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County Board Of Elections Sets August 14th For ABC-Beer And Wine Referendums



FOR—Bart Burgwyn of Jackson tells the county commissioners that he wants to congratulate all of the county's citizens who signed the petition calling for a combined ABC and beer and wine referendum because "they helped to reaffirm the democratic right to vote."

JACKSON—Chairman of the Northampton County Board of Elections Russell H. Johnson, Jr. told the Board of County Commissioners at their Monday meeting that the petition presented to him by the Northampton County Citizens Committee had been checked and that it met the legal requirements for holding a referendum on the establishment of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and for a referendum to allowing the legal sale of beer and wine and therefore his board would meet this week to confirm the referendum date of Saturday, August 14.

Johnson said that the petition contained 1,945 signatures of which 1,647 were valid. A minimum of 1,535 was needed to assure a referendum on ABC and 937 for a referendum on the sale of beer and wine.

The board of elections set a date of November 2 which will fall on the date of the State road bond election for the county referendum that would authorize the levy of a special \$.05 tax for surfacing of the Tri-County Airport and \$.02 tax for library expenses.

These dates were chosen after the commissioners and the board of elections were told by County Attorney E. B. Grant that the attorney general's office had advised that all three issues should not be voted on at one time, although the tax referendum could have been paired with the ABC vote.

Johnson pointed out that the petition asked for both the ABC and Beer and Wine vote at the same time and any other course might lead to litigation.

Considering the need for legal registration and waiting periods, no other dates were deemed possible. The commissioners passed a resolution asking Representative J. Raynor Woodard to obtain legislation that would protect the sale of beer and wine in Gaston if the beer and wine referendum should be rejected in a county vote.

Bart Burgwyn of Jackson, who had represented the petition signers, told the meeting, "I congratulate all of the people who helped allow the citizens of Northampton County to participate in the democratic process."

The Rev. Angus Cameron attended the meeting as an observer.

Jesse Seaver of Margarettsville was allowed five minutes by the board after they had explained to him that there was no legal recourse to calling the elections now that the valid petition was certified by the Board of Elections.

Seaver said, "I will spend a lot of time to see that the referendum is defeated and to educate the public. Also we will spend a lot of money to see that it does not pass. We don't need

booze in Northampton County as there are many other things that can be taxed."

In other actions the board authorized \$300 for the hiring of temporary help in the Veterans and Social Security office while the secretary is away on sick leave.

Awarded a contract for the audit of county books to Lonnie Shuping of Lousburg whose bid of \$1,500 was \$1,000 under any of the three other bids.

Asked the county manager to check into complaints that county employees were not working their full hours of employment.

Approved a resolution appointing all of the commissioners and all of the members of the county planning board as ex-officio members of the Lake Gaston Regional Planning Board. This group will elect officers to prepare plans for the orderly development of the area surrounding the new lake and make recommendations for ordinances to city and county officials.

All members of the board were at the meeting except John Henry Liverman who was attending summer training with the 30th National Guard Division at Fort Bragg.

The board will hold a special meeting on Thursday night to consider the departmental requests for funds under the 1965-66 fiscal year.



AGAINST—Jesse Seaver of Margarettsville tells the commissioners that he will spend the rest of his life to educate the citizens of the county to the "evil of booze" and that a campaign will be organized to defeat the referendum now scheduled.

Severn-Pendleton Ruritans Ask For County Industrial Program

SEVERN — County commissioners were given a resolution passed by the Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club at their monthly meeting. The resolution asked that a referendum be called so that the county could spend tax funds for an industrial development program.

Whereas many other counties in North Carolina have attained much visible progress by public financial support of industrial development programs, and

Whereas the neighboring counties of Bertie, Halifax and Hertford presently have county supported industrial development programs or legal power to establish such, now be it and it is hereby resolved by Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club of Severn, N. C., that the Board of County Commissioners are hereby petitioned to call as soon as conveniently possible a county

referendum on the question of the use of tax funds for the purpose of industrial development, and be it further resolved that by means of a majority vote of the Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club, such organization hereby pledges its support for a favorable vote on such a referendum after it is called by such Board of Commissioners of Northampton County."

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Principal Commends NCHS Students For Year's Work

BY JIMMY LASSITER
CONWAY — In the final assembly of the 64-65 school year, P. T. Jones, principal at NCHS, reviewed the school year and commended the students on, as he put it, "amazing accomplishments."

He stated further, "Since mid-August of last year amazing progress has been made, and adjustments account for the success of this year at NCHS."

He then asked each individual student to make the same effort next year and to use the same spirit as last year. He challenged the present student body to furnish the leadership for the upcoming school term.

Carl Russell Britt, assistant principal at NCHS, presented safe driving awards to 20 of the 28 bus drivers serving the school area. Britt stated the buses traveled 203,000 miles this year with only two minor accidents. He had special praise for Mike Lassiter, who has driven a school bus for four years of high school.

Richard S. Ricks, baseball coach at NCHS, awarded 23 letters for baseball. He stated pleasure in working with the team this year and praised the boys for capturing the Albemarle Conference championship and the district championship.

Miss Barbara Edwards, girls track coach, gave certificates as awards to the girls track squad, composed mostly of freshmen.

Bob Sutton, boys track coach, awarded 14 letters in track and had special praise for the NCHS boys who went to the district meet in Greenville. As he put it, "We then went to the district meet — and we all came home."

The typing awards to the NCHS students who excelled in that

field, were presented by Sidney Ellen, Betsy Bradley young the top honor for beginning typing students and Brenda Sue White and Joy Timberlake shared top honors for the advanced class.

Mr. Jones presented Judy Chappell with an award for excellence in French and English, Pell Lassiter for music, Barbara Ricks, outstanding undergraduate female athlete, John McKellar, outstanding undergraduate male athlete, Bobby Hodges, improvement in French, Barbara Ricks for history, and Daphne Martin and Ann White, Crisco awards for their accomplishments in home economics.

Mr. Britt installed Judy Chappell as the 1965-66 student council president. She swore in John McKellar as vice president, Diane Britton, secretary, and Judson Revelle, as treasurer.

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to 45 students.

Requests Bids On New Jackson PO

JACKSON — The U.S. Post Office Department is scheduled to advertise for bids June 7 for a new post office to be constructed here, Congressman L. H. Fountain announced recently in Washington.

The proposed building will be located on the east side of Atherton Street, north of Main Street.

Plans provided for an interior of 2,976 square feet, a platform of 318 square feet and 7,795 square feet for parking.

The Post Office Department will lease the building for 10 years plus four five-year renewal options.

Bids will be opened June 21.

Study Committee Considers Future Plans; County Home

JACKSON — The board of county commissioners appointed a study group to recommend what disposition of the county home would best serve the interest of the county.

Those named to the group were Mrs. Jeanette Brown, Dr. Joe Fleetwood, P. A. Bullock, Dr. W. O. Parker and Commissioner David Gay.

Chairman Guy Revelle asked the study committee to report back to the commissioners within 60 days with their recommendations for the conversion, sale or leasing of the home.

They were authorized to get professional opinions as to the cost involved in any of the plans.

The commissioners told Mrs. Brown that they felt that the welfare department should have at least six months to arrange placements for the current residents if the plan required that the county discontinue its operation of the home.

Discussion indicated that the home and land ran to 300 acres and that the home with a road frontage could be sold as a separate plot from the farm which is now rented.

The home has housed about 20 persons in recent years.

The commissioners were told that Halifax County has converted their county home to a lease plan.

Halifax To Get New Boat Ramp

SCOTLAND NECK — A launching ramp for motor boats will soon be installed in Halifax County for the use of citizens in Halifax and Northampton Counties.

The ramp will be located at the Roanoke River Bridge on Highway No. 258, five miles north of Scotland Neck, on the east side of the bridge.

The ramp will be constructed by the State Wildlife Resources Commission.

There has been great increase in the number of sports fishermen, water skiers and boat owners in this area.

Miss Mildred Grant Becomes New Pine Forest Superintendent

POTECASI — On Tuesday, June 15, Mrs. Elma Peele Raley will retire from her duties as the first superintendent of Pine Forest Rest Home.

Miss Mildred Grant of Garysburg has been named to succeed Mrs. Raley as superintendent.

Lake her predecessor, Miss Grant is a native of Northampton County. Born near Garysburg, she is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Grant. She received her A.B. degree from High Point College and for the past 12 years has been lunchroom supervisor at Gaston High School, the same high school from which she graduated.

Miss Grant is a member of Lebanon Methodist Church near Gaston and also a member of Lebanon's Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The new superintendent moved into the rest home last week to get acquainted with the duties she will assume on June 15.

Commenting on her new position, Miss Grant stated, "I am looking forward to my work here, and the many associations I will make."

Mrs. Raley who terms her years at Pine Forest Rest Home as "the most rewarding of my life," plans to make her home in Woodland, with the first month of her retirement spent resting and preparing for a trip to Nova Scotia she plans to take in July. Much time will also be spent on

a scrapbook she is compiling of the 13 years, five months she served as the home's superintendent.

Mrs. Raley came to Pine Forest Rest on January 28, 1952 and assisted in all phases of the work to ready and open the home to guests. The home was opened on February 18, 1952, with three residents and was filled by November 2 of that year. The home now has full capacity and a waiting list of applicants.

In December, 1964 Mrs. Raley was presented a portrait of herself by the Pine Forest Rest Home Auxiliary in recognition of

the many years of faithful service rendered. The portrait, done in oils, hangs in the home.

"It is with reluctance that I am leaving," Mrs. Raley says, "but due to my health and age I feel I should retire now, that I may have some time with my family. My years at Pine Forest have been most wonderful, being with the people here at the home and the association with people in the same work has meant so much to me.

"I am sure that Miss Grant will find the duties as rewarding as I, and I think we are most fortunate in securing her."



MISS GRANT . . . SUPERINTENDENT

Teachers Approved For 1965-66; Ranson School To Be Closed

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Education voted to consolidate the Ranson Elementary School with the Garysburg Elementary School and to assign the pupils previously assigned to the Ranson School to the Garysburg School.

It was decided not to sell at this time a part of the Conway Elementary School campus.

In other actions routine pupil assignments were made and the twenty-fifth of the month was set as the day to pay principals and teachers.

The board heard appeals to pupil assignments from four Negro parents and reassigned three pupils from Willis Hare High School to Northampton County High School and one Willis Hare pupil to Conway Elementary School.

They had been assigned on the basis of transportation problems at first.

The following is a list of principals and teachers approved by the Northampton County Board of Education on June 7, 1965:

PRINCIPALS—SCHOOL
George W. Jacobs, Coates Elementary; Mrs. Annie F. Whitehead, Conway Elementary; W. S. Cray, Jr., W. S. Creech High; Chester Hawkins, Eastside Elementary; Shepard S. Moore, Garysburg Elementary; L. H. Moseley, Gumbury High; Mrs. Genevieve H. Gay, Jackson Elementary.

Mrs. C. M. Davis, Meherint Elementary; W. R. King, Rich Square High; Charles R. Darr, Seaboard Elementary; Mrs. Gertrude B. Jordan, Severn Elementary; Jasper W. Jones, Squire

Elementary; Oscar B. Spaulding, Willis Hare High; Wilbert L. Dilday, Woodland Graded; P. T. Jones, Northampton County High.

TEACHERS
Melvin Broadnax, Mrs. Ruth B. Broadnax, Robert E. Brown, Mrs. Madge M. Bynum, Mrs. Pauline T. Davis, Mrs. Olivia G. Deberry, Mrs. Sophia V. Faison, Miss Gloria D. Fuller, Mrs. Janine W. Funderburk, Miss Virginia D. Grant, George C. Gray, Miss R. Nellie M. Harding, Mrs. Gladys K. Hodges, Mrs. Alean B. Jacobs,

Miss Dorothy Jordan, Mrs. Lester H. Jordan, Douglas McAllister, Mrs. Betty B. Roberts, Mrs. Martha R. Sweat, Mrs. Madge C. Bridges.

Mrs. Raba T. Futrell, Mrs. Gail H. Glover, Mrs. Geraldine L. Harris, Mrs. Mary D. Jenkins, Mrs. Zelma P. Liverman, Mrs. Mary A. Swanson, Mrs. Eloise T. Ward, Mrs. Alice D. Woodard, Mrs. Kathleen W. Woodard, Mrs. Rosetta M. Adams, Miss Frankie A. Ballance, Mrs. Annie R. Baze-more, Miss Eutha B. Brewer, Mrs. Bettie B. Briley, Miss Constance A. Buffalo, Mrs. Dorothy M. Cherry, Mrs. Frances C. Clark, Miss Annie E. Dickens, Mrs. Janice S. Drew, Mrs. Velma Harvey.

Mrs. Clarice P. Hawkins, Mrs. Kathryn L. Flood, Miss Catherine Fyffe, Mrs. Fannie K. Maggette, Lafayette Maffette, Mrs. Dorothy S. Majett, Robert L. Moore, Mrs. Theola W. Moore, John E. Pellam, W. Frank Phelps, Rudolph J. Pope, Thornton G. Reid, Mrs. Bessie C. Savage, Mrs. Bernice G. Scott, Miss Ruby B. Scott, Mrs. Willie V. Scott, Mrs. Beatrice A. Strayhorn, Mrs. Ollie B. Sugg, Cecil B. Varner, Miss Dorothy M. White.

Receiving awards were: Edgar Parker, mathematics and science; Nicky Martin, social studies; Gail Hall, Latin; Helen Louise Futrell, home economics; Steven Storey, agriculture; and Glenn Warren, best athlete.

Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of schools, assisted by P. T. Jones, principal, presented diplomas to the 110 seniors.

The 10 top members of the senior class participated in the commencement program. They are: Charles Slade, Jr., Judy DeBerry, Gail Hall, Edgar Parker, Craig Joyner, Mary Ann Mumford, Janice Daughtry, Sue Kilpatrick, Bonnie Taylor and Alvin Davis.

County ASCS Office Hires First Negroes

JACKSON — The Northampton ASCS Office is currently engaged in carrying out the United States Department of Agriculture policy of providing equal employment opportunities to all citizens. For the first time non-whites have been employed to fill temporary office positions.

being trained to assist with the current compliance operation of determining acreages on Northampton County farms.

In addition to the office personnel there are also six Negroes receiving training as field reporters with others to begin training this week.

The entire office staff consisting of 10 regular employees, 12 temporary employees, and 35 field reporters will be devoting their time for the next six weeks to determining program compliance covering over 75,000 acres of the county's cropland. This is one of the biggest operations of the Northampton ASCS Office as all program administration is directly tied to compliance work.

Mrs. Catherine J. McMillan, Miss Betty Jane Morehead, Mrs. Jeanne S. Moore, Mrs. Christine E. Norton, Clarence Revelle, Miss Margaret R. Squire, Mrs. Tressie K. Watson, Mrs. Lucille K. Barnes, Mrs. Hollie P. Brown, Mrs. Lutie S. Bryant, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bullock, Miss Glendia Harris, Mrs. Lala V. Hornok, Mrs. Frances M. Hoyle, Mrs. Jean Jones, Mrs. Inza H. Massie, Charles C. Pearce, Mrs. Peggy C. Pearce, Ted A. Perry, Miss Dorothy E. Piland.

Mrs. Eleanor S. Pruden, Mrs. Goldie M. Shaw, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Watson, Raymond E. Whitby, Frank T. Willey, Miss Betty B. Bell, Miss Cecelia C. Broadnax, Mrs. Conchita S. Broadnax, Irvin A. Broadnax, Garland A. Brown, Mrs. Ernestine Y. Buffalo, Miss Roxie H. Bunche, Mrs. Annie F. Calvert, Mrs. Georgia P. Clark.

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Court Hears 17 Traffic Cases

JACKSON — Seventeen of the 21 cases heard in last week's session of Recorder's Court were traffic violations.

Judge Ballard S. Gay disposed of the following cases:

Bob Harris, 36, Garysburg, disorderly and assault, six months on roads suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Leola Boone, 20, Gaston, assault, not guilty.

Annie Mae Sykes, 45, Jackson, possession of non-taxpaid whiskey for purpose of sale, six months on roads suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs and restitution.

Johanne Junior Garner, 22, Garysburg, no valid operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Jesse Lee Plum, 22, Roanoke Rapids, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Thomas Jefferson Allen, 31, Roanoke Rapids, speeding, \$15 and costs.

James Lee Bracey, 16, Garysburg, driving without a valid chauffeur's license, costs.

Jack Edward Vaughan, 36, Murfreesboro, speeding, costs.

Eddie Bowser, 34, Roanoke Rapids, speeding, costs.

Arthur Edward Askew, 49, Winton, speeding, costs.

Randolph Clair Stephenson, 54, Pendleton, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Clementine Lassiter Ridley, 39, Severn, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, costs.

Maryland Peter Deloach, 26, Seaboard, speeding, costs.

Terry Lee Strickland, 25, Roanoke Rapids, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Alton Wayne Haskins, 17, Halifax, speeding, \$25 and costs.

Haywood Randolph Long, 19, Rich Square, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Clifton Barrington Davis, 29, Conway, overtake and pass another motor vehicle proceeding in the same direction at an intersection marked by yellow lines, not guilty.

John A. Holloman, 19, Garysburg, driving without valid operator's license and failure to give proper signal, costs.

Delmo Joyner, 33, Conway, driving while license suspended, six months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$200 and costs and restitution.

Rufus Lee Malone, 22, Margarettsville, assault on female, not pressed.