

# Necessary!

## Visiting-By-Card-Only System To Be Policy At R-C Hospital

AHOSKIE — Over-run by ward-patient visitors during visiting hours, Ahoskie's Roanoke-Chowan Hospital is going to have to inaugurate a visiting-by-card-only system with guard service to enforce it, Hospital Administrator John Blanton said Tuesday.

Too, visitors will not be permitted in the hospital during non-visiting hours — not even in the waiting rooms — except as the welfare of a specific patient might require it.

Blanton also stated that restrictions will be imposed on the number of visitors per patient, with no more than two visitors per patient at a time.

These restrictions will be applied to the multiple bed rooms with restrictions for private patients to be spelled out as doctor and private patient may require.

Blanton pointed out that 88 of the hospital's 110 beds are in multiple bed rooms — with some of these rooms containing as many as six beds.

That will still mean as many as 166 persons milling around the hospital wards during visiting hours," he pointed out, with the two-visitors-per-patient restrictions.

At the moment, Blanton said, very often there are several times that number, which interferes with work of hospital personnel as well as attending physicians.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m.

However, very often visitors come in and just don't go home for hours. After they finally leave patients' rooms, they remain in the waiting rooms — sometimes all night.

Some of them arrive early in the day, far ahead of visiting hours.

This will no longer be tolerated.

The guard service will be set up with visitors registering with the service and issued cards for visiting, and on two to three ward patient at a time will be permitted beyond the reception room. When these two ward-patient visitors turn in their cards, then two more visitors will receive cards and be permitted to visit the patient.

Administrator Blanton said that he had grown tired of running visitors out of the hospital, that nurses have not the time to do it and that the inauguration of the guard

service appears the only solution.

Exceptions to the rules will be made where the welfare of the patient requires it and it is recommended by the family physician and approved by the administration.

Blanton pointed out that in a six-patient ward, two visitors per patient brings the room's occupancy to 18 persons.

Where a ward patient may be seriously ill, that many people in a single room can represent real problems where the patient is concerned, Blanton pointed out.

Sometimes several patients may be in serious condition and problems are multiplied.

Blanton added that restriction of ward-patient visitors is the practice in hospitals everywhere, made necessary by the need to put the welfare of the patient ahead of all other considerations.

Employing the guard service to handle the program does away with the need to take the time of busy hospital personnel to try to enforce the visiting regulations, and also will provide the hospital with a security guard at night, Blanton added, as the guard service will be on a 24-hour basis.

## Potecasi Man Drowns In Chowan River Late Sunday

By GWENDOLYN HALL  
WINTON — Death by drowning was determined by Deputy Sheriff James Baker Sunday night in the case of Joseph Beale, 52, of Potecasi who drowned in Chowan River just off Chowan Beach about 7:20 p.m. Sunday.

This was Winton's first drowning of the season and the county's second.

According to Baker's report, Beale went in the water at the far end of the beach near the woods to get his boat which had drifted from shore. Evidently, he went beyond the safety posts where there is a sudden drop in the river bottom, Baker said.

Along the beach there are signs which read, "Swimming at Own Risk" and "Do Not Go Beyond Posts for Complete Safety," placed by owner, J. E. Reid.

Swimmers left the water about 6 p.m., and the lifeguard, James Flood, went off duty about 6:30 p.m., Nancy Trent, the owner's granddaughter, said Monday.

After the drowning somebody who saw the man go down notified Dale Wigglesworth, Reid's son-in-law, who went into the water and brought Beale, who was fully dressed, to shore, the report said. Wigglesworth estimated Beale had been under for about a minute and a half. A call was sent for the Winton Rescue Squad, but they were out on another call and reached the scene some time later.

An unidentified doctor who was gone when Baker reached the beach at 7:50 p.m. reportedly said the man was dead, but Wigglesworth and Volstead Kearney, a beach worker, applied artificial and mouth-to-mouth respiration anyway, Baker said he was told. He explained that Wigglesworth

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were thrown out of the car on the driver's side according to the investigating officer.

Thomas Branch of Como who witnessed the accident from his car behind the truck told the officer that there were two cars in front of the truck, an unidentified car and the Lassetter car.

Branch said the truck pulled out to pass the cars and was all the way in the left lane when the Lassetter vehicle pulled out striking the truck. According to Branch the truck swung to the left and ran off the road into a field.

The car turned over and came to rest on its wheels on the left shoulder of the road, Branch added.

The truck got stuck in the field and remained there until 3 a.m. when a truck line wrecker passed and pulled him out.

The truck was operated by William Eugene Norrell, 30, of Route 2, Gainesville, Ga.

Authorities said that Norrell was lucky that the truck, loaded with potatoes, didn't turn over. No charges were filed.

## Five Injured In Accident, Murfreesboro

MURFREESBORO — A tractor trailer and a 1964 Plymouth Valiant collided one mile north of Murfreesboro on U.S. 258 at 6:10 p.m. Wednesday, sending the driver and four passengers to the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie.

Mrs. Wanzel J. Lassetter, 32, of Birmingham, Ala., operator of the Plymouth Valiant remained in the hospital Friday with bruises and cuts and possible internal injuries, according to the patrolman.

Passengers treated for cuts and bruises and released were Mrs. Jesse Hall, 41, Eva Hall, 16, Mary Hall, 9, all of Conway. Debbie Lassetter, 13, of Birmingham, Ala., sustained a broken ankle. Another passenger, Shearman Lassetter, also of Birmingham, was not injured.

Debbie and Mrs. Lassetter

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## Commissioners Proceedings

BE IT REMEMBERED; THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, met on the 2 day of August, 1965, with the following members present, J. Guy Revelle, Chairman, John E. Boone, H. C. Guthrie, John H. Liverman, Jr., and David Gay.

The following proceedings were had:

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid:

Payroll Account, \$14,596.77.  
Shell Oil Co., Sheriff Dept., \$17.91.  
The Office Supply Store, Tax Dept., \$50.65.  
Billy Drake, Jail, \$6.50.  
Eastern Office Eq. Co., N. Home Ag., \$8.94.  
Gwendolyn Hankerson, N. Home Ag., \$3.95.  
E. F. Traylor, N. Home Ag., \$7.25.  
Farmers Feed & Supply, N. Home Ag., \$3.10.  
Taylor's Service Station, N. Home Ag., \$1.60.  
Carolina Tel. & Tel., N. Farm Ag., \$61.85.  
Carolina Overall Corp., N. Farm Ag., \$2.72.  
Students Supply Store, N. Farm Ag., \$10.66.  
William Melton, N. Farm Ag., \$3.  
Cola Ashe, N. Farm Ag., \$10.  
Mrs. Dorothy Grant, N. Farm Ag., \$20.  
D. L. Boone & Son, Court-house, \$2.11.  
Maintenance Supply Co., Courthouse, \$80.45.  
P. A. Lewis Agency, County, \$49.  
John S. Vaughan, County, \$285.  
John S. Vaughan, County, \$715.31.  
Humble Oil Co., Sheriff Dept., \$8.44.  
Texaco, Sheriff Dept., \$96.35.  
Grady's Pest Control, Jail, \$5.  
Walker Saw Service, Court-house, \$10.89.  
James H. Anderson Co., Court-house, \$63.71.  
Pruden's, Tax Office, \$1.86.  
Carolina Blue Printers, Reg. of Deeds, \$27.49.  
The Office Supply Store, Tax Dept., \$3.51.  
Carolina Window Cleaning, Courthouse, \$75.  
Gatling & Pierce, Tax Office, \$33.42.  
Wallace Lee Johnson, Coroner, \$13.24.  
Wallace Lee Johnson, Coroner, \$16.70.  
Pruden's Office Eq., Accounting Office, \$10.82.  
Alvin W. Barrett, Repair Soil Con. Office, \$141.79.  
Orkin, Library, \$170.  
Town of Jackson, Current, \$32.03.  
Curtis 1000 Inc., Tax Office, \$256.  
Pruden's, Tax Office, \$1.86.  
Pruden's, Tax Office, \$4.65.  
Crown Central Petroleum, Sheriff, \$8.69.  
Farmers Tractor & Imp., Courthouse, \$3.09.  
Edwards & Broughton, Reg. of Deeds, \$33.89.  
Edwards & Broughton, Reg. of Deeds, \$48.92.  
Eastern Office Eq. Co., Reg. of Deeds, \$6.07.  
Conway Photo Shop, Reg. of Deeds, \$37.08.  
W. H. King Drug Co., Reg. of Deeds, \$8.53.  
Mrs. Janey P. Ellen, Reg. of Deeds, \$70.  
Wilson Bridgers, Reg. of Deeds (stamps), \$25.  
State of N. C., Forest Fire Control, \$433.24.  
Billy Drake, Courthouse, \$12.55.  
Whitley Electric Service, Welfare Bldg., \$1104.83.  
Carolina Tel. & Tel., Health Dept., \$29.24.  
Carolina Tel. & Tel., Tele-phones, \$297.66.  
Northampton Board Education, Bookmobile gas, \$5.18.  
VEPCO, Elec., \$5.83.  
VEPCO, Elec., \$3.  
Town of Jackson, Water, Crop Ins., \$3.50.  
The Times News, Advertisement, \$14.25.

Mitchell Printing Co., Tax Office, \$763.73.  
Mitchell Printing Co., Auditor Office, \$109.23.  
Mitchell Printing Co., Reg. of Deeds, \$1148.43.  
W. H. King Drug Co., Clerk of Court, \$5.98.  
Pruden's Office Eq., Clerk of Court, \$1.86.  
Pruden's Office Eq., Clerk of Court, \$7.52.  
Pruden's Office Eq., Clerk of Court, \$15.  
Rebecca Long, Clerk of Court, \$3.50.  
Jackson Post Office, Health Dept., \$25.  
Halifax Laundry Inc., Health Dept., \$8.03.  
Town of Jackson, Water, Health Dept., \$3.50.  
Storr Sales Co., Health Dept., \$9.17.  
Halifax Co. Health Dept., Milk Samples, \$10.  
Dr. W. R. Parker, Mileage, \$80.57.  
B. R. Bullock, Mileage, \$88.88.  
Evelyn Morris, Mileage, \$43.33.  
Fleetwood, Mileage, \$57.19.  
Dorothy Williford, Mileage, \$54.46.  
Grover Burgess, Mileage, \$100.  
Farmers Bank of Seaboard, Food Stamps, \$16.50.  
Farmers Bank of Woodland, Food Stamps, \$11.  
Bank of Rich Square, Food Stamps, \$20.  
Bank of Northampton, Food Stamps, \$36.  
Planters Bank, Gaston, Food Stamps, \$19.  
Bank of Conway, Food Stamps, \$15.  
Merchants Distributing Co., County Home, \$65.25.  
Grady's Pest Control Service, County Home, \$7.  
D. L. Boone & Son, County Home, \$29.08.  
Bridgers Bros., County Home, \$8.50.  
County Home, County Home (Labor), \$54.  
Transport Clearings, County Home, \$10.78.  
Raleigh Office Supply Co., W. Farm Ag., \$6.57.  
W. H. King Drug Co., W. Farm Ag., \$50.70.  
Students Supply Stores, W. Farm Ag., \$8.86.  
Janice Daughtry, Vet. Service, \$170.  
Metrell Gay, Vet. Service (stamps), \$4.  
Edwards & Broughton, Auditor, \$88.43.  
Shell Filling Station (Pruden), Gas, Library, \$89.60.  
Municipal Supplies, Sheriff, \$49.10.  
Liberty Advertising, Sheriff, \$71.51.  
Whitley's Garage, Sheriff, \$33.87.  
The Office Supply Store, Sheriff, \$3.70.  
Sichle Finger Print Lab., Sheriff, \$123.70.  
Guernsey O. Burgess, Guard, \$5.  
Andrew Lee Coleman, Still, \$25.  
Robert Arr, Guard, \$5.  
W. W. Wrenn, Jr., Guard, \$5.  
J. E. Wheeler, Still, \$20.  
Grover Parker, Out of Co. Travel, \$3.  
Northampton Co. Health Dept., Supplies for Co. Home, \$32.28.  
J. E. Wheeler, Jail Account, \$386.50.  
E. W. Ingram, Capturing Stills & Expenses, \$42.50.  
William M. Sykes, Capturing Stills & Expenses, \$48.30.  
Humble Oil & Ref. Co., Gas for Sheriff Dept., \$15.17.  
Shell Oil Co., Gas for Sheriff Dept., \$14.23.  
Rebecca Long, Expenses attending CSC Convention, \$89.78.  
Miriam W. Pruden, Expenses attending CSC Convention, \$41.31.  
Janey P. Ellen, 6 1/2 days C.S.C. Office, \$65.  
Carolina Overall Corp., Supplies for County Home, \$10.63.  
L. R. Holoman & Son, Supplies for County Home, \$71.60.  
Jackson Drug Co., Supplies for County Home, \$3.70.  
Steve Hughes, Labor at Courthouse, \$20.  
Halifax Laundry Co., Inc.,



EARL F. STEPHENSON

## C & P Names Stephenson To New Job

RALEIGH — Earl F. Stephenson, division engineer for Carolina Power & Light Company at Florence, has been promoted to the position of planning engineer in the company's general offices in Raleigh.

A native of Pendleton, Stephenson joined C.P.L. in 1949 and served at Henderson and Jacksonville prior to being named division engineer at Florence.

He is married to the former Ann Wallis of Texas. They have three children, Martha, Russell and Carla Ann.

Stephenson is a graduate of Severn High School and North Carolina State University. He served in the Army during World War II.

Laundry Service for Jail, \$20.36.  
Carolina-Norfolk Truck Line, Inc., Freight Bill, \$4.74.  
E. Frank Outland, Box Rent, Postage, & Expense, \$16.20.  
Half fee bills for Recorder's Court were approved and ordered paid.

The minutes of the regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Motion was made by John E. Boone and seconded by H. C. Guthrie, to table the matter of selling a lot in Gaston Township, owned by Northampton County, at the present time. Voting "yes": Revelle, Boone & Guthrie.

Motion was made by John E. Boone and seconded by H. C. Guthrie, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board appreciates the invaluable service rendered to it by Alex McMahon, long time Executive Secretary of the North Carolina County Commissioners Association. This resolution is passed upon being informed that Alex has resigned as of Sept. 1, 1965. It is further resolved that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the County Commissioners of Northampton County and a copy forwarded to Mr. Alex McMahon in recognition of his unselfish service to Local Government in North Carolina.

All members present and voted "yes."

Motion was made by John H. Liverman, Jr., and seconded by H. C. Guthrie that if space is available for the Federal Crop Insurance office on third floor in the Courthouse, that no utilities or rent will be paid after Sept. 1. All members present voted "yes."

Motion was made by H. C. Guthrie and seconded by David E. Gay to appropriate to the Sheriff Dept., \$1,000 for his budget to purchase necessary equipment for his office. All members present voted "yes."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

CHAIRMAN  
ATTEST:  
CLERK TO THE BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

War II  
He has served as president of the Florence Civitan Club and the Pee Dee Technical Society, a Sunday School teacher at Calvary Baptist Church and a director of the Florence County Crippled Childrens Society. He is a registered professional engineer in North and South Carolina.

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