

Highway Chairman Hunt Will Tour R-C Area Roads

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COLERAIN — State Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt will arrive at the Colerain Airport in an eight-place, twin engine plane at 1 p.m., October 21 for a tour of R-C area highways, and a 1 p.m. luncheon.

He will be met by the Roanoke-Chowan legislative delegation, county officials, Chamber of Commerce staffs, civic club representatives and other persons interested in area highway development.

Jerry Elliott, information officer for the State Highway Commission, announced the area visit Wednesday morning.

R-C legislators expressed disappointment that Chairman Hunt did not visit the Ahoskie vicinity during his swing through Eastern North Carolina the week of September 13 and invited him to return to gain first-hand information on area highway needs. Promotion of the \$300 million state road bond issue is expected to be Hunt's major concern during the visit, but a study of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce resolutions concerning highway needs of Ahoskie and adjoining area most likely will be the hard line core of the visual survey. Among recommendations in the resolutions are a new highway office building in Ahoskie, highway routes relating to bridges now under construction in the area —

especially the Lewiston-Oak City Bridge connecting Bertie and Martin Counties, bridge now under construction joining Bertie and Washington Counties, construction of a new bridge across Chowan River at Winton, improvements on U.S. 158 and recommendation that Ahoskie Town Council request thorough study of Highways 561, 13 and 350 in the city limits.

During his recent tour through eastern North Carolina counties, including a stop in Jackson on September 17, Chairman Hunt said, "We have not found any organized opposition to the road bond issue, and when the road bond issue is passed, we're not going to engage in a crash building program." With this statement the commissioner indicated that all state needs will be carefully studied and considered before work plans are made.

Hunt also said "We decided we could gain more knowledge of the state by traveling over it than we could by sitting in Raleigh 10 years looking at road maps." It was this philosophy that brought him to other eastern counties two weeks ago and will bring him to the Roanoke-Chowan area next month.

The R-C legislative delegation includes Third District Senator J. J. Harrington of Lewiston, Representatives Emmett Burman, Bertie, Roberts Iernigan, Jr., Hertford, Raynor Woodard, Northampton, and Philip Godwin, Gates.

ABC Store Managers, Stock Now Ready For Friday Opening

JACKSON — The first shipment of whiskey to stock Northampton County ABC stores arrived at the county warehouse Tuesday

morning with a second shipment delivered directly to two stores on Wednesday. More than 750 cases delivered Tuesday will

stock the Jackson and one other store. All stores will open Friday, October 1, with daily hours 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

According to Bart Burgwyn, the local ABC Board had a difficult task in selecting personnel from the number of applications submitted. Employed to "command stores under state law like a military regulations" are Thomas Hodges, Conway manager; Juels Ward, Rich Square manager; Willard Allen, Gaston manager; and William Grant, Jackson manager. For the present, Grant will also serve as warehouse manager.

Burgwyn said applications from persons not employed in the initial hiring will remain on file for consideration should additional personnel be needed or vacancies occur.

In comparing an ABC store manager with a ship's captain, the chairman said the manager must be capable of running every phase of the business, "alcoholic beverage must not be a problem with the person, he must be honest, promote good public relations, and be a detailed and accurate record keeper."

"Our main purpose (ABC system)," he said, "is to operate under the control system and keep people buying in their home county, which will provide funds to attract new businesses and provide more jobs for Northampton citizens."

Opening of four county stores does not preclude establishment of additional stores in the future.



FIRST SHIPMENT—Personnel of Northampton County ABC stores, scheduled to open tomorrow (Friday) are unloading the first shipment of whiskey received in the county. More than

750 cases were delivered Tuesday morning to the county warehouse in Jackson, with a second shipment delivered on Wednesday. Store hours will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

REMCO Directors Re-Elected

RICH SQUARE — The Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation held its 26th annual meeting Saturday afternoon and re-elected the following directors:

Approximately 1,000 persons, including 514 members attended the meeting which began at one o'clock at the REMCO headquarters here.

Manager Vernon E. Taylor in his report listed the co-op's capital growth as \$4,484,678, an increase of 4.7 per cent over last year; the member equity as 18.5;

the peak kilowatt hour demand as 10,317, an increase of 17.5 over last year's 8,788; a membership of 7,241 members; miles of line, 1,807 and 500 kilowatt hours of current (per month). The co-op's total operating revenue is \$788,000, nine per cent increase over last year.

Taylor also reported that three new sub-stations have recently been put into operation. One of these, located near Jackson, is the largest in the system and was built at a total cost of \$125,000. One built in Bertie County was

constructed at a cost of \$60,000 and rebuilding the Merry Hill station costs \$30,000.

Taylor stressed the importance of what the co-op has meant to rural families, pointing out that over 48,000 families in the seven county area are served by the co-op.

The Roanoke Electric Membership Corp. serves Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Gates, Chowan and Perquimans counties.

Directors re-elected were: E. W. Evans, president, Como; Clyde V. Cobb, vice president, Windsor; A. S. White, secretary-treasurer, Windsor; Grover Burgess, assistant secretary-treasurer, Conway; J. C. Vann, Corapeake; Frank Warren, Littleton; H. C. Martin, Jackson; Henry Bennett, Rich Square, and J. M. King, Gates.

Free prizes worth over \$800 were given to lucky ticket holders.

Presiding at the meeting was J. B. Weaver, REMCO attorney.

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Wallace Johnson, Coroner Killed In Car Accident

CONCORD — Wallace Lee Johnson, coroner of Northampton County, was killed on Thursday night, September 23, when his car struck the Rocky River bridge near here. He was en route to the State Young Democratic Club Convention in Charlotte.

Highway patrolman B. J. Cloninger said Johnson apparently fell asleep at the wheel and his car crashed into the bridge abutment.

Johnson, 34, was appointed coroner in 1964. He was qualified in the Clerk of Superior Court's office on December 7, 1964.

He had operated the R. H. Johnson Insurance Agency in Conway for several years.

A native of Northampton County, Johnson was a son of R. H. Johnson, Sr., and Mrs. Mary Sue Cannon Johnson. He was a member of Conway Methodist Church and Conway Ruritan Club.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Lee Johnson, and two brothers, Russell H. Johnson, Jr., and Bruce Johnson, all of Conway.

A funeral service was held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Conway Methodist Church by the Rev. R. L. Baldridge. Burial was in Conway Cemetery.

The county commissioners will appoint a coroner to fill the unexpired term of Johnson at next Monday's meeting.

Mr. Seaver Speaks Again

MARGARETTSVILLE — Jesse Seaver, who was active in opposing ABC stores in Hertford and Northampton counties, has moved beyond area boundaries and written letters to the 13 members of the N. C. delegation in U.S. Congress, setting forth his views on several issues.

On response received was from Congressman L. H. Fountain who wrote, "I am always interested in having the benefit of your views and assure you that the numerous matters you discuss in your recent newsletter are, and will continue to be, carefully and thoughtfully studied and evaluated by me, as we here are called upon to act upon them."

A major subject covered in Seaver's communications are Communism, Foreign Policy, Disarming the U.S.A., Russia, China, World Government, UN, Bible reading and prayer, Christmas postage stamp, Right To Work Law, alcoholic beverages and labeling of cigarette packages.

During recent years, Seaver has visited the office of each of the 435 members of U.S. House of Representatives, and offices of more than half of the Senators. Going straight to the top ranks, he has delivered literature to other high government officials, including two Presidents. Most of the literature was of his own publication.

On the state level, Seaver has delivered literature to all members of the General Assembly.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, October 5, 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, October 7, 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.

the school, Farrow says he plans a career in radio-TV work. Joseph P. Cole, owner, instructing Farrow says the youth "is doing fine, showing a good attitude toward the work, and I think he is gifted in both electrical and mechanical work."

ICT Student Trainees Needed

CONWAY — Since schools opened August 30, nine Northampton County High students have registered in the Industrial Cooperative Training Program and have been accepted by employers for on-the-job training.

ICT is a cooperative effort by schools, business and industry to provide on-the-job training for youth in occupational areas of their choice, and is directed toward the student, employer, parents and school — in that order. Northampton businesses and industries, and those in surrounding areas, that are cooperating in the program and have already accepted students for training are Cole's TV Service, Rich Square; B. F. Goodrich Store, Roanoke Rapids; Severn

Peanut Co., Northampton Casket Co., Farmers Supply, Severn; Harris' Shell Station, Garysburg; Johnson Manufacturing Co., Pendleton, and Roanoke Valley Nursing Home, Rich Square, Western Auto and Hedspeith Implement Co., Conway, will interview prospects this week.

Fields in which student trainees are needed are nursing, secretarial and auto mechanics.

ICT does not preclude college entrance and is offered to high school juniors and seniors with two units of credit each year. A vocational course, ICT provides opportunity for students to learn how to work, develop good working attitudes, acquire experience for employment, develop desirable personal traits, secure firsthand knowledge of business and industrial operations, develop a sense of job security and independence, ease the transition from school to fulltime employment, develop an appreciation of the value of a dollar, and to understand his vocational interests and abilities.

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CHANGED MAN

It's funny how the man who isn't good enough to marry your daughter can give you the smartest grandchildren in the world.

Man Fears Home Will Be Burned

CONWAY — Russell Coggins, an official of a local union, who is active in the Northampton County civil rights movement, said Tuesday he fears his house may be burned.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents are probing the burning of a cross in his yard September 3 and an assault upon him in the Conway post office September 13.

Coggins blamed his troubles on the Ku Klux Klan. He said the KKK didn't like him because he had worked with the Northampton County Voters Movement and was a speaker at a three-county rally called by the Voters Movement and held at a Negro church.

Coggins said his union, Local 3199, United Brotherhood of Carpenters of America, AFL-CIO, does not recognize segregation and "as long as I stay in it, I must go along."

The FBI was asked to investigate the assault on Coggins. The complaint was made in Coggins' behalf by Mrs. Joseph Tieger of Mars Hill, another civil rights worker.

Coggins said he made his customary visit to the post office at his usual time of 4:30 p.m. As he entered, he said, a stranger struck him in the face with his fist, knocking off his glasses. A brief scuffle followed, in which Coggins suffered several other blows.

Rich Square Man In Korea

U.S. FORCES, Korea — Army Pvt. Ellis C. Edwards, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie C. Edwards of Rich Square was assigned to the 19th Infantry's Company E in Korea September 4. Edwards entered the Army last April, completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga., and is a military policeman in the company.

Edwards is a 1960 graduate of Rich Square High School, is a 1962 graduate of North Carolina State College in Raleigh, and attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro.



POST OFFICE OPENS — Patrons of the Rich Square Post Office were having to adjust last week to new combinations of postal boxes, and in many cases, new box numbers. The new

postal building was opened to the public last Thursday morning. Postmaster E. L. Womble assisted patrons in locating boxes and working combinations.

Funeral Held Wednesday For Graham Whitted, 53

ROXBEL — A graveside service for Graham Bunyan Whitted, Jr., 53, popular cashier of the Roanoke-Chowan Bank at Roxobel, was held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Beaver Hill Cemetery at Edenton.

The Rev. Charles Cranford, a former pastor of Sandy Run Baptist Church, officiated. Mr. Whitted died Monday en route to Roanoke-Chowan Hospital of a gunshot wound which was apparently self-inflicted.

A veteran of World War II, he had been active in civic and community projects in the Roxobel area since coming to Roxobel 14 years ago. He was a native of Fuquay-Varina.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Cates Whitted; two daughters, Mrs. Dalton Ray Ivey of Rich Square and Carrie Allen Whitted of the home; two sons, Jerri Cates Whitted and Graham B. Whitted, III, of the home; his mother, Mrs. Claribel Erwin Whitted of Fuquay-Varina; a sister, Mrs. Winnie Mincey of Fuquay-Varina; a brother, the Rev. Alvis M. Whitted of Charleston, S. C., and one grandson.

Investigation into his death is continuing. Sheriff Edward H. Daniels said Whitted was alive when he was found about 3 p.m. by ABC officer Jesse Johnson and his son, Gary.

The Johnsons had been to Lewiston to get a part for a peanut combine. As they passed the Luther Glover clubhouse en route to the farm, they saw a station wagon and a man on the ground.

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Not recognizing the car, they continued on their way.

It was approximately an hour later when they came back along the route. Finding the car and the man still there, they stopped to investigate.

Mr. Johnson told Sheriff Daniels that Whitted was alive at the time and talked to him. Johnson went to summon an ambulance and doctor and the man remained with Whitted.

Dr. E. P. Norfleet of Roxobel and Mrs. Whitted rode in the ambulance. Whitted was dead on arrival at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie. Sheriff Daniels said he did not know if any statements were made in the ambulance prior to his death.

The officer said he is positive the gun was Mr. Whitted's and that the wound was self-inflicted but he has no opinion on whether it was accidental or intentional.

He said the stock of the 16-gauge automatic shotgun was on the floor and the barrel was pointed toward the driver's side of the station wagon. There was a no. 4 buckshot shell in the gun. No other shells were found in the station wagon.

Evidence indicated Mr. Whitted was sitting under the steering wheel when the shotgun went off. The full load of shot entered his body and several pellets passed through and were found in the seat.

Sheriff Daniels said no hearing is planned unless it is requested by the family.

Supermarket Robbed Of \$408 Tues.

RICH SQUARE — The theft of \$408 in cash from a local supermarket was reported to officers on Tuesday morning by the store manager.

James M. Chappell discovered the theft when he opened Chappell's Red & White Supermarket at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday.

Chappell told officers that the money was in one of two cash registers in the store. Two hundred dollars in the other cash register was overlooked by the thieves. Chappell said the loss was covered by insurance.

Entry to the store, located directly across the street from police headquarters, was made by breaking the glass in the back door, and removing the bolt that locked the door. The thieves apparently took the bolt and also the prop that was used against the door.

Police Chief H. L. Joyner says the investigation is continuing. Assisting Joyner are Sheriff E. Frank Outland and Deputy Sheriff Grover C. Parker.