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# Market To Close Three Days Next Week



## Disputed Land

Shown above is a tract of land at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Highway 561 that has been a point of controversy for several years. Attorneys for the late Charles P. Green, reportedly claim the land belongs

to W. G. Lancaster, local funeral director, while the Town of Louisburg claims it's the Town's property. The Town Council has announced a decision to sell the property at public auction.

# Disputed Land To Be Sold

The Louisburg Town Council in a split 4 to 3 vote, passed a resolution calling for the sale of a piece of land at the Bickett Blvd.-Highway 561 intersection, which has been a point of controversy for several years. The action was taken at their regular session last Friday night.

Councilman Jimmy Lumpkin made the motion, seconded by Councilman Thornton Jones and supported by Councilman V. A. Peoples and Robert Hicks to sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder that parcel of land at the intersection where the town septic tank is located. Mayor Louis Wheelless, councilmen Jonah Taylor and Ernest Thomas voted against the resolution.

## YDC To Meet

The Young Democratic Club of Franklin County will hold a supper meeting at The Murphy House Friday, September 18, 1964 at 6:30 p.m.

Election of officers will be held as well as the selection of delegates to the State Convention.

tion several years ago when W. G. Lancaster, local businessman, attempted to clear the area in preparation to building his funeral home nearby.

## Alumni Day Set At College

Alumni Day at Louisburg College is set for Saturday, October 10, according to an announcement made by Floyd Ammons of Fayetteville, acting president.

Robert John Versteeg, head of the Department of Drama at the college, an author, playwright, drama critic and teacher, will be the guest speaker at 5 p.m. in the College Auditorium, East Campus.

Following dinner, the Alumni Association will hold a short business meeting in the Main Building Auditorium, followed by a special musical program featuring students and alumni. At 8:30 a dance will be held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union with music by the Sophistocates of Raleigh.

Class reunions will feature each five-year class beginning with 1899 and including 1964.

Lancaster was restrained from doing so, first by local police and later by court injunction. The Town of Louisburg claimed possession of the land and Lancaster claimed he had purchased the land and held the proper deed to it.

The matter has been discussed a number of times at Town Council meetings and until recently, nothing was attempted in way of settlement. The facts, as best they can be gathered, in the matter are that the land originally belonged to Webb Loy, former Louisburg resident now living in Florida. Loy, it is reported, gave the Town of Louisburg a deed for that portion of land upon which the septic tank is located. Shortly before the incident with Lancaster,

## Masonic Notice

A dutch supper will be served on Tuesday evening, Sept. 22, at 6:30 in the Masonic Temple on Jolly St. Work will be in the Master Mason Degree at the stated communication the same night at 8 o'clock. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

# Stallings Resigns; Fox Expected To Be Named Principal At Louisburg Today

Mrs. Margaret Pruitt, chairman of the Louisburg District School Committee announced today that the committee has "reluctantly accepted" the resignation of Louisburg Principal Howard Stallings. The resignation, was presented to the local committee at their meeting Tuesday and is to become effective at "the earliest possible date."

Stallings gave as his reason for resigning, "I am going into business on my own." When asked if farming was the nature of the business, he replied, "That's close enough." It is reported that he told the committee, "Something has come up recently that will require more of my time," when asked to be relieved as soon as possible.

It is expected that the local committee will nominate Louisburg coach-social studies instructor, Al Fox to fill the interim appointment, in a special meeting tonight. Mrs. Pruitt said it was the policy of her committee to promote personnel within the school, whenever possible. It is also a policy of the County Board of Education which is expected to approve the nomination of Fox, in their meeting on October 5th.

Mrs. Pruitt said, "The school has traveled far under Stallings' administration. He is a good school man and we are sorry to lose him." Willis Nash and L. C. Hasty, members of the



Al Fox



Howard Stallings

committee also expressed regrets at Stallings' decision. Stallings, a native of Franklin County, came to the Louisburg school, then the W. R. Mills High School in 1951 where he was employed as teacher-coach until the retirement of M. L. Rowland in 1957 when Stallings

was named principal. He graduated from Gold Sand High School, received his Masters degree from East Carolina College and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. He is married to the former Emma Leigh Strange and they have three children.

Fox, 31 years old, is a native of Cary, N.C. where he graduated from high school. He received his BS degree in physical education from N. C. State College and his Master of Education degree from the University of North Carolina. He is married to the former Nona Wynn of Raleigh and they have two children, Danette, 9, a student in the fourth grade at Louisburg and Connie, 6, in the first grade.

Fox taught one year at Bradenton, Fla. before coming to Louisburg four years ago. He lives with his family on Tanglewood Drive. Fox, who had asked for some time to think it over, when the position was offered him said, "I am a little jittery. I think I can do it and I will certainly do my very best."

Stallings indicated that he would remain on the job as long as he was needed. The proposed meeting tonight is expected to clear the way, so that the change can be made immediately.

The Louisburg Tobacco Market will join with all other markets in observing a three-day sales holiday beginning Monday of next week, it was announced today. The holiday was called Wednesday night in a meeting of the advisory committee and sales committee of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association in Raleigh.

The reason for the shutdown of all markets was given as a move to relieve congestion in processing plants handling tobacco for the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation. After next week, the markets will operate on a four day a week schedule until the congestion is eliminated. There will be no sales on Fridays after next week.

The action taken Wednesday was recommended by L. T. Weeks, general manager of Stabilization, who said the cooperative was having difficulty handling tobacco received under price support in the Eastern Belt. Weeks said, "Our receipts under loan are rising substantially in all belts. We received 24 1/2 per cent of all tobacco offered in all belts Monday." More than 30 per cent went to Stabilization from Tuesday's sales. In the Eastern Belt alone, there was a 4 per cent increase on Tuesday over the Monday poundage.

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# Franklinton Accident

State Trooper Bill Ethridge of Franklinton reported an accident to School Bus No. 81 Wednesday morning at Franklinton. The bus, driven by Phyllis M. Bower, w/l/17, of Franklinton, was struck by a car driven by Dorothy Massenbergs, c/l/45 of Route 4, Louisburg, as it attempted to turn left into Mitchell Avenue off N. C. 56 east of Franklinton.

The Massenbergs woman was charged with passing the bus at a marked intersection across yellow lines. There were no injuries reported.

Trooper Ethridge also released the following Special

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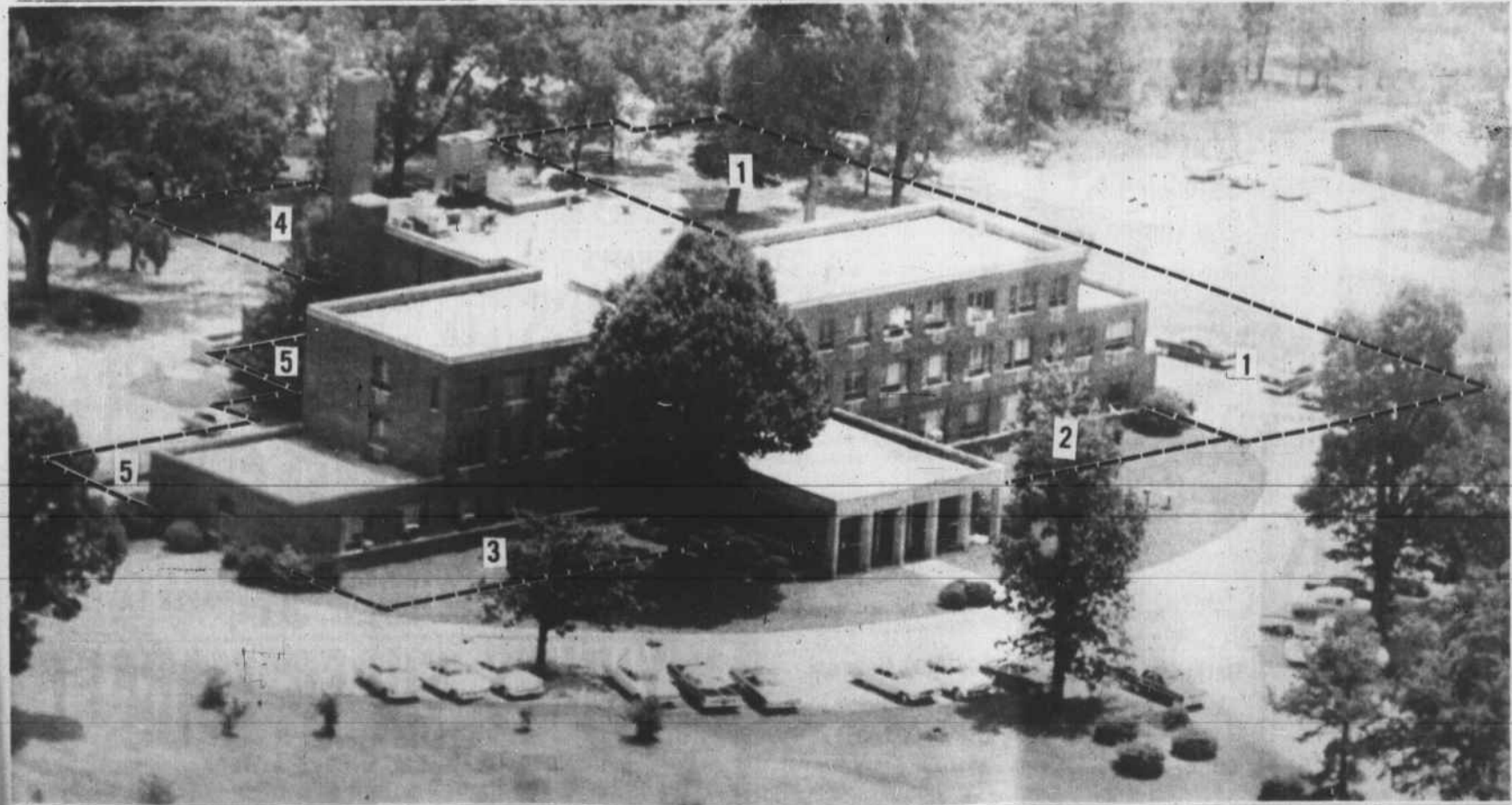


## Plan Subscriptions Drive

Pictured above, preparing for the annual Franklin Times Subscription Campaign are Louisburg High School Seniors, left to right, Neil Strickland, Dorothy Knott, Trudy Gup-ton with their sponsor, Al Fox, Seniors from Louisburg, Epsom, Gold Sand, Bunn, Youngsville, and Riverside Schools will launch the drive Monday, September 21, and

daily through October 3. Subscription rates are due for an increase following the campaign. Present subscribers and prospective new ones are being urged to take advantage of the present low rates and to take a subscription from one of the seniors, who are working to raise money for their school projects.

-Times Staff Photo.



# Hospital Reveals Plans For Additions

The proposed additions and renovations to Franklin Memorial Hospital are outlined in the above photograph. The construction is expected to cost around \$900,000.00, with \$325,000.00 coming from local funds, should the Commissioners call for a Bond election as is indicated in November and subject to the approval of the voters at that time.

The largest addition is planned for the south end of the present building, (1) where the second and third floors will house 26 additional beds, in ten private and eight semi-private rooms. The first floor of this section will house new emergency rooms, cast room, X-ray rooms, film file, laboratory, pharmacy, out-patient admittance, storage and offices for that area.

The new addition on the south side of the front entrance (2) will house administrative offices, bookkeeping, etc. and records. The addition on the north side of the present entrance (3) will contain the morgue, housekeeping supplies and storage.

Both front additions (2 and 3)

are to be one story, all other additions are to be three stories, according to the plans drawn by Holloway-Reeves, Architects of Raleigh, N. C. The new part to be located at the rear (4) of the present building, a single story, will contain mechanical equipment.

The new additions on the northeast corner (5) will house bulk storage and the dining area on the first floor, an operating room and a future recovery room on the second floor and the stairway will take up the space on the third floor.

The County Commissioners have called for a public hearing on the plans for a bond issue, for Monday, September 21, at 10 a.m. in the courthouse.

## Viewpoint

VIEWPOINT, popular editorial expression by Jesse Helms, Raleigh television executive, starts today on The Times Editorial page. VIEWPOINT will appear regularly on our Editorial page in the future. Reader comment is welcomed.