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## 10% Pay Boost Considered For County Employees

JACKSON — The board of county commissioners is considering a 10 per cent pay raise for all county employees who have worked for a year or more in the 1965-66 budget.

They met in a special meeting on June 10 to start the work of examining all of the departmental requests.

They will call a special meet-

ing next week to meet with the school board to discuss their requests. The school budget is the largest departmental appropriation in the county budget.

One new expenditure that the commissioners have committed themselves to is the county share of \$4,457 for the proposed three county mental health program. County Manager Melvin

Holmes told the commissioners that he believed that the county tax rate could be maintained at the \$1.60 rate that prevailed this year. The rate was reduced from \$1.68 in the 1963-64 budget. He said that the two million increase in county valuation would allow the tentative increase in services and wages without a corresponding increase in tax rates.

## Davis Receives County Development Group AF Medal

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — The Air Force Commendation Medal was awarded to Airman First Class Wayland B. Davis in ceremonies held at Mather Air Force Base recently.

The commendation to Airman Davis was presented by Mrs. Dosis Jones Davis of Severn, and the late Ira Leroy Davis, was accompanied by a citation which read: "Airman First Class Wayland B. Davis distinguished himself by meritorious service in a position of high responsibility as inspector, 6214th Base Civil Engineers, from 15 May 1963 to 15 February 1965. In this important assignment, sound judgment, maturity and dedicated efforts were significantly displayed in the inspection and administration of 30 construction projects. During this period, Airman Davis assisted greatly in other CE areas of concern by taking responsibility for particular jobs and seeing them through to completion. The distinctive accomplishments of Airman Davis reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Colonel Stephen W. Henry presented the medal to Airman Davis, for service in Taiwan, Formosa.

Airman Davis, whose wife is the former Becky Lee Davis of Boykins, Va., graduated from Conway High School in 1958 and volunteered for the Air Force in July of that year. He was stationed at Langley Air Force Base until 1963 when he was transferred to Mather Air Force Base. He is assigned to the 3595th Base Civil Engineer Squadron.

## Approves Anti-Poverty Plans

JACKSON — The board of directors of the Northampton County Development Association approved seven anti-poverty grant requests that were presented to them at a meeting at the REMCO building on Wednesday night.

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County Chairman Vernon Taylor conducted the meeting that considered the plans that had been approved by the Economic Opportunity Division under Mrs. Mehane Burgwyn. Mrs. Burgwyn has resigned from this position and the board approved the appointment of Jasper Eley of Jackson as her replacement.

The total of the requests will exceed \$120,000 and because of the low per capita income of the

county based on the federal government's calculations the county may be eligible for 100 per cent of the entire cost in lieu of the 10 per cent in matching funds that is normally required. Per capita income is listed below the \$750 figure that is considered depressed under the Economic Opportunities Act.

A resume of the six programs follows:

Program 1. Conversion of the Negro library into an information center specializing in primary grade material. Cost \$23,500.

Program 2. The appointment of five homemakers to work with deprived families to increase the benefits through proper use of family equipment and such aids as food stamp programs. Cost \$25,000.

Program 3. A health educator to assist in teaching, publicity and personal consultation in improving health practices. Cost \$10,000.

Program 4. Special home demonstration agents to work with underprivileged families and to assist in getting them existing social services and to help in recruiting for basic education courses. Cost \$22,000.

Program 5. A recreational director to initiate plans for recreation programs in the county. Cost \$10,000.

Program 6. Special agricultural extension agents to work with poor farmers in proper farm management and to encourage

the assistance to forestry. Also the conversion with EOA loans and the formation of community action groups. Cost \$15,000.

## NCHS Grad Awarded Scholarship

MURFREESBORO — William Joseph Harrell of Route 1, Garysburg, has been awarded a \$150 scholarship to Chowan College as a day student.

Harrell has received the academic scholarship from the college's Competitive Honor Scholarship program. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton E. Harrell, Sr.

He ranked 8th in the 1965 graduating class of Northampton County High School and was marshal for two years. He has been honored as the "Outstanding Member of the Year in Vocational Agriculture, 1963-64." Harrell was a member of the Beta Club and Future Farmers of America of which he served as vice president of the county chapter. In his junior year he served his class as president.



**WET FIELDS** — The rains of past two weeks have partly submerged some crops and gardens in Northampton County. Fields are too wet for farmers to get many needed farming practices accomplished. Water was standing in the field and between the rows of these peanuts near Rich Square on Wednesday morning.

## Rains Causing Some Damage To Farms As Fields Too Wet For Crop Programs

JACKSON — "Scattered drowned spots in the county are causing some damage, but at the present we are more concerned with farmers not being able to get in the fields to do the jobs that are needed now," was the comment from B. H. Harrell, county agent, when asked this week about the effect of the rains of the past two weeks on the county's farms.

The insect control program, the leafspot program, landplaster and side dressing of cotton, are

jobs that need to be done now by farmers and the wet fields are prohibiting these farming steps from being accomplished at the present time.

As far as measuring damages to crops, Harrell said the damages are not serious as yet. If the rains continue there will be a problem of weeds and grass growing, as the farmers cannot get into the fields to cultivate.

"Spots in the county have had in excess of eight inches of rain, and this has caused a lot of land

erosion, and we are afraid fertilizer is leeching out," Harrell said.

Summing up his remarks on the weather picture, Harrell stated, "at the present time we have wonderful prospects for peanuts, with the best stand ever in Northampton County. Cotton was slow in getting started, but is moving along nicely now and it is just a matter of getting done the jobs that need to be done. With a break, we will be all right."

## Small Business Loan Council Considered

MURFREESBORO — Forrest Gunn, administrator for the North Carolina Small Business Administration, will speak to interested bankers, businessmen and developers on Monday, June 21, on the possibility of establishing a Small Business Administration Council within the Choanoke Area Development Association, composed of Hertford, Northampton, Bertie and Halifax counties.

He will speak at the campus of Chowan College at 8 p.m.

Each county development chairman personally is inviting members of the association and interested citizens to attend. Gunn will explain the provisions of the federal Economic Opportunities Act of 1964 that allows loans to small businesses on terms not usually available under normal banking conditions and the terms of the SBA Act. "Spots in the county have had in excess of eight inches of rain, and this has caused a lot of land

## Craft Workshop To Be Conducted

RICH SQUARE — A craft workshop for refinishing and processing picture frames will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 and 23, at the Charles E. Myers Community Center here.

Requirements for persons planning to attend the workshop are: to provide paint brushes, preferably one an inch wide and one smaller, newspapers, old nylon stockings, rags for cleaning, comfortable clothing and a sandwich lunch.

Hours for the workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Mrs. E. Frank Outland will conduct the workshop.

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## Court Session Is Routine

JACKSON — Last week's session of Recorder's Court was a routine session, with Judge Ballard S. Gay disposing of 22 traffic, larceny, assault and liquor violations.

Cleared from the docket were the following cases:

Doris Williams of Garysburg, larceny, not guilty.

Raymond Boone, 42, of Garysburg, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Fred O. Jones, 18, of Severn, speed too fast for existing conditions, costs.

Wade H. Privette, 59, of Zebulon, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Robert Ridley, 36, of Woodland, assault on a female, not guilty.

Jimmy Harrison, 17, of Jackson, two counts of altering a check, six months roads on each count.

Louis Ponton of Jackson, assault on female, not guilty.

Andrew Demory of Pleasant Hill, assault on a female, not guilty.

Doris Carol Faircloth, 25, of Fayetteville, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Jimmy Wayne Wall, 31, of Winston-Salem, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Gordon W. Ray, 22, of Roanoke Rapids, speeding, \$10 and costs and improper passing, costs.

Linwood Otis Camp, 29, of Gaston, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Earl M. Smith, 31, of Roanoke Rapids, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Mahlon J. Baye, 33, of Conway, driving without valid operator's license, \$25 and costs.

Brynum R. Brown, 39, of Murfreesboro, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Robert Lee Taylor, 20, of Conway, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Thurman D. Bland, 47, of Rocky Mount, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Charlie Clinton Dickerson, 73, of Pendleton, driving too fast for existing conditions, not pressed.

Claire Irvin Piland, 18, of Margarettsville, no liability insurance, costs.

Edmond Smith of Garysburg, aiding and abetting in manufacture of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale, six months roads suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

Elmond Moody of Garysburg, possession of equipment for manufacture of non-taxpaid liquor and manufacture of non-taxpaid liquor for purposes of sale, 12 months roads suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

Peter Jordan of Gaston, two counts of possession and sale of a pint of liquor, \$25 and costs.

## Dr. Collins On Industry Tour Party

WINDSOR — Dr. William K. Collins is representing the Choanoke Area Development Association this week on the Governor's Agricultural-Industrial Tour of North Carolina.

The tour is being sponsored in cooperation with North Carolina University, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Executives of the nation's leading business began arriving in Winston-Salem on Monday for the week-long tour by chartered plane and bus. Some 80 industrial executives from outside North Carolina were expected.

Tour highlights are aimed at showing the progress North Carolina has made while looking for ways to increase the agricultural and industrial income and to assist in the promotion of more food processing in the state.

Governor Dan Moore met the group in Winston-Salem on Tuesday where they toured the Western Electric Plant, Old Salem, Wake Forest College and Salem Academy and College, the new Whitaker Park facility of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and the Hanes Hosiery Division of the Hanes Corporation.

On Wednesday the tour extended into the mountains to Asheville for a visit to the new Gerber Baby Food plant and a sight-seeing trip on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Charlotte was to be the destination Thursday (today) with a visit to Lance, Incorporated's new \$7-million headquarters and a luncheon with the city's largest

## \$610,000 Grant Sought Audio-visual Center Proposed By Choanoke Education Group

MURFREESBORO — The board of directors of the Choanoke Area Development Association approved a plan on Monday night, June 14, for an audio-visual center and a youth training plan that had been proposed by their education committee composed of the superintendents of the six school districts in the four county area.

The application will now be forwarded to the Washington office of the Economic Opportunity Division with a request that the federal government issue a grant to cover an expense of \$610,000 for the establishment of the center to aid the area schools and other educational projects, and \$152,251.99 for a complementary program to train parents and employed youth to maintain and repair the equipment involved.

The introduction to the plan explains the conditions of poverty in the counties of Northampton, Bertie, Hertford and Halifax and the organization and purposes of the Choanoke Association.

The preface includes a statement that the only film center in North Carolina is at Chapel Hill and the cost of films and rentals limits their use in the area. A black and white 20 minute film costs about \$150 and in color \$350. This means that there are a limited number available for use in local schools or in adult education programs.

The plan also includes the use of other visual teaching aids.

The plan would be under a central director who would have media specialists to help and organize the program. The staff would have secretarial help and a central booking clerk to schedule the use of its library. Technicians would handle and service the equipment involved.

The stated objectives would be more effective teaching, broader application, economic development, and creation of an environment for personal achievement.

The budget calls for \$5,646 for production equipment associated

with servicing films, \$2,262 for demonstration materials, \$11,595 for film maintenance equipment and \$325,000 for 16 mm sound educational motion pictures.

Other expenses for the first year would include \$95,000 in salaries, \$3,071.33 for office equipment, \$500 for supplies, \$1,800 for film catalogues, \$3,700 for travel expenses and \$9,000 for two motor filmmobiles, as well as \$500 for incidental expenses.

The staff would acquire and maintain the projection and auxiliary equipment and the film library. The booking clerk would schedule the use of the films on a no-charge basis and see that they are transported to the six school units and to the individual schools on a daily basis.

In a separate part of the plan a youth training program would select school drop-outs and train them to service and maintain the audio-visual equipment under the

supervision of a guidance counselor.

The training would last for 16 weeks and be paid for at the rate of \$1.25 per hour for a 30 hour week.

It is believed that there is a growing need for technicians in this field and that job opportunities would be created.

The entire program would require \$152,251.99 for the first year. This would include the cost of the staff, wages to the trainees and the necessary training equipment and materials.

The association must offer 10 per cent of the total cost "in kind." The amount of \$24,000 is being offered "in kind" through the proposed use of school buildings such as old school buildings, school services such as the guidance of the local and state administrative services and repair parts for the program.

It is hoped that the program can be approved for use in the

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## Headstart Classes Start June 23rd

JACKSON — Operations Headstart will begin in Northampton County on Wednesday, June 23, it was announced Tuesday by the Superintendent of Schools office.

Parents who have not enrolled children entering the first grade in the fall can still enroll by seeing the principal of the school to which the child will go in the first grade or reporting to that school on Wednesday.

The children will get a hot lunch and a snack during the eight week period.

Authorization has been given

for a total of 400 preschool age children who will be six years old by October 15, to enroll in the preschool program.

Teachers for the program are now in Chapel Hill this week to receive special training.

The area supervisor for the Headstart program, Jimmie Pittman of Gaston, said that the materials for the program were scheduled to be received on Wednesday and the administrative staff expected that the quota for students would be filled.



**A RECORD** — Rebecca Susan Johnson graduated from Seaboard Elementary School on June 2 with a record of eight years of perfect attendance. This fall she will be enrolled in the freshman class at Northampton County High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel M. Johnson of Seaboard and the late Samuel Johnson.

## Lasker Woman Dies In Two-Car Collision

SUFFOLK, Va. — Mrs. Emma Hancock Vaughan, 56, of Lasker, N. C., was fatally injured in a two-car collision Saturday about 1 p.m. at Magnolia on U. S. 460 west of Suffolk.

She was a passenger in an automobile driven by her husband, James Russell Vaughan, 58, when it collided with an automobile driven by Harry Haines, 65, of Belvedere, S. C.

State Trooper B. E. Williams said the westbound Haines car was turning left into U.S. 13 when the eastbound Vaughan vehicle struck its right front. Haines and his wife, Nellie, 61, were thrown from their car.

Mrs. Vaughan was dead on arrival at Obici Memorial Hospital.

Admitted to the hospital for cuts and bruises were Vaughan and two grandchildren, Kay Strutton, 4, and Joseph Ray Strutton, 2, of Alexandria, Va., passengers in the Vaughan automobile, and Mr. and Mrs. Haines.

Mrs. R. B. Strutton, the Vaughans' daughter and passenger in the automobile, was injured in the accident that claimed the life of her mother.

Funeral services for Mrs. Vaughan were conducted Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at New Hope Methodist Church at Lasker by the Rev. Angus Cameron. Burial was in the family cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Jimmy Vaughan of Windsor, two daughters, Mrs. Strutton of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. W. H. Burroughs of Athens, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Spivey of Whittier, Calif., Mrs. L. G. Cooke of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. J. W. Allen of St. Petersburg, Fla.; four brothers, Billy, Ellis, and Hubert Hancock, all of Sedley, Va., and Rommie Hancock of Courtland, Va.; and four grandchildren.



**DEER** — The young doe lying on the shoulder of the highway about a mile west of Jackson Monday was probably struck by an automobile during the past weekend and was evidently not reported to the local game warden immediately following the accident. Left lying there, although unattractive, the dead animal should have served as a warning to motorists that deer do cross county roads and they present a great hazard that could possibly cause a serious or fatal traffic accident.