continued segregation in the northern states. Under the ruling Franklin County will be divided into six attendance zones running along lines drawn where white children have been attending the Louisburg, Epsom, Gold Sand, Youngsville, Bunn and Edward Best Schools.

All children, regardless of race, will attend schools in the zone in which they reside. No grade may be taught in more than one school in any zone. The order, to this degree, gains a total racial balance in the schools, which is prohibited in other sections of the country where busing of students would be required.

One school official called the order, "a disaster" and privately, most are expressing surprise at the harshness of the court order. They point out that not even the U. S. Supreme Court has issued such a total far-reaching ruling.

Meeting here in special session Tuesday night, the Board ordered its attorneys to appeal the ruling and to seek a stay of the execution of the order. Meanwhile, Superintendent Warren Smith was directed to prepare a geographic zoning map, required by the court not later than August 19.

The Superintendent was also directed to make a count of all students in each zone according to race and grades and to report these facts to the Board in another special meeting slated for tonight.

Should Chief Judge Haynsworth rule favorably on the petition to stay the District Court order pending appeal, schools would be expected to open three weeks from now much on the same basis as the one last year. If an unfavorable ruling is handed down by Judge and the order has to be followed, in all probability, school opening will be delayed.

The petition to stay pending appeal will be filed today with the Clerk of the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Va. Since Judge Haynsworth has said he will rule immediately, it is expected some answer will be forthcoming early next week.

## Franklinton Plan Calls For Transfer Of Top Three Grades

The Franklinton City Board of Education, meeting in special session Monday night, approved a plan calling for the transfer of grades 10, 11 and 12 from B. F. Person-Albion High School to the predominantly white Franklinton High School.

The Franklinton system had received notice that an earlier plan to increase percentages of integration was unacceptable by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In the letter, sent by Walter S. Warfield, Acting Education Branch Chief, Office of Civil Rights, it was suggested that the Franklinton Board transfer grades 1 through 4 or grades 7 through 9 from the Person Negro school to the Franklinton High School.

In Monday's meeting the Board decided to agree to transfer the top three grades for the coming school term.

The Board also proposes that for the 1969-70 school year, that grades

one through five be transferred from B. F. Person-Albion to Franklinton High School and that grades six through nine be transferred from Franklinton High School to B. F. Person-Albion.

This would in effect establish in the 1969-70 school year a fully integrated junior high school at the former Negro school plant. It would also completely do away with the present dual system of schools in the city unit.

Under the Franklinton plan, teachers would accompany the students in the transfers.

### Weather

Mostly sunny and continued hot today. Friday, partly cloudy and hot, chance of scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Low today, 73; high near 95.

## Text Of Court Order

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
RALEIGH DIVISION  
NO. 1796 - CIVIL

HAROLD DOUGLAS COPPEDGE, et al., Plaintiffs,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by RAMSEY CLARK, Attorney General, Plaintiff-Intervenor,  
v.  
THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, a public body corporate, et al., Defendants.

Upon application of the plaintiff-intervenor to implement the Orders of this court of August 17, 1967, and June 20, 1968, and upon due consideration of the pleadings herein, the evidence in the record, and the arguments of counsel, and the court having heretofore held that the commencement of the school year 1968-69 is the "earliest practicable date" within the meaning of this court's order of August 17, 1967, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendants, their employees, agents and successors, and all those in concert or participation with them or with any of them, be and they are hereby permanently enjoined from failing or refusing to implement the following plan, effective with the commencement of the 1968-69 school year:

#### I PUPIL ASSIGNMENT

1. The Franklin County school unit shall be divided into six unitary attendance zones, each to be based on the attendance area heretofore serving the predominantly white high school located therein, as follows:

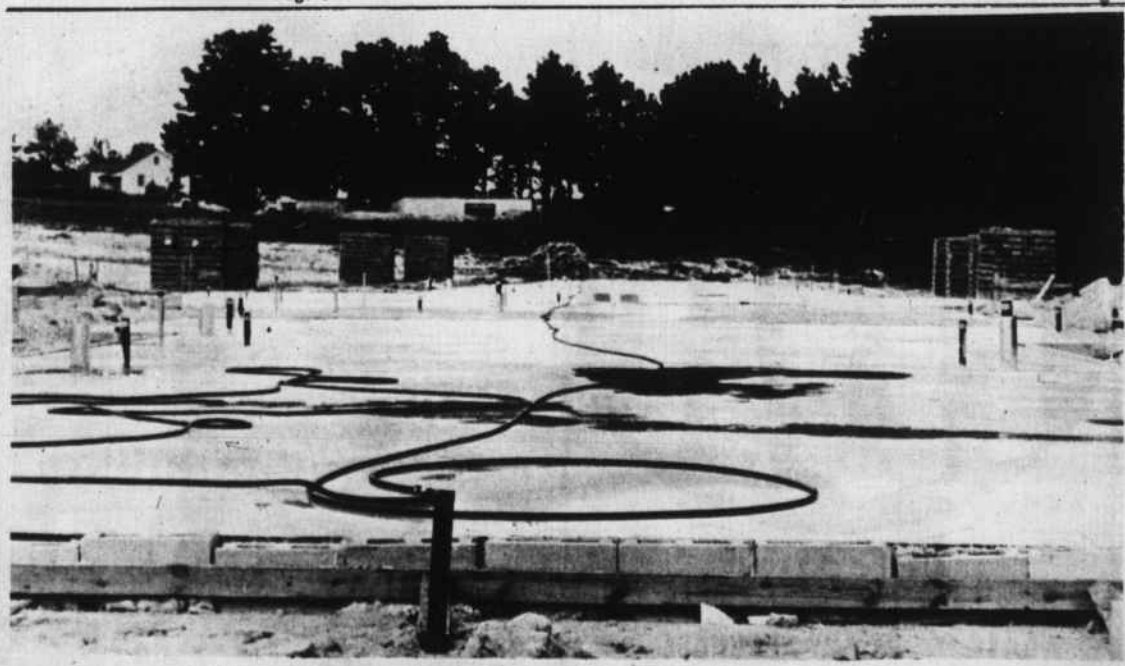
## Water Meet To Be Held At Bunn

According to an announcement made this morning by Kenneth Schubart, Director of Industrial Development, there will be a very important meeting at the Bunn High School lunchroom at 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 12, for the purpose of getting community water service to Bunn.

Mr. Charles Edwards from the Economic Development Administration office in Raleigh will outline steps to be taken in order to obtain federal aid on this project.

"If you are interested in the economic and industrial development of Bunn, as I am sure that you are, I know that you will want to attend this very important meeting.

"Community support is vital on this project to obtain government help. Please invite a friend," Schubart said.



New Boarding Home Under Construction

Construction of the new boarding home on N. C. 39 east of Louisburg is underway as shown by the photo above. The new structure, expected to cost around \$175,000, will contain 14,500 square feet. The project is owned by Holt Properties, Inc. of Kinston and will house 52 beds.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.