

Part Four Louisburg: Its Neighborhoods Physical And Social Conditions

The purposes of this section are to identify those portions of Louisburg where substandard housing and poor social conditions exist, to determine the magnitude of these undesirable conditions, and to suggest ways in which the physical and social environment of some of the Town's more blighted areas can be improved.

For the purposes of this examination, Louisburg has been divided into two analysis areas—Area I and Area II. Area I encompasses the land located north of the Tar River, excluding the Central Business District. Area II takes in the land south of the Tar River, extending to N. C. Highway 56. The Tar River serves as the physical and social boundary between these two portions of Louisburg. Other area boundaries are existing roads and the Louisburg town limits.

It is generally recognized that blighted physical conditions and social problems go hand-in-hand. With this in mind, the nature of the physical development of each of Louisburg's Analysis Areas has been examined individually, followed by an analysis of some of the social characteristics of the residents in the two study areas.

The criteria for the investigation of Louisburg's neighborhoods are the physical and the social conditions. There are two physical aspects of the land within the Town of Louisburg which give a good indication as to where blighted conditions exist—an evaluation of the use of the land in terms of the acreages devoted to the various types of use and the degree to which there is mixing of incompatible uses of the land, and an analysis of the actual conditions of the buildings within the 2 analysis areas. Moreover, by finding out where persons with social problems reside, we were able to more readily identify those substandard areas where such conditions are fostered. Generally, there is a correlation between blighted, rundown neighborhoods and the incidence of certain social problems such as fire calls and welfare cases.

AREA I Physical and Social Conditions

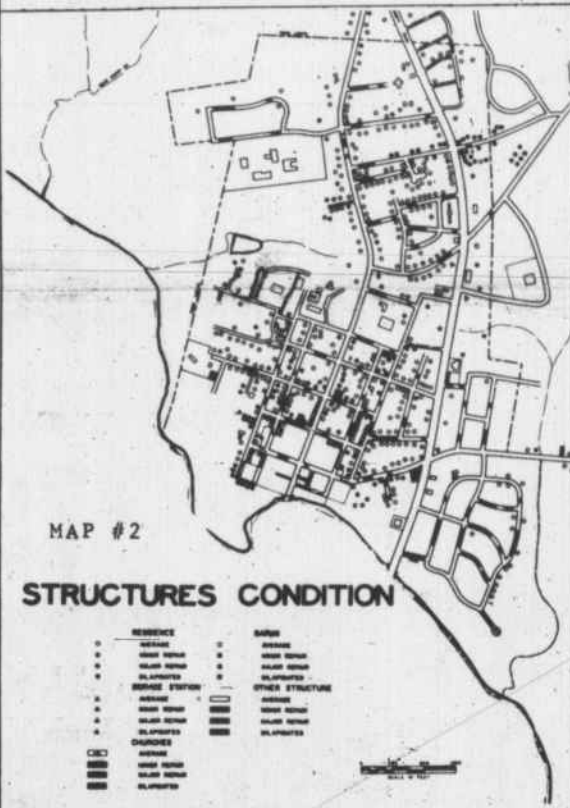
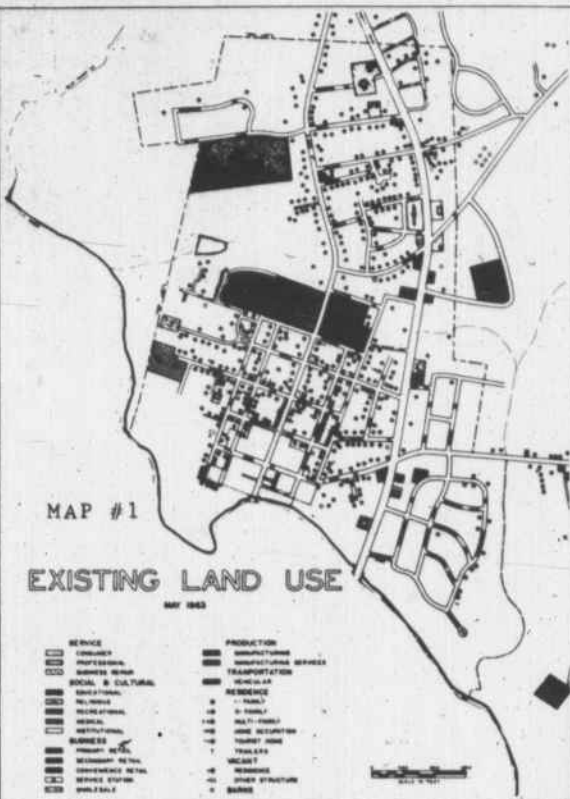
Area I includes the land north of the Tar River, east of Bear Swamp Creek, south of the intersection of Bickett Boulevard and North Main Street, and west of Fox Swamp Creek. This article deals with the use of the land, the condition of the buildings, and the social conditions within the area.

Area I's existing uses for its land are for housing—22% of the total land, social and cultural activities—45 acres of all the land, services and businesses—1 1/2% of the total acreage, industry—1/10% of the land, and streets—1/5 of the total acreage within Area I. There are approximately 670 acres of land within Area I of which more than 50% is vacant.

Area I tends to be divided into two distinct portions—development to the north of Louisburg College is newer and of better quality than that to the south. In having incompatible uses near one another, for example, industry in residential neighborhoods, the efficient use of the land is definitely impaired. For example, the Department of Public Works storage yard and maintenance facilities are causing an undue amount of traffic on Sunset Avenue, bringing with it an overabundance of dirt and noise.

The conditions of Area I's buildings range in categories from standard to dilapidated. 117 structures are in need of minor repair, 20% of all Area I's structures. 33 structures require major repair, 9% of the total. Only 6 structures are dilapidated and should be torn down, 1% of the total. There are 405 structures in good condition. Immediate attention should be given to the 28% of the structures which are substandard.

Area I has 2 sections where social problems are evident—Halifax Road section and the area with its boundaries be-



ginning at College Street, extending to just south of Nash Street, bound on the east and west by Bickett Boulevard and Elm Street respectively. The latter district has an even spread of problems throughout, rather than one particular concentration. 1/3 of Louisburg's fire calls and more than 27% of all the recorded welfare cases in the Town originated within this second section in 1962.

Raleigh Man Hurt In 401 Accident

A 31 year-old Raleigh Cameron Village Colonial Store employee was injured when his car overturned down a rocky 20 foot embankment on U. S. 401 just south of Louisburg about 10:30 Wednesday morning.

Garland F. Green, son of Mrs. D. L. Green of Louisburg, was given first aid at the scene for a laceration of the forehead by a member of the Louisburg Rescue Service and taken to Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Green, traveling alone, was

Filled

The new 250,000 gallon overhead water storage tank here was filled to the brim early this morning without any further difficulties, town officials reported. The tank will undergo a 24 hour decontamination period before being drained and refilled for regular service.

enroute from Raleigh to Louisburg at the time of the accident. He was quoted as saying he must have dozed momentarily and the next thing he knew he was going over the embankment on the opposite side of the road.

Green was treated at the hospital emergency room and released. His 1962 model station wagon was declared a total loss.

Cancer Clinic

The regular monthly cancer detection clinic will be held at the Franklin County Health Center Wednesday afternoon November 20 starting at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing an examination should call Miss Ester Andrews at GY6-3553 for an appointment.

Intelligence does not always accompany the degrees that some people acquire.

J. S. Sanders

Former Ag. Teacher Dies In Auto Wreck

James S. Sanders, 47-year-old former Agricultural teacher at Gold Sand High School, was killed in an automobile accident at the intersection of N. C. 96 and U. S. 401 just south of the Wake-Franklin line about noon Tuesday.

A native of Mississippi, Sanders joined the Gold Sand faculty

in 1956 and took an active part in the affairs of the school and community until he resigned in 1962 to accept a similar position in Apex. At the time of his death he was serving as technical advisor on cotton gins for the N. C. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Division.

The State Highway Patrol said that Sanders was enroute to Louisburg on 401 at the time of the accident when two Baptist ministers, enroute on N. C. 96 to Wilmington, crashed into the side of his State-owned car. Sanders reportedly died instantly of a crushed chest and other injuries.

The two ministers, both reportedly thrown from their car, were seriously injured.

Funeral services for Sanders will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday from the Apex Methodist Church by Dr. James H. Overton, Jr., and the Rev. Wade Goldston. Masonic graveside rites will be conducted at Montlawn in Raleigh by the Angier and Apex lodges.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lucille Clark Sanders; a son, William Malcolm, and a daughter, Jane Clark, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Sanders of Waynesboro, Miss.; two brothers, Paul D. of Waynesboro, Miss., and O. Steve of Kosciusko, Miss.

Girl Scout Fund Drive Begins Monday

The Girl Scout annual drive for funds will be conducted Monday, November 18, through Friday, November 22, stated Mrs. L. C. Hasty, chairman of the drive for Louisburg.

Steering this drive with Mrs. Hasty are Mesdames H. H. Hobgood, Douglas House, James Ivy and Umphrey Lee. Mothers of the Girl Scouts will be called on to assist.

"Think of your daughters, all of the girls in Louisburg who are participating in this scout program or who would be if there were enough leaders or facilities available," Mrs. Hasty urges. "Remember what you will be doing for them as the ladies approach you next week to receive your gift to the most precious possessions of the citizens of our town."

Help Scouting and you help, not only the town, but yourself as well. Try it and see. Be ready Monday, November 18, through Friday, November 22.

\$100 Gift

Rescue Service Chief V. A. Peoples acknowledged the receipt of a \$100 contribution this week from John Burt Hill, Raleigh New York Life Insurance Co. agent, and local native.

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C. H. Stallings Rites Here This Afternoon

Charlie H. Stallings, 55, co-owner of the Stallings Milling Co. on Route 4, Louisburg, died Tuesday night at Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Lancaster Funeral Chapel here at 2 p.m. Thursday by the Rev. Allen Lawrence, pastor of Cedar Rock Baptist Church. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Ina Chappel Stallings; four daughters, Mrs. Herman Vinson of Goldsboro; Mrs. Thomas Jackson of Rockville, Md.; Mrs. John T. Greene, Jr., and Miss Christine Stallings, both of the home; five sisters, Mrs. A. H. Suter of Rocky Mount; Mrs. W. R. Lambertson of Rockville Center, N. Y.; Mrs. S. E. Wilson of Tarboro; Mrs. Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg; Miss Nell Stallings of Greenville; three brothers; T. L. of Columbia, S. C.; G. B. H. of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; William H., Louisburg; and four grandchildren.



Fire Damaged Home

The D. T. Smith, Sr., family morning. Volunteer firemen near Alert lost about half of their household furnishings were credited with preventing a total loss. - Times Photo. old frame dwelling Wednesday

Fire Guts Home Near Alert

Fire, believed to have originated in an upstairs bedroom, almost completely gutted one wing of the D. T. Smith, Sr., residence near Alert about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Volunteer firemen from Centerville and Justice, who had to travel from approximately 8 to 18 miles to the scene, displayed unusual skill in confining the fire, which had gained considerable headway before their arrival, to the one wing of the house.

Mrs. Smith, at home alone, was not aware of the fire, when a neighbor across the road spotted smoke pouring through the top of the house. Friends and neighbors were able to save furnishings in the other side of the house, but the contents in the fire damaged side were either destroyed or badly damaged.

Persons surveying the damaged home marveled at the fact that the rural volunteers, with limited water, were able to extinguish the blaze. But extinguish it they did, despite a hail of buckshot from several guns and ammunition stored in the fire area.

Cotton Quota Vote Dec. 10

The cotton quota vote coming up on Dec. 10 will mark the eleventh consecutive year in which growers have voted on marketing quotas for their upland cotton crop, E. G. Brewer, Chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today.

"Beginning with the referendum on marketing quotas for the 1954 crop, growers have approved quotas for each year's cotton crop," he stated. "In the vote last year, on quotas for the 1963 upland cotton crop, 93.7 percent of the growers voting approved the quotas."

By law, quotas must be proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture in years when the cotton supply exceeds normal. The estimated 1963-64 total supply of upland cotton exceeds the estimated normal supply by 7.8 million bales.

If at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum approve quotas for the 1964 upland cotton crop, price support at a level within the range of 65 to 90 percent of parity will be available to growers who comply with their cotton produced on a farm.

If more than one-third of the voters oppose quotas for the 1964 crop, the allotment program will remain in effect, and price support will be available to cooperators at 50 percent of parity, as provided by law.

All farmers who engaged in the production of upland cotton in 1963 are eligible to vote in the Dec. 10 referendum.

Nickels Vote Set For Nov. 19th

North Carolina State is an active participant in a most unique partnership with the farmers of this State. On November 19 these farmers will go to the polls to say whether or not this partnership should be kept in force for another three years.

This distinctive working relationship between Tar Heel farmers and the State's land-grant institution is popularly known as the "Nickels for Know-How" program. It was initiated in 1951.

During that year North Carolina farmers, through a statewide referendum, agreed to assess themselves five cents on every ton of feed they purchased, directing this money be invested in the NCS School of Agriculture to speed up and expand its research and educational programs.

To represent their interest in this partnership, the farmers directed that Nickels funds be administered through the N. C. Agricultural Foundation which has directors from each county in the State. The N. C. Department of Agriculture was assigned the responsibility of collecting these nickels.

Your best friend is the person who tells you the truth, not the one who tells you what you want to hear.



Welcome Signs Erected

Vocational Ag. teacher J. E. Boyette, Jr., pictured erecting one of five new welcome signs to the community. - Times Photo.

Power Off Sunday At Franklinton

Work to increase the capacity of CP&L Company's Franklinton Substation will require an interruption of power on Sunday, November 17, 1963, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., according to E. P. Bazemore, District Manager.

This additional power capacity is being installed in the Franklinton area to meet the growing needs for electric service that have come with the recent progress of the area, Bazemore said.

Growth in population and increased use of electricity has been such that the old facilities were approaching the limit of their capacity.

The time for the interruption was picked, Bazemore said, in hopes it would cause the least inconvenience to power users. Customers will be affected in Franklinton and surrounding rural area.