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County Courthouse

... SOME IDEA OF APPEARANCE

Major Building Projects Underway

Three major building projects are now underway in the Louisburg area. The three projects represent a total expenditure of \$762,342 plus furnishings and other allied items.

The County of Franklin is financing a massive courthouse improvement project financed by a \$200,000 bond issue; the Board of Education, using state school bond money is having a five-classroom junior high school building erected at the local school and Louisburg College expects to complete a 104-bed women's dormitory and infirmary in time for the fall opening.

The courthouse project is well underway with the inside of the old structure gutted and some of the renovation work completed. Additions on the north and south of the building have reached the second story stage as brick masons are making steady progress on the work. Some idea of the ultimate appearance of the building can be gotten at this stage of the project. The completion of the job is expected around the end of the year.

Meanwhile county offices have settled down in new quarters scattered around town.

The new junior high school building, which will contain a modern science room is expected to be completed shortly after the scheduled opening of school in early September. Students are not expected to occupy the new quarters until sometime later. The building will ease, somewhat, overcrowded conditions at Louisburg school, subject to an expected ruling on assignments by the U. S. Eastern District Court.

The College dorm and infirmary is near completion on the outside but much work is yet to come on the interior of the building. Although it is supposed to be ready for the fall opening, there is a possibility of delay. The design of the structure matches that of the present Patten and Merritt dorms built in recent years.

A number of private building projects can be seen around the county area adding emphasis that times are relatively good in this section. Town

and Country Recreation, Inc. is underway with its swimming pool project and Green Hill Country Club is reopening its golf course this weekend following a \$30,000 renovation project.

Franklin County To Get Geodetic Survey

Franklin County is one of nine counties in an eastern North Carolina area that is to get a comprehensive survey by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey department and the N. C. Geodetic Survey Division. The study is expected to take four months.

GOP Convention Here Saturday

For the first time in many years, the Franklin County Republican Party will hold a county convention. The convention is scheduled Saturday, July 27 in the auditorium of the Louisburg High School. Registration begins at 10 A.M. and the convention begins at 11 A.M., according to Richard Alston, newly named county chairman.

The GOP convention is expected to name an executive committee and a party chairman to serve for the next two years. Those holding these positions on a temporary basis are expected to be made permanent party leaders here Saturday.

Specialists are already surveying some areas of the nine-county region looking for spots from which to fly balloons. It is expected that this fall, the spots selected will be temporarily occupied by tall steel towers that will flash signals at night.

These towers will have men on top of them, whose purpose it will be to try to establish a more accurate network of surveyors' control points for this section of the country.

Other counties involved in the project are: Person, Granville, Durham, Vance, Wake, Warren, Nash, and Halifax. The work will take place in an area bounded on the west by Roxboro, on the east by Rocky Mount, on the south by Raleigh, and the north by the Virginia State line.

In the comprehensive survey which will take approximately four months to complete, a primary network of at least 40 control points and a secondary grid of another 100 surveyors' monuments is expected to be a big

help in reducing boundary disputes, confirming the correctness of developers' plat maps, enabling computers to check property tax payments and helping to move quickly and precisely locate underground utilities. The monuments are also invaluable for highway and bridge construction and other types of development.

The Coast and Geodetic Survey reconnaissance team of William G. Twaddle and Paul H. Swift now walking around in the nine-county area will spend the next few months finding spots to place the primary markers. They will be set from two to five miles from the nearest other primary points. These men are looking for appropriately spaced and easily accessible sites from which a temporary signal tower can be seen from towers at other primary points. A bronze disc set in a cement monument will mark the points. When the monuments cannot be placed on public property, private owners will be asked to allow them to be placed on their land.

If lines were drawn on a map linking the primary points, the network would look like chickenwire. Superimposed on

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Franklinton Employees Get Pay Hike

The Franklinton Town Board has granted a ten percent pay increase to town employees, according to reports, including the Franklinton police department.

It was disclosed a few weeks ago that Franklinton police were being paid less than Louisburg police at a time when the Louisburg department was being plagued with resignations due to the low salary. Louisburg town officials upped the locals to \$100 per week in action here last week. A report at the time disclosed that Franklinton police started at \$70 per week and were earning \$77.50 before the new raise.

It was also reported that Franklinton police officer Tom Allen has been named assistant Chief and given some above the ten percent increase. Chief Leo Edwards, obviously pleased with the move, commented, "Allen deserves it for the fine job he's done. He's the best I've seen for tending to his job".

Edwards disclosed that Jackie Stroud of Franklinton will assume the duties of a police officer about August 3 or 4 and that Bobby Burger, most recent addition to the force is resigning due to his residence being in Granville County. Stroud will replace officer Leslie Joyner who has retired due to health. Joyner has returned home following a lengthy stay in the hospital.

The salary increases became effective on July 1, according to reports.

Franklinton Schools Opening Set

Students in the Franklinton City Schools unit will report for registration this year on Wednesday, August 28, according to an announcement made Wednesday. Teachers will report for duty two days earlier, on August 26.

Monday, September 2 will be observed as Labor Day holiday with classes resuming the following day. The Franklinton schools will be closed on October 15 for the District NCEA meeting and two days will be observed as Thanksgiving holidays.

Christmas holidays at Franklinton will begin on December 23 and run

through January 1, 1969 and four days have been set up for Easter holidays on April 3, 4, 7 and 8. Graduation exercises will be held on May 29, 1969, the last day of school.

At last report the Franklinton system was expecting to be denied approval of its desegregation plan by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and no mention of the status of the plan was made in Wednesday's announcement. Apparently, school officials do not expect any delay in the announced school opening.

Fox Resigns As Principal

Louisburg School principal Albert D. Fox announced his resignation this week to assume a position of principal at Plymouth, N. C. Fox, 35, said he was leaving "with mixed emotions" but that the Plymouth position offer could not be turned down.

No replacement has been named as yet. Superintendent Warren Smith is

out of town attending a conference at Mars Hill. Board of Education vice chairman Clint Fuller, who represents the Louisburg district, said he has conferred with Willis Nash, Chairman of the local school advisory committee, on the matter and that the two have several prospects for the position. He said they would await Smith's return before beginning a screening process to select a new principal.

Fox came to Louisburg in 1961 as a teacher-coach. He was named principal on September 17, 1964 replacing Howard Stallings, who resigned at the time to enter private business. Stallings is now assistant superintendent of Granville County Schools. Fox, before coming to Louisburg, had taught in Bradenton, Florida.

Fox, his wife the former Nona Wynn of Raleigh and their two daughters, Danette 13 and Connie 10, have made a host of friends here. Fox said he will take over his new duties on August 1.

Fuller said that Louisburg coach Tommy Twitty will be asked to look after the school buildings and particularly the new building now under construction until a replacement for Fox is named. Both Fuller and Nash expressed regrets at the loss of Fox and both extended their best wishes for him and his family in their new location.



College Dormitory

... BY FALL OPENING, MAYBE

County School Officials Await Judges Decision As School Opening Set

Franklin County school officials continue to await word from the U. S. Eastern District Court on approval or disapproval of a proposed plan of operation for the system eleven schools this fall. The Board of Education submitted a plan on order of the Court on July 15, calling for an increase in Negro enrollment in predominantly white schools this fall and more shifting of teachers across racial lines.

Submitted at the same time, were two plans from plaintiffs in the Franklin school suit. The NAACP presented a plan to make current Negro schools elementary schools this fall and white schools were proposed as high schools. The U. S. Department of Justice, in its plan sought to have a total consolidation of present schools based on a geographic zone with local school officials to select which schools would be used as high schools and which would

be used as elementary schools. Both of these plans calls for total integration when schools open in September.

Local officials are making no statements pertaining to what is expected

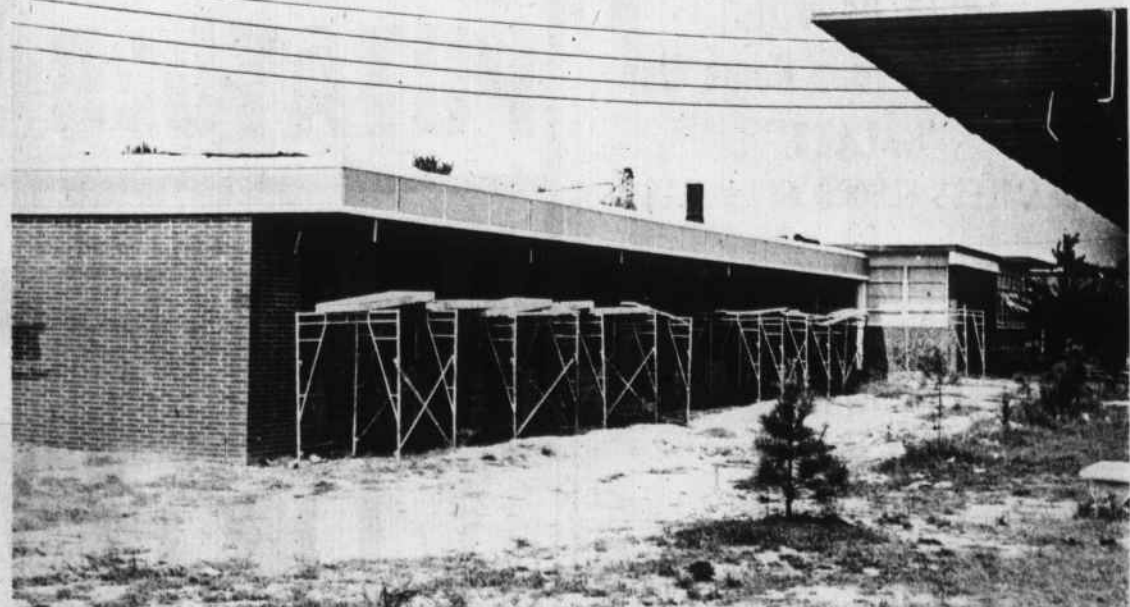
of the Court ruling and none will speculate on when they believe Judge Algernon Butler will issue a ruling.

It was learned, however, that Judge

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P.O. Closed Saturday

Service windows will be closed all day on Saturdays at the Louisburg Post Office, beginning July 27, 1968, according to E. L. Best, P.M. Normal dispatch of mail will be made on Saturdays and incoming mail will be placed in lock boxes and both rural and city deliveries will be made. As of this date, the closing of the windows on Saturdays will be the only curtailment in local services to our patrons.



Junior High School

... TO EASE OVERCROWDING



ALBERT D. FOX