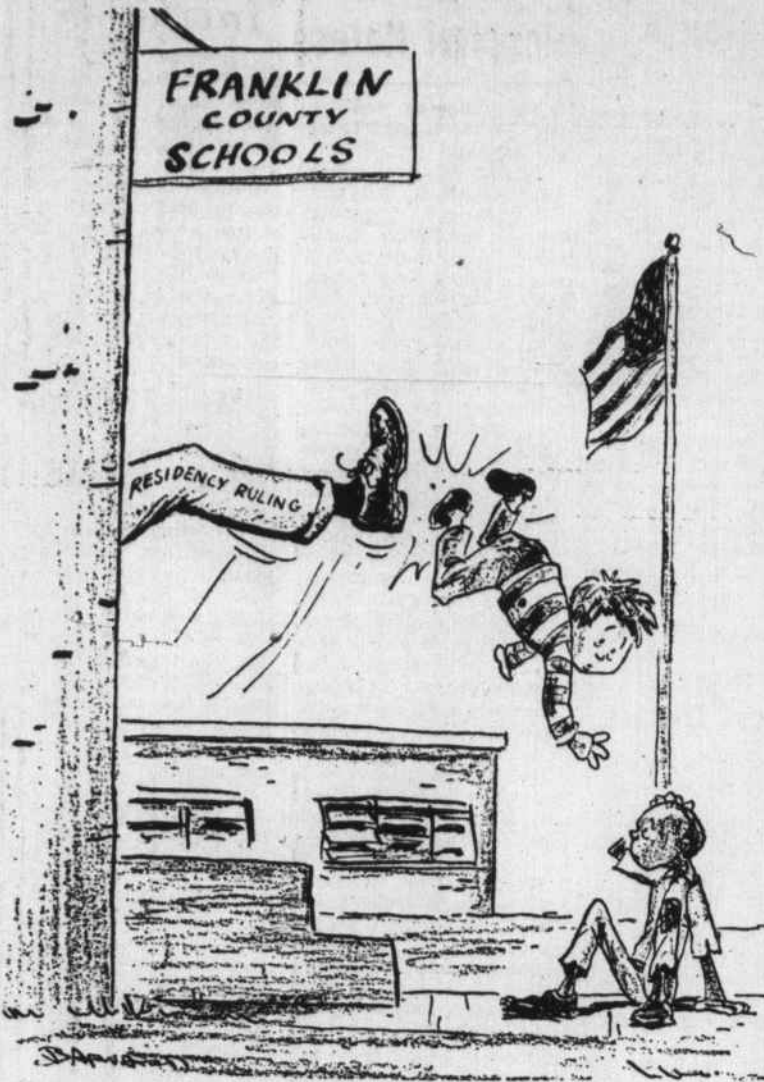


"Wait Until We Have Our Plan"



The News and Observer, Wednesday, August 28, 1968

"Tell Your Kinfolks—No \$40, No Public Education."



The News and Observer, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1968



I'm beginning to get me one of them complexes about that Raleigh newspaper... and that complex is beginning to gnaw way down deep...

We take friendly joshing good as anybody... 'Cause we've been known to do a little of the stuff ourselves... but too much of a good thing is too much... and all the garbage being dumped on us by that crowd in Raleigh is nearing the breaking point...

Old Mother Nature located dear old Franklin so close to Wake... and we're sorry about that... We mean we're real sorry about that... but there ain't nothing we can do... short of moving the county and this ain't practical at the moment...

It's kinda hard... being an expert, intellectual writer such as we are... to find fault with our counterparts in that air-conditioned and Daniel-rized office in Raleigh...

But, hard as it is... We feel compelled to pass on a few chosen substitute words... We say substitute 'cause the originals won't pass the proof-readers here or there... Well anyway... they wouldn't pass ours...

Fellows, we been camping under this old tree for many a year now... and we like it. We ain't never... in all our years... made any move whatsoever to tell you pencil-pushers and typewriter-punchers how to run Wake County, Raleigh or even the rag you call a newspaper... And we ain't seeking no praise for this... 'Cause to be perfectly honest with you boys... We wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole... We wouldn't wipe out ur... feet on it...

We ain't got no gripe with your sports page, the funnies, the want ads or the displays... We like the socials, the love columns and the horoscopes. It's when we start reading the news that we have to call for the Pepsi-Bismol...

We got a lot of respect for the writing ability of many of the slaves hanging around the old liberal plantation over there... Some might even prove to be human... if they lived in Franklin for awhile... It's them... Just got out of college-and-i-know-it-all bunch that comes us where it ain't doing no good a-tall.

Fact is... we feel kinda sorry for the whole lot of you... It must be some kinda miserable to go to work every day and always get the same old assignment... "Go Attack Franklin County"... It must be terrible to get in such a rut...

And the strain on the old eyeballs must be terrific... Peeping day after day into that telescope trying to spot a tiny speck of dirt thirty miles away... Oh, we know you use a telescope... 'cause there ain't a one of you ever bothers to come over here to see that speck first hand...

We'd invite you over... but we know it'd be useless... We know you ain't coming... and we know why... 'cause you're chicken... that's why.

So... let it be said that if you ain't going to tell it on Franklin like it is... keep your cotton-picking, key-punching fingers in your pocket and turn that ever-loving telescope on yourselves...

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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Every Tom, Dick And Harry

A Negro graduate student at North Carolina State University has taken issue with the Franklin County Board of Education's policy of charging tuition for children attending county schools whose parents live outside the state. This appears to be another in a long and trying series of outside people attempting to tend Franklin County's business.

The policy applies to white and Negro alike and there are instances where people of both races have been required to pay the tuition. The State student is reported to have said that it is an "effort to fight back against the blacks for trying to go to white schools." Obviously this man is ill-informed.

Franklin County is probably the only school unit in the country that is totally, fully and completely integrated. There isn't a single predominantly white school in the entire system. How then, can anyone say this or anything else is being done to keep blacks out of white schools? There are no white schools, nor are there any black schools. There are just schools and we might add, a considerable loss in educational opportunities for children of both races.

The tuition policy was adopted as a temporary measure by the School Board in order to lessen the chances of undue hardship on any child or person acting as a parent to any child. Under the ruling of the North Carolina Attorney General, Franklin is not required to allow these children to attend schools at all. The Board, in the interest of the children involved,

came up with a fee commensurate with the amount that would have been paid by the child's parents if they lived here.

Where it has been found that children are wards of legally appointed guardians either by the courts or by adoption, there have been no charges. The policy applies only to those parents of both races who move elsewhere and leave their children to be educated by the taxpayers of this county. This, of course, hardly seems fair. If the State student is as concerned as he implies, perhaps he will be willing to pay the fee for some child. He might be able to get the funds from either of Raleigh's two newspapers, who obviously think he is better qualified to say what Franklin should do than the Franklin Board of Education.

This Board of Education is used to being under attack and it is used to being falsely accused by just about every Tom, Dick and Harry who has any beef at all. After the past four years, the five members have developed somewhat of a tough skin.

In the sea of mass confusion and irresponsible actions, it might be worthy of note that this Board just plods along, trying as best it can, under the most trying of circumstances, to get the children of this county an education. The amazing thing is that it does this, under a constant barrage for ill-informed people and that these five men do it for \$15 per meeting.

There has to be a better way to earn a buck.

Franklinton Court Docket

(Frk. B. W.) Of the eighty cases on the Franklinton Court docket September 9, twenty-seven were continued and two were set for jury trials.

The following cases were tried before Mayor Joe W. Pearce:

Otha Massenbun, Charles Taylor and James McArthur Brooks - Drunk. Each paid cost.

James Beale Kearney - Stop sign violation. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

Euland Clayton McBride - Failed to comply with inspection law. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

Auburn Mitchell - Drunk. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

R. O. Perkinson - 3 cases of worthless check. To pay cost and check for each case.

Otee Shearon - Red light violation. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment. Continued on condition he not violate motor vehicle laws for 6 months.

Thermod Shevad Privette - Red light violation. Pleads guilty. To pay court cost.

Howell Cooke - No operator's license - Pleads guilty. To pay \$25.00 fine and cost.

Clarence Woodrow Morris - Concealed weapon. Pleads not guilty. Found not guilty. Gun ordered held for clearance.

Walter N. Mustian - Red light violation. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

Henry Clifton Jackson - Driving under influence. Pleads guilty. To pay \$100 fine and cost and surrender license.

Patricia Abbott Hill - Speeding 65 mph in a 55 mi. zone. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment. Continued on condition she write a 300 word theme on Highway Safety.

George Joyner - Disorderly. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

Jimmie Darrell Ray - Profanity. Paid cost.

John Wayne Arnold - Stop light violation. Pleads guilty. To pay cost.

Connie Mack Chavis - Scratching off. Paid cost.

Blake Broomfield Overton - Speeding 55 mph in a 45 mi. zone. Cost paid.

R. M. Lyles - Drunk and disorderly. Cost paid.

Andrew Rendall Howell, Katherine Joenet Boland - Speeding 65 mph in a 55 mi. zone. Each paid cost.

Clarence Woodrow Morris - Assault on female. Warrant withdrawn. Cost paid.

Robert Lee Lewis, Jr., George Cannady, Jr., Walter David Vangieson, David Kim Marshall, Robert S. Taylor, William Ernest Robinson, James Bawden Long, Milton Fredrick, David Robert Bryan - Speeding 70 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Each paid cost. Also Lewis Chester Vaughan, Jr.

Harold Baggett, Amos Dean Baker - Speeding 65 mph in a 50 mi. zone. Each paid cost.

Jack W. Peatross, Karl F. Trefzer - Speeding 75 mph in a 60 mi. zone. Fine and cost paid.

William Lee Schools - Speeding 60 mph in a 50 mi. zone. Cost paid.

Charlie Bland Lewis - Speeding 45 mph in a 35 mi. zone. Cost paid.

Jimmie Darrell Ray - Disorderly. Cost paid.

Arnold Thomas Stancil - Improper passing. Cost paid.

Charles Brayton Heath - Exceeding safe speed. Cost paid.

Margaret Pugh Monroe, William Thomas LaPrade - Stop sign violation. Each paid cost.

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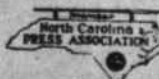
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