

ROBBINS

HESSEE

College Gets Sears Grant

Unrestricted grants totaling \$1 million were distributed this week by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation under a continuing program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities ac-cording to W. H. Hessee, local representative of the Foundation.

In announcing the distribution of the 1968 grants, Hessee said the twenty-two participating colleges and universities in North Carolina shared in grants totaling \$22,500. In the Raleigh area, Meredith College, St. Mary's Junior College, and Louisburg College received grants totaling \$2,000.

Purpose of the program is system-atically to help private institutions of

higher learning meet their financial

Altogether, more than 700 colleges and universities from coast to coast will receive Sears Foundation grants. They are unrestricted to allow the schools to allocate their funds according to their greatest needs.

In addition to its grant program, the Foundation during the current year will invest in excess of \$900,000 in a variety of scholarships and other types of education programs, bringing its total expenditures for higher educa tion purposes this year to approxi-

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Conyers Begins Sentence Monday

Ten Cents

Edward Louis Conyers, 58-year-old Franklinton, Rt. 1, farmer began serving a sentence of 4 to 6 years Monday, in the ambush shooting of a cousin on May 17, 1967. Conyers was convicted of secret assault in Superior Court here last May and was sentenced by Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr. to not less than four or more than six years in prison.

Conyers immediately served notice of appeal and the higher court found no error and affirmed the McKinnon decision. The ruling was certified to Superior Court here on November 4,

according to reports and Conyers was committed Monday.

He was charged with seriously wounding Howard J. Conyers, 39, also of Rt. 1, Franklinton while the younger man was riding a tractor in an open field. The elder Conyers had claimed throughout his trial that the shooting was self defense. The younger Conyers spent a long period in the hospital recovering from leg and arm wounds. The incident reportedly took place around 11:30 a.m. and testimony at the trial disclosed that the elder Conyers came from inside a barn and began firing at the younger man.



It Could Be Your Child

School Bus Passers Get Warning

Louisburg area. Day says that he has received reports of a number of infractions of this rule of highway safety and that he has instructed bus drivers to get the license numbers of those violating this law. He warns that everyone passing a stopped school bus

Richard Smith, Franklin native in charge of Franklin and Halifax school bus safety, explained that a conviction of passing a school bus carries 3 points against the motorist's insurance which automatically takes away the 10 percent discount and causes an increase of 35 percent in future premiums. Day explained that such a conviction also carries five points against the operator's license. This, he explains, is in addition to the cost and fine such a conviction would bring on.

Day and Smith both pointed out the extreme danger in passing a stopped bus. Smith says that two children have been killed in the state already this year in school bus incidents. Day pointed out that small children are difficult to see stepping from in front of a bus.

While there apparently have been reports elsewhere, Day emphasized that the situation is most acute in Louisburg and stressed the importance of the matter by saying that indictments will follow arrests in such case

Middle Belt Sales Smallest In 25 Years

Sales on Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco markets during the 1968 season were the smallest in 25 years, or since 1943, and money paid to growers declined to the lowest point in eleven years, a final summary by the Federal - State Market News Service reported. Most grade prices, however, increased over 1967 season levels.

Grower consignments to the Stabilization Corporation decreased, but even so accounted for a substantial percentage of total sales. The price support agency received 26.9 million pounds, or 24.4 percent of gross sales. During the 1967 season, Stabilization received 49.6 million pounds, or 32.6 percent of gross turnover. Support level for all tobacco offered in the belt during the season, regardless of whether or not placed under loan, averaged \$60.92 per hundred pounds.

An official of the Louisburg Sports-

wear plant reported last week that the

firm has filed an appeal from a ruling

by the National Labor Relations Board, with the U. S. Fourth Circuit

That statement said simply, "The

attorneys for Louisburg Sportswear

have studied the decision and consider

it erronous. On that basis the company

has instructed their attorneys to ap-

affirmed an earlier decision by Trial

A three-member panel of the NLRB

peal the decision."

Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Sportswear Files Appeal

With Fourth Circuit Court

Quality was lower than last year. Untied tobacco was eligible for government price support during the entire season for the first time in history.

Gross sales for the season, including resales, were 110,538,997 pounds, for which growers were paid \$70,794,602 for an average of \$64.04. Sales were 41.5 million pounds and 24.5 million dollars less than in 1967. The general average gained \$1.38 and ranked third to the record high set in 1961. Season totals consisted of 110,242,936 pounds of untied tobacco averaging \$64.06, with only 296,061 pounds of tied for an average of \$59.97.

Gains in grade averages over the 1967 crop levels were general. In-creases were chiefly \$1 to \$5 per hundred pounds but ranged as much as \$8. Largest advances were most consistent for leaf grades of straight lemon

Examiner Harry R. Hinkes which ruled

in favor of the Amalgamated Clothing

Workers Union of America in the case

Hinkes had ordered, among a num-ber of things, that the company "Upon request bargain collectively

with...the union as the exclusive repre-

sentative of all the employees in the ..

unit and embody in a signed agree-

Employees of the local plant voted against the Union on October 12,

ment any understanding reached...

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which began in October of 1967.

occurred were for low primings and some grades of nondescript.

Marketings consisted of larger percentages of poor quality leaf and nondescript than during the 1967 sea-See MARKET Page 4

Extended Interruption **Explained**

Unforeseen difficulties and a fallen tree limb combined to cause a scheduled power interruption by Carolina Power and Light Company to extend beyond the announced 7 a.m. deadline Sunday morning.

The interruption had been scheduled for portions of Nash and Frank-lin Counties so that workmen could service a 66,000 volt transmission line. The work actually took until 8:55 a.m. to complete.

Return of service to some customers was delayed until 11 a.m. by a tree limb which had fallen in a remote area and caused damage to the lines.

Kenneth McCurry, Carolina Power and Light service representative for Louisburg, stated that scheduled interruptions normally follow the announc-"service men discover after work begins that repairs must be more extensive than have been thought. The tree limb caused an even longer delay to some customers.

"Carolina Power and Light Company apologizes for the inconvenience caused," he said.

Friends Of Lee Murray To Petition Court A group of around fifty persons from Franklin and Wake Counties met Tyree Lancaster suggested that the

here Monday night and voted to petition Superior Court Judge Leo Carr of Burlington for leniency in the case of former county accountant Lee Mur-

ray.

The group, calling themselves "friends of Lee Murray", also agreed to stage a limited fund drive simulation of signataneously with the gathering of signa-tures on the petition. Murray was convicted of embezziement and sentenced to 3 to 5 years in prison on October 25. Pleas by his attorneys failed to sway Judge Carr into granting

probation in the case.
Petitions are being prepared today for distribution to those present at the meeting and additional copies will be available for others interested in help-

ing, a spokesman for the group said.
The petition will ask Judge Leo Carr to change Murray's active sentence to "one of a period of proba-

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement will head the committee which is to present the petition to Judge Carr next Monday morning when the Judge comes to Louisburg to hold court. Dement was given a list of several names from which to chose his full committee. Two members will be from Zebulon, where Murray now lives.

C. T. Dean, Jr. welcomed the group to the local agriculture building Monday night and James Wilder moved to circulate the petition and to seek funds to aid Murray and his family. Felton Cash seconded the motion and it was carried by a loud voice vote.

Classroom

Teachers

Meet Here

Mrs. Mary C. Nesbitt, President of the NCEA Division of Classroom Teachers, was the principal speaker at the meeting the Franklin County unit of CTA here last week. She spoke on the subject, "Our Commitment: A Child Well Taught."

group meet again following the con-ference with Judge Carr on Monday, but it was decided to call the group back together by letter. Petitions are to be returned to Clint

Fuller not later than 9 a.m. Monday morning and additional copies of the petition can be obtained from Fuller at The Franklin Times office on Bickett Blvd.

Several close neighbors of Murray expressed their feelings toward him. One said, "He's the best neighbor a man ever had--and I say this with some of my present neighbors here tonight" Another said about the same, after explaining that she had lived next door to the Murrays for 14 years.

M. L. Hagwood of Zebulon, expres-sed the way "folks in Zebulon feel" about Murray and said, "Whatever you do in Franklin County, we'll match it in Zebulon". Several neighbors and friends of Murray from Wake County

were present, including members of the Zebulon Lions Club.

A spokesman for the group explained the purpose of the meeting by saying, "We're not here to consider the guilt or innocence - the correctness or incorrectness of the verdict. Anybody can be a fair weather friend. If we aren't friends in the rain, we're aren't friends at all. We are here to see what we can do to help a friend in need".

A letter had been sent out last week inviting a small number of known friends to the meeting and asking that they feel free to bring anyone else with them. One of the committee sending out the letters reported Monday night, "We have 100 percent attendance. Everybody contacted is

One member of the group said near the close of the meeting, "We'll try this for now, If this doesn't work, we'll try something else. We do not intend to give up."



Trapped Inside

Members of the Louisburg Rescue Service are shown above freeing Isham Lee Kearney, c/m/21 of Rt. 4, Louisburg from the wreckage of a car in which he was riding late Saturday afternoon. The car ran off N. C. 56 near Edward Best School and overturned pinning Kearney inside. George Van Harris, c/m/26, and Martin Kearney, c/m/21, were also riding in the car. None were believed seriously injured. Staff Photo by Clint Fuller.



Eight persons were injured in the two-car smash shown above last Friday night shortly after 6 p.m. on N. C. 56 four miles east of Louisburg. The victims, all treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital but not believed seriously injured, were identified as Richard H. Morgan, w/m/34, his wife, Judy, 27, daughter, Darlene, 5 and son, Richie, 2, all of Franklinton riding in one car and Mary Boddie, c/f/28, Martin Whitaker, c/m/51, George Tyree, c/m/24 and Ben Wester, c/m/18, all of Rt. 2, Halifax riding in the second vehicle. Another accident related to this one occurred at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and N. C. 561 when Dean Holton, a member of the Rescue Service in answering the call to the N. C. 56 accident attempted to pass a car driven by Mrs. Trudy Jones Lancaster, 21, Rt. 2, Louisburg. Mrs. Lancaster, according to reports, started a left turn as Holton pulled along side. She was treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Holton was uninjured, but both cars were severely damaged, according to

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

ton W. Kerley, President of the Franklin County organization.

Mrs. Nesbitt talked on principles, policies and possibilities for helping teachers of the Association. The meet ing was well attended, according to

The meeting was held at Louisburg High School last Wednesday after-noon. Others appearing on the pro-gram included Odis Boiter and Wins-