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## Zones, Schools, Teacher Assignments Announced

### Schools To Open Under Butler Plan

The annual countywide teacher's meeting was held here Wednesday at Louisburg High School amid an air of uncertainty as school officials announced plans for the opening of the fall term on September 6.

The Franklin County Board of Education and its chief attorney Edward F. Yarborough were on hand as Superintendent Warren Smith and Associate Superintendent Mrs. Margaret Holmes announced teacher assignments and disclosed plans for the operation of the system under a federal court order. Mr. Yarborough spoke to the group explaining the recent District Court ruling by Judge Algernon Butler which ordered a massive reorganization of county schools to gain total integration this fall.

Board Chairman Horace Baker told the assembly that "we are entering a new era" and called on all to give full cooperation to the Board in its efforts to open schools and to "educate our children". Lloyd West, a member of the Board, called for a "Christian approach" to the coming school year.

In making teacher assignments, Mrs. Holmes said that every effort had been made to keep teachers with the same children they would have had under normal operations. Generally, teachers of grades 1-4 at Louisburg, Gold Sand and Bunn were transferred with their grades to new locations. Negro teachers in grades 5-12 in the same zones were, in general, transferred to the new schools with their grades. In the mass shuffle of personnel, most teachers are expected to continue teaching in their fields.

Under the recent court order, Riverside, Perry's and Gethsemane High Schools were closed and the Board, in special session here Tuesday, officially eliminated these schools from further record. Where facilities of these schools are to be continued in use, names have been changed to Louisburg, Gold Sand and Bunn Elementary Schools. Each will house grades 1-4 this year. The original Louisburg, Gold Sand and Bunn plants will house grades 5-12 under the court plan.

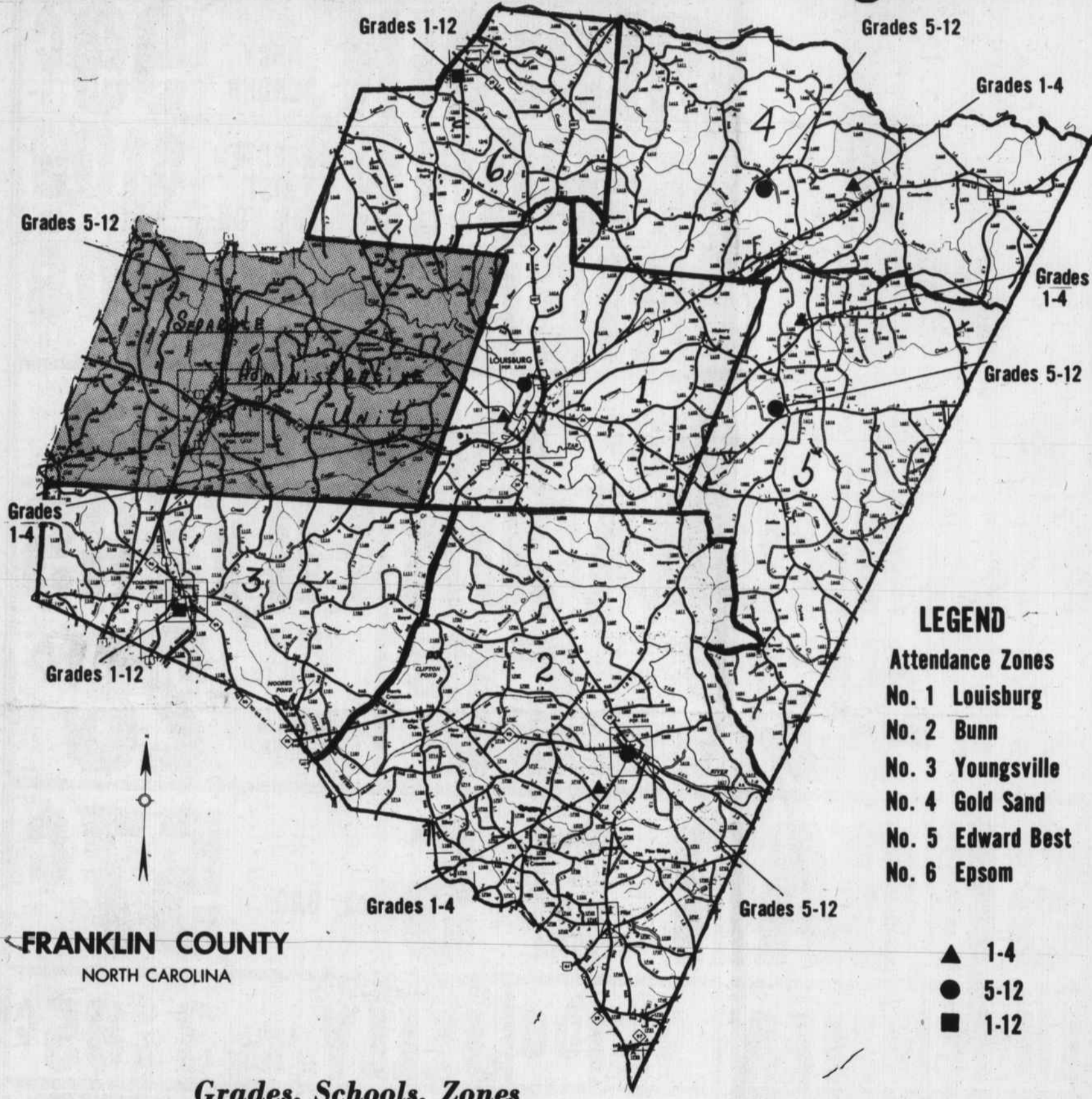
Epsom and Youngsville will house grades 1-12 with Cedar Street and Youngsville Elementary Schools being taken out of use by the Butler order. Edward Best High School will house grades 5-12 with Edward Best Elementary taking care of grades 1-4.

Principals were assigned in Wednesday's meeting as follows: Louisburg High School, Thomas A. Riggan; Louisburg Elementary, Carl A. Harris; Gold Sand High School, James V. Marshall; Gold Sand Elementary, J. E. Wilson; Edward Best High School, Robert Fleming; Edward Best Elementary, Mrs. Myrtle T. Parrish; Bunn High School, W. H. Kelly; Bunn Elementary, A. A. Lane; Youngsville High School, David L. Godwin; Epsom High School, Archer Usher.

Confidence was expressed at Wednesday's meeting that while the opening would be somewhat disruptive, it would be accomplished with a minimum of disorder. Makeshift facilities are being readied in several of the schools in order to meet the Friday, September 6, deadline when students will report from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Some mobile classrooms are to be relocated, some relocatable buildings will be erected and five classrooms are expected to be completed at Louisburg within a short period of time.

Little dissatisfaction with assignments was noted at Wednesday's meeting and a number of teachers expressed their confidence in the Board and commented on the job the Board has done.



#### LEGEND

#### Attendance Zones

- No. 1 Louisburg
- No. 2 Bunn
- No. 3 Youngsville
- No. 4 Gold Sand
- No. 5 Edward Best
- No. 6 Epsom

▲ 1-4

● 5-12

■ 1-12

### Grades, Schools, Zones

The six-zone attendance map, ordered by U. S. Eastern District Judge Algernon Butler August 5, is shown above. The zones are drawn along attendance lines of areas served by predominantly white schools last year. Students will attend the schools in which their grades are being taught in the zone in which they live, according to the Butler order.

**ZONE ONE - LOUISBURG:** Grades 5-12 will attend classes at Louisburg High School, located on Allen Lane. Grades 1-4 will attend classes at Louisburg Elementary School located on the River Road. The zone runs coterminous with the Louisburg Township and special tax district.

**ZONE TWO - BUNN:** Grades 5-12 will attend classes at Bunn High School located on N. C. 39 south of the Bunn Town limits. Grades 1-4 will attend Bunn Elementary School, located on State Rural Road No. 1719. The zone is relatively the same as that served by Bunn High School last year.

**ZONE THREE - YOUNGVILLE:** Grades 1-12 will attend Youngsville High School. The Youngsville Elementary Negro School has been closed. The lines run along Youngsville Township lines on the west, north and south borders and along

U. S. 401 on the east.

**ZONE FOUR - GOLD SAND:** Grades 5-12 will attend classes at Gold Sand High School. Grades 1-4 will attend classes at Gold Sand Elementary School, near Centerville. Lines run close to those of Gold Mine and Sandy Creek Townships.

**ZONE FIVE - EDWARD BEST:** Grades 5-12 will attend classes at Edward Best High School on N. C. 56. Grades 1-4 will attend classes at Edward Best Elementary at White Level. Lines run along Cedar Rock Township taking in some portions of Cypress Creek Township.

**ZONE SIX - EPSOM:** Grades 1-12 will attend the Epsom High School. The one school will serve all of Hayesville Township.

The zoning of the county was ordered by Judge Butler and no zone is allowed to conduct any class at more than one location within the zone. This prohibits the so-called neighborhood schools. Under the Butler plan, the county school system becomes 100 percent integrated.

## Franklinton Schools Open, Three Person Grades Transferred

Franklinton City Schools opened Wednesday with 1,022 students reporting to the Franklinton High School and B. F. Person-Albion School. Under agreement with the

S. Office of Education, grades 10, 11 and 12 from the Person Negro School were enrolled in the predominantly white Franklinton High School.

Wesley Jackson, Franklinton High School principal, reported except for the usual organizational problems the opening was orderly. Superintendent R. B. Gordon reported that he was pleased with the operation of the two schools on opening day. He urged all students not registering Wednesday to do so as soon as possible. Jackson praised teachers and stu-

dents for their cooperation and termed Wednesday "one of the best opening days" at the Franklinton School.

O. W. Burrell, principal of the Person School, reported that attendance was down from that expected. He said this was due to the confusion accompanying the announcement by the Franklin County School system that school opening was being delayed.

Franklinton High School reported 612 students enrolled and Person School reported 410 students on opening day. The first full day schedule began today at 8:15 A.M.

### Jury List Reported

The following names were drawn for jury duty for the week of September 23 in the Superior Court mixed Civil and Criminal court.

Dunn - David G. Batton, W. J. Braswell, Corbet Medlin, Glen B. Strickland, Nathaniel T. Clemons, Nora W. Jeffreys, H. P. Jeans, Jr. Harris - Reginald R. Carpenter, Mrs. H. M. Pridgen, Henry F. Tant, C. E. Wallace, John W. Wheeler, Jr. Youngsville - Ernest Hockaday, Mrs. Sanford Pearce, L. D. Lloyd, Joseph E. Alford, Mrs. W. Tobie Holden, Willie Roger Fleming. Franklinton - Mrs. C. L. Alston, Mrs. Charlie Crudup, Mrs. Rachel Bell Cooper, Mrs. Owen Piper, John Simpson Wilder, William E. Murray, Ann H. Collins, Walter Edward Upchurch, Mrs. George Stallings, Eugene Benard Spooner, Paul Walker, Rev. Loyd F.

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### Franklinton Court Docket

(FRK. B.W.) The following cases were tried in Franklinton on Monday, August 26:  
 Jack Strother - Drunk - Cost paid.  
 Charles T. Blacknall - Affray - Cost paid.  
 George Edward Long - Affray, Drunk and resisting arrest - Cost paid.  
 Armond Wendell Scott - Speeding (71 MPH in a 60 mi. zone) - Fine and cost paid.  
 Joseph Lee Brodie - Speeding (55 MPH in a 45 mi. zone) - Cost paid.  
 George Calvin Goodman - Speeding (64 MPH in a 55 mi. zone) - cost paid.  
 Evelyn Jordan Stange, Sarah Jean Peele and Robert A. Middleton -

Speeding (70 MPH in a 60 mi. zone) - Each paid cost.  
 Floyd T. Watson - Speeding (80 MPH in a 60 mi. zone) - Fine and cost paid.  
 Bruce Relmer Champion - Exceeding safe speed - Cost paid.  
 Larry J. Parker - Stop light violation - Cost paid.  
 Charlie Harvey - Assault on female - Cost paid.  
 Robert Lee Alston - Failed to stop for red light - Cost paid.  
 Violet Jane Huesing - No operator's license and speeding (70 MPH in a 60 mi. zone) - Cost paid for speeding - Nol pros - no operator's license

## Tobacco Markets Open Here Tuesday

Season sales of flue-cured tobacco will begin on the Louisburg market next Tuesday, Sept. 3, following start of the auctions in the Eastern North Carolina Belt Monday. The spread between the Eastern and Middle Belts is only a week, in contrast to about two weeks normally in the past.

The crop in this area is about half harvested, and will be much more than that in another week. There will be abundant tobacco available for sale when the market opens and in the days following.

Reports are that the crop is of fairly good quality, with damage from hot weather and scarcity of rain in recent weeks not as serious as it might have been earlier in the growing season.

Opening averages in other belts have ranged as high as 68 to 69 cents a

pound, but there has been no accurate forecast as to what may be the rule here and on the Middle Belt generally. In the 1967 season, the local market sold 10,716,487 pounds of leaf at an average of \$64.94.

### Gets Street Improvements

The Town of Youngsville is getting some improvements to the eastern end of Main Street, according to reports. The construction and improvements is being done by the State Highway Commission.

Plans for the improvements now underway were made last fall by the Youngsville Town Council for the purpose of the "public safety and convenience."

Youngsville's responsibilities under

Preparations for the season opening are virtually complete, and leaf for sale at the start of auctions will begin moving to warehouse floors by the end of this week.

the project has been securing rights-of-way and removing obstructions including utility lines. One of the larger jobs has been the cutting down of an unusually large tree at the corner of Nassau and Main Street recently.

The project reaches 778 feet from the corner of Nassau and Main Streets in an easterly direction and consists of installation of drainage pipes with curb and guttering work to come.