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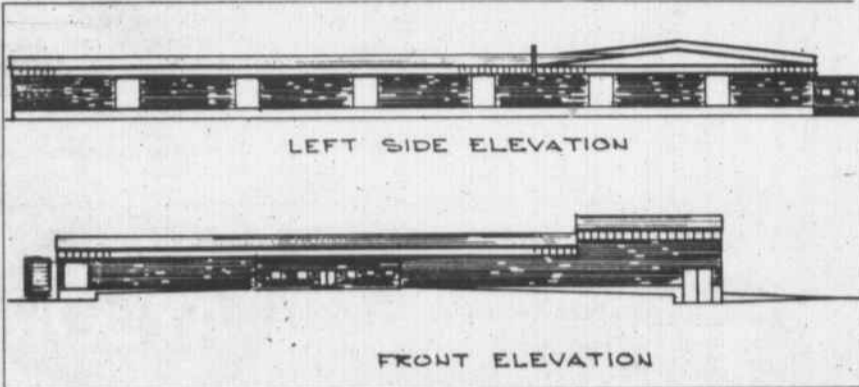
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# Furniture Plant To Locate Here; Over \$1,000,000 Annual Payroll



LEFT SIDE ELEVATION

FRONT ELEVATION

New Plant Sketch

## Plan Kickoff Breakfast To Raise \$85,000 Bldg. Fund

A Kickoff Breakfast will be held Friday morning for the purpose of raising the \$85,000 of local money needed for the building of the new aluminum furniture plant here.

W. J. Benton, Industrial Development Director, in announcing the Breakfast, said about forty to fifty people will be asked to attend and assist in raising the local money. He said, "With the splendid cooperation exhibited by local citizens the goal of \$85,000 should be reached in less than a week."

The Kickoff Breakfast will be

held at 7:30 Friday morning in the Louisburg College Cafeteria. Benton said that a poster would be issued to each firm or individual making a pledge with the wording, "We have pledged to the future of Franklin County by subscribing to

funds for the new furniture plant." Pledge forms may be obtained and turned in at the following places: First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.; Industrial Development Office and The Franklin Times.

## Rev. W. M. Latta To Move To Durham



Rev. W. M. Latta

Rev. William M. Latta, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church here since 1951, has announced his acceptance of a position in Durham, N. C. Rev. Latta will become Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and Executive Secretary of the Department of Missions.

Latta, a native of Wilmington, came to Louisburg in September of 1951 from Erwin, N. C. He

served in World War II, with 2 1/2 years overseas service. He has been a member of the Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department since 1951, was Chaplain of the Artillery Battalion, 30th Division here for six years, retiring in 1962.

He served on the Louisburg District School Committee for six years, and as Chairman of the committee for one year. He was a member of the Louisburg Rotary Club for several years. He has served as a Member of the Executive Council of the Diocese, Dean of Clericus and has been President of Convocation of Raleigh, all church connected positions held while Rector here.

In making his announcement, Latta said, "We have enjoyed living in Louisburg very much. We are going to miss all our friends here, many that we love, but we feel it best for the parish since we are spending so much time on Missions work for Bishop Thomas A. Frazier. We feel this is fairest for everyone."

Hope springs eternal in the hearts of those who have eternal hope.

A leading aluminum furniture manufacturing plant, with a payroll of over \$1 million, is scheduled to locate in Louisburg, according to an announcement made Wednesday night by W. J. Benton, Franklin County Industrial Development Director.

The Franklin Building Corporation, a local non-profit organization, signed a lease with Gay Products, Inc. of Clearwater, Fla., late Wednesday afternoon in the law offices of Yarborough and Jolly. The signing culminated efforts made by local industry officials that began in early May, when Gay Products, Inc. officials



Signing Lease

Pictured above, top photo, are principles signing, Wednesday afternoon, of agreement which is to bring the new \$1 million payroll industry to Louisburg. Left to right, Standing: Don Meyers, Comptroller and Vice President, Gay Products, Inc.; W. J. Benton, Franklin County Industrial Develop-

ment Director; and E. F. Yarborough, attorney for the Franklin Building Corp. Seated, left to right, H. H. Baskin, Jr., Secretary of Gay Products; J. Harold Talton, President of the local organization; and Roy A. Workman, Jr., President of the Clearwater, Fla., firm. -Times Photo.

were first contacted. The new plant will employ 350 people.

The 46,400 sq. ft. building will be erected on the T. T. Kemp property served by the Seaboard Railway and about 400 yards west of U. S. 401 on Highway 56.

W. J. Benton, in making the announcement, said the lease was signed by Harold Talton, President of the local corporation, Lloyd West, Secretary of the organization, and Roy A. Workman, Jr., President of Gay Products, Inc. Workman's company operates a plant in Waxahachie, Texas, as well as the one in Florida.

Benton said the prospect was brought to the area by Carolina Power and Light Company's Industrial Representative, Joe Turner, in early May. He added, "Turner has spent considerable time and effort in helping to locate this plant in Franklin County." Turner has been assisted by State Conservation and Development representatives, Marshal Shepherd and Hunter Poole.

Officials of the furniture company, one of the largest manufacturers of casual furniture in the country, visited Louisburg on three occasions, according to Benton and a local group had visited the Clearwater plant in May. The group making the Florida trip were: Benton, Harold Talton, E. F. Yarborough and W. M. Jolly, attorneys for the Franklin Building Corp.

Benton said, "Local attitude and cooperation have been major factors in the company's decision to locate here, and Lonnie Shuping, local C.P.A., was, among others, a major factor in the early negotiations." He also was high in his praise of Edward F. Yarborough, for Yarborough's efforts in bringing the plant here.

Roy Workman, Jr., President of the new industry, said, "We look forward to beginning our operation in Louisburg. The local citizens have been most cooperative in answering the inquiries we have made." Don Meyers, Comptroller and Vice President of the Corporation, said, "The additional manufacturing capacity in North Carolina will enable us to efficiently service the increased demand for our products in the northern half of the United States."

Harold Talton, President of the local corporation, said that the building would be financed with money borrowed from the Small Business Administration and some \$85,000 would be raised locally. Officers of the Franklin Building Corp. are: Talton, Vice President, Raymond Burnette, Secretary, Lloyd West, Treasurer, James A. Weathers; and Directors, Robert Knott, Lonnie Shuping, Jackson Dean, Ben Fox and W. L. Lumpkin.

Talton said that water would be furnished to the site of the new plant by Franklin County and the Town of Louisburg. He praised the officials of the town and county for their cooperation.

Gay Products, Inc. was started in 1950 by Workman and has grown to national distribution with warehouses in several major cities. Gay will manufacture fine quality creations in aluminum and plastic furniture in the new plant.

Those who neglect their work for religion will likewise neglect their religion for their work.

## Man Charged In Wife Death

Johnnie Coppedge, 62 year old Cedar Rock Negro has been charged with assault in his charged with assault on his wife, Fronie Coppedge. The woman was dead on arrival at Franklin Memorial Hospital last Monday afternoon. Franklin County Sheriff's Department ordered an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death.

The woman was reportedly struck by her husband around 4 p.m. Monday at their home on Rt. 4, Louisburg and died shortly thereafter. The autopsy was ordered to determine whether the blow caused her death.

Deputy Dave Batton said it would be several days before the autopsy report would be received and that Coppedge was being charged with assault until further disposition of the case is made.

## Hearings On Flood Control

A public hearing on flood control and related purposes as related to the Tar River will be conducted by the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, at the Rocky Mount Senior High School auditorium on Saturday, August 1, 1964, at 10:30 a.m. The District Engineer has been directed to make investigation of reservoir projects, clearing and snagging, and any other local projects for flood protection, water supply, water quality control, hydraulic electric power, and recreation.

## Miss Louisburg To Get Send-Off

Miss Sandra Wright Goswick, the 17-year-old beauty that was named "Miss Louisburg" in the recent Jaycee Pageant, will be given a "send-off" next Tuesday morning, as she leaves for the North Carolina Pageant in Raleigh.

The Louisburg Jaycees will sponsor the "send-off" from the local radio station at 10 a.m. Tuesday, according to Ralph Knott, past president. Knott said the Jaycees are inviting the merchants and citizens of the area to join in the event. Miss Goswick, a senior at

Franklin High School, is the fourth Miss Louisburg to receive such a send-off and the fourth to be entered in the North Carolina Pageant.

She lives on Rt. 1, Louisburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goswick, and won the Miss Louisburg crown over six other contestants. She is a Baptist, has blue eyes, brown hair. She performed a pantomime as her talent in the local pageant.

Miss America of 1964, Miss America of 1962 and Miss North Carolina of 1964 will all take active participating rolls in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Raleigh from July 7-11. Serving as mistress of cere-

monies for the four evenings of competition will be Miss Maria Beale Fletcher, the Asheville native who reigned as Miss America of 1962. Currently attending Vanderbilt University, Miss Fletcher was the first Miss North Carolina to win the coveted national title.

The current Miss America, Donna Axum of El Dorado, Arkansas, will take part in activities of the week as the official representative of the Miss America headquarters in Atlantic City.

Winner of the enviable Miss Congeniality Award at last year's Miss America finals, Miss North Carolina, Jeanne Flinn Swanner of Graham, will serve as official hostess.

## Moss Supporters Hit Leaflets In Ad

Racial leaflets, reportedly distributed in Saturday's runoff primary in Franklin County, brought out quick response from supporters of losing candidate James T. "Joe" Moss of Youngsville. Moss trailed incumbent James D. Speed in the primary voting by 400 votes.

In a paid political ad appearing in today's Franklin Times, Moss supporters accuse those responsible for the leaflets as playing "crooked and dirty politics." The ad also points to an admission to the reproduction of the leaflets being done in the "office of a prominent Louisburg attorney."

The leaflets, bearing the typed signature, Franklin County Citizenship Committee, were unsigned and recommended that members of the Negro race vote for L. Richardson Freyer for Governor, Robert Scott for

Lt. Governor and James T. Moss for House of Representatives. Moss supporters believe this could have caused their candidate to lose the race. The ad states that Moss was a supporter of Dr. I. Beverly Lake in the first primary and supported Dan K. Moore in the second primary. The leaflets say his supporters, connected Moss with the Freyer candidacy and the Negro block vote.

Moss, himself, has remained quiet on the matter as has Rep. James Speed. Neither has issued a statement in connection with the leaflets. No prominent attorney or anyone else has made any statement as to where the leaflets were printed or how extensive the distribution of the leaflets might have been.



Firemen Get Training

The Louisburg Volunteer Fire Department is shown above receiving instruction from Henderson Fire Chief Roy Gupton as part of their training pro-

gram. The scene on Allen Lane shows, left to right, Nelson Foster, Gray Moon, Chief W. J. Shearin, Gupton, James Johnson and M. G. Wilder.



Pictured above are participants in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant which will take place in Raleigh July 7-11. Left to right, Maria Beale Fletcher of Asheville, Miss America, 1962; Jeanne Flinn Swanner of Burlington, current Miss North Carolina and Sandra Wright Goswick, of Louisburg, Miss Louisburg, 1964, who will represent Franklin County in the Pageant. Miss Louisburg will be given a "send-off" party here Tuesday morning.