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Morgan Speaks At Democratic Ribbon-Cutting

State Senator Robert Morgan of Harnett County and a candidate for North Carolina Attorney General was the principal speaker here Friday afternoon in ribbon-cutting ceremonies opening the Democratic Party headquarters trailer. The event was attended by a number of party officials and private citizens.

Morgan was welcomed to Louisburg by Mayor V. A. Peoples and the youthful candidate was introduced by Mrs. Betsy Pernell, Chairman of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee. He was accompanied to Louisburg by Burley Mitchell, a former Franklin native, now managing the Morgan campaign. Clint Fuller, Chairman of the Second Congressional District Campaign Committee escorted the candidate downtown.

"We've had good government under the Democratic Party leadership in North Carolina since 1900," Morgan told the crowd. "We need to remind our people in Franklin and Harnett Counties that North Carolina has ten percent of the paved highways in the United States," he remarked in praising the Democratic leadership. He said that North Carolina has fewer state employees per 10,000 population than any state in the union except four.

Morgan spent more time campaigning for the entire state ticket than in talking of his own aims. However, he

did explain his plans to introduce training into our public schools to give students an understanding of laws. He said these plans were being formed at present.

At one point, the former manager of the Beverly Lake state campaign, referred to Franklin school desegregation problems as being similar to those in his home county of Harnett, which like Franklin is under federal court order. Morgan is attorney to the Harnett County Board of Education. He said simply that he could understand the problems being experienced here.

The trailer, located on East Nash Street across from Murphy's Super Market was decorated with pictures of Morgan and gubernatorial candidate Bob Scott. The speaker's platform was decked with red, white and blue paper with Morgan signs attached. Inside a number of visitors gathered to meet and chat with the candidate personally before and after his speech. Lapel buttons and window posters along with other campaign material for both Morgan and Scott were passed out inside the trailer.

Following the ceremonies, Morgan met briefly with a number of local supporters and party leaders in a local restaurant. A prior commitment in Nash County prohibited him from attending the Louisburg-Franklinton football game as previously announced.

Questions Raised Over Attack On Franklin School Tuition

Criticism of the Franklin County Board of Education's new policy of charging a tuition for students whose parents live outside the state, by the Raleigh News and Observer and The Raleigh Times last week has raised a number of questions here.

A North Carolina State University student and part time economics teacher, identified as Harold Reid, was quoted extensively and critically in both articles.

The Franklin Times has learned that a Harold Reid was paroled from State Prison on June 13, 1966 after having served portions of two sentences for "Common Law Robbery" in Cumberland County in 1958.

Prison records disclose that a Harold Reid was sentenced to two terms in January, 1958, one from 6 to 10 years and another to run consecutively for 6 to 8 years. He reportedly completed his high school education while in prison.

Reid was quoted in the Raleigh news articles as saying he knew Mrs. Beatrice Scott of Franklin County, whose three grandchildren had been denied admission to Franklin schools because they could not afford to pay the tuition. He said he became acquainted with the woman last summer while working in Franklin on a study of the federal Food Stamp program.

Reid told the newspapers the three Scott children had been attending Franklin schools "all along". He said, "One is in the fifth grade, another in the seventh and another in the ninth". School records show, however, that only one Scott child attended last year under the Scott name. This child was Gwendolyn Eugene Scott, age 13 of Rt. 2, Franklinton and was enrolled in the 9th grade at Youngsville.

Tuition for two other Scott children was paid Monday of last week, before the Raleigh news articles were published. The fees were paid by a white friend of the Scotts. It was learned that Mrs. Scott, who works as a domestic in the Youngsville area, is employed part time by the person paying the fees. The tuition was in payment for the 13-year-old child and Steven Scott, a first grader, not in school last year and Stephanie Scott, entering the second grade this year. All will attend Youngsville High School.

There is no record of the Scott children referred to by Reid in the articles. It was also learned that at least one daughter of Mrs. Scott, believed to be Mrs. Wilma Lee of 5808 Foot Street, NE, Washington, D. C. was in Louisburg and discussed the tuition payment with officials here. Reid stated that "The children's mother... has not been home for two or three years."

It was also reported that Mrs. Scott has a second daughter, believed living in New York who, according to the source, called by phone to inquire about the tuition.

In the articles by-lined by News and Observer writer Jack Childs and Raleigh Times writer Chuck Mooney, Reid is quoted as saying, "Mrs. Scott works as a maid two or three days a week and is a Food Stamp recipient. It is impossible for her or her husband - who works only during the construction season - to pay a large sum for tuition."

The Franklin County Welfare Department reports that Mrs. Scott is not

receiving any assistance from the welfare and is not a recipient of Food Stamps as reported by Reid. The Department has no record of Mrs. Scott, her daughters or the three children mentioned in the articles.

Sixty dollars was sent to the Franklin County Board of Education last Monday night as part payment for the three Scott children's tuition. The partial payment was declined by the Board and it was then that a white man, whose identity is not disclosed, came to Louisburg and paid the entire fees amounting to \$130. It was understood that the man was lending the \$70 to the Scotts who would repay the loan.

The Welfare Department reported that a check of some 250 cases, reveals that only three families have children out of school due to their inability to

pay the tuition. Four children are involved, one of which is a white child.

Reid was quoted in The Times article 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".

The North Carolina Attorney General's office ruled in 1958 and again in 1960 and more recently in the Franklin case that children whose parents live outside the state are not eligible to attend North Carolina schools. Franklin school officials set the fee policy this year to avoid hardships with the announced intention that such children will not be allowed to attend schools here next year.

It has been estimated that at least ten classrooms are needed to accommodate these children and this repre-

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MAYOR PEOPLES AND MRS. PERNELL

Warehouse Official Passes

James Harris Turner, 64, official of Ford's Tobacco Warehouse here for many years, died this morning in Franklin Memorial Hospital following several months of declining health.

Turner was bookkeeper and office manager for Ford's warehouses here and was a life-long resident of Louisburg.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 3 P.M. from Oakwood Cemetery, conducted by Rev. Norwood Jones, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Surviving are three sisters: Mrs. Tracy Stockard, Mrs. Frank W. Wheelis, Jr. and Miss Francis Turner, all of Louisburg, two nephews and one niece.

Vote In Union

Tarboro-Traffic Department employees of Carolina Telephone on Thursday voted 721 to 490 in favor of collective bargaining representation by the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

With approximately 1,300 traffic employees eligible to vote, 1,235 participated in the secret balloting. The election was conducted at sixteen points within the company area by representatives of the National Labor Relations Board.

Meters To Be Checked

Louisburg Police Chief Earl Tharrington announced today that his department will begin checking parking meters on Wednesday afternoons. The action is to become effective tomorrow, Wednesday, September 25.

It has been a long-standing policy of the department that meters not be checked on Wednesday afternoon during the summer months. Beginning Wednesday, however, cars will be tagged, Tharrington said.

Society To Meet

The Franklin County Historical Society will meet Thursday night at 8 P.M. with Walter R. Wooten of Chapel Hill as principal speaker. Mr. Wooten is a native of Granville County and a graduate of UNC.

He taught history in Merced High School, California for three years and served as Staff Historian of the N.C. Historic Sites Division in Raleigh. He participated in the Historic Halifax Restoration and restored and operated Alamance Battleground State Historic Site near Burlington. Mr. Wooten has also served as Administrator of the State Highway Historical Marker Program, and is currently working with the State Highway Commission.

Anyone interested in history is invited to attend Thursday nights meeting which will be the first of the 1968-69 season. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of First Citizens Bank on Bickett Blvd.

Sales Holiday Not Needed Says Royster

The managing director of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association said Monday that "barring a totally unforeseen development," he sees no need for a sales holiday on flue-cured tobacco belts this season.

"I think everything is in very satisfactory condition," Fred Royster of Henderson said. "We're over the hump. The sales last week were just about in line with what was expected - some 80-odd million pounds."

Meanwhile, it was announced that the industrywide flue-cured Tobacco Marketing Committee will meet in Raleigh Wednesday at 8 p.m. to take a look at the marketing situation and draw up sales schedules for next week.

"The marketing situation is greatly improved in comparison with last season," Royster said. "For one thing, we're dealing with 200 million pounds less tobacco this year because of the cutback in 1968 production."

"Furthermore," he added, "weather conditions couldn't have been more perfect as far as marketing is concerned. A year ago we were having

a lot of damp weather. This year it's been dry and we've had cool weather much earlier. We haven't had any difficulty in the tobacco being high in moisture content."

Royster said in addition to the reduced production this season, several other factors have helped ease the marketing situation.

He cited the work of the industrywide committee, the pre-sheeting of tobacco, the scheduling of deliveries by growers with warehousemen, and the tobacco allocation based on a combination of basket-poundage.

The 1967 marketing season was marked by sales holidays and also a curtailment in selling time because of the congestion at redrying plants.

The industrywide committee, headed by Frank Bryant of Boonville, met in Raleigh Sept. 12 and drew up the current sales schedule on the various belts. At that time, an official said if the belts weathered the next two weeks the marketing situation would be in good condition.



Drive Underway

Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples is shown above with Mrs. Shirley Dean after issuing a proclamation here Wednesday in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund-raising campaign now underway. Mrs. Dean is County Chairman of the drive designed to raise funds in support of research care and teaching programs for children born with Cystic Fibrosis, which is described as a "chemical disorder". Mrs. Dean reported that a number of local women are aiding in the drive. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Weekend Marred By Three Wrecks, One Shooting

Three automobile accidents, taking place at almost the exact same time, and a shooting early Sunday morning marred an otherwise uneventful weekend in the county.

The three accidents took place around 11 P.M. Saturday night at Franklinton, Centerville and near Hart's Store between Louisburg and Youngsville. The Franklinton Rescue Service reported no one was injured in the accident there and names of the

victims were not learned.

At Centerville, two cars were involved and four teenagers were injured. Susan Burnette, 15, Mary Burnette, 16, Ronald Dement, 16, and Shelby Tippet, 17, suffered minor injuries and were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital by the Centerville Rescue Service. Drivers of the two cars were not learned. All live on Louisburg, Rt. 2.

The accident near Jones Hart's store sent two youths to the hospital at Louisburg and later both were transferred to Wake Memorial in Raleigh. The two were identified as Ellis Neville, w/m/21, and Harold Kearney, w/m/21. Neville is from Wake Forest and Kearney is from Youngsville. Both suffered head and neck injuries and were transported to the Louisburg hospital by the Louisburg Rescue Service.

Sheriff William T. Dement reported his department is looking for a man identified as Vernon Fogg, c/m/21, originally of Rt. 3, Louisburg and recently living in Washington, D. C. Fogg is being sought in the Sunday morning shooting of Alphonza Davis, c/m/30, at the Crescent Motel near Franklinton.

Dement said Davis was wounded with a .32 or .38 caliber pistol bullet in the shoulder, lung and spine. His condition was listed as critical at Duke Hospital. Fogg has been charged with the felony, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The incident occurred around 9:30 A.M. Sunday, Dement said.



FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR SCENE MONDAY NIGHT - FAIR OPERATES THROUGH SATURDAY NIGHT