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New Station, Parking Lot For Jackson

JACKSON — The downtown area of the county seat will have a new service station and public parking lot early next year, according to L. S. Lee, sales manager, Northeastern Oil Company, Murfreesboro.

To be located on a now vacant lot directly across the street from the courthouse, the new station is expected to cost about \$25,000 and will employ four persons.

A 25-year-old station on the site was demolished earlier this year to make way for a new and modern building.

Lee said, too, an improved parking area was included in the company's plans for the downtown location. "The parking lot will be for public use and we hope it will help alleviate crowded parking facilities in front of the courthouse," he explained.

Construction will begin early next month and is expected to be completed in about three months. The station will then be leased to an individual operator under terms yet to be decided.



SERVICE STATION SITE — Bulk gas tanks were delivered Tuesday to the downtown Jackson lot across from the courthouse where Northeastern Oil Company will begin construction of a new and modern service center early next month. At right is the Jackson Fire Department and in the background, The Bank of Northampton. Part of the lot is now being used for off street parking. Company sales manager L. S. Lee said an improved public parking area will be included in the new development on the lot.

Negro Man Jailed In P. O. Theft

MARGARETTSVILLE — A 20-year-old Negro man is being held in Northampton County jail under a \$2,000 bond after his arrest in connection with a break-in at the post office here the night of December 3.

Heroloye Rose, according to Sheriff Frank Outland, has admitted that he broke into the post office and took \$156 in cash. When arrested the next day the Sheriff said, Rose was carrying only \$3.75 and later told officers he had spent the rest of the money on a watch, pistol, pants, underclothes and trench coat. Entry to the office was gained through the door leading from the lock box lobby to the service lobby which had been kept open with a metal bar.

Rose was given a preliminary hearing on December 6 when he was ordered held for trial in the April Term of Superior Court.

Tri-County Airport Bid To Be Let Within Few Days

AHOSKIE — Tri-County Airport will get bluminous base runway instead of the aggregate rock with the contract expected to be let within the next week to Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, it was indicated Tuesday when bids for construction of the runway were opened.

The low bid was \$123,137 and submitted for the alternate paving item, with second low bidder Rose Brothers Paving Co., of Jonesboro, with a \$128,335 bid for the rock base, or crushed aggregate.

Four other companies also submitted rock base bids: Coastal Contractors, Inc., of New Bern, \$153,940; Central Builders Inc., Rocky Mount, \$145,056; I. A. Loving, Raleigh, \$135,954, and Barrus Construction Co., Kinston, \$135,591.

Bids were opened at 11 a. m. in the Municipal Building by Tri-County Airport Authority Chairman John K. Barrow, Jr., of Ahoskie, with FAA Engineers Hans Sperber and James Higgins, of Charlotte, sitting in John Talbert of John Talbert Associates, engineers on the project, was weathered in at Wilmington, and unable to get to Ahoskie for the opening of the bids, but the bids were in the mail to Talbert Tuesday night.

Bids submitted Tuesday were the second bids on the project as earlier bids — opened November 2 — were well in excess of the \$50,000 federal and county funds available, so that the project was revamped, and advertised for the second time.

As matters stand now, Airport Authority Chairman Barrow said late Tuesday, the bid should be let within the next few days, with the contractor expected to move in on the project as speedily as possible — probably about March 1 — weather permitting — and to complete the project within 20 working days.

Also to be let immediately is the electrical contract with a low bid of \$16,061 submitted by Rockwell Electric of Rockwell, at the November opening of bids. As matters stand the two bids total \$139,188 which is well within the funds available which represent a matching grant of \$75,000 in federal funds with sponsoring counties of Bertie, Hertford and Northampton raising \$25,000 apiece.

The paving project calls for construction of a runway or airstrip 75 by 4,000 feet, apron etc., with the electrical project for lights and instruments of various airport radio equipment.

Completion of the airport project was part of the package deal which brought Sunbeam Inc.'s new plant to Ahoskie earlier this year.

Senate Line-Up Changed; R-C, Albemarle Are Joined

RALEIGH — Senate and House committees working on redistricting the state legislature came up with revised plans here Monday which maintain Roanoke-Chowan — Albemarle area integrity despite a drop in representation for the over-all 12 county area.

The revised plan for the House would split the area into two districts with two representatives each. The Senate plan joins the two districts into a single two-senator district plus adding Washington County from south of Albemarle Sound.

The House plan is unchanged from one originally drafted by the redistricting committee last week. Hertford, Bertie and Northampton Counties make up one district with two representatives. The other district — also with two representatives — contains Gates, Pasquotank, Chowan, Perquimans, Camden and Currituck.

In the senate these two districts would be joined into a combined district with Washington County added. Plymouth is county seat of Washington County.

The first draft by the senate redistricting committee would have put Bertie into the six-county one-senator Albemarle district. Northampton and Hertford would have gone into a two-senator district with Halifax, Edgecombe and Warren Counties.

The Senate draft was pronounced unacceptable last week by Roanoke — Chowan legislators. Work began late last week and continued over the weekend to get the Senate plan changed.

As the Senate committee convened Monday five or six Senators from around the state with district setups in the draft with which they disagreed were present. Of the five or six only 3rd District Senator J. J. Harrington of Lewiston had alternate proposals drafted and in hand for distribution to committee members.

Harrington proposed two alternatives to the committee to change its original draft. The first of Harrington's alternatives was that eventually adopted by the committee.

Harrington's second alternative would have split the senatorial district for the Roanoke-Chowan and Albemarle in half, adding Washington to Hertford, Bertie and Northampton. The plan called for adding Dare and Tyrrell to the original draft's six-county district which included Gates.

Asked for comment Tuesday, Gates Rep. Phil Godwin said he had reservations about the revised plan because of the way the House is reapportioned.

Godwin said he wanted "the counties in the House district tied together as closely as possible with the senatorial district. "If we (the Albemarle district) could pick up Washington County and let them (the Roanoke-Chowan) have Bertie it would work all right," Godwin said in reference to his own version of an alternative to the original Senate draft.

Senator Harrington on the other hand said, "I am happy to get the Roanoke-Chowan and Albemarle sections back together in one district. This is putting back together essentially what we had in the old 1st District before the 1963 redistricting."

The plan which won Senate committee approval Monday has its birth last Friday night during a conference between Harrington, Godwin, Rep. Roberts Jernigan of Hertford, Emmett Burden of Bertie and Raynor Woodard of Northampton.

After coming up with the two alternatives Harrington contacted several committee members over the weekend. In addition he consulted with Sen. E. M. Atwell of Winstown, Perquimans and Sen. Ashley Futrell of Beaufort, whose districts were affected by the proposed changes.

Harrington said the basic thing to come out of the Friday night meeting, in addition to the two proposals, was a determination by the Roanoke-Chowan delegation to "keep Hertford, Bertie and Northampton Counties together at all cost."

Harrington said, "Actually I think this whole northeast area will be more strongly represented by the two-senator district than it would have been with two single — senator districts. This means that even if one man is sick or away for some reason there is someone else the people can turn to for their interests."

"In effect it means we have one over-all area with four representatives and two senators to look after the business of 10 counties. When we pull together we will have more combined weight in the legislature and we can fill in for one another better," Harrington continued.

Bertie Rep. Emmett Burden commented on Monday's committee meetings: "My feeling over the plan I saw in the paper this morning is that it is the best plan for our area under the circumstances. I still am much disappointed that many counties will lose their own representative, including my own county, as well as our neighboring counties. But the best legal brains I have talked with on the matter say that we have no other choice in the matter."

"I feel we came out of the committee meetings with the very best we could get for our area," Burden said.

Rep. Jernigan of Hertford, a member of the House redistricting committee said because of his committee membership it would be inappropriate to go into detail about Monday's meetings. He indicated, however, that he was pleased by the Senate revision.

Rep. Woodard of Northampton also indicated his pleasure with the results. He said he felt it was important to keep the Roanoke-Chowan area together in both the House and Senate and that the revised plans for both do this to his satisfaction.

Woodard, however, reiterated his earlier statement that he doesn't like the idea of reapportionment of the state because the eastern counties stand to lose representation. "It boils down to this," he said, "urban areas stand to gain while rural counties stand to lose and I don't think this is good for the state. Under the present setup, we have had good government and I feel representatives from the small counties have had a lot to do with it."

Woodard said he would like to see an amendment to the constitution to increase membership of the House, but "of course, we don't have time for that — in fact, the court has ruled us sufficient time to do the extremely important job that must be done by January 31."

Because the two eastern Senatorial districts have been left intact, with exception of the addition of Washington County, Woodard finds the Senate redistricting plan acceptable. "I think we (Bertie, Hertford and Northampton) had one of the most ideal Senatorial districts in the states as the three counties have so much in common — agriculture, proposed airport, and, for us Baptists, the West Chowan Baptist Association."

For Woodard, it wasn't a matter of finding a plan the eastern counties would like — only one that would be acceptable, according to him.

County Road Study Nears Completion

JACKSON — The county's Committee on State Road Study headed by Rep. Raymond Woodard of Conway, toured three primary systems Tuesday as a second phase of a study to formulate recommendations for use of State Road Bond Issue funds.

Receiving attention of the six man committee, and county manager Melvin Holmes, Tuesday were N.C. 15, 195 and 305.

Last week the committee toured and studied needs of N.C. 35 from the Virginia line to Woodland.

The committee is expected to ask the commissioners to recommend that secondary road 1214 be redesignated as a primary road, with a possible like recommendation for 1311.

The committee plans another meeting in the near future to complete drafting of recommendations for improvements to be presented to the commissioners in a special meeting the first week in January. Chairman Woodard has been appointed by the committee to outline their study and recommendations at this meeting.

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126 Births In R-C Area, Nov.

RALEIGH — Thirty-two live births were reported in Hertford County in November, 20 in Gates, 35 in Northampton and 39 in Bertie, according to a report from the N. C. Health Department.

Hertford had 22 deaths, one infant death; Gates had six with two fetal deaths; Northampton had 17 deaths with two fetal deaths and three infant deaths; Bertie had 20 deaths with two fetal deaths.

Hertford had two traffic deaths, two on home and farm, one suicide, four from cancer and nine from heart disease.

Gates had two from heart and one from cancer. Northampton had two from heart, three from cancer and one traffic death. Bertie County had seven from heart, three from cancer.

Couple Given Suspended Sentence On Affray Charge

JACKSON — A Jackson couple had sentence suspended by Judge Ballard S. Gay here in Recorder's Court last Wednesday. The pair was charged with affray.

Judge Gay first sentenced Perry Jefferies, Jr., to 60 days on the roads for affray, then suspended the term on payment of the court costs and \$10 for doctor's bills.

Delois Jefferies, in addition to affray charges, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Her 60-day sentence was also suspended on payment of the court costs and being placed on probation for 12 months.

Other cases heard during the morning session were: James Arthur Williams, Roanoke Rapids, speeding 55 mph in a 45 zone, judgment suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Luther Wheeler and Madeline Wheeler, both of Severn. Each charged with (1) trespassing and (2) disorderly conduct, destroyed property.

On the first charge the judgment was 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of the court costs and payment of \$20 damages to the W. S. Outlands. On the second matter the judgment was 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of the costs and \$50 damages to the Outlands.

Walter Wilson of Gaston, disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon; not guilty of the carrying a concealed weapon charge and judgment suspended on payment of the court costs and the other count.

Fannie Curry Boone of Rich Square, speeding 70 mph in a 60 zone, fined \$10 and the court costs.

Gilbert Lee Deloach of Murfreesboro, speeding 70 mph in a 60 zone, fined \$10 and the court costs.

Beatrice Sue Bishop of 407 Jefferson St., Roanoke Rapids, too fast for conditions, judgment suspended on payment of the court costs.

Atlas Chambliss of Roanoke Rapids, public drunk; judgment suspended on payment of costs in two cases.

Hubert Wesley Allen of Gaston, illegal use of dealer's license plate, to wit, not having valid permit; not pros.

George Verdell Bishop of Rich Square, failure to reduce speed for a special hazard; called and failed, capias issued and bond set at \$50.

ONLY 7 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

JACKSON — W. W. Grant of Garysburg was elected to another three-year term as supervisor of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District in an election held on Monday, December 6. He will serve with J. R. Vaughan of Lasker, James T. Edwards of Seaboard, Cecil Maddrey of Severn and Joseph D. Jenkins of Woodland.

As the governing body of the district, they are responsible for developing and carrying out a program of soil and water conservation in Northampton County.

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Weather Wuz A Touch of Spring

They'll Be 'Home' For Holiday, Too

MURFREESBORO — Chowan College students and faculty members will be "home for the holidays" December 17-January 3 to enjoy traditional festivities with their families and friends. This includes the eight foreign students on campus, even though they won't be returning to their homelands for Christmas.

Anky Fokker, Netherlands exchange student, will spend Christmas with an aunt in Miami. Harvey Harris, public relations director at the college, said Anky "was sick during her first four weeks in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina because of the hot, humid weather" — a climate vastly different from that of her homeland. "She will really be in hot country during Christmas," Harris added. It is unlikely that Anky will see any of the snow usually associated with the Christmas holidays.

Three other foreign students — Patricia Rivas Alvarado, Santiago, Chile, Luis Perez and Antonio Martinez, both Cuban refugees — will spend the holidays with families in newly established homes in the area. Alvarado will be in Weldon, Perez in Litleton and Martinez in Hampton.

Four Thailand students will spend an American Christmas in homes of fellow students. Chairat Sontharatu, Bangkok; Sukontha Sriphothorn, Thomburi; Maitree Sunthornaratul, Bangkok; and Niramol Thanomkulbutr, Nakornratsima, have no relatives in the States, but have made many friends among students and earned the admiration of college officials, according to Harris.

Antonio Martinez, who will spend Christmas with his family in Hampton, is "starting from scratch with his formal education," Harris said, although he was a practicing attorney in Cuba. Harris explained the young lawyer found his Cuban education inadequate for law practice in this country.

Faculty member Peter Wong of Hong Kong obviously will not be at his family home for Christmas but plans to spend the holidays in Murfreesboro and visiting friends in nearby cities.

W. C. Lassiter Will Probated

JACKSON — The will of W. C. Lassiter of Potocasi who died November 28 was probated in the county court clerk's office December 6.

His daughters, Sarah Frances Timberlake and Helen Rebecca Copeland were named executrices. Witnesses were James Brittle, C. G. Parker, Jr., and Alfred S. Joyner.

The will, written September 1, 1962, bequeathed all property to the deceased's wife, Mrs. Fannie Grant Lassiter with the stipulation that the two daughters inherit the estate at her death.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM COURTHOUSE — The Northampton County Courthouse says Merry Christmas to the people in large red letters above the railing on the second floor porch, flanked by large green wreaths with red bows adorning the heavy wooden doors leading into the court room. Attracting many out-of-county visitors with its architecture, the building's beauty is enhanced during the Christmas season by the traditional decorations.

Savings Co. To Be C of C Project

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Santa In M'boro December 18

MURFREESBORO — Santa Claus will be in "Santa's Village" Saturday, December 18, from 2 to 4 p. m. He will talk to all the children and give them goodies. Santa will be there again Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, from 2 to 4 p. m.

The directors decided on this project at their December meeting according to W. W. Edwards, Jr.

Two County Women Tricked Of \$731

SEABOARD — A woman, described by two of her victims as a "gypsy" was wrangled \$731 from two Northampton County women through trickery. Both local women told Sheriff Outland their money was missing after a stranger visited their homes under pretense of being sent to bless "all cash in the house."

The most recent victim of the "praying and blessing" chicanery was Mrs. Ophelia Newsome, 72-year-old Negro woman of Rt. 1, Seaboard, who lost \$48 on December 9 when she admitted the stranger to her home. Mrs. Newsome told Sheriff Frank Outland the "gypsy" woman performed some type of ritual and before leaving the house told her not to look at the money until the next day. There was no money the next day and Mrs. Newsome realized she had been tricked.

The first such incident was reported by Mrs. Alice Hardy, also of Seaboard, who told Sheriff Outland \$683 in cash was missing from her cloth money bag after a woman stranger blessed it on December 2. According to Mrs. Hardy, the stranger told her to go into another room and repeat the Lord's Prayer while she blessed the money. When Mrs. Hardy returned to the room where the cash, she was told not to look into the money bag until the next day. When the bag was opened, there was no money — only scrap paper stuffed inside to replace the cash.

If other county residents have been victimized by the "money blessing," no report has been made to local law enforcement officers.