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School Board Acts On Pupil Reassignment And Transfer

JACKSON — Student transfer and reassignment dominated the meeting of the County Board of Education Monday as the members sought to take care of all such requests, adopt a new budget and set a calendar of events for the coming new school year. Transfer and reassignment was based on requests from letters sent out to parents asking them to indicate which school their children wanted to attend next year. The letters were sent out as part of the "freedom of choice" procedure being followed to meet desegregation requirements of the Civil Rights Act. A breakdown of reassignment and transfer according to schools, including transfers from previously all Negro schools to all white schools, based on the requests received are as follows: From Eastside School to Northampton High School, three; from Squire School to Gaston High School, six; from Coates to Seaboard Elementary, three; from Woodland Graded to Northampton, two; from Gumberry to Northampton High, 11; from Willis Hare to Northampton, one; from Willis Hare to Conway Elementary, four; from W. S. Creecy to Northampton High, three; from Creecy School to Rich Square Elementary, two; Woodland Graded to Woodland-Olney, two. From Jackson Elementary to Northampton High, 29; from Seaboard to Northampton, 20; from Seven to Northampton, five; from Conway to Northampton, 25; from Woodland-Olney to Northampton, 25; and from Rich Square to Northampton, 17. From Ransom to Garysburg, 32; from Squire to Gumberry, 65; from Coates to Gumberry, 64; from Meherria to Willis Hare, 39; and from Eastside to Gumberry, 51.

There is a student who has been granted a transfer from elementary to high school, he must pass his grade or otherwise remain in the same school. The board approved the 1965-66 calendar of events for the ensuing school year. The 1965-66 school year will begin August 30, which will be a teacher-pupil orientation day, following two days of teacher orientation August 26 and 27. The county schools will observe the following holidays: Labor Day, September 6; district

in reverse order be used as make up days. Thus, if one day is lost the April 14 will be used, if two days are lost the 14th and 13th will be used. If three days are lost, the 14th, 13th, and 12th will be used as make up days. Should more than three days be lost, the Board of Education will take further action concerning when to make up any days lost over three. In other action the Board of Education signed an easement agreement with VEPCO to bring

electrical service to Garysburg Elementary School. They also approved the driver training program for summer 1965. Carl R. Britt, S. T. Ellen, C. S. Hamilton and Ted A. Perry will be the teachers. The ninth month of school will end June 1, 1966 and all schools will close. There will be two evaluation days, the last two days of extended term, for the teachers which are June 2 and 3, 1966. Jones of Jacksonville, Fla., handed down the order over-ruling Federal Judge Frank M. Scarlett who had granted the injunction upon representation by Georgia growers of inequality in Georgia votes referred to N. C. votes. The referendum made possible an 18 per cent increase over initial 1965 allotments giving tobacco growers about 95 per cent of last year's acreage. Tobacco growers have received their allotments. Two delegations appeared before the board and visiting representatives of the State Highway Commission requesting road improvements and hard surfacing. The requests included the widening and stabilizing 1.8 miles of rural road 1536 which is known as the Nebo Chapel road, and the surfacing of rural roads 1363 and 1364 known as the Watson Mill road which runs into a paved section at the Hertford County line. The board has set May 17 for their next meeting.

Bloodmobile Visit, May 17

CONWAY — People of Northampton County will get another chance to "save a life" when the Tidewater Bloodmobile makes a call in Conway, Monday, May 17. The visit will be held in the Conway Community Building during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. It is being sponsored by the Fire Department. The chapter is over 200 pints behind in its quota and this is the last visit for the fiscal period, July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965. It is a county-wide drawing and every person is urged to come and support the visit. Joe Frank Draper, fire chief, will be glad to hear from any volunteer workers. "This date is important—mark it on your calendar and plan to come," says the Rev. Randolph Phillips, county chairman.



MISS ASHOKIE OF 1965—Wearing her crown and showing signs of a few tears is Betty Brown Ruth of Windsor, winner of the Jaycee Pageant and Miss Ashokie of 1965. Others, from left, Judy Claire Mumford, Seaboard, first runner-up; Jeanette Duncan, Miss Ashokie of 1964, and Clarine Galling Pollock of Gatesville, second runner-up.

Tobacco Referendum Is Approved By 6 States

RALEIGH — The tobacco referendum carried in North Carolina by 82.9 per cent with 134,325 approving the acreage-pounding controls and 27,752 voting against them. In the six states voting there were 168,229 for the program and 60,139 against giving a 73.7 per cent approval. In Hertford County the vote was 853 for the program and 74 against it with 927 voting. In the nine-county first district of North Carolina the vote was 5,164 for the program and 709 against and 5,872 voting. In Northampton County 184 out of 210 voting, approved the program with 26 opposing it. The acreage-pounding proposal involved the first major change in the tobacco production control program since acreage curbs were put into effect in 1940. Alvin Newsome, Hertford

County referendum chairman, said Wednesday. "I was real proud of the way that our people supported the referendum the way they did. I am confident the tobacco people will follow good leadership — this vote proves it. One reason the tobacco program got into the mess it was in was that the leadership had not before put any to the people to decide on." The Hertford County favorable vote for acreage-pounding works out to 92 per cent for — higher than the state average and considerably above the over — all average. The change to acreage-pounding had been endorsed by President Johnson and Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman by Governor Moore, and by most farm organizations in North Carolina. The only organized opposition

in the state came from the Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Association, which did not object to the acreage-pounding approach in principle but opposed putting it into effect for the 1965 crop. Last-minute court action late Monday overturned a court injunction which would have prevented the referendum. Fifth Circuit Judge Warner Jones of Jacksonville, Fla., handed down the order over-ruling Federal Judge Frank M. Scarlett who had granted the injunction upon representation by Georgia growers of inequality in Georgia votes referred to N. C. votes. The referendum made possible an 18 per cent increase over initial 1965 allotments giving tobacco growers about 95 per cent of last year's acreage. Tobacco growers have received their allotments. Two delegations appeared before the board and visiting representatives of the State Highway Commission requesting road improvements and hard surfacing. The requests included the widening and stabilizing 1.8 miles of rural road 1536 which is known as the Nebo Chapel road, and the surfacing of rural roads 1363 and 1364 known as the Watson Mill road which runs into a paved section at the Hertford County line. The board has set May 17 for their next meeting.

Board Names New Assistant County Agent

JACKSON — During the morning session of the Board of County Commissioners' meeting, Zackie W. Harrell, a native of Chowan County, was named assistant county agent, replacing Marvin E. Coleman who resigned recently to become assistant to Sam Walker, FHA director. Following a discussion of a zoning ordinance for the Gaston Lake area situated in Northampton County, H. C. Guthrie of Gaston and E. T. Bradley of Henrico were named to the Lake Gaston Regional Planning Commission. Mrs. Janet Brown, director of the Welfare Department, was instructed to begin work on a proposed budget for the continuation of the Food Stamp Program for the ensuing year. Mrs. Brown reported that during March 396 families had been certified under the Food Stamp program and that they had bought a total of \$28,998 (including state and federal shares) worth of food stamps in April. The people paid \$12,378 for stamps and received \$15,150 in bonuses.

Woodard Ready To Act On ABC-Beer Legislation

JACKSON — Word from Rep. J. Raynor Woodard stated that he had received the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at its meeting here Monday, asking him to introduce legislation for a joint referendum on ABC and beer and wine sales after an ABC referendum had been duly called upon certification of the petitions worked up by Bart Burgwyn, a local insurance man. Woodard said that he was waiting to hear from Russell Johnson, chairman of the Board of Elections, informing him of the status of the petitions as regards requested legislation from the commissioners. Woodard is ready to cooperate with the board and has so informed Burgwyn by telephone. However, Burgwyn is not satisfied with the resolution passed by the board on Monday. He says that the petition only calls for enabling legislation for allowing a joint vote for whiskey and beer and wine on the same ballot, it does not call for a beer and wine referendum. He says that he will simultaneously introduce a petition for certification to Russell Johnson when a letter from the Board of Commissioners goes to Johnson asking for a beer and wine referendum. He does not want to let go his petitions until he is sure that a beer and wine referendum is called to go along with his request for an ABC vote. Burgwyn pointed out if the County Board of Commissioners would request by letter an election on both questions, as they have the power to do without petition, the process of certifying names would be eliminated and thus save additional cost to the county. Voting for both questions on the same ballot in the same place would save the county \$3600. He said, "They do not need petitions to request a vote, and they would be exercising a democratic principal by giving the people the right to vote on a question that they have not had the opportunity to do for 18 years." The resolution adopted by the commissioners asking for the enabling legislation further stated that the board would ask that the act protect the town of Gaston from a negative vote on beer. Gaston has previously voted in the legal sale of beer in their town. In Monday's meeting Burgwyn pressed the board to call the ABC and beer and wine election by resolution, but it declined to do so. Burgwyn accused the board of "dragging its feet" and "obstructing a democratic principal" by not calling for the referendum without petition. He further stated that he would not release his petitions until such

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Fred Cooper Named Choanoke Consultant

DURHAM — George H. Esser, Jr., executive director of the North Carolina Fund, announces the appointment of Fred L. Cooper as the consultant to the Fund to work in the field of job opportunities in the Choanoke area. Mr. Cooper's duties will be the development of new job opportunities in the four county Choanoke area through industrial expansion and development. His appointment is effective immediately. Cooper is taking a leave of absence from his job as an insurance agent to undertake the project which is the first of its kind in North Carolina. Long associated with development efforts in the area, Cooper is now in his second term as president of the Choanoke Area Development Association, composed of Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, and Bertie counties. He was instrumental in getting

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a North Carolina Fund grant for the association that led to the establishment in Murfreesboro of the office for the Economic Opportunities Division under Coordinator Roger R. Jackson, Jr. For six years Cooper was the executive secretary of the Roanoke Rapids Chamber of Commerce. He was selected to accompany former Governor Hodges on three tours that sought industry for North Carolina in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago. He was the recipient of the Jaycees' distinguished service award in 1956 and is a past president of the Roanoke Rapids Jaycees and the Kiwanis Club. As chairman for two terms of the SCS of Halifax County he was selected to represent the county committee on a trip to Phoenix, Ariz., when the county won a second and then a first prize in North Carolina for the scope of

their conservation projects. One of his prime duties will be to work with Choanoke Industrial Development Committee Chairman John R. Jenkins, Jr., of Ahlender in coordinating job opportunities in the association. He will also be available to work with town and county industrial groups as well as groups working with Choanoke's anti-poverty plans. Cooper was born in Savannah, Ga., but was reared and went to school in Roanoke Rapids. While at North Carolina State College, he enlisted in the Marines during World War II and served on Guadalcanal. He is married to the former Ann Mohorn of Roanoke Rapids and has two sons, "Chip," the III who is a freshman at Wake Forest and another in the 8th grade. Cooper will institute a series of

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Mylecraft Makes Gift To Sanatorium

RICH SQUARE — Mylecraft, Inc., was responsible recently for a big boost to the Coastal Eastern Area Tuberculosis Association's establishment of a central clothing closet at Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium in Wilson. Donald E. Sumner, manager of Mylecraft, said they had made a gift of a year's accumulation of gowns, robes and miss-matched pajamas to the association. They had made similar gifts to the Salvation Army in the past. Sumner said that these garments could not be used for sale purposes and the gift was made to the association so that they might salvage the better pieces for use in the sanatorium. Mrs. Milton Clarke, executive director of the Coastal Eastern Area Tuberculosis Association, wrote Sumner, "On behalf of our patients in the Coastal Eastern Area Tuberculosis Association, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful pajamas, gowns and robes. It was such a thrill to receive so many cartons and volunteers are in the process of sorting and matching the sets. . . This wonderful contribution from your company has enabled us to adequately meet the clothing needs of our patients. "Some of the garments will remain within the counties for our patients at home," added Mrs. Clarke. The ten-county area which the association serves includes Northampton, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington and it is this group that the clothes closet will serve. The clothing closet was established to help meet the needs of the patients because there are times when sufficient clothing cannot be provided by local facilities. The clothing closet will be kept at the sanatorium in Wilson to make the clothes more accessible for the patients and will be handled by the chaplains through requests.



MOONLIGHT AND POSES — Under the light of the moon, and swinging to and fro, Charles Slade and his date, Miss Margaret Jilcott of Roxobel (on the right), and Judson Revelle, Ginger Gay are enjoying the junior-senior prom held at Northampton High Saturday night. Charles is president of the senior class and Judson is president of the junior class.

Rich Square Voter-Interest Keenest In Local Elections

JACKSON — Voters in Northampton towns went to the polls Tuesday with varying degrees of enthusiasm to elect town officials for the coming two years. Voting was heavier in Rich Square than any other town with 348 people voting as against 41 going to the polls two years ago. The interest was keener there this year because of competition for the race for Mayor and in the commissioners' seats. There were nine running for the town board including two Negroes for the first time in the history of Rich Square. It was the only race in the county where Negroes were involved. Mrs. W. L. Mason, the first woman to serve on the Rich Square town board, was seeking her third term and polled 271 votes, the highest in the town

election, and in the county. Gaston brought out the next heaviest vote with over 300 going to the polls due to considerable competition in both the commissioner and mayor races. Rich Square Incumbent Vernon Taylor was defeated by Charles E. Myers with a vote of 200 for Myers and 143 for Taylor. Myers has served Rich Square as mayor in two separate terms prior to this time. Winning seats on the town board were incumbents Mrs. W. L. Mason (271), and Joseph Cole (261). Jimmie Outland (217), Julian Edwards (203) and Charles Warmack (198). They defeated incumbents Eugene W. Emory (185) and W. T. Willford (169)

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Development Of Lake Gaston Area Planned By Commission

JACKSON — Horace C. Guthrie of Gaston and E. T. Bradley of Henrico were appointed by the County Board of Commissioners to work with the newly organized Lake Gaston Regional Planning Commission whose aim is to develop the Lake Gaston area. Representatives from the boards of commissioners and planning boards from Northampton, Halifax and Warren counties met at the Fairfax Restaurant in Roanoke Rapids last week to draft preliminary plans for the development campaign. Twenty-four county officials were present. Two Virginia counties will join the North Carolina county group to spearhead the campaign. They are Brunswick and Mecklenburg, which have parts of Lake Gaston within their boundaries. Marvin Newsom, chairman of

the Warren County Planning Board, was selected temporary chairman of the Lake Gaston Regional Planning Commission. A Thoroughfare Plan for proposed access roads to Lake Gaston was the chief topic of discussion at the meeting, a plan that was approved by N. C. Highway Commission in 1963. The plan is to run the thoroughfare down each side of Gaston Lake through Northampton, Halifax and Warren counties to connect with U.S. 85 which runs through Warren County and into Virginia. The commission will seek to sell state officials on the idea and acquire the necessary funds to implement the thoroughfare plan along with over-all development. When plans are more fully developed the commission will pre-

sent its proposal to the highway commissioners from the three counties before going to the Highway Commission. New members of the Highway Commission are being appointed at the present time and when that has been completed the proposals will be presented. The planning commission is planning to take Governor Moore on a boat trip around the lake when he is in Warren County May 12. If the opportunity presents itself, the members want to show the governor what great potential this area has as a prime recreational attraction for North Carolina. The next meeting of the Lake Gaston Regional Planning Commission has been planned for June 12.