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Off To Oklahoma

SP/4 Jack Avent and Lt. Chris Canipe are shown above, foreground as units of the Louisburg, Youngsville and Zebulon National Guard boarded a huge troop transport plane at Raleigh-Durham airport last Saturday. The units flew to Ft. Sill, Okla. where they will encamp for the next two weeks. During the stay at the midwestern artillery base, the men, part of the 5th Rocket Battalion will fire four "Honest John" rockets.

Photo courtesy of Joe Shearon.

Twenty-Three Teacher Vacancies In Two County Units

Teacher vacancies in Franklin County are running about normal for the time of year, according to reports. Statewide teacher vacancies, released today by the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, reveal there are 17 vacancies in the Franklin County system and four vacancies in the Franklinton City system. The county unit accepted two resignations last week due to retirement bringing that unit's total to 19.

Franklin Superintendent Warren

One Solicitor To Serve Five Counties

Henderson—When the new district court system is set up, one solicitor will be named to serve for the five counties in the district. The counties are Vance, Warren, Franklin, Granville and Person.

It is understood the appointment will be made by Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood of Louisburg, resident judge. There has been no indication as to identity of the new official.

The three district judges who will serve in the area are Julius Banzet of Warrenton, who is expected to be chief judge by designation of Judge Hobgood; Linwood T. Peoples of Henderson and Claude W. Allen of Oxford. All were nominated in the primary last May. They will assume their duties the first Monday in December after formal election in November.

Peoples said Judge Hobgood would meet with the three judges, probably in Henderson, some time in the next several weeks. The solicitor may be named at that time or before.

Wendell Man Hurt In Accident

Homer Horton, 38, of Rt. 2, Wendell was believed to have received back injuries in a single vehicle accident on N. C. 56 two miles west of Louisburg just before noon today.

The late model panel truck driven by Horton ran off the highway, sheared a power pole and overturned. Horton, taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service, is reportedly a salesman for the Andrew Jackson Sales Co. of Raleigh.

Smith said Monday that the 19 vacancies are about the same as this time last year for his system.

Of 54,700 estimated positions for certificated personnel in the public schools of the state for the up-coming academic year, a total of 1,393 remained unfilled on August 12. This is 247 fewer vacancies than existed at the same time last year and 469 fewer vacancies than two years ago.

The state superintendent of public instruction surveys the schools for vacant positions each August when positions already filled cannot be vacated, before the schools open, without violation of the 30-day notice required by law.

Unfilled teaching positions totaled 1,296 as compared to 1,497 last year and 1,676 two years ago; unfilled non-teaching vacancies (principals, supervisors, librarians, counselors, etc.) totaled 97 as compared to 143 on August 14, 1967 and 186 on August 15, 1966. The ratio of vacancies remains about the same as during the past two years with the greatest number of vacancies existing in the elementary schools, 735. At this time last year, 794 elementary teaching positions had not been filled.

State Superintendent Charles F. Carroll said 73 of the state's 157

county and city school systems reported employing, for the 1968-69 school year, more teachers holding less than the Class A certificate (based on college graduation) than they had employed for the 1967-68 year. A number also reported hiring two people to

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Tri-County OEO Unit Gets Grant

Allocation of \$411,521 of Federal funds to Franklin - Vance - Warren Opportunity, Inc., has been announced from the office of Governor Dan Moore in Raleigh.

Purpose of the money is to finance component projects developed and administered for alleviation of poverty. Included among activities is that of conduct and administration, neighborhood centers, and a full year Head Start program. People to be served are low income residents of the three counties, it was explained by the Rev. J. P. Mangum.

Sept. 3 Confirmed As Marking Opening Date

Tuesday, Sept. 3, has been officially confirmed by the board of governors of the Middle Belt Warehouse Association as the date for start of the tobacco auction season in the belt. The board met Friday in Durham and voted to accept the recommendation of the Tobacco Marketing Committee made recently.

At the same time, agreement was reached on Monday, Aug. 26, as the opening date for all markets in eastern North Carolina. The Coastal Plains Warehouse Association, a group formed last spring, had previously accepted the August 26 date, but the larger Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association had held out for Aug. 22. At a meeting Friday in Greenville, however, the Eastern association accepted Aug. 26 to make the opening date uniform for the area.

Also, warehousemen of the North Carolina - Virginia Old Belt voted at a meeting in South Boston to begin season sales on a limited basis on Sept. 3, and regular full sales to begin Sept.

17. Thomas F. DeJarnette, president of the Old Belt Warehouse Association, announced the dates after a poll of members of the association's board of governors. The dates had been recommended by the Tobacco Marketing Committee at a meeting in Raleigh Aug. 9.

DeJarnette said buying companies have agreed to furnish nine sets of buyers for the early sales. Normally the Old Belt operates with 26 sets of buyers.

Action in the various belts at the weekend clarified the situation in entirety as to opening of the 1968 marketing season.

Georgia - Florida Belt sales and those in the South Carolina Belt began July 31. In the first two weeks of auctions in those areas, deliveries to the Stabilization Corporation, which provides price supports, have been much larger than in the corresponding period of the 1967 season.

Board Moves To Open Schools

Teachers Notified To Report August 28, School Fees Set

Faced with a Wednesday hearing on its petition to stay a federal court order calling for total desegregation of county schools this fall, the Franklin County Board of Education moved toward the opening of schools on schedule in a special meeting here last Thursday night.

Attorneys for the Board will appear for a hearing on the petition for a stay of the August 5 court order before Judge Algernon Butler in Clinton, N. C. Wednesday. The court ordered the Board to go to a six-zone attendance system in the county which would totally eliminate the dual school system. The Board filed a petition for a stay with Fourth Circuit Chief Judge Clement Haynsworth of Greenville, S. C.

While no ruling has come down from Judge Haynsworth, Board attorneys have been ordered to appear before Judge Butler Wednesday for a

finding of fact hearing in the Board's claims that compliance with the order will disrupt the school system.

In Thursday's meeting, the Board authorized Supt. Warren Smith to notify teachers and principals to report for a countywide meeting on August 28, as originally scheduled. The meeting, to be held at Louisburg High School, is the traditional kick-off for the opening of schools.

Following the original schedule, students may register on August 29 or 30 and the first full day will be Tuesday September 3. This schedule, however, is subject to change depending on when a ruling is handed down and the contents of such ruling.

The Board also set the fees for the coming year as follows: Elementary fees: Supply, \$2.00, NDEA \$2.00, Insurance \$2.50, (optional) and Activity \$1.00; High School fees: Supply, \$2.00, NDEA \$2.00, Insurance \$2.50 (optional), Home Ec. \$2.00, Agriculture \$2.50, Science \$1.00, Typing \$13.50 and activity \$1.00. The fees are the same as those paid last year.

Resignations for the purposes of retirement were accepted by the Board from Mrs. Mary Belle Davis, Louisburg Elementary School and Ruben M. Darden, Gethsemane High School. Resignations from Miss Martha Yarborough, Louisburg Elementary School and Mrs. Susan Allen, Gold Sand High School were not accepted.

With Board member William T. Boone voting "No", the majority of the Board voted to hold teachers to contractual agreements which call for thirty-day notices to be given upon resignations.

In other actions, the Board declared Cedar Street School unneeded for further school purposes and leased the

building to Garland Mustian of Louisburg. Board member Clint Fuller opposed the move "at this time" although he said he favored leasing the building to Mustian once the final school plans were settled. He did, however, vote for the motion after expressing his belief that the Board should wait for the court ruling.

ASCS Election Planned

Plans are being completed for the annual election of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committeemen for 1969, and balloting will be by mail this year as in 1967, John Davis, ASCS office manager, announced today.

Davis said ballots will be mailed to eligible growers about Sept. 6, and must be returned not later than Sept. 16. All producers who share in the production of crops are eligible to vote. Persons who consider themselves eligible to participate in the election and who do not receive a ballot by mail are asking to contact the ASCS office.

Nominations for community committeemen will be made and balloting will be on the slate offered. Chairmen of community committees will be delegates to the county convention, which will name officers for the county wide committee.

C. C. Perry of Rt. 3, Louisburg is currently serving as chairman of the county committee.

Hits At TV Program

Tarboro, N. C. . . Congressman L. H. Fountain said today the CBS television program "Heritage of Slavery" did far more harm to race relations in this country than it did to bring about better understanding of racial problems.

The program, part of a network series, was shown Tuesday night.

Fountain said the program was a distortion of facts, a disgrace to the sponsor and the television industry, and "could serve no purpose other than to encourage racism on the part of both blacks and whites."

The television industry, he said, bears a heavier responsibility today than ever before to present programs which strengthen, not destroy, good will between the races.

"Regrettably, programs such as 'Heritage of Slavery' completely anti-white, not only in their production but in their implications have a dangerous impact not just in the South but throughout America and the rest of the world," Fountain said.

He said he "rationalized in every way I could to see the program in the most favorable light that might have been intended. Even with such conscious efforts, I did not succeed."

Fountain also said the profanity used by some of the program's participants exceeded all bounds of acceptable standards of conduct, especially for broadcast over television.

"I am letting the sponsor of this program and the network over which it was shown exactly how I feel about this shocking exhibition," he said.

Two Youths Drown In Justice Farm Pond

Two 14-year-old Negro boys drowned in a farm pond in the Justice Community sometime last Saturday, according to reports. The bodies were discovered late Monday afternoon by the owner of the pond.

Charles Elbert Harris and Nathaniel Hardy, both of the Justice Community had been missing from their homes since Saturday afternoon, according to the Hardy boy's father. They were believed to have been spending Saturday night at the home of one of the youth's sister.

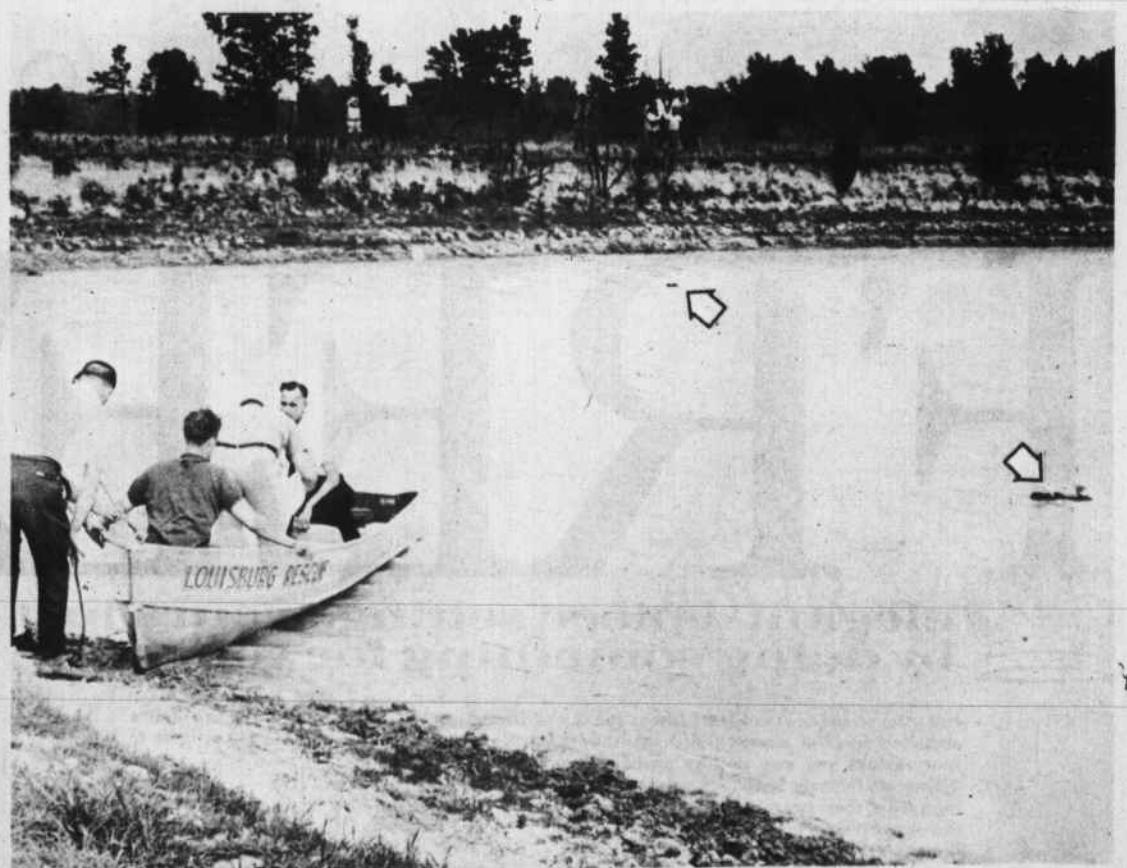
The bodies were discovered by Graham B. Ball, owner of the pond Monday afternoon around 4:30 P.M. The Louisburg Rescue Service re-

covered both bodies in a matter of minutes, after being called to the scene.

The twin-drowning brings to three the number of water deaths in the county this season. Four persons lost their lives in water accidents in Franklin last year.

The first drowning of the year occurred on July 22 when 14-year-old Clarence Perry lost his life in a farm pond on the Don Joyner Farm five miles east of Louisburg just off N. C. 39. Perry was also a Negro.

Going back to August 7, 1967, all four drownings since that time have been Negro teenagers.



Scene Of Twin Drowning

The Louisburg Rescue Service prepares to recover bodies of two 14-year-old Negro youths who drowned in a farm pond at Justice sometimes Saturday. The bodies were discovered late Monday afternoon by G. B. Ball, owner of the pond.

Photo by Clint Fuller.