



Site Of Proposed Methods & Material Center

Commissioners Approve Purchase Of Land For Education Building

The Board of County Commissioners gave final approval for the purchase of land near the Board of Education building here in a special meeting Monday night. The land, a point of controversy between the two Boards some weeks ago, is being purchased from Bland B. Pruitt for \$12,500 and the Board of Education will erect a federally-financed Methods and Material Center on the location.

About all that is left of the matter is for final approval to be given the deed by county attorney W. H. Taylor. Board of Education attorney E. F. Yarborough has completed his work on the matter for the school agency.

Six times in May and June of this year, the Board of County Commissioners refused to grant a School Board request for a deed to land already owned by the county in front of the present school office. Finally on June 20, the two Boards agreed on the purchase of land behind the present building. The Commissioners argued that the new building would blot the appearance of the three-building county complex. The School Board denied this and presented drawings by its architect to bolster its position.

Awarding of bids is expected when the Board of Education meets here in regular session Monday night. Preliminary estimates place the expected cost of the total project, not including the land, at around \$130,000.00. This reflects some adjustments in federal funds since the initial start of the

controversy, when the project was expected to cost around \$83,000. It also reflects a rise in construction costs due the lengthy delay caused by the inability of the two Boards to get together on a site.

In another action by the Board of Education last week, thirteen relocatable classrooms were ordered and are expected to begin arriving here by the middle of next week. Three units are to be located at Edward Best Elementary School; four at Edward Best High School; four at Youngsville High School; and one each at Epsom High School and Bunn High School. Louisburg High School has two such units already in service as does Gold Sand High School and Bunn.

The Board awarded this project, expected to be financed by federal funds and costing \$97,379.10, to James Bingham and Associates of Raleigh in a special meeting last Friday. The units are to include air conditioning and electric heat and are 24 by 32 feet, or more in keeping with permanent classroom sizes than are the more widely used mobile classrooms.

In other actions, the Board worked at revamping the new ESEA budget of some \$498,527,000, eliminated overnight school trips sponsored by the schools, and declined to grant a request of three Negro parents for an installment plan for payment of tuition for students whose parents live out of state.

Registration Books Open October 12th

Voters To Face Long Ballot

Franklin County voters, like voters everywhere, will again face a long ballot when the polls open Tuesday, November 5. Actually, only the state ballot is unduly long, but there will be at least five separate ballots for each voter to cope with.

On the state ticket, there are 28 Democrats and twelve Republicans, ranging from Governor to Superior Court Judges. On the presidential ballot, there are, of course, three parties this year. The names of each party's presidential and vice presidential candidate appear and this includes the new American Independent party.

This ballot as now printed contains the name of S. Marvin Griffin as the vice presidential candidate on the AI ticket, although it is expected that retired General Curtis LeMay will actually be the candidate.

The congressional ballot to be used here contains the name of Democratic Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and his GOP opponent Robert Vance Somers and Congressman L. H. Fountain who is unopposed.

The least publicized of the four out-of-county ballots is the constitutional amendment ballot. Voters will decide two state constitutional questions. One deals with pay for legislators and the other deals with approval of the current system of representation in the General Assembly.

While there are no local races in the general election, a county ballot will also be given voters. There will be spaces for write-ins on the GOP side where there are no nominees for the local offices. Included on the local ballot are the three district judges, the Register of Deeds, a State Senator, two State Representatives and two County Commissioners. Some question remains on a sixth ballot. There were some races for Township Constable in the primary and it is assumed that ballots will be given in these affected townships on Nov. 5.

Registration books open Saturday,

Franklin May Get Interstate Connector Highway To Raleigh

The possibility that an Interstate-85 and Interstate-95 connector highway to Raleigh will be built through Franklin County has come to light in recent days and an intensive drive is now underway by a multi-county group to see that it does.

A luncheon meeting was held here Tuesday, called by Industrial Development Director S. Kenneth Schubart, and attended by several local leaders and a group from Henderson to discuss plans to push the project. Schubart was out of town this morning and could not be reached for comment. However, it was learned that his office is contacting a number of local leaders requesting that they express their views by letter to Highway Administrator W. F. Babcock in Raleigh.

Full details of the proposed project have not been made public but it is

reported that the highway would begin at I-85 in Henderson and travel through Franklin County to Raleigh and join I-95 at Dunn or near Smithfield. It was also reported that Harnett County is forming a group to push the project along this route.

It has not been explained whether the proposed federal highway will follow U.S. 1 through Franklinton or follow N.C. 29-U.S. 401 through Louisburg. One informed source reports that it will likely be an entirely new highway.

A state highway official expressed the belief some weeks ago that the highway might follow N.C. 39 through Louisburg and cited the fact that N.C. 39 in Henderson, now being rebuilt through town, will connect with I-85 west of the city. N.C. 39 and U.S. 401 are slated to be reconstructed in

Franklin County sometime next year. This is a state project, however, and the connector to the State Capital is a federal plan. All civic club presidents have been called to a meeting in Henderson for Friday at 11:30 A.M. and County Commissioner Chairman T. W. Ellis, Jr., Mayor Louis Horner and Rep. John T. Church are expected to explain the matter to the Vance County group.

Rep. James Speed and Rep. Church voiced support in the meeting here Tuesday. The first objective of the various groups, according to reports, is to gain State Highway Commission approval of the project. The Commission is expected to make the decision within forty days.

Two Charged In Still Raid

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement reports that two Rocky Mount men have been charged with operating an illegal whiskey still in the county as a result of a raid by his department and ATTU agents Tuesday. The still was found in the Seven Paths area of the county, Dement said.

Charles O. Coolie, 35, and Willie Johnson, 56, are being held on charges of possessing materials, non-taxpaid whiskey and still equipment, Dement reported. He said the two will appear in Recorder's Court here October 8 for a hearing.

The officers seized two 280-gallon tank-type stills, three 400-gallon submarine-type stills, 1,570 gallons of mash, thirty gallons of booze and a truck. Mike Zetts, ATTU officer said that water was being siphoned from a farm pond some 500 yards from the still.

Rites Held For C. E. Edens

Clarence Eugene Edens, Sr., 71, of Rt. 2, Louisburg, died Tuesday in Duke Hospital. Funeral services were conducted today at 2 p.m. at White Funeral Chapel by the Rev. T. M. Daughtry. Burial followed in the Highland Memory Gardens with masonic rites.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ora Lee High Edens; one daughter, Mrs. Charlie Phelps of Henderson; one son, C. E. Edens, Jr., of Centerville, Va.; one brother, William H. Edens of Louisburg; three grandchildren. He was a retired oil and gas distributor, the operator of Edens General Merchandise Store, a member of the Louisburg Masonic Lodge, No. 413, and a member of Mt. Gilead Church.

District Judges Promise Law Enforcement Support

Julius Banzet, Warrenton attorney, who is likely to be the Chief Judge of the Ninth District when the new court reform takes over in December, says he believes in strict law enforcement. Claude W. Allen, Jr. of Oxford and Linwood Peoples of Henderson, the other two Judges-elect, have echoed this sentiment. The three attended a meeting in Creedmoor recently and voiced their support of law enforcement.

The three men, all Democrats and all having won in the May primary, have no Republican opposition in the November elections.

Allen termed law enforcement, "One of the largest jobs in the country" and said it may become larger. Making note of the fact that the District Court will be fashioned after the Superior Courts, Allen said he is "looking forward to working with law enforcement personnel...."

Peoples stated that such personnel "have one tough job". He referred to a recent experience of riding with a State Trooper and added, "I don't have what it takes" to perform duties which come in their line of work. He

said that as a Judge he will "turn a man loose" if the evidence is lacking and he added that if the evidence is there, conviction will come.

Banzet, touching on the famous Miranda case decision by the U. S. Supreme Court and the influence it has had on law enforcement, says he believes in law and order and enforcement. He praised law enforcement people, especially the State Highway Patrol. In expressing his thoughts on enforcement he said, "Vicious violators need to be punished commensurate with the infraction".

The three judges spoke at a dinner hosted by veteran Creedmoor Justice of the Peace, I. E. Harris, who had invited law enforcement personnel from Granville County "to come together for a period of good fellowship". Also present was Charles M. White, III, of Warrenton, newly appointed Ninth District Solicitor.

To Address Wallace Rally

Reid Stubbs, State Campaign Manager for former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace will be the principal speaker at a rally for the presidential candidate at Franklinton on October 11, according to an announcement made today.

The supper and rally will be staged at the Franklinton Speedway on U.S. 1 south beginning at 6 p.m. Friday night, October 11. The meal will be served until 8 p.m., according to the announcement.

UNC Student Addresses Lions

Charles Holmes, a former Louisburg College student and presently a student at UNC, addressed the Louisburg Lions last Tuesday evening. His subject concerned the character of the government of the Soviet Union.

"Stalin was able to control the Soviet Union during his reign because of his terror methods. People often feared for their lives and, as a result, did not seek to change the government's policies," Holmes said, "and the government under Stalin had such power that it could and would take legal action against any type of disagreement, even dress styles." "Since Stalin, other Russian leaders have used the same techniques; it is hoped," concluded Holmes, "that future leaders of Russia will see a need for change in that they will want more power in the hands of the citizens, thus reducing some of the present fear in the Russian people."

The Lions Club approved the idea of a possible link-up of an interstate highway in Franklin County. Also, Vice-President Lion Tommy Jeffreys urged all members to turn in immediately all contributions to the White Cane Drive because it is now necessary to commence with the Birthday Calendar Drive.



Louisburg Police Department

Shown above, posing for their annual picture, are members of the Louisburg Police Department. The force has three new officers this year. Shown, standing, left to right, are Chief Earl Tharrington, Ned Lloyd, Lewis Evans, Thurman Burnette. Seated, left to right, are Assistant Chief Hubert Shearin, Larry Gilliam and Robert Redmond. Evans, Burnette and Redmond are recent additions to the force.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Wooten Talks To Historical Society Here

Walter R. Wooten, Administrator of the N. C. Highway Historical Marker Program was the principal speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the Franklin County Historical Society. Mr. Wooten, is a former staff historian for the N. C. Historical Site Division and the Director of the Alamance Battle-ground State Historic Site, talked on the subject, "British Merchantism and the War of Regulation of 1765."

T. H. Pearce, President of the organization, presided and announced that an agreement had been made with Louisburg College for the use of the original Franklin Academy building as a museum. He said the Society would be allowed to use the building and that the rear wing, which he explained is of no historical importance would be sealed off and used for storage by the College Drama Department.

The possibility of a private grant to aid in restoration of the old building was disclosed. The grant is to be used for heating the building and installation of a sprinkler system.

A nominating committee was instructed to bring in a list of proposed officers to the next meeting of the Society.