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'64 Social Security Totals \$1.5 Million

ROCKY MOUNT — One of the largest "payrolls" in Northampton County is the million-and-a-half plus which comes in annually as social security payments.

An average of one out of each 10 persons in Northampton County shared in what last year totaled \$1,537,968 paid out in social security according to figures released by N. A. Avera, district manager of social security.

Monthly old age, survivors and disability insurance benefits are topping \$128,164, Avera said. This represents a 5.5 percent increase over the corresponding period last year, he added.

Avera reported 2,795 persons collecting social security benefits as of December 31, which averages \$514 per person per year on the basis of figures released.

Monthly benefits became payable January 1940 and have continued with a steady growth in persons covered and benefiting. In January 19 million Americans were receiving \$1.3 billion a month, the social security spokesman added.

He listed the average monthly old age retirement benefit for January in the United States as \$77.57 and in North Carolina, \$95.38.

The following table shows the number and amount of each type of monthly benefit paid in Northampton County, as of December 31, 1964:

Beneficiary group, number of beneficiaries, and total of payments follow respectively.
Retired worker, 1288, \$72,748;
wife or husband, 429, \$12,168;

widow or widower, 234, \$12,721; mothers and children, 551, \$17,468; disabled workers and dependents, 283, \$12,435.

The year 1965 marks several milestones in the history of social security. The January 1965 benefit payment marked the 300th month of payment since monthly

benefits first became payable in January 1940. The number of monthly benefits currently being paid will reach the 20 million mark in 1965. In addition, August is the 30th anniversary of the signing of the social security act by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Avera said.

Commissioners See Signed Petitions

JACKSON — Northampton County's Board of Commissioners in meeting Wednesday afternoon examined the signed petitions for an ABC referendum circulated by Bart Burgwyn before they were presented to Russell Johnson, chairman of the Board of Elections.

The commissioners advised Burgwyn that in the event the Board of Elections certified the names on the petitions to be the 15 per cent of the qualified voters in the last gubernatorial election necessary to call for an ABC referendum, they will ask that the voters be given the opportunity to vote on beer and wine at the same time. The commissioners will ask J. Raynor Woodard for legislation enabling the Board of Elections to call for a referendum allowing the people to vote on both issues on the same ballot.

A meeting of the commissioners has been called for Wednesday, April 28 for the purpose of completing the referendum action.

E. B. Grant, county attorney,

was instructed to investigate the manner in which jurors are drawn and make recommendations for any necessary changes.

Touching on industrialization, Commissioner John Henry Liverman pointed out that the last census showed that Northampton County lost in population, but that three towns in the county gained in population. They are Woodland, Conway and Rich Square — all three towns have brought in industry within the last few years.

Following discussions concerning the opportunities offered the county through the Economic Opportunity Program, J. H. Liverman and J. Guy Revelle were selected to represent the board at a meeting in Williamston, April 30 of several of the North Carolina poverty counties. The meeting has been called by James L. White, state co-ordinator of Economic Opportunity Program. Melvin Holmes was instructed to write letters to mayors and other public officials urging them to attend the meeting.

No further actions were taken.

'Seniorama' At NCHS On Friday Night

CONWAY — The senior class of Northampton County High School is announcing the production of "Seniorama," a benefit performance sponsored by the school's first graduating class. It will be presented Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the school building, with Miss Lee Lovett, an English teacher, directing. "Seniorama" will feature the varied talents of the senior boys and girls. Auditions have been held to find the best of talent and music has been heard continuously as the "stars" warm up.

Among the stars-to-be rehearsing for the performance are Cleve Bowen and Darrell Morris on guitars; Janice Daughtry, Vickie Askew and Joy Timberlake, soloists; Stewart Lanier and Patsy Cox, pantomiming parts of "My Fair Lady"; and Sally Spivey and Betsy Bradley singing folk songs.

Proceeds from the benefit performance will go toward expenses of commencement and graduation.

Admission will be 60 cents for adults and 35 cents for students.

Revival For Baptists Begins May 2

RICH SQUARE — Revival services will begin at the Rich Square Baptist Church with the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 2, and continue each evening at 8 p.m. through May 7, the Rev. Fred King, pastor, has announced.

Guest pastor for the services will be the Rev. Harold White of Raleigh. The Rev. Mr. White is secretary of Stewardship Promotion of the Baptist State Convention.

Midyette Services Held On Saturday

JACKSON — Funeral services at the graveside were conducted here Saturday for Buxton Midyette, 61, an attorney and chairman of the N. C. State Board of Law Examiners.

Mr. Midyette, who died Thursday, April 15, also was a member of the Second District Morehead Scholarship Committee and had served in various other state offices.

The Rev. Max Evington, pastor of the Jackson Baptist Church, conducted the services at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Jackson Cemetery.

E. L. Loftin, president, N. C. State Bar, said the death of Midyette "deals a severe blow to the legal profession, to the courts and to the entire State of North Carolina."

"As a distinguished member of the Board of Law Examiners for 16 years, as chairman for

Industrial Engineer Is Key To Northampton Development

WOODLAND — A group of Northampton County officials and committee chairmen of Choanoke Development Association were held at a dinner meeting here last Thursday night that voluntarily work and the hiring of professional industrial engineer was the key to bringing new life to the county.

The meeting was called by the Board of County Commissioners with a special invitation to Roger R. Jackson, Jr., Economic Opportunity Coordinator, to make suggestions for coordinating plans and work in county development.

In presenting Jackson, Chairman J. Guy Revelle said, "Because we are one of the poorest counties the Board of Commissioners felt we needed some suggestions as to what we could do about it, and how we could benefit from available funds. We are not proud of this situation, so we are asking for your help."

Also present for the meeting was Choanoke Area Chairman Fred L. Cooper of Roanoke Rapids. He gave a brief account of the formation of the Choanoke Area Development Association four years ago and reviewed the area's application for a North

Carolina fund grant. He said that the Choanoke Area Association was the eleventh group to receive a North Carolina fund grant and it gave Northampton, Halifax, Bertie and Hertford a head start in the Economic Opportunities Act program.

Cooper said that the Choanoke Development had a six-phase program — industrial, agricultural, travel and recreation, education, economic development and community development.

He said, "The Choanoke area has a wonderful potential. It takes a lot of cooperation, a much closer cooperation than we have had

in the last two or three years. If we have it we can make this the outstanding area in North Carolina."

In his opening remarks, Jackson said, "Surely, of all areas in North Carolina, Northampton County needs industry. However, industry in any one of the Choanoke counties helps the entire area economically. The jointly owned Tri-County Airport is an asset to the whole area."

He said the North Carolina is not a poverty state, but "we do have poverty and we need to do something about it."

Jackson pointed out that he was the Economic Opportunity Coordinator of the Economic Opportunity Division of the Choanoke Area Development Association and that his assistance in this work was limited by the regulations of EOA.

The EOA program includes, in one phase, training for youth groups. They are to be groups for youths 16 through 21 years of age for the purpose of increasing the employability of young men and women. It includes work-training and work-study programs.

An additional phase of the EOA is the urban and rural community action program which is generally educational in nature, including preschool kindergarten, day-care centers and adult education. The program is comprehensive enough that it includes development of recreational facilities, the correction of stagnant ditches and the building of privies.

A third phase is special programs to combat poverty in rural areas which includes small loans to assist farmers, conservation and assistance to the poor.

To receive such benefits, Jackson said a community action panel, composed of county officials, volunteer citizens and Choanoke committee members should write proposals to be presented to the chairman of the Economic Opportunity Commission.

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YOUNGEST BIDDER — Amidst the experienced, young George... the lightweight class, was young George... the oldest was the set... Area 4-H Fat Cattle Show at REMCO Pole Barn in Rich Square.

ASCS Preparing Tobacco Figures

JACKSON — Every Northampton County tobacco farmer is going to be in a position to know exactly what the tobacco acreage poundage referendum vote is going to mean to him personally, before he goes to the polls.

The Agricultural Stabilization program is taking care of it. The program is this:

Prior to the referendum and as soon as the national factor has been established, the Northampton County ASCS director, Ben Mann, will send to each farmer the amount that his quota will be if the referendum is approved.

Mann said, "The farmers will be notified on Tuesday, April 27, giving them an official notice of their acreage and poundage quota. Soon after this date a county-wide meeting will be held to which all county tobacco producers will be invited and full detail of the program will be explained in order that every farmer can vote intelligently."

He will know how many pounds of tobacco he will be permitted per acre, and the number of acres he can put in tobacco.

He already has the old allotment which was set last year — the 1965 allotment under the original program was mailed out to all Northampton County farmers last December.

The old figures will hold only if the referendum falls. If it goes through the new figures will be applicable, Mann explained Thursday.

Meanwhile on the state and national front committees are being organized to push for a favorable referendum vote.

Thursday, N. C. Governor Moore told 150 leaf-grower leaders from five states that the tobacco acreage poundage controls are "an alternative to losing the entire tobacco program."

The group met to make plans for a favorable vote in the referendum expected to be held early

next month.

A two-thirds vote must approve the referendum for passage.

"This very well may be the most important tobacco meeting you have ever attended," Gov. Moore warned.

He described the acreage-poundage measure as "good and needed to make the tobacco program more realistic."

Weaknesses in the current program, Moore said, are resulting in ever-larger surpluses threatening to destroy the program. Calling upon the group for a crash educational program, Moore warned farmers must be made aware of the seriousness of the situation.

"If given the facts, the farmers will make the right decision," he predicted, "and vote in favor of the program."

Farmers can expect to receive more money for their crops un-

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PROGRESS IN ACTION — Walls fall in the foreground and walls rise in the background and the new post office building begins to take shape in Rich Square. The old Kate Stephenson house is being torn down to make way for needed space to complete the

new building which was begun in late November. The one-story building will contain approximately 5,300 square feet at a cost of \$95,893.

Saddle Club To Sponsor Show

CONWAY — A horse and pony show will be held at the Northampton Saddle Club show grounds on US 158 between here and Jackson on Sunday, April 25.

The stake money to be given totals \$500, according to Mrs. Kelly M. Davis, the club's secretary.

Classes will be offered for gaited, roadster and quarter horses and ponies.

The show will start at 2:00 p.m. Admission will be charged.

County WMU Plans Meeting

POTECASI — The annual county meeting of Woman's Missionary Union will be held in the Potecasi Baptist Church, Thursday, April 29, at 10:00 a.m., according to an announcement by Mrs. Maggie Bridgers, president.

The program will be presented by students from Northampton County High School.

Conway Couple On 5-Year Probation

3 Nominees Withdraw

RICH SQUARE — Three of the thirteen nominees nominated for the five-member board of town commissioners have withdrawn their names for the May 4 election.

They are Ralph Thompson, Jr., C. J. Freeman and William B. Ivey.

Nominees whose names will appear on the ballot are Cola Ashe, Howard Norville, Julian Edwards, Jimmy Outland, Charles Warmack, Joe Gordon and incumbents Joseph Cole, Eugene Emory, Bill Williford, and Mrs. W. L. Mason.

At the April 8 meeting for nominations Norman E. Taylor and Charles E. Myers were nominated to run for mayor. Taylor is currently serving his second term as mayor.

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Short Sleeve Weather

White, State Co-ordinator, Calls Poverty County Meet

RALEIGH — James L. White, State Co-ordinator of Economic Opportunity Program, has called a series of meetings involving the 16 North Carolina counties eligible to apply for 100 per cent aid under the Economic Opportunity Act.

Representatives from Northampton County are urged to attend a meeting in the Fellowship Hall, Memorial Baptist Church, in Williamston, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"The purpose of the meeting," said White, "is to assure you that my staff and I stand ready to assist you and other officials in your county to develop a strong community action program to help improve conditions in your area."

The chairman of the county commissioners and the chairman of the community action committee are requested to take leadership in seeing that their county is well represented at the area meeting.

Every county should strive to

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have representatives from the following three groups at the area meeting:

Public Officials (commissioners, mayors, city and county managers).

Public and private agencies (health, welfare, education, agricultural, extension, employment, recreation, etc.; civic and religious groups).

Groups to be served (representatives of the poor).

If any one is planning to attend the meeting, please contact the chairman of the county commissioners or the chairman of the community action committee.

Floyd Price Files For Mayor Post

JACKSON — Floyd W. Price, manager of Leggett's store here, has filed to run for mayor in the town's May 4 election.

Austin Lewis, nominated to run for the office has withdrawn his name.

Incumbent commissioners who have filed are W. P. Morris and J. S. Cocke.

J. M. Beasley has filed to run on the ticket for commissioner.

James W. Boone was nominated but had not filed on Tuesday. The deadline for the filing period is Friday, April 23.