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Bunn Holds Elections Today

Citizens of Bunn go to the polls today to elect a new Mayor and four members of the Town Council. Some familiar faces are in the race and some new candidates are making their first appearances. Interest is perhaps higher than in any election since the town was officially formed in 1963.

Former Mayor Wayne Winstead, who won in Bunn's first elections in 1963, is seeking to replace Mayor W. A. (Bill) Andrews who is not seeking reelection. Councilman Macon Z. Morris is also seeking the post. Morris was elected to the Council in 1963, 1965 and 1967.

Former Mayor Joe Edwards, who lost out in a on-again-off-again tie in 1967, is seeking a term on the Council. He was named Mayor by the General Assembly in May, 1963, and served in the post until Winstead was elected in July of that year. In 1967 Edwards and Winstead tied for fourth spot on the ticket in the initial count but after clarification of some written votes by the State Attorney General's office, a recount showed Winstead the winner 44 to 41.

Also seeking to return to the Council is Louis Debnam who was originally named by the General Assembly in 1963. In 1965, he was elected even though his name did not appear on the ballot. He won again in 1967 as an announced candidate.

Thurston Bailey, seeking his second term, is the only other incumbent on today's ballot. Political newcomers include the first woman to ever seek political office in Bunn, Mrs. Helen P. Jones, an employee of First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co. Kenneth L. (Pap) Brantley and Robert Lee Jones are the other new candidates.

In 1963, 106 of the town's 117 registered voters participated in the election. In 1965 the number dropped to 85 and in 1967 only 59 votes were cast for Mayor Andrews, running unopposed. Today's turnout is expected to be larger than 1967 and may reach the 1965 level.



Harris Home Near Franklinton

Woman Shoots Son, Kills Husband, Self

Tragedy Hits Franklinton Home

Funeral services for a Franklinton man and his wife, victims of an early Saturday morning homicide-suicide tragedy, were held Monday afternoon at 3 P.M. from Sandling Funeral Chapel. Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement reported that Mrs. Margaret Bragg Harris, 36, shot and killed her husband, Hector Franklin (P. G.) Harris, 50, while he slept around 3:15 A.M. Saturday, seriously wounded their 16-year-old son and then fatally wounded herself.

The son, Paul G. Harris, a student at Franklinton High School, was able to reach the telephone and call the

Franklinton Police Department, according to Dement. The Franklinton Rescue Service was summoned but the youth would not allow Rescuers to enter the house upon arrival. Dement was called and later hoisted through a window where he found the tragic scene. He talked with Mrs. Harris, whom Dement said admitted the shootings but gave no reason for the act.

Harris, according to Dement, died instantly. Mrs. Harris and her son were rushed to Franklin Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Duke Hospital in Durham, where Mrs. Harris died

shortly before 10 A.M. Saturday. Reports say that young Harris is now in critical condition from a .32 caliber pistol wound of the left chest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris were shot in the heart, according to reports.

Harris was found in a front bedroom, the boy was shot in his back bedroom and Mrs. Harris was found in the living room of the neat frame dwelling about a mile and half east of Franklinton.

Services for the couple were conducted by Rev. Glenn Short and Rev. Don Lee Harris. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery at Franklinton. Surviving are the son, Paul G. Harris of the home; his mother, Mrs. Lena Etheridge Harris of Durham; Mrs. Harris is survived by her son, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bragg of Franklinton; two brothers, Willie H. Bragg, Jr. and Raymond Bragg of Franklinton; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Bragg Moroney of Pearl River, N. Y., and Mrs. Dorothy Callery of Franklinton.

Rites Held Monday Gold Sand Senior Is Fourth Road Victim

A 17-year-old Alert Community youth who was to have graduated next week from Gold Sand High School became Franklin County's fourth highway fatality of the year early Saturday morning. Roy Wallace Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwards of Route 3, Louisburg, was the third road victim in the county in the past 21 days.

According to reports young Edwards, who was co-captain of the Gold Sand Blue Devil basketball team this year, was killed instantly when thrown from his convertible automobile as it left State Rural Road 1436 about a mile from the school which he had attended for the past twelve years.

Lights from the wrecked vehicle attracted attention of passers-by who alerted the Centerville Rescue Service around 1:30 A.M. Saturday. When Rescuers arrived and recognized the car, the youth's father was summoned to the scene and a search was begun for Edwards. One Rescuer reported that they assumed that the youth might have been injured and someone had taken him from the scene. Some time later, when attempts were being made to remove the car, the youth's body was discovered underneath. State Trooper C. Glenn Todd said the car was resting against a small tree and did not crush the youth. It is believed that the impact of being thrown through the windshield produced the fatal injury.

Edwards was active in school and one of the most popular students. He had been a member of the Glee Club and Piano group for three years. He was a Homecoming escort as a freshman and was a member of the Future Farmers of America. Last year he was on the Prom Committee and for the past two years served as a bus driver.

He was a member of the Gold Sand basketball squad for four years. As a junior he played in 17 regular season games and averaged seven points per game. As a senior, he played in 17 games and averaged six points per game. He was elected co-captain of the squad this year. He was a member of the Monogram Club for four years, the golf team as a freshman and a member of the Spanish Club in his freshman year.

Gold Sand High School closed at 1:30 P.M. Monday afternoon in memory of the student and Principal James Marshall reported only one white member of the Senior Class attended school Monday.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. from Mount Zion Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Tommy Lolly and Rev. Kenneth Honeycutt. Burial followed in Highland Memory Gardens.

Surviving are his parents and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Glover Raybon of Raleigh. Edwards was an only child.



ROY WALLACE EDWARDS

Social Security Here

Reaches \$195,000 Monthly

A record \$195,000 in monthly social security benefits was being paid to 3,239 residents of Franklin County at the end of December 1968, an increase of 2.7 percent above the amount payable at the end of February 1968, according to Mr. Flynn, district manager for social security.

"Throughout the country, monthly benefits payable at the end of 1968 amounted to nearly \$2.1 billion, some \$350 million higher than at the end of 1967," Mr. Flynn continued. "Approximately three-quarters of the increased monthly amount resulted from higher benefit rates authorized by the 1967 Amendments to the Social Security Act. The remainder of the increase was simply due to a greater number of beneficiaries."

By the end of May 1969, social security will be paying monthly benefits to more than 25 million people - 1 out of every 8 Americans. Although retired workers comprise the largest group of beneficiaries, almost one-fourth of all people receiving benefits are under 60. There are currently more than 3.8 million children and 5 million young widowed mothers receiving payments. Yet the public continues to think of social security as a program for old people.

In Franklin County, 959 people under 60 are receiving benefits. That figure breaks down into 556 under age 18, 80 between 18-21, and 323 between 22-59.

Many students would have been unable to continue their educations were it not for the 1965 Amendments to the Social Security Act which extended survivors and dependents insurance benefits to students until their 22nd birthdays. In 1968, that provision resulted in continuing benefits for 470,000 students.

Mr. Flynn also pointed out that by the end of 1968, approximately 90 percent of Americans 65 and over were either receiving cash benefits or would have been eligible for such benefits if they or their spouses had not been working.

In terms of Medicare, almost all people in the country 65 or over are eligible for hospital insurance benefits. Likewise, 95 percent of all older persons in the country have elected coverage under the voluntary supplementary medical insurance plan which pays physicians' fees.

Twenty-Two May Die On Highways This Weekend

Although the State Legislature has changed Memorial Day to a permanent Monday holiday starting in 1971, the N. C. State Motor Club warns that it will take more than legislative action to keep as many as 22 persons from being killed in over a thousand traffic

accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways during the extended weekend this year.

The state will officially count its highway toll from 6 p.m. Thursday, May 29, through midnight Sunday, June 1, a 78-hour period. The grim count for the 102-hour Memorial Day period last year: 33 killed in 26 fatal accidents, 745 injured, and 1,330 accidents.

Leading driver violations were: speeding, 282; failure to yield right of way, 174; driving left of center, 142; failure to see movement safe, 123; and following too closely, 120.

"Let's make an all-out effort to keep this holiday toll at a minimum," Thomas B. Watkins, motor club president, urged. "Our highway fatalities are currently running around eighty behind last year in a downward trend that hopefully can be maintained."

He reminded drivers that Memorial Day traditionally marks the opening of the summer vacation season, and said: "If the weather is good, roads leading to seashore and mountains will be clogged with motor vehicles. Please use extra caution and alertness to prevent any additional traffic hazards."

Public Welfare Name Changed

North Carolinians looking for a department of public welfare anywhere in the state after July 1 will find this an impossible search.

As of that date, there will be no such department to be found. The reason is that this session of the General Assembly has changed the name Public Welfare to Social Services. Therefore, at the state level there will be the North Carolina Department and Board of Social Services and in each of the 100 counties there will be the county department and board of social services.

All local welfare departments are being asked by the State Welfare Department to begin making preparations for the change. This will involve changes in signs identifying the buildings, telephone listing, notification to the recipients and public, printed materials and many other changes that will be necessary.

This is the fourth name change for the agency since its beginning in 1868 by the General Assembly. In its beginning it was called the Board of Public Charities. Its duties were limited to the supervision of all charitable and penal institutions and reporting annually to the Governor upon their condition, with suggestions for their improvement.

The General Assemblies of 1917 and 1919 rewrote the public welfare laws, essentially establishing the state-supervised, county-administered public welfare program that now serves the State. The name was changed to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

In 1937, in conformity with the requirements of the Social Security Act, North Carolina adopted legislation making the State eligible for Federal financial participation in public welfare programs. Again the name was changed, this time to the State Board of Public Welfare. This has been the name of the agency until legislative action this month made the latest change.

One might ask why the latest name change. There are several valid reasons for this action by the General Assembly. Many states and the Federal government have changed the name of their public welfare agencies. Several years ago the Welfare branch of the Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was changed to Social and Rehabilitation Service.

Many legislators were of the opinion that the term public welfare had become synonymous with public assistance for the needy, a monthly financial aid program to help certain categories of the poor to meet their basic necessities of life. The recipients of this aid are referred to almost always as welfare recipients, but the parents who adopt a child through the local welfare department are not considered such recipients. The financial aid program, however, is only one of many programs offered by public welfare and many of its services are for all residents and not just for the poor. Apparently the General Assembly was of the opinion that the name Social Services more adequately represents the wide gamut of services offered by the Agency.

Board Approves New Cafeteria At Edward Best

The Board of Education, meeting in special session here last Thursday night, approved bids for a new cafeteria at Edward Best High School and reviewed teacher positions for the coming school year.



BRENDA SANDERS

Youngsville Junior Is Pagette

Youngsville - Miss Brenda Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders of Youngsville, is serving this week as a Pagette in the N. C. House of Representatives. Recommended by Rep. James Speed, she was appointed by Speaker of the House, Earl Vaughan.

A Junior at the Youngsville High School, Miss Sanders this year has been business editor of the school paper, "The Hallmark," assistant Editor of the annual; a member of the Glee Club; High School Library Club; and chairman of the Junior-Senior Banquet Committee. On the Student Council for 2 years, she has also served as a class officer, member of the Home Ec. Club, and was a YHS nominee for the Governor's School last year. As a Senior, she will be editor of the school annual.

A member of the Baptist Church, she sings in the Adult Choir and Girl's Chorus.

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Bids totaling \$123,977 were awarded for construction of a 5,325 sq. ft. cafeteria at Edward Best. Bids for the project were opened here Wednesday afternoon. Low bidders were: Inland Construction Co. of Raleigh, General Contractors, \$87,248; Wilson Electric Co. of Henderson, Plumbing, \$14,956; Newcomb & Co. of Raleigh, Heating, \$9,785 and Whitley's Electric Service of Wilson, Electrical, \$11,988.

The Board accepted the resignations of 17 teachers to become effective at the end of the school year and reviewed the overall teacher allotment for all schools. It was also noted that 14 teachers are due to retire at the close of the current year.

Payday for teachers and other school personnel was approved by the Board without any changes being made to past procedures and upon recommendation of the principals the school insurance program was continued as in the past.

The deed and agreement pertaining to the purchase of 20 acres of land at the Bunn High School was studied and approved by the Board in other actions, and the Superintendent was authorized to purchase a dish washer for Louisburg High School and an oven for Epsom High School cafeterias.

Stone Gets Doctoral Degree

Dean Walter J. Peterson of North Carolina State University at Raleigh announces that Paul S. Stone of Louisburg is among the 143 students who will receive doctoral degrees at the commencement exercises, May 31.

Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Stone of Louisburg and his degree is in economics.



C. GLENN TODD

New Trooper Assigned To County

Still one short in number, the Franklin contingent of State Troopers gained a new member last week. The new Trooper is C. Glenn Todd, a native of Windsor in Bertie County.

Todd joined the Highway Patrol in January after graduating from Bertie High School and attending Chowan College. He was assigned to the Centerville-Bunn area of Franklin County on May 19.

Todd, 23, lives on Fox Park Road here.