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Sen. Ervin Blasts Attorney General's Use Of "National Police Force" Here



Local Firm Moves Ahead

One of Louisburg's newest firms took a step forward here Wednesday when a trailer-load of record albums arrived here. Pictured above is Robert Preddy, left, General Manager of Gospel Recorded, Inc. and Bryant Best, local businessman, are shown unloading portions of the shipment which, when completed, will consist of 1,000 sets of the recorded Bible or 20,000 records. Preddy said that shipment of the albums to buyers is already underway from the Louisburg office. The firm plans to expand its sales immediately to other regions of the state and eventually across the entire country. Tom Bolick, whose radio program "Daily Bible Study" is aired over station WADA in Shelby, N. C. and whose voice is used on the records, is shown (inset) on a visit here last week.

More Scott Aids Named

Four more Franklin citizens have joined the Bob Scott campaign here, according to an announcement today by John White, Region Eight Young People-For Scott Chairman.

Latest to join the Scott forces are Larry Lindsey, coach of the Youngsville State Class A Championship basketball squad, John Ted Arnold of

Bunn, Pam Lancaster of Centerville and Lorene Y. Conyers of Franklin.

All these people will be precinct captains in White's division of the campaign, which embraces five counties. Lindsey, 29, is a graduate of Pembroke State College and a member of the Youngsville Baptist Church. Arnold is a farmer and a graduate of Bunn High School. He is a Mason and a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Miss Lancaster is a student at Louisburg College, a member of Phi Beta Lambda. A graduate of Gold Sand High School, she is a member of Centerville Baptist Church. Mrs. Conyers, whose husband, Jr. Howard Conyers, is a member of the Democratic Precinct Committee, is the mother of one daughter, a secretary by profession and an active member of Pope's Chapel United Church of Christ.

Youngsville Lions Hear Winston

Youngsville — Mr. F. C. Winston, Sr., Youngsville Agriculture teacher, was guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting held Tuesday night, September tenth, at the community house. Providing interesting commentary, Mr. Winston showed color slides taken on the National Study Tour abroad in which he and his wife participated this summer. Program chairman for the evening was Lion L. A. Woodlief.

Lion President Claude Edwards presided at the meeting. School Principal D. L. Godwin was welcomed as a guest.

Calender Drive chairman E. J. Pearce made area assignments to Lions for the annual fund raising drive to begin as of this meeting.

White Cane Chairman L. Jervais Phillips proposed plans for this annual project. Date for a road block to raise funds was set for Saturday, September the twenty-eighth.

Corn Support

The 1968 crops of corn grading number 2 will be supported at \$1.25 per bushel. This is one cent higher than the support rate for 1967. In order for producers to be eligible for the above rates, the farm must have been signed up in the 1968 Feed Grain Program. Also, the 1968 loan rate on soybeans will be \$2.51.

Leaf Prices Drop Slightly

Tobacco prices on the Louisburg market dipped slightly Tuesday from Monday's average and figures for Wednesday's sales have not been made available. For the first four days of sales which began Tuesday of last week, the local market averaged \$67.98 in selling 1,042,084 pounds for \$708,410.30.

Monday's sales average was \$67.94 and Tuesday's average dropped to \$66.01.

On the entire Middle Belt, a large majority of the grade averages were \$1 to \$2 per hundred below Tuesday's levels. Losses were more consistent for leaf and primings. Lugs and cutters were unchanged in most instances. Nondescript has shown erratic fluctuations the past few days.

The Middle Belt quality declined again as sales consisted of larger percentages of low and poor leaf. Volume was heavy, but only a few blocked sales were reported. Gross sales Tuesday totaled 3,777,144 pounds, averaging \$65.52 per hundred. This was \$1.99 below that of Monday. Growers placed 19.4 per cent of the sales under the loan program.

Franklin Native Honored

The N. C. Department of Agriculture's "Employee of the Month" for August is John H. Cyrus, in charge of the agency's tobacco marketing section.

Commissioner Jim Graham said in announcing the selection:

"North Carolina's vital tobacco industry requires advice from men who speak impartially for cooperation, and who work from a broad knowledge of the industry. This need is particularly urgent in these times of change and challenge.

"Mr. John Cyrus is widely respected for having these qualities. He has contributed greatly to the search for more orderly tobacco marketing, and has provided growers valuable information on marketing conditions.

"He is particularly commended for assisting to develop new methods of packaging and handling looseleaf tobacco."

A Franklin County native, veteran of service in the Air Force in World War II, and N. C. State University graduate with a degree in agricultural education, Cyrus joined the NCDA staff nearly 20 years ago after brief service as a veterans' instructor and a voag teacher.

He is married to the former Billie Marie Watkins, a Raleigh native, and they have two children.

Farmers Co-Ops To Meet

Tom Marshall, Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor for Franklin County, announces that there will be a county-wide Low Income Farmer Co-Ops Meeting in Louisburg on Tuesday, September 17, at the Agricultural building at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The purpose of this meeting is (1) To help farms determine how cooperatives can best serve their needs. (2) To determine where sufficient interest exists to establish meaningful cooperative enterprises. (3) To acquaint low-income farmers with their responsibilities as cooperative members and with problems incidental to cooperatives' establishment and successful operation. (4) To inform low-income farmers how these co-ops can be financed.

Mr. Joseph B. Cash, Economic Opportunity Specialist, from the State Office of the Farmers Home Administration in Raleigh, North Carolina, accompanied by a representative of the State Department of Agriculture, will conduct this meeting. They will be assisted by Tom Marshall, County FHA Supervisor.

Any interested farmer in Franklin County is invited to attend.

North Carolina Senator Sam J. Ervin blasted the U. S. Attorney General Wednesday for what he termed "the deployment of a national police force" in Franklin County during the opening days of school. The U. S. Department of Justice, in spite of a vigorous protest by the Franklin County Board of Education, sent 15 FBI agents and two Justice Department attorneys into the county to "observe" the opening on Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

When the federal officials showed again here Tuesday, the Board, through its attorney Edward F. Yarborough, again issued an official protest and the attorney was directed to seek the aid of the two North Carolina Senators, Ervin and B. Everette Jordan, who is out of the country.

Congressman L. H. Fountain witnessed the FBI agents at some of the schools while on a visit here Monday. While withholding any public statement, he, nevertheless, expressed his opposition privately on the matter.

In a letter, addressed to U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark Wednesday, Senator Ervin said, "While my office has received assurances on September 10 that your employees would not remain in Louisburg after that date, I would like to voice strong disapproval of this type of Department activity.

"To dispatch a group of federal officers larger than the local police force and Sheriff's department to a small North Carolina county when things were under control was... unsettling to the students, school officials and the people in the community."

Senator Ervin continued, "I have long felt that it was a serious error for the federal government to rob children and parents of both races of their freedom to choose the school they wish to attend but I feel it compounds tyranny many times for you to assign the FBI the job of supervising our state schools."

"I would expect such conduct in a police state," the Senator continued, "but not in a society which is supposed to be free."

Then the senior Tarheel lawmaker added, "For all practical purposes the use of such a large number of men amounts to the deployment of a national police force on your part and I certainly hope this practice will not be repeated in other North Carolina towns."

Sen. Ervin said that he wanted to assure the Attorney General that "North Carolina state and local officials have every intention of upholding the law even if they disagree with it and I feel that the large number of Justice Department officials which you sent to Louisburg, North Carolina could be more effectively and legitima-

tely used in other parts of our nation fighting organized crime."

Board attorney E. F. Yarborough and Board Vice Chairman Clint Fuller, both in touch with Mr. Bob Smith, Senator Ervin's assistant, expressed

their appreciation for the action taken by the Senator in behalf of Franklin County. Senator Jordan's staff also

contacted local officials to determine if the matter had been resolved, since the Senator himself is in Peru.



FBI Agents Observe Opening At Louisburg Elementary School

School Attendance Above 80% As Boycott Abandoned

School Attendance, under a federal court edit to completely desegregate schools this year, has gained steadily since the registration of students last Friday. Superintendent of Schools Warren Smith reports that at least 80 percent of the students attended school Wednesday. He added that if his estimate of students attending private schools is correct, the percentage is nearer 87 percent, which exceeds what was described as normal for this

time of year.

Leaders of the County Committee for the Preservation of the Public Schools, the organization which advocated a boycott of schools earlier, met for two hours Tuesday night with representatives of the Board of Education. Following the session the Committee leaders met with a group of citizens, estimated at around 100, at the Justice Fire House. From this meeting, came the announcement by Committee Chairman Millard Wester that the boycott was being discontinued.

Representatives of the Board had told the group earlier that there were no plans to close the schools and gave the Committee leaders attendance figures to show that the boycott was not as effective as the leaders had planned.

In view of the 70 and 72 percent attendance figures shown, Wester and the others decided to recommend the abandonment of their efforts to have the schools closed.

Wester thanked the people for their support of the efforts, according to reports, and said that all parents are now released from their pledge to withhold their children from school. He said that while the boycott was a failure, "it was successful in attracting nationwide attention to the plight of the children here in Franklin County and was successful in bringing Congressman L. H. Fountain into the district to conduct an on the scene investigation into the situation resulting from the massive court desegregation order."

He predicted that the people of the county would further voice "their dissatisfaction at the polls come No-

vember". He stated that the decision of whether or not to send children to school was now being left to the individual parent."

Meanwhile, attendance was up slightly this morning and for the most part, regular classroom work was begun. There are still a number of white children who have not yet been enrolled but the number has increased considerably since last Friday's registration.

College Has 823 Students

Final enrollment figures at Louisburg College for the fall semester indicate that 823 students matriculated, an increase of 122 over the previous year. Some of the increase is attributed to a recently completed women's dormitory. 562 students are from the state of North Carolina, 285 of them from six counties: Franklin 96; Wake, 60; Durham, 44; Vance, 40; Nash, 25; and Warren, 20.

The state of Virginia leads the field of out-of-state students with 261. Eleven other states are represented in the student body, as well as countries of Malaysia, France, and Iran. American students who finished high schools in Peru, Hong Kong, and England are also enrolled.

The 182 year old United Methodist Junior college has 310 students who are members of the United Methodist Church. Other denominations and faiths include Baptist, 276; Presbyterian, 77; Episcopal, 60; Catholic, 31; Christian, 23, and Lutheran, 13.

County Fair Opens Sept. 23

The County Fair opens on Monday, September 23, for a six day run, to begin its 55th consecutive year of operation.

Last minute preparations are underway getting things in order for the annual show. The exhibit hall will again feature the agricultural theme and prizes will be given in hundreds of categories from homemade foods, clothing and other agricultural items.

The midway will feature Helman's Big H. Shows with fun and amusement for every member of the family. Again this year the local Jaycees will operate the bingo booth.

A special matinee is planned for Wednesday and Saturday of fair week, which are designated as school days. Tickets are to be distributed to the children through the schools.

Dr. Bello Addresses Rotary

At the September 5th meeting of the Louisburg Rotary Club, Dr. Cancio Bello of the Louisburg College Spanish department spoke on the Castro take over of his native country, Cuba. Dr. Bello was serving as Ambassador to Chile at the time of Castro's coup and had previously served as the Cuban Minister of Education under Batista.

Dr. Bello gave a very informative talk on the Cuban nation today which included comments on the bankrupt Cuban economy, the refugee problem, police state methods, etc. He also commented on his own newspaper background and the failure of the United States news media to present all of the news correctly.

Significantly, he made it quite clear that the communists seek as their primary targets rich countries with a strong middle class society; that the end result of a communist regime is that the poor become poorer and the rich become poor.