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New Association Officers

Newly elected officers of the Franklin County Firemen's Association are shown above at Wednesday night's annual meeting of members of the seven departments in the county. Pictured standing, left to right: Kenneth Braswell of the Justice Fire Department, reelected Treasurer; T. K. Arnold of the Justice Department, elected Vice President; S. C. Foster of the Louisburg Department, reelected Secretary. Seated, left outgoing President W. D. Morton of the Louisburg Department and right, John Henry House, newly installed President, a member of the Franklinton Department.

Photo by Clint Fuller.

## County Firemen Elect House President

John Henry House of Franklinton was elected President of the County Firemen's Association here Wednesday night. Firemen from all seven units in the county, meeting in annual session approved by acclamation the officers as proposed by the nominating committee.

House will be aided by T. K. Arnold of the Justice Fire Department, elected Vice President, S. C. Foster of the Louisburg Department, Association Secretary and Kenneth Braswell of the Justice Department, reelected Treasurer.

W. D. Morton of the Louisburg Department and outgoing President presided over the meeting and presented the new President who took office immediately.

Morton presented past Presidents of the Association, noting that Norris Collins, former group leader died a few

weeks ago. House called for a moment of silence in memory of Collins later in the session. Those former heads presented were Arthur Hall of the Youngville Department, William Taylor Boone of Justice, and L. S. Ward of the Centerville Department. Hall was first President of the Association.

Braswell reported on the Association finances pointing out that profits from the Firemen's fair booth this year exceeded that of years past.

Morton called for the group to establish "some type of support unit" for use of all departments. He said in speaking of the new industrial growth in the county, "No one department could handle an alarm (from one of the plants) if the fire had any headway." House echoed Morton's statements and referred to a "tanker" as one of the urgent needs. "I think this is an area to which we should give

some serious consideration", Morton said. He told the members his greatest disappointment was the inability to get adequate telephone arrangements made during his tenure in office.

Morton also told an interesting account of the explosion and fire which seriously injured over 20 Winston-Salem National Guardsmen two weeks ago, admonishing the group that similar unexpected tragedies could happen here.

Louisburg Fire Chief R. G. Person, Jr., Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the new slate of officers and thanked the various departments for their assistance in the Green Hill Country Club fire here on September 5.

At Person's suggestion a rising vote of thanks was extended Morton for his service to the Association during the past year. County Commissioner Norwood Faulkner also praised Morton and said the Board "has gone along with you since the beginning." He told them they had the full support of the Board of Commissioners and if the Board could be of any assistance, the Association should call on it. Commissioners Robert Lee Burnette and John W. House were also present at Wednesday's meeting.

teen years previously.

President Jenkins has been active in civic and educational circles including the Governor's Committee on Better Schools, the North Carolina Atomic Energy Advisory Committee, and the Executive Reserve of United States Information Agency. He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and won the "Citizen of Year" award from Greenville Chamber of Commerce in 1967.

Among his other activities he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Northeastern Division, in Greenville. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II attaining the rank of major. He is married and the father of 6 children.

Dr. Jenkins will be introduced to the parents and friends by Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College. Mr. E. Hoover Taft, Jr., of Greenville, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will give a progress report concerning PROJECT ATTAINMENT, the current capital campaign in which the college is engaged.

During the afternoon parents will meet individually with faculty members who teach their children. The Parents-Faculty Tea will conclude the afternoon's activities.

Saturday evening guests for the day are invited to a coffee house concert featuring the popular folk-pop group from Canada, "Rings 'n Things."

Registration for the event begins at 9:30 a.m. in front of Main Building.



DR. LEO JENKINS

## Commissioners Endorse Sales Tax

### Will It Be Enough?

By Clint Fuller  
Times Managing Editor

A Penny for Progress. That's what they're calling it. More formally, it is known statewide as the Local Option One-Cent Sales Tax. To those favoring this legislative brain-child, it is a guardian angel descended from on high with an overlarge bag of goodies. For those opposing it, it is all the Halloween witches and Frankenstein monsters converging on a helpless kitten.

The Franklin County Commissioners, by resolution, are members of the former group. They, the resolution says, "wholeheartedly endorse" the tax.

Rep. Arthur Williamson, D-Columbus County, predicts no more than 15 counties will give approval to the measure when the vote is cast on November 4. He cites displeasure, particularly in the east, with the recently effective cigarette and bottle drink tax, as some of the reasons.

Others are saying it is a good thing. The League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners are among them. The two groups, in fact, have released an 18-page booklet expounding the merits of the referendum. The booklet is appropriately named "A Penny for Progress."

The resolution passed by the Franklin Board this week estimates the local take-should Franklin voters approve-will be \$257,000.00 annually. It is noted-not in the resolution, however-that there is no way of knowing what the local take will be until after the vote. The amount of loot to be shared depends entirely on the number-and

to a degree, the size-of the counties joining in approval in November.

The booklet says that the "average" county's proceeds will be enough to: pay the salaries of 110 school teachers; provide facilities for 555 school students; pay the cost of construction of facilities for 22 hospital beds or furnish all supporting equipment or 533 hospital beds.

The average teacher's salary is listed at \$7,000 and 110 more teachers here would cost \$770,000. Either Franklin's estimate of \$257,000 is too low or the county isn't considered "average." Or maybe the booklet is prone to exaggeration.

One thing not enlarged, however, is the possibility that approval of the tax could hold down any additional increase in local property taxes. The Commissioners, by their resolution, have said as much. They have also said: "If Franklin County is to provide better schools, better law enforcement, better health care, better libraries, better fire protection, better water and sewer systems... we will need the money." The resolution does not say the money will be used for any of these, but the implication is there.

The resolution does say the sales tax "would help to hold the line on the ad valorem tax rate."

Advocates of additional revenue for local governments had hoped for a statewide sales tax but the 1969 General Assembly, after levying one of the heaviest loads ever on the unsuspecting

populace, didn't have the stomach to add a penny sales tax. Thus, the brain-child. The honorables left it to local units and the people.

Several things can be said for the tax. One of the best arguing points seems to be that if the counties themselves don't grab this extra penny on sales, come 1971, the state-through the General Assembly-will. Some believe it is likely that an additional penny will be added in 1971 in any event. Mecklenburg voters, approving a penny sales tax in 1967 are now being called on to do likewise with the second copper this year.

Some areas are being asked to supplement school budgets with the sales tax money. Other sponsors would like to see their favorite projects underwritten by the new tax proceeds.

Here in Franklin County-and we suspect in many other places-tax has become a dirty word. Rumor has it that Octagon soap sales have climbed in recent weeks as homemakers prepare for mouth-washing exercises as more and more is expected of the tax-type language. Actually, things may not be exactly this bad, but nobody is making book that Franklin voters are going to overcrowd the polls on November 4 with yes votes.

The Commissioners' resolution "further resolves" that they will "participate and cooperate" with civic organizations and other groups "in stating and explaining... the benefits of the said tax." From this crow's nest, it looks as though it's going to take quite a bit of both.

## Not Guilty On Other Counts

### White Level Man Gets Fine In Gun Assault

Jimmy Hassell Dean, 51-year-old White Level man, was found not guilty of one assault charge and a charge of damage to personal property here in District Court Monday but was fined \$100 and costs in a second charge. Dean was convicted on charges of assaulting Danny Murphy, w/m/20 of Rt. 2, Louisburg with a shotgun on the night of September 5. On the charge of assault against Larry Wood, w/m/20, also of Rt. 2, Louisburg and damage to Wood's late model car,

Dean was found innocent.

The charges grew out of Dean's allegedly shooting into the rear of Wood's car around midnight when, according to Dean at the time, Wood and Murphy were participating in a race with another car. Dean claimed the Wood car was scratching off in his yard and after requesting the youths to leave, he fired into their car. Murphy was struck in the neck with a piece of flying glass, according to reports.

Other cases disposed of in Monday's Court session are as follows: Mary Evans, w/f/30, abandonment of children. Not guilty.

James Ray Hall, w/m, interfering with officer. Not less than 6 nor more than 12 months in jail, suspended for 5 years and defendant placed on probation and to pay a fine of \$50.00 and costs.

Russell Moore Fuller, w/m/57, operating auto intoxicated. 4 months in jail, suspended for 3 years on payment of \$100.00 fine and costs; to operate a motor vehicle only under restricted driving privileges; that he keep the peace toward his wife, not violate any State or Federal laws and that he attend Alcoholics Anonymous.

Robert Bloomer Fleming, w/m/32, driving wrong side of road. Not pros with leave.

Weldon Harold Bryant, w/m/52, fail to see movement could be made in safety. To pay costs.

Rupert Fox, n/m/52, allowing no operator's license. \$35.00 fine and costs.

William Edgerton, n/m/39, operating auto intoxicated; no operator's license. 6 months in jail with work release recommended. Jail sentence suspended for 3 years on condition

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## Faulkner Denies Times Report

County Commissioner Norwood Faulkner denied Wednesday that he had requested a secret ballot on the vote to retain County Dog Warden Tyree Lancaster, as reported in Tuesday's Times.

The Times reported that according to a usually reliable source Faulkner requested Commissioner E. M. Sykes to withdraw his motion to fire Lancaster and that a secret ballot be cast to prevent embarrassment to Chairman

Brooks Young, who the source said was expected to have to break a tie vote.

Faulkner's said, in a prepared statement Wednesday, "In voting on the Dog Warden, I did not request to have a secret ballot. I did not try to influence any member of the Board in their on the matter and I think each member will verify this and each voted his own conviction."



## Episcopal Churchwomen Hold Quiet Day

Some of the leaders in the Episcopal Churchwomen's Quiet Day held here at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Wednesday are shown above. Pictured left to right, are: Mrs. C. W. Strother and Mrs. L. E. Scoggin, members of the host church; Rev. Charles I. Penick of Rocky Mount, leader of the services; Mrs. Francis E. Winslow, Jr. of Raleigh, incoming Convocation Chairman, and Mrs. S. E. Jennette of Henderson, present Convocation Chairman. See Story Page 3.

## Director Credits State C & D

Kenneth Schubart, Industrial Development Director, today credited Harold Love, Industrial Representative and the State Department of Commerce and Industry for valuable assistance in the location of Winston Industries at Bunn.

Schubart said, "A great deal of credit should be given Harold Love and Commerce and Industry for the part they played in getting Winston Industries to consider locating in Franklin County. Without their help we would not have had the lead in the first place."

He added, "Through state cooperation with local representatives announcement of industries the size of Winston are made possible."

Winston announced last week its plans to locate a plant to manufacture mobile homes on a 195-acre complex east of Bunn. The announcement came at a special called news conference in Bunn. Work on the new structure is expected to get underway immediately.