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ARTHUR M. DAIL



J. HAROLD TALTON

Dail Promoted

Talton Transferred To New Bern

J. Harold Talton, vice president and resident manager of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company in Louisburg, will transfer to the New Bern Office July 1. He will serve as vice president assisting in the operation of the New Bern Office until January 1 when he will become resident manager upon the retirement of W. D. Ferebee.

In Louisburg, Talton will be succeeded by Arthur M. Dail, who is being promoted to vice president and resident manager.

A veteran of 18 years with First-Citizens, Talton began his career in the Smithfield Office. He has since headed First-Citizens Offices in Newton Grove, Spring Hope and Louisburg, serving as manager of Louisburg since 1963.

While in Louisburg, Talton has been an active and dynamic leader in the community. He has served as chairman of the Franklin County Industrial

Development Commission for five years, president of the Franklin Building Corporation, president of the Development Corporation of Franklin County, and chairman of the Franklin County Airport Commission.

In the field of education he is a trustee of Louisburg College, chairman of the Louisburg College Annual Fund Raising Campaign for four years, a member of the Morehead Scholarship Committee and a director of the Franklin Academy.

Talton was selected "Man of the Year" by the Louisburg Rotary Club in 1964. Talton is also a Mason, Shriner, and treasurer of the Louisburg Baptist Church.

The Smithfield native and Wake Forest College graduate is married to the former Patricia Smith of Rome, Georgia. They have three children.

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Over 1600 Attend Sportswear Open House

Over 1600 persons visited the Louisburg Sportswear plant here Sunday afternoon as the firm observed its first open house since beginning operations here in 1962. Some came from as far away as Jacksonville, Fla., Charleston, S. C. and Broadnax, Va.

Jerry Costa, Manufacturing Manager for the firm, said, "We would like to extend our thanks to members of our community, our employees, their families and their guests for their interest in visiting our plant, observing our methods of manufacturing, and seeing our finished products. We feel that we all shared in one of our most interesting and rewarding days in our history."

Costa added that he wanted to extend "special thanks" to a number of employees "who under direction of plant manager Don Hartness made the affair such an overwhelming success." Among those singled out by Costa were employees demonstrating operations: Clarence Finch, Charlie Trader, George Duke, Billy Foster, S. E. Gupton, Jr., Sally Lovin, Goldie Shearin, Margaret Spencer, Betty Colbert, Joyce Green, Linda McGhee, Betty Wilson, Ella Crudup, Susie Macon, Carrie Stallings, Shirley Godfrey, Margaret Moody, Lounette House, Lena Edwards, Lena Murray, Frances Ays-

High School Paper Honored

Chapel Hill - The Louisburg High School newspaper, SCHOOL DAZE, took first place honors in the small school feature writing division of the University of North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute.

Entries for the contest were submitted from throughout North Carolina to Prof. Walter Spearman, director of the Institute, who sent them to newspapermen to be judged.

Certificates of Merit were presented to the winners at the awards banquet of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Institute, sponsored by the North Carolina Press Association and the UNC School of Journalism.

cue and Esther Matthews.

Those conducting tours for visitors included Joyce Ayscue, Gracie Bryant, Mattie Milton, Bertha Moore, Nancy Edwards, Ida Pearl Abbott, Ruby Gilliam and Cedonia Boone.

Costa had special praise for the Preparation Committee and announced members of that Committee as follows: Sue Finch, Shella Strickland, Hazel Gilliam, Margaret Moody, Edna Tanner, Alice Wheelless, Lois King, Lila Mae Cash, Bertha McKnight, Merle Strickland, Nay Fuller, Ruby Gilliam and Rachel Bottoms.

Approves Teachers

The Board of Education met in special session here Monday night to approve contracts for fourteen teachers to be employed in the system this fall. Six resignations were accepted from teachers already leaving the system.

The Board restated its policy on student transfers outside the county. Basically, the policy set last year and continued in Monday's action allows children who did not attend the Franklin unit schools during the previous year to continue in the schools they attended for a one-year period. Neighboring county units require the Franklin Board to release such students.

The Board adopted a resolution honoring Mrs. Mabel Davis, retiring Supervisor of Teachers, and approved payment of State School Board membership dues.

A lengthy discussion was held between the Board, Superintendent Warren Smith, Associate Superintendent Margaret Holmes and attorney E. F. Yarborough on the pending school suit hearing. The suit which began in December, 1965 is slated for another day in court sometime in July. Attorneys are working on their presentations and a number of decisions were made in Monday's session. None, however, were made public.

Funds For Bunn Water Project Gets Approval

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 called meeting at Bunn Monday. 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

Friday by Congressman L. H. Fountain. The Congressman's office wired 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."

Industrial Development Director Ken Schubart and Bunn Town attorney, E. F. Yarborough, attended Monday's special meeting. At the direction of the Town Council a wire was sent to G. T. Karras, Director, Office of Public Works, Economic Development Administration, Washington, informing him of the decision approving the loan and grant and assuring him that the necessary papers were being forwarded immediately to seal the bargain.

Schubart explained that there had been a question of funding for the project even after approval was gained. He said Monday afternoon that the project will be funded by June 30. "It is anticipated that the bids will be asked on the project in July and the project awarded in August," Schubart said.

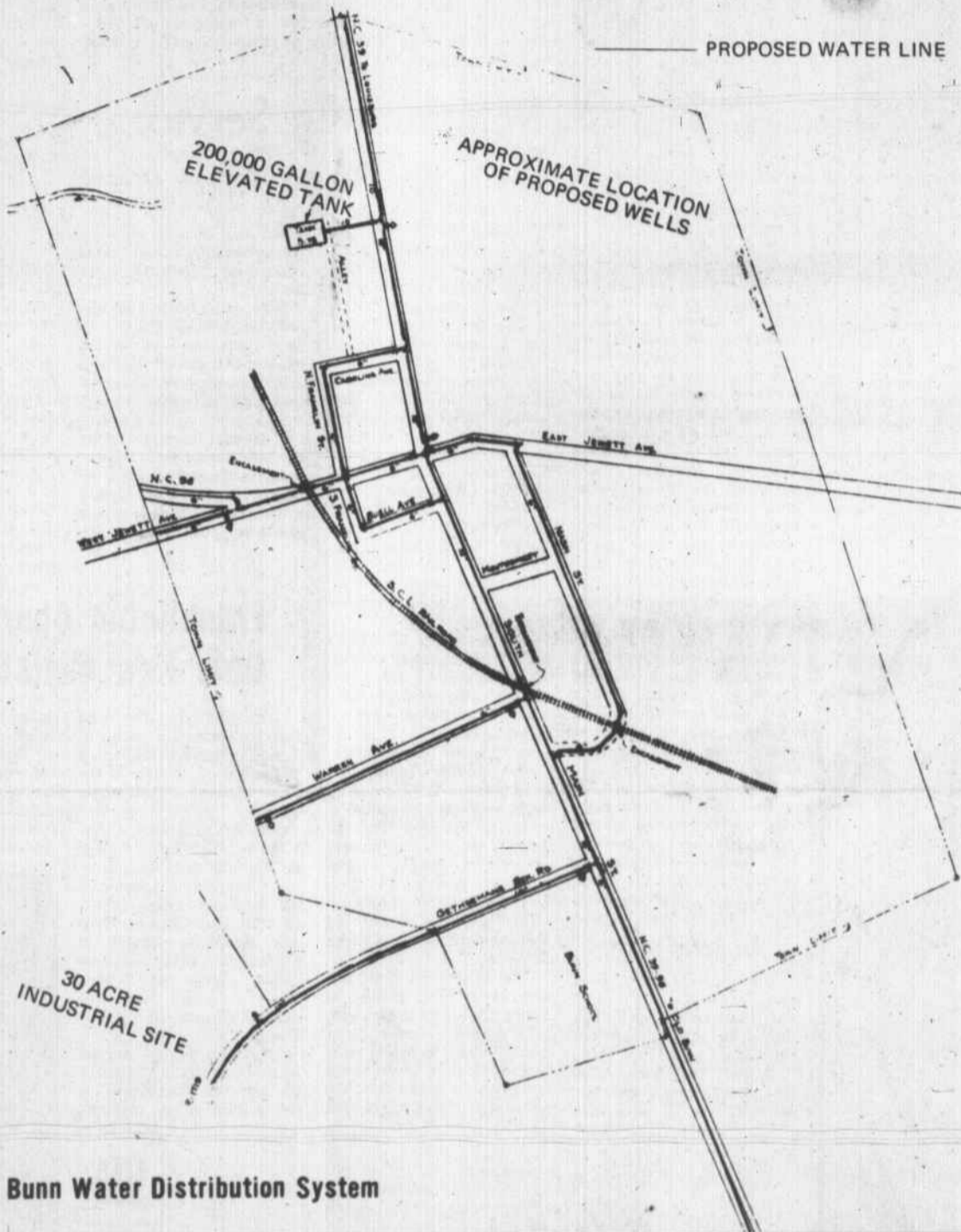
"If we don't have any unforeseen circumstances, it is very likely the facility will be in operation in early February or March," he added.

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 part near the Bunn High School and Bunn Elementary Schools.

Schubart explained that 40-year bonds will be offered for sale at 4 1/2 percent interest. He expects, he says, that they will not be sold. However, it is understood that if they are not sold in a two week period, the government has guaranteed to purchase the bonds at this interest rate.

"It has been established," Schubart said, "that no tax increase will be required this year." He further explained that the \$160,000 bond approval

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Bunn Water Distribution System

Hearing To Be Held On Louisburg Bill

Rep. John T. Church, D-Vance, informed The Times this morning that a public hearing will be held by the House Calendar Committee on a Senate Bill to have Franklin County included in the 1959 annexation law. Church said the meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 9:30 A.M. with both sides having 15 minutes to present their views.

The bill has already passed the Senate where it was introduced at the request of the Louisburg Town Council, by Senator Edward F. Griffin. Church reported that he had earlier sent out letters to opponents of the measure indicating that due to the shortness of time and opposition by Franklin Representative James D. Speed to the bill, he would not recommend it out of Committee. He said he reported in his letter that the "bill will not be ratified in this session". Church is a member of the Calendar Committee.

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Attending Govt. School

Mrs. Thomas O. Wheelless, recently elected to the Louisburg Town Council, is attending an Institute of Government school for newly elected mayors and council members in Chapel Hill this week. The school began Monday and will conclude at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Among the areas to be studied are the corporate structure of towns and cities, the nature of the city and its relationship to the state and other governmental units; organization and functions of city government and the work of the governing board.

Also being reviewed are such things as the authority of town boards to

raise funds, property tax, municipal budgeting, purchasing and contracts and policies and financial approaches to improvements to sidewalks and utilities.

The school is designed especially for newly elected officials but all members of governing boards were invited to attend, according to word from the Institute of Government.

So far as is known, Mrs. Wheelless is the only member of the board in the county in attendance this week. She was the third woman ever elected to the Louisburg Town Council when she made a strong run in the May municipal elections.

the current law, which would necessitate the passage of a local bill by the General Assembly. When news of the introduction of the bill in the Senate reached some residents of outlying areas, it caused a stir among those who do not wish to be annexed into the town. Town officials explained that they did not plan any immediate annexation but rather, wanted authority so that a study could be made on future expansion of the town limits.

He emphasized that he has not discussed the Speed letter with the Franklin representative and his report to The Times was not critical of Rep. Speed. He said that if it is his decision, that he would act. He said he dictated his letter to opponents of the bill on June 18 and that Speed's letter was dated June 19. He added that he is today calling interested parties on both sides of the issue to inform them of the hearing.

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Youth Death Suspected Suicide

Sheriff William T. Dement says his investigation is continuing in the early Sunday morning death of an 18-year-old Spring Hope youth who died of shotgun wounds at the home of his step-grandfather in the Pilot Community. The Sheriff reports that he feels the death of Marvin Dale Murray was a suicide.

The youth had reportedly threatened suicide in recent weeks and was found by his step-grandfather and a sister around 1 a.m. Sunday at the home on Route 2, Zebulon. The blast from the 12 gauge shotgun reportedly awakened the sister and grandfather.

Murray, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Murray of Route 1, Spring Hope, had been staying with his grandfather, identified as Mr. Morgan by the Sheriff. Funeral services were scheduled for Monday.

Speed, Church

Split On Tax Vote

Representative James D. Speed of Franklin and Rep. John T. Church of Vance, both representing the Sixteenth District of Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties, split their votes in last Friday's House approval of the compromise tobacco-soft drink tax bill. Speed voted against the bill and Church voted in favor of the measure.

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orarily by having the bill re-referred back to the Finance Committee for reconsideration."

He said regretfully this proved to be only a temporary relief and that the backing of the Governor "out numbered us". "And thus," he added, "Reluctantly, I felt that under the circumstances a compromise was essential if tobacco had to be taxed. I felt that the lowest possible tax would represent a compromise," he continued.

He said the decision to tax tobacco was one "of the most difficult I ever had to make". Explaining that he worked long and hard on the Appropriations Committee in efforts to meet "the essential needs of the State and for the betterment of the people, and having voted for the final Appropriations package, I felt that I had no other choice than to meet the adopted Budget requirements."

A number of anti-tobacco tax Re- See SPLIT Page 4