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## Snow Is Still Here Yes. It's Cold

Button up your overcoat. This is the coldest day of the year thus far. Louisburg weatherman G. O. Kennedy reports the thermometer dropped to a cool 15 degrees here this morning. The previous low was recorded Monday with a torrid 17 degrees. Last November 21, temperatures dipped to 17 degrees here for the previous low this fall.

Even so, this December has been warm by comparison. The lowest in recent records was the one degree reading on December 13, 1962. On December 23, 1960, it reached four degrees and on December 21, 1963, the thermometer read five degrees. These are the lows for the eight years Mr.

Kennedy has been keeping records here.

The snow, while unusual in its manner of arrival, measured two inches and was not unexpected at this time of the year. Coming late Saturday afternoon in the form of rain, hail and sleet, the precipitation changed to large fluffy white flakes of snow by early evening and blanketed the area by early Sunday morning.

Although the outside looks snowy, some consolation might be taken in today's official weather forecast. It says, "Mostly sunny and a little warmer. Partly cloudy and a little warmer Wednesday. Low today, 19; high, mid-40's."

## College 100 Club Holds Annual Meeting

Several hundred members "The 100" Club attended the organization's annual banquet meeting here Friday night and were told that the College has been the recipient of over \$24,000 as a result of the organization's efforts.

Harold Talton, College trustee and President of the group, disclosed that the college faculty had contributed \$12,000 and local citizens had contributed \$12,000 during the year ending toward the college programs.

He also noted that the college

budget for this year is \$1,400,000.00 and that the institution employs 120 persons. "I think the College is a fine industry", Talton said. "The product it manufactures lasts a lifetime", he added.

Continuing, Talton told the group that there are 96 students from Franklin County enrolled at the College and "many are receiving scholastic aid." "It is fitting and proper," he added, "that we all take an interest in turning out this product."

David Daniel, Director of College Relations, disclosed the growth of the College budget over the past several years. He said the 1965 budget was \$996,000; 1966 it grew to \$1,120,000; in 1967 it was \$1,207,000 and this year he lists the budget at \$1,402,000. He said there are 823 students enrolled presently at the school with 50 faculty members. "This represents a 1 to 16 teacher-student ratio. This is a quality education program."

Daniel keynoted the organization's work for the coming year when he commented, "We have got to build a science building—we have no choice. We're going to do it."

Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, College President, welcomed the group and presented local members of the Board of Trustees. Entertainment was provided by Charlie Gaddy of WPTF radio, Raleigh, his sister Mrs. Jo Ann Burns and three musicians. The selection of numbers, including Christmas songs, were well received by the audience and the duo were called back on stage for an encore. The College Chapel Choir opened the meeting with a selection of Christmas carols.

### At Franklinton

## Better Care Plea Made

(FRK. B.W.) On Thursday evening, Mrs. R. W. Moore, Mrs. Virginia Patterson, Mrs. Woodrow Haskins and Mrs. Richard Whitfield of the Franklinton Woman's Club and Mr. Ronnie Johnson, Mr. Everett Moore and Mr. Lamar Greene of the Franklinton Lion's Club appeared before the Town Board. The group made a plea for better care of the Community House.

Mayor Joe W. Pearce reported that at the November meeting of the Town Board the commissioners voted to raise the rental fees for the Community House. He admitted that lack of supervision at some of the parties had been the big problem.

The representatives of the two civic organizations spelled out recommendations regarding the Community House. Ronnie Johnson served as spokesman for the two clubs.

Mayor Pearce appointed Henry Franklin Holmes and J. S. Joyner to work with Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Whitfield, Ronnie Johnson and Everett Moore in spelling out rules and regulations regarding use of Community House.

## Fourth Circuit Court Upholds District Court Ruling In Franklin School Case

The Franklin County Board of Education, meeting in a special session called prior to a ruling by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, all but ignored the most recent adverse ruling in the lengthy school case Monday night. The Board, apparently consoled to the fact that further appeal would be useless, spent little time reviewing last week's opinion affirming the District Court order for total integration of Franklin schools.

Most of the four-hour session was devoted to the study and discussion of the overall school situation and what might be done to upgrade education in the county.

The Board, at the request of attorney E. F. Yarborough, delayed any final decision on further appeal of the school case ruling. Yarborough said he and attorney Charles Davis had not had time to analyze the ruling handed down last Thursday in Richmond.

Unless appeal is made by the United States Supreme Court by the Board, the long and hard-fought suit which began three years ago this month, will come to an end.

### Substantially Moot

Chief Judge Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr. of Greenville, S. C. wrote the latest Fourth Circuit ruling, in which he said, "The appeal, based upon a claim of administrative impracticality, had little or no merit at the outset and became substantially moot when the Board, failing to obtain a stay, achieved complete compliance with it."

The Board of Education filed its appeal on two major points. First, the Board contended, "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 Fourth Circuit ruled that "The school board did not choose to submit any additional evidence or otherwise to prepare a factual basis for a claim of substantial administrative difficulty in complying with the District Court's order in time for the opening of schools in September, 1968."

The Board of Education said in its appeal that the "District Court has completely failed to conduct any hearing or to consider in any manner whatsoever any of the problems relating to administration..." It further contended that such "a failure to do so violates the rights of the defendants to due process of law" and cites recent Supreme Court rulings to substantiate the claim.

The second contention by the Board of Education in the appeal claims "The District Court committed reversible error when, by its orders of August 5, 1968, it usurped the responsibility placed by law upon the defendants for the operation of the public school system of Franklin County."

The Haynsworth decision skirted this point by saying that the "District Court has retained jurisdiction of the case and is open for the submission and consideration of any amendments or modifications of the plan which this year's experience will show to be necessary or desirable for the efficient operation of the schools on a non-discriminatory basis". This seemingly, places the responsibility of school operation in the hands of the District Court and appears to be a denial of the Board's second contention.

The Circuit Court made no findings on the claim by the Board of Education that the plan submitted in

March, 1968 calling for three consolidated high schools and a three-step desegregation plan was constitutional. The major claim here was that the District Court ordered a plan of assignment, "at the earliest practicable date" and failed to spell out that the date was 1968. The District Court, in July, ruled that that phrase meant the year 1968. The Board argued that no such time table was ordered. The Circuit Court ruling makes no mention of this point.

The Board of Education is likely to study a ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court in the now famous Brown II desegregation case before eliminating the possibility of further appeal. In that case the Court said, that the District Courts in their review of particular situations are to "Consider problems relating to administration, arising from the physical condition of the school plant, the school transportation system, personnel, revision of school districts and attendance areas into compact units to achieve a system of determining admission to the public schools on a nonracial basis, and revision of local laws and regulations which may be necessary in solving the foregoing problems. They will also consider the adequacy of any plans the defendants may propose to meet these problems and to effectuate a transition to a racially nondiscriminatory school system."

## ID Director Returns From California

Ken Schubart, Director of the Franklin County Industrial Development Commission, returned Saturday afternoon from San Francisco, California.

He participated in the Commerce and Industry's California Industry Hunt Mission last week, calling on key industries in the Los Angeles and San Francisco area.

Schubart says that he and his team member, P. B. Raiford (a former member of the Louisburg College faculty, now representing Duplin County Development Commission), were received very well by their prospects. Interest was certainly generated in North Carolina and Franklin County, but it will take some time to assess how much progress was made, Schubart said.

The culmination of the trip was a luncheon served by three power companies, Carolina Power and Light, Duke Power, and Virginia Electric and Power. Each of these companies had industrial representatives included in the group.

## Welfare Department Lists Eight Needy Cases

The Franklin County Welfare Department has issued its first list of needy cases and cites eight cases it recommends. The public is invited by the Department to call any time between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. weekdays to inquire about the cases and hopefully to accept one or more as a Christmas project.

The agency is also requesting cash donations with which to provide for children in foster homes, child caring institutions and schools for the physically and mentally handicapped. No prepared Christmas boxes will be given by the office and the department will be unable to accept gifts for distribution.

The first list of needy cases follows:

1. Grandmother cares for 7-year-old granddaughter. Mother is in mental hospital.
2. Forty-two-year old father has been crippled for thirty years by rheumatoid arthritis, walks only with crutches. Mother and two girls, 9 and 3, would also like to be remembered.
3. Father dead, mother retarded

and is in very poor health. Two boys, 15 and 13 - four girls 11, 5 and twins 10 years of age.

4. Father deserted mother and five children - mother works but cannot meet all the needs of the family. There is also a retarded child to be cared for. Girls 14 and 8. Boys 12, 11 and 10.

5. Elderly husband and wife reside in rest home in another county. There are no relatives to provide gifts or to visit them.

6. Former patient of Dorothea Dix Hospital now resides in a boarding home. Would appreciate being remembered.

7. Elderly woman and middleaged daughter live alone. Adult daughter who resides in institution for the mentally retarded, comes home for Christmas each year. To be remembered would mean a great deal to this family.

8. Former mental patient resides in out of county boarding home. There are no relatives able to visit. He would appreciate cigarettes as he does not have sufficient funds for extras.



### One Like This

## Busy Rescuers Get Fund Drive Underway

The emergency vehicle shown above is the object of a drive now underway by the Louisburg Rescue Service to raise funds. The Service has found that such a vehicle is needed if it is to continue to give the utmost in emergency services in the area.

The campaign, the first in four years by the organization, got underway last week and the public is asked to make donations to any member of the Service.

Over the weekend, the Rescuers answered five calls, all on Saturday. Beginning at 7 A.M. the Service was dispatched to Ingleside to aid a man identified as Roy Lee Dale, suffering from a suspected heart attack. At 7:30 A.M., the Rescuers answered a call for help at a Franklinton automobile accident. The Franklinton Service, also the object of a fund drive by the Franklinton Lions Club, had the situation well in hand when the Louisburg group arrived. Persons involved in that acci-

dent were identified as Roy Evans, Henry T. Green, Arthur Pearce and James Montague. None were believed seriously injured.

At 4:15 P.M. the Service was called to aid a 74-year-old Negro man identified as Lee Morris Perry, who suffered from a lick on the head. He was transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Duke Hospital.

A trip to the Justice Community followed around 8 P.M. to aid a Negro man identified as Willie Coats, who was reportedly suffering an illness. He was taken to the local hospital.

Finally at 10 P.M. the Service was called to the scene of a second accident on the Ronald Tharrington Road. Four persons received minor injuries and were taken to the local hospital. They were identified as Arthur Moore, 51, Eleanor Moore, 56, Arthur Moore, Jr., 32, and Joyce Moore, 26.



### Honored Upon Retirement

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John Fleming of Raleigh is shown above, second from right as he presented a framed copy of "I Am The Guard" to M/Sgt. Garland Mustian second from left, upon his retirement here Sunday afternoon. Witnessing the ceremonies are Battery Commander, Capt. Dewey Brannan of Raleigh, left and Sgt./Major Sidney (Pop) Holmes of Zebulon. Mustian, who entered service on July 24, 1947 is completing twenty years as a guardsman.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.