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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 according to W. H. Hesse, local representative of the Foundation.

In announcing the distribution of the 1968 grants, Hesse 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 systematically to help private institutions of

higher learning meet their financial needs.

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 education purposes this year to approximately \$1.9 million.

Conyers Begins Sentence Monday

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

State Trooper D. C. Day has issued a stern warning to motorists who have been carelessly passing stopped school buses in the 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 will be indicted.

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 cases.

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.

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. Increases 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 and orange colors. The few losses that

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 season. 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 Franklin 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 announced timetable. "Occasionally" he said "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.

Sportswear Files Appeal With Fourth Circuit Court

An official of the Louisburg Sportswear 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 Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

That statement said simply, "The attorneys for Louisburg Sportswear have studied the decision and consider it erroneous. On that basis the company has instructed their attorneys to appeal the decision."

A three-member panel of the NLRB affirmed an earlier decision by Trial

Examiner Harry R. Hinkes which ruled in favor of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America in the case which began in October of 1967.

Hinkes had ordered, among a number of things, that the company "Upon request bargain collectively with...the union as the exclusive representative of all the employees in the...unit and embody in a signed agreement any understanding reached...."

Employees of the local plant voted against the Union on October 12, 1967. 121-39.



Eight Hurt

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 reports.

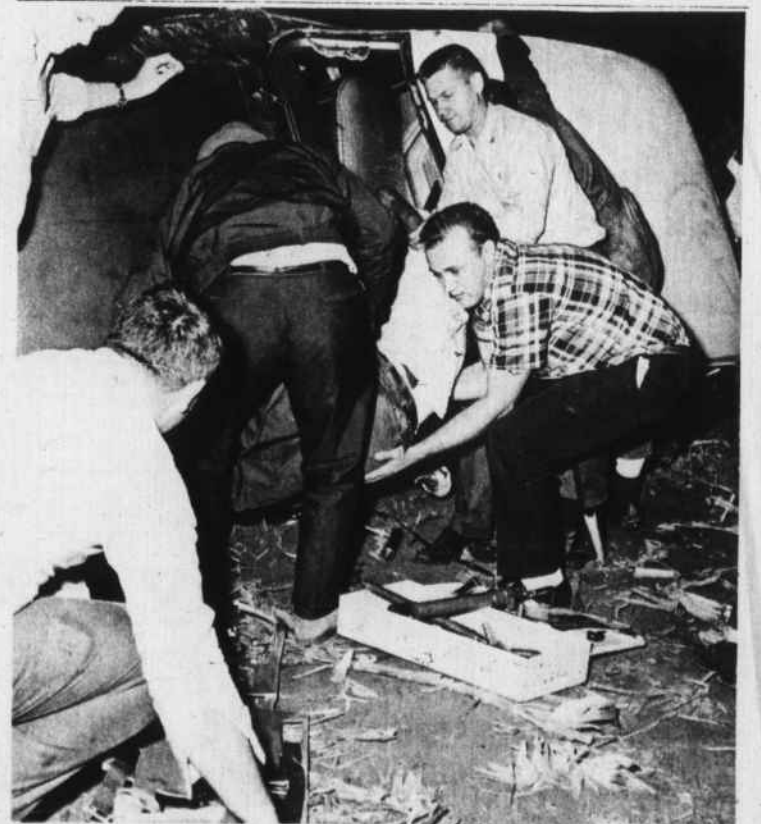
Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

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."

The meeting was held at Louisburg High School last Wednesday afternoon. Others appearing on the program included Odus Bolter and Winston W. Kerley, President of the Franklin County organization.

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



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.

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