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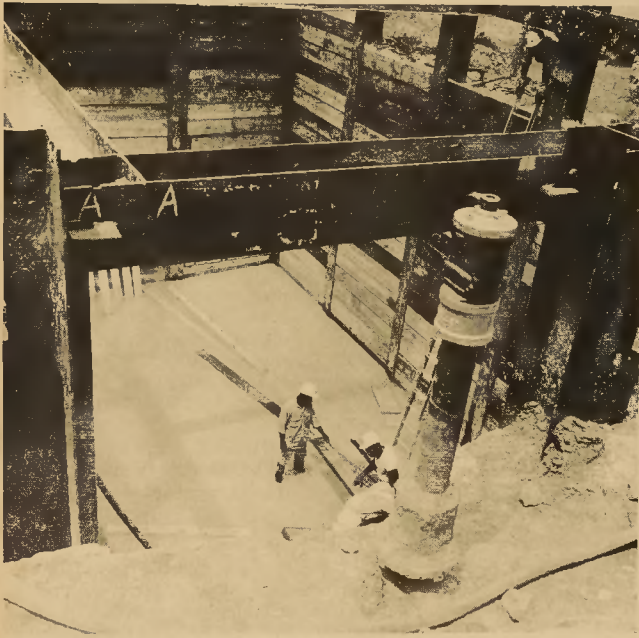
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BELOW WATER LEVEL—One and a half million pounds of dirt have been removed from this hole 21 feet deep, 23 feet wide and 40 feet long. The hole is for the new press in the \$1.5 million expansion of American Package Company in Conway. Twenty-five wells have been driven around the hole and are constantly pumping water out to keep the hole dry.

## 13 Beer Permits Approved; Sales Expected Next Week

JACKSON — Thirteen beer sales permits were given county commissioner approval here Monday night. Another group of applications—about 10—was turned down by the board.

The 13 applications receiving favorable commissioner action will now go to the state ABC board for review before permits are issued.

The approved applications are expected to receive state action in time for the permits to be delivered next week, probably Wednesday. All the permits will be given to the applicants at the same time so that all can start selling beer at approximately the same moment.

The applications were made last Monday at a courthouse session in which state ABC officers explained the rules and regulations for beer sales permits.

The applications turned down by the county commissioners did not meet minimum standards for beer sales outlets. Reasons for the turn downs included poor physical condition of the premises, court records of the operators or previous reputation of the applicant for having violated alcoholic beverage control laws.

State ABC officer J. L. Waggoner of Gatesville, who is assisting in processing Northampton applications, said some desiring permits had not yet made application. He said among the reasons for some not yet applying was a desire of the applicant to sell both beer and wine and wanting to have a wine cellar will be allowed outside ABC stores.

### Summer Library Loans 483 Books

RICH SQUARE — Four hundred and eighty-three books were checked out of the summer elementary library at Rich Square School during the ten weeks of operation this year. Approximately 54 children used the library.

This marks the sixth year the volunteer program had been in operation with Mrs. Ashley Bolton in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Robert Parker.

Last summer 65 children checked out 565 books during the ten weeks it was open.



WHICH WAY?—It's hard enough to get to Northampton County High School when you know the way. This week with the opening of school, many parents, students and teachers were traveling to the school unfamiliar with every turn in the road. At the intersection of rural roads 1503 and 1504 a mile from Creeksville this sign was there to point the way—but so overgrown as to be of little help. For those who got out and lifted the branches away, they found that it was one mile to Creeksville, three to NCHS. And interestingly that there is a top line on the sign pointing the way to Jackson.

## Committee Snagged Getting Group; Industry Payroll Cited

JACKSON — Northampton County's two-man committee to drum up interest in industrial development reported here Monday night that present industrial payrolls in the county amount to nearly \$4 million dollars annually.

S. R. Motzno, Woodland town commissioner, and Charles E. Myers, Rich Square mayor, gave out the industrial payroll figures during a report on efforts to get a representative from each town to join a county committee to

work for industrial development.

Motzno and Myers were appointed by county commissioners on August 17 to attempt to get together a representative group from throughout the county.

The August 17 meeting was the outgrowth of an earlier meeting called for the same purpose.

Initially plans had called for having mayors of all towns as members of an industrial development committee. It has not been possible to get the mayors together for a meeting.

Monday night it was suggested that each town council select a resident of their community to serve on the industrial committee. Letters were to be written to each board this week with the hope of having a representative from every town at the county commissioners meeting next Tuesday, September 7.

Motzno and Myers were making their report to the joint commissioner-board of education-board of health meeting called to select an ABC board.

One of the reasons cited for wanting to get action now on industrial development was that ABC profits would be available to help finance it. In the words of one speaker Monday night, "We have got money coming in we did not know we had."

During his report Motzno said the industrial payroll figures were mostly for new jobs created in the past 10 years.

"We're losing population because we don't have industry to take care of our young people

graduating from schools and colleges," Motzno said.

"It's up to the commissioners to get us to get a good man to go out and get industry," according to the Woodland commissioner.

Referring to the payroll figures, Myers said, "This is only part of what could be done if we had a good man to help us get industry — to keep our county from continuing on down."

Motzno said he and Myers had talked "with a lot of people interested in developing the county but we don't know how to get a committee going."

"We need to put a good industrial engineer in the county. We need to put some of this new (ABC) revenue to work, if we don't, we're going to lose our people even more," according to Motzno.

Motzno cited population statistics showing that a Northampton population of 28,500 in 1950 had decreased to 25,000 by 1960 and was estimated to be 23,000 this year. "It has been estimated that at the rate we're going by 1970 we'll have only 21,000," Motzno said.

He concluded by saying, "Unless we do something, we're going to continue going backward mightily fast."

County commissioner chairman Guy Revelle followed Motzno's remarks with further comments on need for industry. "We've been mighty complacent," according to Revelle.

Revelle said, "We'd be in bad shape if it weren't for VEPCO paying one-third of our taxes. We need more industry to help share the load."

Figures on a hand out sheet Motzno and Myers had prepared on industrial payrolls in the county show the following payrolls and number of employees by town and industry:

Conway, Ampac, 41, \$400,000; National Polychemicals, 9, \$78,000; T. L. Conway, 25, \$25,000; Jackson, Morris Lumber, 137, \$525,000; Milwaukee, Milwaukee Basket, 75, \$234,000; Pendleton, Johnson Mfg. Co., 13, \$35,000; Potomac, E. B. Lassiter Lumber Co., 42, \$130,000; Rich Square, Mylcraft, 325, \$785,000; Severn, Severn Peanut Co., 27 (in season), \$75,000.

Woodland, Woodland Mfg. Co., 42, \$200,000; Parker Caskets, 40, \$200,000; Northampton Caskets, 60, \$250,000; J. M. Brown & Son, 75, \$125,000; Shackelford Lumber Co., 11, \$125,000; Talon, Inc., 160, \$600,000; Total Woodland, \$1,500,000; Total County, \$3,737,000.

## Survey Shows 1,300 People Left Northampton Farms In '64

RALEIGH — The much reported exodus from the farms resulting from mechanization and automation of farming hit Northampton County in a big way in 1964—the county lost last year 10 per cent of its "on farm" population.

Over 1,300 people had been living on Northampton County farms on January 1, 1964 were not there when January 1 of this year rolled around.

Population on Northampton County farm tracts, including all people living on farm land, dropped during 1964 from 13,027 to 11,646—10.6 per cent—according to the just released 1964 farm census summary.

Compiled by the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture,

Crop Reporting Service, the farm census also shows that during 1964 the people living on farms who worked elsewhere declined in Northampton 6.9 per cent from 1,790 to 1,667. This would indicate that the greater portion of those who moved away from county farms during last year were those who made their living from the land.

The farm census shows that there were 304,399 of land in farms in Northampton County on January 1 of this year. Crops were harvested from 98,272 acres of this land during 1964—743 acres less than in 1963.

Idle crop land acreage declined 23.8 per cent, while the area

devoted to soil crops and on which crops failed increased 52.2 per cent over the previous year.

Improved pasture increased slightly and unimproved pasture declined from 1963. There were only slight variations in the acreages of corn for grain and silage, cotton and peanut acreage from 1963. Soybeans increased 6.1 per cent over the previous year.

Other small decreases were in wheat, oats, sorghums and lespedeza for seed while slight increases were shown in other small grains and barley (increased 264 acres).

The January 1, 1965 livestock inventories indicated an increase in the number of sows and gilts

and beef cows while milk cows declined.

For major crops acres harvested amounted to:

Corn for grain, 17,662 in 1964, down from 18,344 in 1963; cotton 35,355 in 1964, down slightly from 35,958 in 1963 and peanuts 30,818, also down slightly from 30,960 in 1963.

Soybean acreage harvested in 1964 was 10,119, up from 9,534 in 1963.

Beef cattle increased from 1,877 at the end of 1963 to 2,057 at the end of 1964.

Total tobacco acreage in Northampton in 1964, 363, in 1963 county tobacco acreage was 462.

## Burgwyn Tapped ABC Head; Board To Decide On Wine

JACKSON — A joint meeting by the boards of county commissioners, health and education here Monday night selected a county ABC board, then heard a discussion of the need for organizing for industrial development.

Without a dissenting vote, Bartlett R. Burgwyn, Jackson insurance agent who led the wet

campaign in the recent ABC referendum, was selected chairman of the ABC board for a three year term.

Discussion at the meeting indicated it was the consensus that Burgwyn also serve as part time supervisor of the county ABC system. An annual salary of \$1,200 for the first year of Burgwyn's term was set.

Associate members of the ABC board selected were Malvin Vincent of Gaston and Dwight Byrd of Woodland. Vincent will serve a two year term and Byrd for one year. Salaries for associate members will be \$15 per meeting plus travel expenses.

The three county boards will meet again in a year to reconsider salaries and to select a successor to Byrd.

After two years all members will be serving three year terms

staggered so that one member's term expires each year.

Prior to selecting the ABC board the group heard Carl Weston, state ABC board representative, explain the duties of an ABC board and how a county ABC system would be controlled by the state board.

The County ABC board has authority to establish only one ABC store without state approval. After the first store, all additional locations must have state approval.

One of the key decisions to be made by the county board during

its opening sessions will be whether wine is to be sold on a license or not. If other outlets are to be allowed to handle wine, wine permits will have to be approved by the state board.

Burgwyn indicated after the Monday night session that he and the other two ABC board members would take a trip to Raleigh, probably early next week, for further briefings on their duties before beginning work.

Burgwyn's nomination for chairman was made by Dr. J. W. Parker and seconded by Scott

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## County Schools Had 7,569 Enrolled On Wednesday

JACKSON — Northampton County schools ended their third day of the new school year Wednesday with a total enrollment of 7,569, slightly behind the third day total last year.

Superintendent Roy F. Lowry said he felt it was too early yet to tell whether total enrollment is actually behind last year or whether the total is down because the first week of school comes before Labor Day.

Lowry said he had received reports from several principals to effect that they had a number of students who were still working out of the county and would not report until after Labor Day.

Last year school also opened before Labor Day, beginning on Monday, August 31. Total enrollment after three days last year was 7,712.

Third day enrollment by schools was:

Elementary — Coates, 640; Conway, 267; Eastside, 380; Garysburg, 396; Gaston, 299; Jackson, 209; Meherrin, 138; Old Garysburg, 335; Rich Square, 164; Seaboard, 169; Severn, 90; Squire, 657; Willis Hare, 517.

## District Win Puts Galatia 4-H'ers In State Contest

PENDLETON — Cecilia Joyner, member of Galatia 4-H Club, participated in county, district and state 4-H elimination this year. It was her first try in competition.

She won first place in the junior dairy foods competition in the county, receiving a blue ribbon. She next entered district competition at Oxford where she won first place, receiving a green ribbon and a scholarship to state competition.

Her demonstration was "Creamy Banana Shake" and she was coached by the leader of the Galatia Club, Mrs. R. M. Stancell; the agent, Miss Gwen Hankserson and her mother, Mrs. Gladys Joyner of Pendleton.

Considered one of the outstanding members in the Galatia

W. S. Creecy, 700; Woodland Graded, 389 and Woodland-Olney, 175.

High school — Gaston, 157; Gumberry, 765; Northampton County, 532; Willis Hare, 217; and W. S. Creecy, 374.

Opening day enrollment Monday at Northampton County High was 525, six less than on Wednesday. NCHS had 131 seniors enrolled opening day.

## Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, September 7, morning — Garysburg Post Office; Pleasant Hill; Mrs. J. C. Daniel's home. Afternoon — Gaston School 2-3 o'clock; Mrs. Herbert Blythe's home; Mrs. W. W. Grant's home.

Thursday, September 9, morning — Mrs. Warren Cook's home; Miss Estelle Daniel's home. Afternoon — Oak Grove; Mrs. Terry Wood's home; Mrs. Allen Dickson's home; Mrs. M. B. Stephenson's home.

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CECILIA JOYNER

## Warns About Labor Day Accidents

CHARLOTTE — Control your temper, control your car and control the safe course of your family's future by working hard this Labor Day weekend to miss the list of 22 persons expected to die in traffic accidents on North Carolina's streets and highways.

That's the advice of T. B. Watkins of the National Automobile Association. North Carolina will count its highway fatalities from 6 p.m. Friday, September 3, through midnight Monday, September 6, a period of 78 hours for the holiday that traditionally closes the summer vacation season.

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IN FINAL STAGES — Rich Square's new post office and federal office building is reaching the final stages of construction. Clearing of the site and construction of the building, situated on a lot that formerly was the site of the late Kate Stephenson's house, started in December, 1964. Postal equipment has to be installed, the drive ways completed and the grounds landscaped before the building is ready for occupancy.

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## New Post Office And Federal Building Ready For Occupancy

RICH SQUARE — The \$95,893 post office and federal building being constructed in Rich Square is reaching the final stages before occupancy.

The one-story building, located on West Jackson Street is of buff brick exterior with aluminum curtain wall panels and aluminum trim. The interior walls are of exposed concrete block and brick. Ceilings are acoustic tile and the floors are terrazzo, vinyl, asbestos and ceramic tile. The air conditioned building contains approximately 5300 gross square feet.

Steps and a ramp lead to the

entrance of the building. At the rear is an elevated platform to facilitate loading and unloading of the mail.

The federal building with separate entrance runs the length of the building on the left. One large room, it is designed so that it can be partitioned into several smaller offices.

Construction of the building was begun in December, 1964. H. A. Hodgin and Sons of Greensboro is contractor.

A driveway, to be completed, circles the building. The grounds have been cleared and are now to be landscaped. The installing of

postal equipment will take place in a few days.

The new building sits on a site formerly occupied by the Kate B. Stephenson house. After the purchase of the land and building the house was razed and the grounds cleared and filled in.

The present post office is located on North Main Street in a building owned by C. J. Freeman. Postmaster is Edward L. Womble. Postal workers are: Mrs. Edith B. Worrell, George Flythe and Mrs. Rosa Elliott. Ernest T. Branch is rural mail carrier and L. B. Griffin is star route carrier.