

County Schools Open Fri.

The 19 schools that make up the Iredell County system will open their doors for the 1973-74 year tomorrow (Friday).

August 24 will be orientation day, according to Tom Poston, superintendent of the Iredell County Schools. The first full day of the 180-day school year will be Monday, August 27.

Children will remain at school only a few hours Friday, but, beginning Monday, August 27, all students will remain at school a full day. As in years past, the school day will begin at 8:30 a. m. and students will be dismissed for the day at 3 p. m.

Of the 19 schools, two — South and North Iredell — are senior high schools, while one of the schools (Troutman Middle) is a junior high school, for seventh and eighth graders. Seven of the 19 schools will teach classes through the sixth grade, while nine will have classes for students through the eighth grade.

An enrollment of approximately 10,600 students is anticipated, according to Superintendent Poston.

The system has some 475 certificated professional employees, including teachers, supervisors and principals, the superintendent stated.

On the eve of the opening of the county schools, Poston said "everything is in readiness of the opening of the schools of the system for another year."

"Our principals have been on the job throughout the summer, since all principals now are hired on a 12-month basis,

Zoning For MW Okayed

Marine World still is in choppy water in Mecklenburg, but it is sailing smoothly in Iredell.

The Iredell County Planning Board Tuesday night recommended unanimously that land near Mooresville be rezoned to permit M. W. Development Co. to build part of its multi-million-dollar commercial and entertainment complex in this area.

No opposition to the rezoning request was voiced at the hearing before the Planning Board in Statesville. The board's recommendation now goes before the county commissioners for final action.

Among those commenting favorably concerning the prospect of the development in this area was Mooresville Mayor Joe Knox, who also is executive vice president of the local Chapter of Commerce. Knox said the town government "has limited information" about the proposed development, "but from what we know we feel it would be an asset to the area." The mayor added that the town has received

Knox And Nantz Are First To File



RICHARD NANTZ Asks Third Term

'Service An Investment,' Nantz Says

Richard Nantz has devoted many hours to seeing to town affairs during his more than eight years as a member of the Town Board, but he doesn't say he gives his time.

"I prefer to think of my service as investing myself in my community," Nantz said this week, "and if a man is going to hold public office at any level, he must be willing to serve."

Nantz announced this week he is a candidate to succeed himself as Ward 1 commissioner. He has served on the board continuously since 1968.

"It takes some little time," he said, "to become familiar with the workings of local gov-

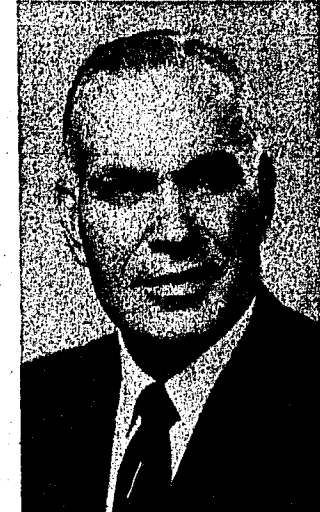
Mayor Joe Knox and Commissioner Richard Nantz have made the opening moves in campaigning leading to Mooresville's every-two-years election. Both announced this week they are candidates for reelection.

The four-week filing period for town government and school posts began August 17. Candidates have until September 14 to file for offices at stake in the November 6 voting.

Persons may file in the office of Town Manager Tate Mills, who also serves as town clerk. A notarized statement declaring each candidacy is required, as is a \$10 filing fee for each candidate.

Mooresville elections have been held in the spring, but the biennial voting was delayed this year in keeping with the state's uniform election law.

Mooresville citizens this fall will choose a mayor for a two-year term, and three of six town commissioners for four-year terms. In addition, local school district residents will pick two of their five school board



JOE KNOX Seeing Things Happen

Has 14 Years Service, 4 As Mayor

Joe Knox says rewards for serving as mayor of Mooresville "are in seeing things happen and knowing you had some part in making them happen." He wants to keep watching and helping.

Knox, who has been in local government service continuously since 1959, this week announced he wants a third two-year term as mayor. He served 10 years as a town commissioner until his election in 1969 to the top post in municipal affairs.

"We have a lot of things to see KNOX—Page 12

UF Division Chairmen Appointed

Leaders for key positions in the annual Mooresville-South Iredell United Fund appeal have been chosen by Jim Frye, campaign chairman.

Frye said Wednesday he was "delighted and encouraged" by response of those he asked to accept division responsibility in the drive that will begin in mid-September.

"We've got a solid UF budget," Frye said this week, "and we've got a solid team to lead our money-raising efforts."

The UF Budget and Admissions Committee met last week to hear and examine requests for UF appropriations. The UF Executive Committee will meet soon to review recommendations of the budget committee, and to officially adopt the budget.

Last year's campaign goal was \$42,000, and this fall's target is expected to be a few hundred dollars more. The area United Fund provides all or a major portion of financial support for several local service organizations, including the

County Board Sets Monday Session Here

You're always welcome at meetings of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners. Next week, the board will make visits by South Iredell residents especially convenient.

For the first time in recent memory, the county's governing body will hold a regular business session in Mooresville. The board will convene in the municipal courtroom August 27 at 7:30 p. m.

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Parents Are Apple-Polishing The Teachers

Among parents who arrived bright and early Wednesday for the first day of school at Park View were Paul Mills, right, and Lavette Teeter, second from right. Teeter is president and Mills vice president of the Park View PTA. They

came bearing gifts for Principal Paul Harrill and his faculty—a well-polished apple for each member of the staff. Sharing a bite with Harrill is teacher Mrs. Gay Stewart.

Mooresville City Schools Begin Year With Orientation Day

Yesterday (Wednesday) was orientation day for the students of the Mooresville City Schools, and today (Thursday) is the first full day of the 180-day 1973-74 school year.

On orientation day, with the

students remaining at school only until noon, everything went smoothly, according to William L. Brown, superintendent of the five-school system.

During the orientation day, students were assigned to their

classrooms and given instructions. Textbooks and other materials were issued, and students paid their fees and the premium for scholastic insurance, provided the insurance was desired.

A trial run of the schedule was made in the several schools and assignments were made for today (Thursday) in order that there would be no delay in the

Mrs. Chal Nantz Killed When Struck By Auto

A Mooresville woman was killed late Saturday night when she was struck and knocked down by an automobile as she walked across South Church Street, some 235 feet south of Catawba Avenue.

Mrs. Minnie Sloop Nantz, 69-year-old resident of 317 South Church Street, was pronounced dead on arrival at Lowrance Hospital, where she was taken by ambulance immediately following the 11 p. m. accident.

Mrs. Nantz, widow of John Chal Nantz, sustained multiple injuries as a result of the accident, according to the attending physician. Death was

instant, it was reported. According to an investigation by members of the Mooresville Police Department, Mrs. Nantz was struck by the car as she crossed the street, from east to west, in front of her home.

Officers said the car involved, a 1968 Plymouth, was being operated by Bertha Rogers Pitts, 51-year-old resident of Mooresville, route 2.

The car, officers said, was traveling south on South Church Street at the time of the accident. The right front of the car struck Mrs. Nantz, it was stated.

Investigation revealed the accident to be unavoidable, and no charges were lodged as a result of the incident.

The pedestrian fatality was

N'western Picks Harris As Cashier

R. C. Harris has been named manager and cashier in charge of the new Northwestern Bank in Mooresville, it was announced today by Edwin Duncan Jr., president of the North Wilkesboro-based financial house.

Harris graduated from Harmony High School and attended Mitchell College in Statesville. Prior to joining Northwestern's staff, Harris was affiliated with M. & J. Finance, working in Hickory, Newton, Durham and Murphy. He was named manager of Villa Park office of The Northwestern Bank in Conover in 1968, and, in 1972, he was promoted to manager and cashier of The Northwestern Bank in Andrews.

Harris is married to the former Carol Felmster of Union Grove and they have two children, Richard and Suzanne. The Harrises attend Marvin Methodist Church of Statesville and reside on Route 6, Statesville.



R. C. HARRIS Statesville Resident

Uncle Dan From Doolie Says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I want to remember what the folks that run that Wimbledon tennis game in England said about players that wouldn't play. They said that Wimbledon was bigger than the boycesters. I think they were right, and I think what they said works for all the ball players in this country that get the idea the game can't live without em. I hope the same applies to politicians in both countries, cause both have been having their share of trouble with em lately.

The fellers took this matter up during the session at the country store Saturday night. Josh Clougher, that don't talk much unless the subject is the mail and his Social Security check is a day late, surprised everybody by coming out four-square fer England-type scandals. Josh was of the mind that American politicians git in hot water over greed and power, but them in England has trouble with the wimmen. It's a man's duty to serve his country, allowed Josh, and he, fer one, would rather pull his political hich in England.

That's when Ed Doolittle got the floor. Ed was a Republican before, during and after it was somepun you could brag about in mixed company, and he called Josh down fer poking fun at the troubles we're having. Ed said he had studied politics a long time and when it comes to throwing rocks, jest about everybody lives in a glass house. One party pointing a finger at the other is the pot calling the little black, was Ed's words.

Fer instant, he said, he saw a few weeks back where the only difference between Nixon's and Johnson's telephone recording hogkups was that Johnson could cut this off.

Clem Webster was agreed with Ed that this country not only has lived, it has grown strong and rich operating on two seats of facts—Democrat and Republican. Clem said both have a record of bending history to suit their campaigns, and it ain't to frequent that one will take the risk of jumping on the other fer their idea of the truth.

Farthermore, both parties is equal guilty of handing out federal aid in such habit-forming doses that we got to the place we think we can't git along without it. Back afore Congressmen was convinced their job was to figger new ways to take our money and give some of it back, Clem said they was a law of nature about survival of the fittest. Nowadays, went on Clem, the Government has improved that rule to where everybody survives and nobody's fit fer nothing.

Well, Mister Editor, turning to your business I see weddings in your paper has slowed down some, so I reckon the peak marrying season is over. My old lady allus enjoys reading about the weddings, course she likes the funerals to, and she don't never miss the divorce cases. Personal, I got great respect fer marriage. It teaches a feller to keep regular hours, to keep his mouth shut and other good habits he wouldn't need if he stayed single.

Yours truly, Uncle Dan

Frontier Days, Rodeo Coming To Mooresville

Final plans have been announced for the third annual Mooresville Championship Rodeo and Frontier Days celebration under the sponsorship of the Mooresville Jaycees, with the full cooperation of the local merchants.

Mooresville merchants will observe Frontier Days on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 23-25.

The rodeo itself is scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights, August 24 and 25, at the old Mooresville baseball park on South Broad Street.

Bleachers have been placed at the park in anticipation of the large crowd that is expected to attend the performances.

The rodeo will be staged by the Southeastern Rodeo Association, with many area "cowboys" and "cowgirls" participating, along with the association's regular performers.

Bull-riding is expected to be the highlight of the action, with many other riders scheduled to participate in steer wrestling, calf roping, and bronc riding.

Many merchants will feature special bargains during the three-day Frontier Day phase of the celebration.

A number of the stores will take on the frontier or western look, with employees and employees dressing in keeping with the style of dress during the country's frontier days.

The town will take on a western air with wagons, buckboards, and cowboys all over town.

Mooresville Folks Picked As District Court Jurors

Five Mooresville residents have been selected to serve as district court jurors for four days next month, September 10-13.

The jurors are to report in the jury lounge at the Hall of Justice in Statesville at 9 a. m. on Monday, September 10.

Local residents selected for duty as jurors September 10-13 are:

Mrs. J. L. Blackwelder of Mooresville, route 5; Lennie C. Clark, Sr., 334 Kelly Street, Mooresville; Robert H. Fleming, 203 East McNeely Avenue, Mooresville; John C. Guffey, 387 East Catawba Avenue, Mooresville; and Darrell E. Nichols, 559 West Wilson Avenue, Mooresville.

'Pete' Maness Killed As Tractor Overturns

A 62-year-old Mooresville area man was killed late Thursday morning when the tractor he was operating flipped over, pinning him beneath it.

Everett Lee (Pete) Maness, a resident of the Linwood Road section of Mooresville, route 3, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Lowrance Hospital, where he was brought by ambulance immediately following the 11 a. m. accident.

According to Deputy Donald Gregory of the Iredell Sheriff's Department, Mr. Maness was in the process of pulling a field planter from a small gully when the fatal accident occurred.

Mr. Maness, the deputy reported, had fastened a log chain to the planter and then had secured the other end of the chain to the tractor. As the

planter was being pulled from the gully, the planter suddenly became fastened on an object on the side of the gully. The front end of the tractor "jumped up" and the heavy machine flipped over, landing on top of Mr. Maness.

The weight of the tractor crushed Mr. Maness, it was reported.

Another tractor, with a front-end loader, was used to lift the

Mrs. Neel School Vote Registrar

Mrs. Celeste Neel is serving as registrar for the upcoming election in which residents of the Mount Mourne School attendance area will decide whether they wish the area to become a part of the Mooresville School District.

She will be at the election's designated polling place, the Mount Mourne School, on Saturday, August 25, from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., to register those who are not already registered.

Persons wishing to register may also contact Mrs. Neel at her home, or they may register at the office of the Iredell County Board of Elections in the old courthouse annex in Mooresville any week day or with Mrs. Joe Crooks in the office of the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce on the second floor of the Municipal Building in Mooresville.

There will be no special

Coach Karriker Ponders Problem--Which Quarterback?

Everyone's problems seem to increase during the sultry, unbearably-hot days of August. No exception is Gary Karriker, head grid coach at Mooresville Senior High School. He ponders a problem many coaches would love to share: Which outstanding performer to select as starting quarterback on the Blue Devil football

team. Over the ball is center Rick Mack, and all set to take the pigskin are (left to right) quarterback candidates Roger Lambert, Terrell Rhye and Bobby Craig. Which of the three will be the starter? Well, we'll just have to wait and see—'cause, at this moment, Coach Karriker himself doesn't know.

