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Homecoming Queen Linda Lea is presented flowers by Pat Wilson, the 1958 Queen, as escort Fred Davis looks on.

## Board of Trustees Makes Offer to Buy Buildings and Grounds of Mills School

By PETER MAUPIN

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees voted February 12 to offer school officials of Franklin County \$225,000 for the W. R. Mills High School property situated directly across from the college. Included in the sale are the main high school building, the cafeteria, the frame music building and 12½ acres of land.

Several weeks ago the Mills High P.T.A. voted 171 to 0 to sell the property if the college upped its bid from \$200,000 to \$225,000. The original asking price for the buildings and the 12½ acre lot was \$250,000. According to Dr. Robbins, the funds with which to purchase the high school will come from the present Capital Funds Campaign of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Louisburg College is due to receive between \$250,000 and \$300,000 from this fund.

The first hint that the college might be interested in buying the property came from President Cecil W. Robbins at a public meeting in the Franklin County courthouse in the late fall of 1958. The meeting had been called to discuss the feasibility of a bond issue to finance a new high school.

A school district vote was taken to approve the bond issue, and it passed by only six votes. A court fight developed between the pro-bondists and the anti-bondists, who seemed to think that the plans called for more buildings to be added to the present site, which was not the case. The North Carolina Supreme Court held that the vote was legal and binding.

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## Dr. Robbins Elected President of N. C. Council of Churches

On January 28, 1959, at a meeting in Durham of the North Carolina Council of Churches, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins was unanimously elected president for the year 1959-1960.

Dr. Robbins, whose tenure of office began with the close of the convention, expressed the purpose of the Council in this way: "The North Carolina Council of Churches works to achieve co-operation between denominations and to help the individual churches do together what they could not do so effectively if they worked alone."

The North Carolina Council of Churches is an organization composed of all the major denominations in the state, banded together and working for the common good of the Church and the people. One of the projects that the Council will be working on during the coming year is the completion of plans for the 1961 celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization.

Dr. Robbins has been a member of the council for 15 years. He served on the Council's Executive Committee for several years, and for the past two years has been First Vice-President.

On December 8, 1906, in the small town of Shannon, Mississippi, Dr. Robbins was born. At 20 he entered Birmingham-Southern College, where he earned his A.B. degree and went on to Duke University.

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## Federal Aid Made Available To Students

By PETER MAUPIN

For the first time, students at Louisburg College may receive loans from the Federal Government under the new National Defense Student Loan Program. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins said that a total of \$645.00 will be available here this semester for the loans.

For the spring semester of 1959, the colleges in North Carolina had asked for a total of \$1,498,874 but received only \$138,216, less than 10 per cent of their request. That is the reason for the small amount of money available this semester. The allotment to each school is based on the school's enrollment.

Next year, 1959-1960, Congress has appropriated some \$75 million for the whole program. Some of this will be used for loans, some for setting up the system and for maintenance costs, and some for payment of employees. In connection with this, Dr. Robbins has asked for \$5,000 for Louisburg for the next school year, although he says it is "not likely that we will get that much."

In commenting on the loan program, Dr. Robbins said, "I think that this National Defense Student Loan Program is going to be a very fine thing — helping the students and taking some of the burden off the colleges, too. The question is whether there will be enough available to do much good."

The loan program is in effect not only here at Louisburg College, but at practically every accredited col-

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## Gala, Parade Court Victory Mark Colorful Homecoming

"Oh me, oh my," could well have been the grief of a small, red convertible as it carried twelve basketball players, Saturday, Feb. 7, in Louisburg College's first Homecoming parade. The parade commenced the days festivities of an Alumni meeting, banquet, basketball game, and an informal dance.

The convertible, a 1950 Plymouth, was one of 27 units in the Homecoming parade.

The parade included a band, a Brownie Scout Troop, the Franklin County Rescue Squad, the local fire department, several bicycles, a horse ridden by Charles Hinson, a student of the college, a float of high school Queens, a float for Miss Linda Lea, Homecoming Queen, and her court, and entries by merchants and various organizations of Louisburg.

The college sponsored two floats. Miss Pat Wilson of Louisburg, who was last year's Homecoming Queen, rode on one. Misses Carolyn Ayscue of Aycock; Eva Pearce of Rolesville; and Rose Jones of Gold Sand, who are Homecoming Queens of their high schools, were Miss Wilson's attendants.

The other float carried Louisburg College's Homecoming Court and the Homecoming Queen, Miss Linda Lea of Durham. Her attendants were Misses Valjean Fox of Cary, Barbara Rogers of Durham, Barbara Jean Leonard of Louisburg, Becky Garner of Burlington, Nancy Garner

of Weldon, Kay Hayes of Louisburg, and Barbara Reynolds of Troy.

Homecoming Queens from various high schools throughout Franklin County rode on convertibles. Among them were: Marla Gupton, Mills High; Linda Stroud, Franklinton High; Patricia Cash, Youngsville High; Peggy Davis, Edward Best High; and Alice Smith, Miss Franklin County, of Youngsville.

One of the highlights of the parade was "Cookie" Hinson of Durham, riding on a beautiful black horse. "Cookie" was dressed in a green cowboy shirt trimmed in white fringe. A "ten gallon" hat completed his outfit.

Another highlight was the Calliope which was played by Mr. Austin Fuller of Louisburg.

The Mills High School band led the parade.

A small foreign car carrying the co-editors and one other member of the COLUMNS staff jogged along behind the Calliope. Words on the rear of the small car read "Little but Loud—COLUMNS."

Following the parade some 75 guests were invited into the Faculty Parlor of the College for refreshments.

A short meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union Building after the evening meal. The Reverend Troy Barrett of Zebulon, president of the association, presided. Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of the college, commented briefly on coming events, and Thomas A. Patterson spoke of the Louisburg College Hour from 2:00 to 2:30 each Sunday afternoon over the local radio station.

Coach Arial's basketball team added to the excitement of Homecoming by defeating Oak Ridge Military Academy, 74-64.

At the half-time of the game, Miss Pat Wilson, last year's Homecoming Queen, presented Miss Lea with a bouquet of lavender and white carnations, thus making her officially the Homecoming Queen of 1959 for Louisburg College.

There was an informal dance in Holton gym following the ballgame to highlight the day's festivities.

## Rosemary Clarke Presents Concert

Louisburg, February 3. — Miss Rosemary Clarke, concert pianist and composer, presented a concert in the Louisburg College auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Clarke has been widely recognized by some of the outstanding critics: "Comprehensive technical skills" . . . "Expressive intensity" . . . from the *New York Herald Tribune* following her Town Hall debut; "Musicality, coloring, and feeling" . . . from the *Musical Courier* following her concert at Fullerton Hall in Chicago. She was one of the fourteen American com-

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The Homecoming Queen's float sports a bevy of beautiful attendants. From left to right, they are: Valjean Fox, Barbara Rogers (face partly hidden); Nancy Garner; Barbara Reynolds; Becky Garner; Barbara Leonard; Kay Hayes; and the Queen, Linda Lea.