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Serving All Of Franklin- County

Franklin County was placed in a highway group Wednesday with Wake.

Durham and Orange counties as Gover-

nor Bob Scott announced the new

alignment of his Highway Commission.

The membership of the new Commis-

sion jumped from 14 to 23 by action

of the General Assembly this year and the Governor named the new Commis-

In swearing-in ceremonies held in Raleigh Wednesday, Governor Scott announced which Commissioners

would "look after" which counties

Raleigh building supply executive Clif-ton L. Benson, a former Commission

vice chairman under Governor Terry

Sanford, will handle the four-county

sion under Gov. Sanford and Franklin

County Commissioners, was also sworn Wednesday to the Highway

Commission. He will represent the

four counties of Vance, Granville, Per-

Franklin Commissioner Norwood

Faulkner attended the ceremonies Wednesday with several others from

the area. Asked to comment on the

new alignment involving Franklin, Faulkner said, "I believe we've got the

best opportunity of getting some roads we've had in a good while. I think Mr. Benson is interested in the county and

he has led us to believe that he

certainly will see that we get our proportional share during this adminis-tration--both primary and secondary."

Wednesday that he was "proud to have

Franklin" among his counties. Faulk-

ner also said he told Gov. Scott that he

was pleased to have Mr. Benson as

The Governor told the new Com

missioners he wanted them to "work

at the job. Go out see folks and listen to complaints." He also told them he

wanted them to "go out and look over

drawing boards and the pavement on

informal session in the commission

meeting room almost immediately

after the swearing in ceremonies. They

want to get the plans off the

The new commissioners went into

road problems first hand."

the ground," the governor said.

Commissioner for Franklin County.

Faulkner said that Benson told him

Benson represented the Fifth Divi-

Tom Ellis, Chairman of the Vance

group including Franklin.

was in Benson's district.

son and Caswell.

sioners last week.

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Franklin Grouped With Wake, Durham,

Orange In New Highway Alignment

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Research Group At Pinnell Farm In Cedar Rock Tobacco Research Group Visits County

More than two hundred people visited the Pinnell farm in Eastern Franklin County Wednesday afternoon, as the Research on Wheels group passed through this area. The group consisted of chemical company representatives, plant disease specialists, extension personnel, farmers, business leaders, and news media representatives. Included were representatives from across the United States and two foreign countries.

The guests were welcomed to Franklin County by County Extension Chairman, C. T. Dean, Jr. Dean intro-duced C. E. and F. W. Pinnell, operators of the Pinnell farm and explained that the research being conducted was in cooperation with the Pinnell's, Franklin County Extension Agents, Plant Disease Specialist at N. C. State University and the chemical companies.

Two demonstrations were observed on the Pinnell farm. The Area Soil Fungicide being conducted is designed to obtain information on performance of certain chemical soil treatments on control of black shank infested soil and their effect on yield and quality of tobacco. Fifteen treatments were used in the test and they were replicated four times. F. A. Todd, Extension Plant Pathology Specialist at N. C.

State University, explained the treatments and method of application to the group. Several new materials are showing promise of controlling the dreaded black shank disease.

The purpose of the variety test is to demonstrate and obtain information on the relative resistance of varieties to black shank, Granville Wilt, Fusarium Wilt, root knot or a combination of these diseases and tolerance to brown spot. The variety test includes 17 varieties replicated four time. It includes the popular released varieties, the four new ones released for 1970 planting and N. C. Breeding line 1076. As the group viewed the variety test and saw all four rows of the non-resistant Hicks Variety dead, Dr. C. J. Nusbaum, Professor of Plant Patho-logy at N. C. State University, pointed out that we would be unable to row tobacco in North Carolina if it were not for the disease resistant varieties developed by research. After the two field meetings the

group were treated to ice cold watermelon under the shade of a large oak tree near the Pinnell residence. The watermelon slicing was courtesy of Specialized Agricultural Publications, publishers of the Flue Cured Tobacco Grower.

Out of county news media repre-

sentatives with the tour group included Bill Johnson of the Progressive Farm er, Luther Broaddus and John Beck of Specialized Agricultural Publications, Wally Ausley of WPTF, Ray Wilkerson and Verne Strickland of Channel 5 TV and Tobacco Network.

The following chemical companies were represented: American Cyanamid Company, Chemagro Corporation, Dow Chemical Company, E. I. DuPont De Nomours & Company, Geigy Agricultural Chemicals, Great Lakes Chemical Corporation, International Min-erals & Chemicals Company, Mobil Chemical Company, Morton Chemical Company, Pennwalt Corporation, Niagara Chemical Company, Shell Chemi-cal Corporation, Union Carbide Corporation and WSR, Incorporated.

The tour will conclude Thursday afternoon after stops in Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe, Martin, Greene and Wayne Counties

Use Of Food Stamps Continues Drop In County

Participation in the federal Food Stamp Program continued its down-ward spiral here in Franklin County in June according to latest figures released this week by the Consumer and Marketing Service of the United States

Department of Agriculture.

The figures show that participation was 2,805 in May and fell to 2,778 families in June. There were 2,942 families participating in the program here in April.

were briefed on highway department policy and personnel

"I have no objection to us meeting socially the night before a commission er meeting," Faircloth said. "But I am opposed to discussion of highway busi ness anywhere but in this building where it's supposed to be.

"That way I think we can avoid a lot of confusion and keep everything clean, open and above board." he said. "Everyone can know exactly what's going on." Faircloth also said there would be

no "last minute additions to the com mission agenda on the day of a meet-ing, as has been the case. I don't think its fair to the commission or the other people to act on something before we've all had time to study it.

The commission will be divided up into a number of standing committees. Faircloth said.

A division of responsibility could increase the commission's efficiency and save everybody time, he said.

He said he would shortly announce the appointment of committees from the commission membership to study

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and be responsible for primary, secondary, and urban roads and equipment. The commission will continue to

meet as a whole. Faircloth said, but members of the various committees within the commission will be responsible specifically for highway business assigned to their committee.

Under the previous commission there was no such division of labor. The Scott commission has nine

more members than its predecessor, as a result of legislation enacted by the 1969 General Assembly on the governor's recommendation.

Both Scott and Faircloth contend that increasing the size of the commission from 15 to 24 members will also increase its effectiveness since individual commissioners will be responsible for less territory. The boundary lines for the existing

14 highway divisions were not altered by the Scott enlargement plan, but were maintained for administrative and engineering purposes.

Consequently, some commissioners will be responsible for counties in more than one division

New Highway Alignment

What Does It **Mean To Franklin?**

By Clint Fuller **Times Managing Editor**

> Faircloth of Clinton, reported in an intervier by WE, THE PEOPLE this month.

Based on this premise, the new alignment of counties which places Franklin in a group with Wake, Durham and Orange should mean little. If road funds are to be alloted according to need, Franklin is in excellent position to be a recipient.

However, on April 18, 1969, Mr. Faircloth said in a speech here: "Un-fortunately you've been in a district with Wake and Durham. They've had the Commissioners, they've had the money and they've had the road work" This arranged doesn't This arrangement doesn't work. change in the new alignment. Only Orange County has been added.

He also said in that April speech, "I do think and I'm going to suggest it to him (Gov. Scott) . . . that counties of equal size and influence be placed in a group with a Commissioner." This suggestion apparently fell on deaf ears. Franklin has little in common with the counties of Wake, Durham and **Orange**

For as long as can be remembered the power has shifted with almost each administration from Wake back to Durham. During the Dan Moore administration, Wake received far less than in previous years as Durham collected in excess of \$20 million. During this four-year period and including the largest road bond program in North Carolina history, the five Have Not counties in the Fifth Division received a promise of "at least one significiant road project" as Com-missioner J. B. Brame of Durham put it. All Franklin and neighboring Vance received was a promise of improve-ments to NC-39. The project was never started.

Those Were The Days, My Friend



Fill 'er Up

By Clint Fulle **Times Managing Editor**

Or Were They?

They were talking in the checkout lane at the supermarket about the high cost of food and other things now-adays. "Things sure aren't like they use to be", said one. "Those were the good old days," said the other.

As the song goes, those were the days, my friend; we thought they'd never end.

Forty years ago-1929-when Louisburg celebrated its sesqui centennial a shopper could pick up six bars of Octagon soap for a quarter and fresh ground coffee was going on weekends three pounds for a buck. You can still get about four bars of soap for slightly over a quarter but try the coffee bit.

A pair of overalls cost a dollar and the ladies could buy a new fall coat for \$6.95. "All kinds of washing powder" was selling six boxes for twenty-five cents. Mattress ticking--for those in need of such-could be had for just a dime a yard. Of course, you were expected to do your own sewing.

Gasoline for the proud car owner was pumping at 20 cents a gallon and one brand advertised "Punch, Power, Speed. Except for the sales-tax--two cents-just added and a slight increase to about forty cents a gallon, things haven't change much. Oh, yes, you could buy tires in 1929 from \$4.50 to \$3.00. The latter were the premiums of the day.

Atwater-Kent was big in radios and the new six cylinder Chevrolets had reached a quarter million in the United

States. You could buy a Chevy Roadster for \$525. If your taste ran more to the fancy, you could get a new Essex for \$695. Luxury came higher.

Man hadn't reached out for the moon but the St. Louis Robin flew for 420 hours and 20 minutes to set a new endurance flight.record. And the keeping-up-with-the-Jones thing was illustrated by an ad suggesting you "Electrify your favorite old oil lamp". Electricity was here.

Straw hats were going for a dollar and you could get a rear fender put on your Model T Ford for \$1.75. This did not include, of course, the cost of the fender

Up in New York, the Borough President had issued a call to Henry Ford to use his automotive genuis to help abate the litter caused by people dumping used automobiles along the streets and vacant lots. The concerned politician said most of them were Fords

Tobacco was having trouble. A note in the local paper told that science had brought in a report that smoking is harmful and it has brought in a report that smoking is beneficial. Take your choice depending on whether you are a smoker or nonsmoker. The more things change, the more they remain the same, they say.

Another note of information contained in the issue was that "curing tobacco is in progress in Franklin County at this time". The time was

August. This certainly hasn't changed.

If you were looking entertainment the newspaper said: "If you crave mystery and romance don't fail to see the senior play, "Yimmie Yonson's Yob". Of course, there was always the Tom Mix or Hoot Gibson western at the movie house for those with discriminating tastes.

There was some bitterness noted in a remark of the day which said: "It must be great to be a Hoover Democrat with present status of social matters in Washington City". Like we said. Few things change.

Life, of course, was less complicated. Fewer cars. Fewer repair bills. Taxes-high for the time-were not a major problem. Disorder in the street was nothing more than the weekly locking up of the town drunk and thousands turned out for the July 4th celebration of Louisburg's 150th birthday. You see, there was no television. Wonder if the people' knew just how blessed they were?

Everybody to their own opinion and a fellow who by-lined a column in The Times as "J.T.Says" seemed to sum up the never-changing faces of the area when he wrote:

"We arrived in Louisburg at 7. I never saw such a tough looking bunch in all my life. I laughed-'til. I busted my suspenders. You should have been with us."

Yes, sir. We should have, indeed.

stamp program and received \$498,733 in bonus coupons.

C&MS' family food distribution program aided 139,284 persons in 59 counties. The foods distributed had an estimated retail value of \$1.5 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg mix

Department of Agriculture food programs aided 213,807 needy persons

in North Carolina during June, 4,157 persons less than the number that

received food assistance in May but

57,011 persons more than the number

that took part in the programs a year

in 38 counties took part in its food

The report said that 74,523 persons

C&MS officials generally attributed the decreased participation during June to increased agricultural employment opportunities.

Alamance, Columbus and Stanly counties have been designated to begin participation in the food stamp program and plans are now being made to set an opening date. Columbus County now takes part in the family food distribution program.

Bunn Asks Bids On Water Project

Bunn Mayor Wayne W. Winstead has announced that Bunn is calling for bids on its \$270,000 water project. The announcement asks for bids on a foundation for the tank, the 250,000 gallon elevated storage tank itself, well

supply and water mains. Bids are to be opened on the project at 2:30 P.M. August 20 at

Officials of the Town of Bunn adopted a resolution accepting a federal grant of \$135,000 and a federal loan of an equal amount in a special meeting June 23. The money is to be used to install a water system within the town limits

Announcement of approval of the requests by the Economic Development .Administration was made last June 20 by Congressman L. H. Fountain. The Congressman's office wired

In the new alignment, Franklin has the second largest number of miles. Wake has 275.68 miles of paved primary highways, Franklin has 154.70; Orange has 118.76 and Durham has 105.45. Franklin is third in total road

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the information as follows: Economic Development Administration approved \$135,000 loan and \$135,000 grant to

Town of Bunn to install public water system serving 30 acre industrial park site and town and residential areas. Loan and grant payable in 40 years. Will cover project cost."

The project will consist of one or more wells located northwest of Bunn and a 200,000 gallon water tower, to be located to the southwest in the vicinity of the church on NC-39 at Bunn. Water lines will be run the distance of NC-39 through the town limits to Old Bunn and will consist of a ten-inch pipe. Six-inch pipes will be laid to serve connecting streets and lines will be laid to the industrial park near the Bunn High School and Bunn **Elementary** Schools.