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Escape Serious Injury

Mother & Daughter Wore Seat Belts

A Louisburg mother and her seven-year-old daughter survived a serious automobile accident Saturday and the husband-father says he believes the two escaped serious injury because they were both wearing seat belts. Ed Rabil of Justice Street here said his wife, Mrs. Frances Rabil, and daughter, Kay Rabil, were returning from Raleigh when a 1968 Chevrolet, reportedly driven by Ed C. Bosbyshell, a UNC student, ran a stop sign at the intersection of U. S. 401 and N. C. 98 twelve miles south of Louisburg.

The Bosbyshell car first stopped and then continued at the wreck-ridden intersection according to reports, causing Mrs. Rabil to attempt to dodge the car. She lost control of her late model Plymouth, ran off the road,

overturned and ended with the car partly on its side resting against several pine trees.

Bosbyshell was unhurt and little damage was suffered to his car. Mrs. Rabil and her daughter were taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital. According to reports, the child was uninjured and Mrs. Rabil suffered arm and leg

lacerations.

The accident occurred around 1:15 p.m. Saturday. State Trooper D. C. Day investigated the accident and charged Bosbyshell, whose home is in Atlanta, Ga., with failing to yield the right of way. The Rabil car was heavily damaged.

Interviews Gov. Agnew

Editor On TV News Panel

Times Managing Editor Clint Fuller appeared on a WRAL-TV news show Monday night in an interview with Republican Vice Presidential candidate Spiro T. Agnew. The Maryland Governor was a visitor in Raleigh Monday on a campaign swing through the South.

The television program was taped Monday afternoon and aired Monday night at 7 P.M. Sam Beard, WRAL-vice president in charge of news moderated the news conference. Fuller, Goldsboro News-Argus editor Gene Price and WRAL's Joel Lawhon made up the three-man panel.

Recording crews from ABC-TV and other television stations were on hand and taped portions of the show. A host of other news people were also present for the appearance of the GOP candidate at the WRAL-TV studios on Western Boulevard in Raleigh.

Gov. Agnew was accompanied by a large number of Secret Service men and elaborate precautions were taken for his safety while at the studio.

Fuller, Price and Lawhon quizzed the Maryland Governor on such subjects as federal control of schools, the War in Vietnam, Communism and the disorders taking place in the country and the poverty programs. The trio also talked at length with Gov. Agnew following the telecast.

Fuller described him as a "friendly man with a keen sense of what's going on." "He is somewhat outspoken in his stand against the Johnson administration and the threat of communism in this country", Fuller said. "He also feels that federal agencies should leave the operation of the public schools to local boards of education", Fuller added.

Fuller was invited to participate in the 30-minute "In Our Opinion" news documentary last week by Sam Beard. "It was quite an experience", Fuller said.

Fountain Disappointed At Amendment Vote

Washington, D. C. . . Congressman L. H. Fountain said today he was disappointed that a move to restore freedom of choice to local school districts failed by only eight votes in the House.

The House vote came late Thursday on an amendment to the H.E.W. appropriations bill. The amendment would have prevented the use of Federal funds to force the busing of students, closing of schools, or attendance at any school against the wishes of a child's parents.

"This was a disappointing result, especially when the vote was so close,"

Fountain said. "I wish more members who would have made the difference had been present to vote."

Fountain said H.E.W. did not win a clear victory, however.

"We did get what I believe to be at least half a loaf," he said, "although ultimately we will have to depend on interpretations by H.E.W.'s seemingly uncontrolled dictators and the Federal courts."

Retained in the legislation was a provision that H.E.W. assign as many persons to other states as it now has the 17 Southern and border states carrying out compliance activities of

Women For Scott Named

The Franklin County Bob Scott Committee has announced the appointment of Mrs. Richard E. Timberlake of Youngsville and Mrs. Agnes Merritt of Moulton as co-chairmen of the women's division of the Bob Scott campaign for Governor.

Mrs. Timberlake will lead efforts in Youngsville, Harris, Dunn, Peaces and Franklinton precincts. Mrs. Merritt will be in charge of the campaign in Louisburg, Hayesville, Sandy Creek, Cedar Rock, Gold Mine and Cypress Creek.

Mrs. Timberlake has announced the appointment of the following precinct leaders: Mrs. Sue Phillips, Dunn, Mrs. Evelyn Horton, Peaces, Mrs. A. E. Pearce and Youngsville, Mrs. A. E. Hall. She has said she hopes to announce the Franklinton precinct leader in a few days.

Mrs. Merritt has announced the appointment of Mrs. T. H. Weldon as Hayesville precinct leader and says she will announce other leaders shortly.

Mrs. Timberlake, a native of Mecklenburg County, is employed in the State Department of Archives and History. She is a graduate of Waynesville High School and Harbarger's Business College. She is married to Col. Richard E. Timberlake, Jr., a Franklin native, and the Timberlakes have four children. Col. Timberlake was once a principal at Edward Best High School and was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives in 1946.

Mrs. Merritt, a Franklin native, is dietitian at Franklin Memorial Hospital and has been active in the Democratic party for a number of years. She has served as vice chairman of the Sandy Creek precinct and as a member of the County Executive Committee.

Closing Shots In Long School Battle Could Come This Week

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

Eleven times the Franklin County Board of Education has gone into federal court since December, 1965. The record is not enviable. The School Board has won two and lost nine. The bottom of the ninth and final inning comes Wednesday when the Board faces the formidable battery of seven Fourth Circuit judges in Richmond.

The hearing Wednesday was sought some time ago by the attorneys for the Board when a stay of Judge Algernon Butler's August 5 total integration order was requested. With all Franklin schools totally integrated and school now 30 days into the year, there is some question as to what, if anything could come from Wednesday's hearing.

The Board of Education is charging that the District Court "Committed reversible error by rendering its order of August 5, 1968 without a hearing or finding of facts on the adequacy of the plan submitted by the defendants on July 15, 1968, and without any hearing or finding of facts as to the educational and administrative feasibility of the District Court's plan of August 5, 1968."

The Board further charges that the District Court "committed reversible error" when it "usurped the responsibility placed by law upon the defendants for the operation of the public school system of Franklin County."

In denying a petition to stay the Butler order, Judge John D. Butzner, Jr., who wrote the short decision, also said the Fourth Circuit was advancing the appeal hearing to the October term. It was later set for Wednesday, October 9.

The long battle between the Board of Education and a group of Negro parents really began back in the fall of 1962. Some applications were made that year for Negro students to attend what were then all-white schools. The applications were not executed properly under the North Carolina Pearsall Plan and were rejected by the Board.

In September, 1963, a group of Negro parents boycotted the Riverside School in efforts to gain a cafeteria and some carried signs asking integration of all schools. The boycott was short-lived and schools operated for the year without further incident.

In 1964, eight Negro students applied for admission to all-white schools. All eight requests were denied by the Board. It was stated at the time that some of the eight lived outside the district to which they sought attendance and others were rejected on the grounds that their parents did not make the applications.

In 1965, the Board spent most of the year attempting to gain approval of a plan of operation from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Finally on August 31, HEW approved the county's plan to desegregate grades 1 and 2 and nine and twelve. The plan was altered nine times at the request of HEW before final approval was given. To gain approval, the Board agreed to desegregate all twelve grades in the 1966-67 school year.

On September 2, Mrs. T. H. Dickens, then Chairman of the Board, Board vice chairman Clint Fuller, Board attorney E. F. Yarborough and Supt. Warren Smith met with a delegation of parents representatives, Rev. and Mrs. Luther Coppedge, Mrs. Irene Arrington and Booker T. Driver. The meeting lasted three hours and it was explained to the group that applications by them for their children had

been denied because the children were not in the grades being desegregated under the HEW approved plan.

On October 8, 1965, Yarborough, Smith and Fuller met with HEW officials and Coppedge and Rev. S. G. Dunston in Washington to discuss the matter. On October 13, the Board met as a whole with Coppedge, Dunston and Driver in an attempt to reach some agreement on the thirty-some children involved in the non-segregated grades. Following the session, it was believed that the matter had been settled, according to a Board spokesman.

However, on December 1, Board Attorneys received briefs of motions being filed by NAACP attorneys for the Negro parents. On January 4, 1966 the U. S. Department of Justice entered the case.

Since that time, the Board and its attorneys have appeared at eleven hearings before District Court Judge Algernon Butler and three hearings before Fourth Circuit in Richmond. Judge Butler ruled with the Board in the first two hearings and against the Board in the last nine, which includes private hearings in which only attorneys were present.

Prior to the court case, the Board met ten times with HEW officials here and in Washington and sometimes by telephone hookups.

A ruling by Fourth Circuit is not expected Wednesday. It is usually several days following a hearing before a decision is handed down.

College Parents Day Slated

Hundreds of parents of Louisburg College students are expected to attend the annual Parents' Day on Saturday, October 12. The traditional event is held on the Louisburg campus with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Featured speaker for the occasion will be Dr. J. Earl Danieley, president of Elon College since 1957. Dr. Danieley received his A.B. degree from Elon. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees were earned at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The address will be delivered to the parents at 11:00 in the College Auditorium.

Afternoon activities include the Faculty-Parent Dialogue. During this period parents visit individual faculty members for consultation concerning student progress. Following the dialogue sessions the Parent-Faculty Tea concludes the afternoon's proceedings.

Saturday evening parents, students and faculty will enjoy the first of the annual Coffee House series which will feature The Dickens in concert.



DR. J. EARL DANIELEY

the Civil Rights Act.

"This, too, probably will be subject to interpretation," Fountain said. "But it should serve notice to the rest of the country that if segregation because of housing patterns is legal in the North then it should not mean something else in the South."

Somers Here Thursday

GOP Senate hopeful Bob Somers will bring his campaign to Louisburg Thursday when he speaks at the Louisburg Armory at 8 P.M. The UNC graduate is opposing Democrat Sam J. Ervin for the post of United States Senator.

Richard Alston, County GOP chairman, said the date for Somers' visit was changed. The young attorney was originally scheduled to be here on Friday. Alston expressed hope that a large group would be on hand to greet the candidate Thursday. He is expected to visit the area Thursday afternoon prior to his address.

ESEA Budget Approved

The Franklin Board of Education met in regular session here Monday night and gave final approval to this year's ESEA budget. ESEA Director Earl Martin was on hand to explain the newest revisions and the budget now awaits approval of the federal ESEA office.

Included in the budget is \$99,000 for relocatable classrooms and \$44,780 for teacher aides. The entire budget calls for \$498,527.

In other actions, the Board discussed the appearance Wednesday in

Richmond of Board attorneys to argue the Board's appeal of the District Court order which brought total integration to the county schools. The Board also reviewed plans for the federally financed Methods and Material Center and was informed by Supt. Warren Smith that title to the land had been made in the name of the Board of Education. The Board of County Commissioners purchased a \$12,500 piece of property behind the

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Franklin Exports Dirt To Wake

Franklin County has occasionally been the target of a certain Wake County newspaper with the implication at times that nothing worth very much comes from Franklin. Fortunately all Wake County doesn't share this feeling as shown above. A few of the many trucks now being used to haul Franklin dirt (or more correctly, sand) to the State Fairgrounds is shown above. An employee of Wade Moore Construction

Company said this morning that 7000 yards of Franklin soil is being exported to Wake. This represents 500 truck loads, according to reports. The fairground racetrack is being reconstructed and one would suppose that it was that Raleigh newspaper that reported there was dirt in Franklin.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.