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Triple Rites At White Level Today

Triple funeral services for Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Glen Collins, 35, and sons, Rocky Dale Collins, 7, and Terry Glenn Collins, 4, of Fayetteville, who died Saturday, will be conducted today at 2 p.m. at White Level Baptist Church by the Rev. Jobe Overton and Chaplain Jan Friend. Burial, with full military honors, will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving Collins are his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Lester Collins; his mother, Mrs. Percy Lee Collins of Rt. 2, Louisburg; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Lee Leonard and Mrs. Edna May, both of Louisburg, and Mrs. Pattie Sue Ehrenberg of Rocky Mount; four brothers, Jake and Perry, both of Rt. 2, Louisburg, Bill of Raleigh and Daniel Gray Collins of Greensboro.

Surviving the sons in addition to their mother and paternal grandmother are their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Lester.

Franklinton Man Held In Slaying

A 34-year-old Negro is being held in the Granville County jail after he allegedly shot his estranged wife and her escort early Sunday morning. The woman's companion died.

Roy Albert White, 34, of Rt. 1, Franklinton, an employe of a Durham meat processing company, is being held for investigation of murder.

His estranged wife, Jessie Weaver White, about 35, is in critical condition in Duke Hospital with a pistol wound in her head.

The dead man is Cletis Jones, 35, of Wake Forest.

The shooting allegedly occurred as the woman and Jones drove up at her parents' home in the Wilton Community near Oxford. Both were shot with a .38 cal. pistol as they sat in the car.

White surrendered voluntarily to Oxford Sheriff J. C. Cash.

Lions Hear Highway Official

The Louisburg Lions Club met at The Murphy House last Tuesday evening. The speaker was Walter Wooten, the Right-of-way agent for the Highway Commission in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Wooten's subject concerned land grants. He gave an interesting account of land-granting in the Granville district of North Carolina during the mid 1700's. He also pointed out various regulations regarding land grants at that time, plus some lawsuits and other problems resulting from some of those land grants.

The Club wishes to announce that the White Cane drive is now in progress. All citizens are urged to make contributions, all of which, of course, will be used for the blind. This drive will continue at least through the month of September.

The recently-adopted Board of Education policy of requiring tuition for children attending county schools, whose parents live outside the state, has come under sharp criticism by the two Raleigh newspapers and a Negro graduate student at North Carolina State University.

In an article by-lined by Jack Childs and published in the Wednesday issue of The News and Observer, it is claimed that "Some children in Franklin County aren't going to school this year and not because of any boycott" and refers to the children as "victims" of "a new policy strictly enforcing residency requirements".

Harold Reid, graduate student and part-time teacher at State, is quoted as saying he feels the action by the Board may be "a slap in the face to Negroes because of the emergence of school desegregation in Franklin." Reid is reported in the article of having personal knowledge of hardship cases, identifying one such case as that of Mrs. Beatrice Scott who cares for three children. The mother of the children "is living in a northern state" and the "father's whereabouts is unknown."

In an article appearing in the Wednesday issue of The Raleigh



Sign Of The Times

As a sign of the times, trailer headquarters for the two gubernatorial candidates have been put in place here in Louisburg in recent weeks in preparation for the coming campaign. Top photo shows the Bob Scott and county Democratic offices on East Nash Street and the bottom photo shows the Jim Gardner Republican headquarters on Bickett Blvd. Harnett Senator Robert Morgan, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, will officiate at ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the Democratic headquarters Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. Plans for the formal opening of Gardner offices have not been announced. Photos by Clint Fuller.

Franklin Municipalities

To Share \$28,631 Powell Bill Funds

Four of the five municipalities in Franklin County will share in a total of \$28,631.59 in Powell Bill funds, according to a Highway Commission announcement. The four include Louisburg, Franklinton, Youngsville and Bunn. Centerville, newest incorporated town in the county, has not yet qualified for a part in the funds.

According to the announcement, Louisburg will receive \$14,370.84 based on a population of 2,862 and non-system mileage of 12.24. Franklinton gets \$8,501.11 on a population of 1,513 and mileage of 8.14. Young-

ville will receive \$3,800.10 based on 596 population and 4.04 miles and Bunn gets \$1,959.54 on 332 population and 1.96 miles of non-system roads and streets.

State Street Aid allocations totaling more than \$10-million will go to qualifying cities and towns in the State this year under provisions of the Powell Bill, State Highway Commission Chairman J. M. Hunt, Jr. said today.

Hunt said that 425 North Carolina towns and cities will receive proportional cash allotments amounting to \$10,415,342.87. Checks will be mailed

from Raleigh the latter part of September so that they will reach the municipalities by October 1.

Funds equal to the amount produced by one-half cent of the regular six-cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the State are returned annually to participating municipalities in proportional shares based on relative non-state system street mileage and on the relative populations of each of the municipalities.

Towns and cities qualifying for participation do so by submitting detailed information each year to the Highway Commission concerning ad valorem taxes, other sources of revenue, budget ordinances and local elections. Some legally incorporated towns do not participate in the Powell Bill Program simply because they do not perform the necessary municipal functions required under the law.

Chairman Hunt noted that the \$10,415,342.87 being returned to the 425 participating municipalities this year is more than twice the amount returned to 386 participating towns and cities at the beginning of the program in 1951.

During the 18-year history of the Powell Bill Program, a total of \$128,676,160.42 has been returned to the municipalities for use on local streets.

Trio Faces Charges In Still Raid

Three persons were arrested Tuesday in a raid on an illegal liquor still about six miles from here.

Michael D. Zetts, of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division in Raleigh, said officers arrested Nathaniel Presley Davis, 41, of Rt. 1, Youngsville, on charges of operating an illegal still, possessing raw materials and fermenting mash.

Also arrested in the 11:20 a.m. raid was Herbert Alexander Snead, 61, of Rt. 2, Franklinton, who was charged with aiding and abetting the illegal operation.

Officers arrested Johnny Gray

Frazier of Wake Forest near Franklinton at about 4:30 p.m. on charges of working at the distillery. Zetts said other arrests are expected.

The trio will be arraigned before a U. S. commissioner in Raleigh at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Zetts said the brand new distillery was in operation at the time it was seized. He said it contained eight, 860-gallon submarine-type, stills and 6,000 gallons of mash.

The operation was capable of producing 240 gallons of liquor a day, Zetts said.

Board Of Education's Tuition Policy Criticized

Times, Reid is quoted as saying, "This is mostly used against blacks. It's a method of fighting back against the blacks for trying to go to white schools." Under District Court order, Franklin schools were totally desegregated this fall and there are no longer any white or Negro schools in the county system. All schools are now predominantly Negro in racial population.

Board attorney Edward F. Yarborough and School Supt. Warren Smith explained the current situation Wednesday. The out-of-state issue came to light several weeks ago while the Board of Education and the school staff were preparing a proposed plan of desegregation to be presented to the District Court, according to Yarborough and Smith.

In order to draw what has been called the "750 Plan" which called for 750 Negro students to be assigned to the then predominantly white schools, school officials had to search over 5800 census cards, filled out by students last year. This was done, said Yarborough, in order to find the students to be reassigned.

In the process, it was noted that a

large number of students were attending county schools whose parents did not live in the county. The number, estimated at around 250 at the early count, was large enough to bring to the attention of the Board of Education. The Board instructed Yarborough to look into the legal aspects of the situation and a ruling was acquired from the State Attorney General's office which clearly stated that such children are not eligible to attend the schools here.

Yarborough quoted portions of the ruling: "In this situation you deal with parents who intend to dwell permanently in other States while their children live with grandparents or other close relatives because of family economic conditions. In view of what I have already said, these pupils are clearly not eligible to attend the public schools of this State."

According to Smith, letters were sent out under direction of the Board, informing people with these children in their keep, of the information received from the Attorney General's office. He acknowledges that due to errors in many census cards, some mistakes were made. These, however,

he says have been cleared up as they arose.

In the meantime, a large number of people visited the school office and the office of the Clerk of Court in efforts to determine proper procedures for getting these children in school. The Clerk of Court obtained still another ruling from the Attorney General's office which spelled out that he could not appoint legal guardians so long as there is a living parent.

Because of the shortness of time before school opening and the evidence that some hardships would occur, Yarborough says, the Board reconsidered the original idea of strict compliance and settled on the current plan of tuition payments with the warning that the condition is temporary and that beginning next school year, these children will not be allowed to attend school here unless their parent lives here.

The tuition amounts, \$40 for elementary students and \$50 for high school students was arrived at, said Smith, by taking the amount of tax paid per child plus equity in the buildings which matches the amount the average taxpayer pays.

Hearing Set For October 7 School Board Attorneys File Appeals Brief

Federal Judge Algernon Butler committed "reversible error" in rendering his August 5 order calling for total integration of Franklin County schools, according to contentions contained in the Board of Education's brief filed Wednesday with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Franklin appeal is slated to be heard Wednesday, October 7, at Richmond.

The brief, prepared by Board attorneys Edward F. Yarborough, Charles Davis and Irvin B. Tucker also contends "reversible error" when the district court "usurped the responsibility placed by law upon the defendants for the operation of the public school system of Franklin County."

The Board asks that the Butler order be "set aside" and that the case be "remanded for further hearing". It contends that the Court ruled "without a hearing or finding of facts on the adequacy of the plan submitted by the defendants on July 15". It also claims the order was rendered "without any hearing or findings of facts as to the educational and administrative feasibility of the District Court's plan of August 5, 1968."

The attorneys cite portions of Judge Butler's order of August, 1967 in which he ordered a plan of assignment, at "the earliest practicable date" and called for the School Board to "make provision in the plan for the period of time over which conversion to a desegregated school system shall be accomplished". The Board objects to the Court's later interpretation of this order to mean the 1968-69 school year in lieu of the original wording of "earliest practicable date".

"... it is equally clear that the District Court has completely failed to conduct any hearing or to consider in any manner whatsoever any of the problems relating to administration, arising from the physical condition of the Franklin County School Plan, the school transportation system, personnel, revision of the school districts and attendance areas into compact units to achieve a system of determining admission to the public school on a non-racial basis..." the Board contends.

The Board also claims that the August 5 order, "not only jeopardized the administration of the public

schools... but has placed the school system... in direct conflict with the laws of the State of North Carolina. Among the N. C. laws cited is one that prohibits the closing of a high school without a public hearing and approval of the State Board of Education. Three high schools were closed under the August 5 order.

The brief cites a number of Supreme Court ruling in support of its two major contentions in the case.

The appeal will be heard before the full seven-judge court at Richmond. Twice before, Franklin has been denied relief from the high court. Once on appeal of a ruling by Judge Butler and a few weeks a request a stay of the August 5 order was denied.

Work Underway On Durham Hosiery Plant

The Franklin County Industrial Development Commission reports that work is proceeding rapidly on the Durham Hosiery Mills building in Franklinton.

The masonry work is currently being done, and the steel is expected in October. It is hoped that the approximately 70,000 square foot building will be completed by mid-December if the weather remains favorable.

Mr. Olif Paschall is currently managing their panty hose department in the pilot plant next to Piggly-Wiggly on Highway No. 1, south of the building site. It is expected that this department, new with Durham Hosiery, will contain 40 to 50 women and will be moved to the new plant upon its completion.

Plans are underway to erect an overhead water storage tank near the site to handle their needs, plus the eventual requirements of other industry locating on adjacent land. This has been made possible by the cooperation of the Franklin County Commissioners and the Franklinton Development Corporation.

Youngsville Plant To Expand

The Franklin County Industrial Development Commission announced today that through the efforts of the Youngsville Development Corporation and TRE'JAY, INC., a 24,000 square foot expansion program has been approved. This will mean a gradual increase of 100 to 150 new employees. TRE'JAY currently employs 170 people in their Youngsville plant, which is the largest of the three North Carolina factories which are operated from their main offices in Lake Oswego, Oregon. The other North Carolina locations are Littleton and Enfield.

TRE'JAY began operations in Youngsville in February 1967, with approximately seventy-five employees and 150 wholesale accounts. Currently, they have 250 wholesale accounts spread out in the free world. Since first coming to Youngsville, they have continually expanded their lines, to include: fancy pants, bibs, infant diaper sets, panty hose sets, knee-sock sets, and body stockings.

Construction is due to start in thirty days with completion set for mid-to-late January.

There is no doubt that this fine firm has had a very favorable effect on the economy of Youngsville and all of Franklin County.

Mr. Robert Hill, manager of TRE'JAY, resides in Wake Forest with his family.

Smith said that at last count early this week, there were about seventy students attending schools under the tuition ruling. He explained it is almost impossible to get a clear count as to just how many children are affected since attendance zones have changed with some children no longer attending any school in the county system. He cited one case where a child had put down the name of a grandmother when the child and both his parents lived in the same house.

Yarborough told The News and Observer, "The Board doesn't want to deny an education to anybody. I'm sure it will lean over backwards in every case in favor of the child."

The article also reported that "Two lawyers are at work in Raleigh trying to determine whether there are legal avenues open to Mrs. Scott and the others to enable them to get the children back in school."

Yarborough said he was instructed to check the legal aspects of the situation on August 6 and the first ruling arrived on August 27. Some persons had asked for a revision of the original provisions of the policy, Yarborough, and this had a bearing on the

Board's decision to reconsider for this year.

It was also reliably reported that tuition for the three Scott children was paid Monday of this week, before the article was published in The News and Observer. An attempt to make a part payment was rejected by the Board and the full tuition was paid by a loan from a white friend of the Scotts.

It was also noted that if Smith's original estimate of 250 students coming under the new policy, is correct, this number would represent ten classrooms or an expenditure of some \$200,000. Under the rapid reshuffling of students this fall, classroom spaces are in short supply and if the attendance continues to climb new facilities will have to be built which could easily include the \$200,000 for out-of-state students.

In spite of this newest controversy besetting Franklin School officials, they report that schools themselves are operating in an orderly manner with no troubles reported at any of the locations. Some problems still exist, however, such as bus routes and these are being worked on, Smith said.