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LIKE 42ND AND BROADWAY—If you stick around long enough, you are likely to meet everyone you know at the Tuscarora Beach where the swimming is great, there are speedboats and water skiing and shallow water for the tiny tots. The crowd was the crowded and the tiny tots were tiny tots. The picture in this picture can be explained by the fact they

were either sunbathing or out on the river in the many speedboats which were cruising up and down the Chowan with and without skiers. It was one mighty enjoyable way to keep cool. Standing at left, Jesse Hogard, David Joyner, Steve Joyner and Dennis Joyner.

Roanoke Rapids Hospital Seeks Part Of Northampton In District

ROANOKE RAPIDS—The Roanoke Rapids Hospital's Board of Trustees approved actions that were intended to lay the groundwork for the proposed \$3 million expansion program.

Meeting here last night, they approved two courses of action concerning the program to increase the hospital's capacity to 170 beds. At present, the capacity is 117.

Trustees directed A. E. Akers and his Long-Range Study Committee to proceed with contacting county commissioner boards in Halifax and Northampton counties to determine their feelings on setting up a hospital district encompassing a majority of both counties.

Previous requests to form a district with Northampton County had not been approved due to resistance in the county. Two reasons have usually been given for this attitude: that the county would lose its rights to federal matching funds to form its own hospital and the association of most of the eastern part of the county with the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie.

There have been other suggestions that the county be split based on hospital admissions for the past five years so that federal funds available could be used by both hospitals in forming districts.

If such a district is set up, it would then be possible for the district, through the two boards, to call for a bond issue in each county to finance the expansion work and the yearly maintenance required. The elections would be concurrent, so one county would not be influenced by the vote in the other.

The district would include only those townships in the two counties considered within the hospital radius. Such a district already is in Scotland Neck and is tax-supported by those who reside in that area.

If a bond issue is called, it would be for the \$1,500,000 needed here to match that amount of federal capital outlay funds. The bonds would be repayable over a 20 year period.

In 1959, a district hospital election was held to levy special tax to liquidate \$85,000 in open account deficits. That was held only in Halifax County and was defeated 2,417 to 1,403. There never has been a capital outlay election for the hospital.

Board members at the same time last night expressed a desire to keep the hospital at the same site, rather than move to a new site as suggested by the Medical Care Commission. It was determined a new site would bring additional cost for land plus be abandoning the \$700,000 wing constructed in 1955.

In other business, the Trustees:

(1) Approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to adjust hospital employees salaries, effective August 1, for a total cost annually of \$24,000.

(2) Approved a recommendation that vacation time now be seven working days for one year's employment and 12 working days for five or more years. The only change from the existing personnel policy was from calendar days (8 and 14) to working days; the time is the same.

(3) Heard a report from Administrator Spotswood Bowers that the desegregation policies adopted by the board, at the Health, Welfare and Education Commission. (See HOSPITAL, Page 3)

R-C Area Nets 11 Million

NC Tourist Business Passes Billion Dollar 1964 Total

RALEIGH—The tourist industry in North Carolina during 1964 reached the billion dollar mark, according to the seventh annual survey of the state's travel industry.

The report, compiled by Dr. Lewis Copeland of the University of Tennessee, reveals that total receipts from firms engaged in serving and transporting travelers were \$1.1 billion, up nine per cent from the \$938 million in 1963.

Travel, the state's third largest industry, is growing faster than the growth of all retail businesses in North Carolina, according to the survey.

The report breaks the overall figure into three major categories: interstate travel, out-of-state and in-state travel. Interstate travelers spent \$512 million last year. Of the travelers, 29 million were non-residents who spent \$315 million and traveled more than five billion passenger miles on highways, railways and airways. Travelers were served by 19,890 businesses, which is 17 per cent of the 118,300 active business firms in the state. Approximately 90,550 persons in the state earn their living by serving tourists, according to the survey. Travel-related firms paid out \$346 million in personal income to employees last year, approximately one-third of their receipts. Each \$12,000 in total sales creates another job for someone in the state, reveals the report. The state collected \$170 million in gasoline and other taxes from travelers last year, which is 28 per cent of all state revenue. Local governments gained an additional \$14 million from property and other business taxes. State taxes on tourist purchases were approximately \$21 million.

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What did this mean to the Roanoke-Chowan area?

In travel expenditures by all travelers Bertie County received \$1,027,000; Gates County, \$241,000; Hertford County, \$2,000,000; Northampton County, \$1,108,000.

Total sales and receipts of firms engaged in serving travelers in the four counties ran slightly higher than travel expenditures. Bertie received \$2,657,000; Gates, \$814,000; Hertford, \$4,041,000; Northampton, \$3,670,000. These figures include lodging, eating, recreation and auto services.

Bertie County employed 196 people in 63 firms engaged in travel services; Gates, 49 people in 18 firms; Hertford, 253 people in 83 firms; Northampton, 224 people in 82 firms.

The report also reveals the highway and other traffic facilities in North Carolina counties. Bertie has a total of 104 miles of rural primary highways with 3.6 miles of four-lane highways and six active civil aircraft; Northampton, 127 miles of rural primary highways, no four-lane highways and three active civil aircraft.

Jackson P.O. Contract Let

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postmaster General John A. Gronouski has announced that a contract has been awarded to Wade Davis, Jamestown, N. C., to build the new post office in Jackson, and lease it to the Post Office Department.

The announcement of the award to the successful bidder advances the new building closer to the construction stage. When fully operational, the Postmaster General said, the additional space

and more modern equipment will, in the long run, more than offset the extra cost involved in producing more efficient handling of the mail, in accord with President Johnson's directive to provide the best possible postal service at the least possible cost.

"This project is in accordance with our policy of building new post offices only where they are urgently needed," Mr. Gronouski said. "We are constantly reassessing our construction program to determine whether present buildings can be altered or remodeled to take care of our expanding mail volume.

Planning Board Sets Organizational Meet

GASTON—An organizational meeting for the Lake Gaston Regional Planning Commission will be held Thursday (tonight) on the lake.

Marvin Newsom of Littleton, temporary chairman for the planning group, said the meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Tom Tucker's Park and Marina. It will be a supper meeting.

Newsom said the organizational meeting is one which is an outgrowth of an April 29 meeting between the county commissioners and planning board members of Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties on the planning and development of the Lake Gaston Area.

He said at the meeting it was determined a joint effort by the three counties would be more effective than individual county efforts.

Newsom said those who plan to attend the meeting can go on a boat tour of the lake if they meet him at 6 p.m. at Tucker's landing.

Included to attend from Northampton County are Melvin Holmes, county manager; Commissioners J. Guy Revella, John E. Boone, John Henry Liverman, Horace Guthrie and David Gay, and members of the Planning Board, V. E. Taylor, H. R. Harris, Macon Woodard, R. A. Chappell, Mrs. E. J. Burgess and Guthrie.

"Our employees are doing a great job of processing the mail. But it is clear that if we are to meet the demands of our growing population we must make use of the best mechanized equipment available in areas where it is economically justified."

The new structure will contribute materially to the efforts being made by Jackson, in cooperation with the new Federal Area Redevelopment Administration, to revitalize the local economy and help provide permanent new job opportunities, the Postmaster General pointed out. New employment will be provided during the construction phase, he said, and the completed building will help community efforts to sell Jackson as a good place for business to grow.

This cooperation between the Post Office Department and ARA, Mr. Gronouski said, is designed to implement President Johnson's broad program of Federal assistance to areas of chronic unemployment and underemployment.

"We are also constantly seeking to develop new ideas and new postal techniques, such as ZIP Code, to help process the mail more efficiently and economically."

The new building on the East side of Aberton Street, north of Main Street, will represent an estimated total investment of \$41,150 by the successful bidder. It will be leased to the Department for 10 years, with four five-year renewal options, at an annual rental of \$3,900 for the basis term.

This represents the lowest responsive bid of 10 received by

Big Catch

EMERALD ISLE—Sue Ellen Garriss of Jackson caught the largest sea mullet of the season off the Emerald Isle Pier on Bougie Sound. Miss Garriss' fish weighed one pound and six ounces; the previous record catch was one pound three ounces.

Miss Garriss and her father, Garland R. Garriss, are spending the month of July at Emerald Isle.

Librarian Hurt

JACKSON—Mrs. Nancy M. Froelich, county librarian, was injured in the library here on Wednesday, July 14. She stepped in an opening in the floor that was left uncovered by a worker. Thirty stitches were required to close a cut on her leg. She was treated at Roanoke Rapids Hospital and released and is recuperating at her home here.

Mrs. Lillian Pearce, library assistant, is in charge of the library in Mrs. Froelich's absence.

Homecoming Services Set

GASTON—Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Spring Methodist Church on Sunday. This will also mark the beginning of a week of revival services.

The Rev. Vance Lewis, pastor, will conduct the homecoming service at 11:15 a.m. Dinner will be served at noon followed by an afternoon service.

The Rev. J. Thomas Smith, pastor of Tabor and Hawkins Chapel Churches in Halifax County, will be guest minister at services beginning Sunday afternoon and continuing each night at 7:30 through Friday, July 30.

Special music under the direction of Mrs. James N. Massey will be a feature at each service. All former ministers, former members and friends of the church are invited to attend the services.

Ruritans Hear Rep. Woodard

CONWAY—The Conway Ruritan Club met in the Woman's Club building Monday night.

The Woman's Club members served the dinner.

Raynor Woodard, representative to the General Assembly, was the speaker of the evening. Thirty members were present.

Hospital Remodels To Meet HEW Rules

AHOSKIE—Physical changes to Ahoskie's Roanoke-Chowan Hospital necessitated to meet compliance with the Civil Rights Act is costing around \$2,500 Hospital Administrator John Blanton said Monday. All are of a temporary measure.

A building permit has been secured for a \$600 enlargement to the hospital dining room requiring enclosure of an alcove which will increase seating capacity from 40 to 60.

What had been used as a waiting room at the end of first floor south wing, formerly occupied by Negro ward patients, has been remodeled and is being used as a classroom by the school of nursing.

An outside entrance to the wing has been converted to an exit only and cannot be used to enter the hospital.

All this will become obsolete, however, Blanton said, when the proposed \$900,000 hospital expansion calling for a new building, is completed.

Construction is expected to get under way next year.

The HEW compliance and the pending federal court case were discussed at a meeting of the Hospital's Board of Directors with legal counsel Thursday at noon, when the suit filed by the Health, Education and Welfare department of the government charging non-compliance was studied.

A U. S. Marshal served Administrator Blanton with the federal complaint late May 8 with the suit charging that the hospital had failed to comply with the Civil Rights Act so that Negro Plaintiffs Douglas Hall, 16, and his father, George Hall, and John L. Scott, minister, all of Ahoskie, were "threatened

with irreparable injury." They seek hospital compliance plus counsel fees for their attorneys, Conrad O. Pearson of Durham, J. LeVonne Chambers of Charlotte, and Jack Greenberg and Michael Meltzer of New York City.

Roanoke-Chowan Hospital has integrated all ward rooms and all two-bed rooms as required by the HEW.

It also has integrated all other facilities, according to the report made to the HEW when representatives visited the hospital for an inspection recently, Blanton indicated.

Hospital legal council and a board representative will meet with the Plaintiff's Council Chambers within the next few days to discuss the charges, it was said.

Legion Post Installs New Officers

JACKSON—Melvin Holmes was installed last week as commander of American Legion Post 1111.

He succeeds George Shoulars of Rich Square.

Reese Bullock of Seaboard was named adjutant and M. R. Conner of Rich Square was named first vice commander.

The officers will serve a one-year term.

Jaycees Hear District Vice Prexy

RICH SQUARE—The first president of the first district of Jaycees, Jack Habit, was guest speaker at the July 13 meeting of the Rich Square Jaycees. He spoke on the national convention held in Buffalo, N. Y.

Special guests at the dinner meeting were seven members and the president, Sammy Cox, of the Edenton Jaycees.

Presiding at the meeting was Raleigh Futrell, president. He named the following committee chairmen: Billy Ivey, visitation; Howard Norville and Lonnie Best, trash cans; Pete Clark and Claxton Autry, family picnic; Joe Flythe, membership.

It was decided to hold the annual family picnic in August, time and place to be decided later.

The next meeting of the Jaycees will be on July 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Charles E. Myers Community Building.

Woodland Adopts Budget Of \$37,952 For 1965-66

WOODLAND—The Woodland Town Board on Friday night, July 9, adopted a town budget of \$37,952 for the year and maintained the tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The town anticipates \$16,527,24 in revenue from general taxes; \$16,500 from water and sewer; \$1,500 from miscellaneous; and \$3,424.76 from the Powell Bill.

Expenses are estimated as: bonds, principal and interest, \$7,460; lights and power, \$2,500; administrative, \$2,500; water operation and maintenance, \$8,500; fire department, \$2,800; general town maintenance, \$3,000; police department, \$2,000; streets, \$5,000; truck operation, \$1,000; and miscellaneous, \$2,592.

In other business the board approved repairs to Town Hall. Were presented an easement from property owners for straightening drainage ditch back of stores.

Requested new street light for Magnolia Street.

Granted request for purchase of masks for Fire Department.

Instructed Commissioner E. R. Powell to continue seeking a maintenance supervisor-police-man.

Decided to investigate matter of surfacing Pinetop Street.

Heard Commissioner Robert Littrell report street surfacing completed and road machine has been purchased, and transmission for old road machine is purchased.

Heard report from Commissioner W. G. Wells, Jr., that painting of water tank will be started.

Decided to study deed and map for clarification of property line needed to erect fence around pump house lot on Oak Street.

Decided poor drainage on private property was not town's responsibility, but that of individual property owners.



CLASSROOM ADDED—Roanoke-Chowan Hospital got another classroom for the nurses with certain remodeling just completed and here, from left, Mary Ann Cowan—as patient—and Mrs. Betty Walker, at right, both registered nurses and hospital instructors in the school of nursing, show Earnestine Weaver, nurses aid, how to make up a bed with a patient in the bed.

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Chuckle

THE REASON
"My clothes didn't look so good this morning. The boy left them on the floor."
"Didn't he pick them up for you?"
"He couldn't. I was still in them."