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Talon, Inc. Expands At Woodland

WOODLAND — Talon, Inc., is in the midst of an expansion at their zipper plant here. Plans call for a 15,200 square foot material warehouse that will free existing warehouse space for manufacturing operations.

It is the plant's second expansion since locating in Woodland in 1953. The present warehouse was constructed in 1957 to provide more warehouse and storage space, thereby increasing floor space for manufacturing operations.

The warehouse now under construction is approximately the same size as the present warehouse and is located at the rear of the plant. Increasing demands for zippers and need for better service to customers have brought about the expansion program, according to Manager T. P. Boyd.

Air conditioning of all manufacturing space is included in expansion plans.

Talon's plant at Woodland employs 165 people. The current expansion is not expected to increase this number, Boyd explained, because of automation of operation. An automatic production line was installed at the zipper plant during 1957 and 1958, increasing production without increasing personnel.

General contractor for the job is D. J. Tinkham, Ashokle, and construction is scheduled for completion early in April.

24 Persons Sought By Local Board

JACKSON — Twenty-four men are being sought by the county Local Board No. 67, Selective Service System, according to James W. Boone, board chairman.

The men have been declared delinquent by the Local Board, and as delinquents, are subject to immediate induction if their delinquency is not cleared immediately, Boone said.

"Therefore," Boone says, "the board urges each of you to contact his local board either in writing or in person immediately in an effort to remove his name from the delinquent list."

Anyone knowing the address of anyone on the delinquent list is requested to contact the Local Board office in Jackson.

The delinquents sought are: Percell Martin, Bronx, N. Y.; John Wilson Worrell, East Orange, N. J.; Willie Lee Roberts, Seaboard; Clarence McDaniel Rogers, Pennington; Willie Smith, Newark, N. J.; Eddie Wellford Jones, Pawling, N. Y.; James William Kee, Staten Island, N. Y.; William McKenry Price, Baltimore, Md.; John Washington Thompson, Jr., Jackson; Lesley Vincent, Garysburg; Russell Henry Delatch, Bronx, N. Y.; Joseph Edward Dickens Faison, Montclair, N. J.; Simon Edwards, Jr., Conway; Henry Throver, Henrico; Ernest Lee Goodwin, Newark, N. J.; James Earle Smith, Garysburg; Earl Lawrence Blunt, Pennington; Robert Alphonso Lundy, Jr., New York, N. Y.; Roger Lee Lockett, Bronx, N. Y.; Robert Lee Daniels, Garysburg; Wilbert Lee Goode, Jackson; John Henry Pelham, Rich Square; Lamont George Epps, Baltimore; George Wilson White, Jr., Washington, D. C.

Enroll Friday

Under Medicare

RICH SQUARE — Tomorrow (Friday) representatives from the social security office in Rocky Mount will be in Rich Square to assist area citizens, age 65 or over, to enroll in the medicare program.

Representatives will be at the Charles E. Myers Community Building from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pastor's Group To Meet Tuesday

MILWAUKEE — The Northampton Pastor's Association will meet Tuesday, January 25 at Bethany Methodist Church here beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. James E. Sutton, secretary, invites all ministers in the county and all members of the association to attend.

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Cold... Clear



EXPANSION BEGINS at Talon, Inc., Woodland, with clearing of land at rear of the present plant for addition of a new raw material warehouse. Construction markers at the edge of the woods show the size of the zipper plant's second expansion since opening here in 1953. Upon completion, the new construction will free existing warehouse space for manufacturing operations.

C Of C Has Minor Problems But Major Plans For 1966

JACKSON — The Northampton County Chamber of Commerce is having growing pains due to a membership lag and little response to the 4,805 letters mailed to all county box holders in December.

But in spite of these problems, the Chamber is moving ahead with plans for the new year. Home financing source, countywide telephone dialing system, and a Northampton County pageant — preliminary to the "Miss America" Pageant — are three major projects now under consideration.

Local banks will be contacted, according to chamber secretary Mrs. Marlene Howard, to determine if those institutions will provide long term loans for home financing for families that would

move into the county with any new industry locating here. If the banks find terms for such loans too long for their approval, the chamber feels, according to its officers, that this resource is a must before industry hunting begins.

Countywide telephone dialing has support of many county people, but no concerted effort has been made by a large majority of residents to have such a system installed. The chamber is expected to survey the county during the year to determine support

for a request to the telephone company.

At the January 12 meeting of the Chamber, the possibility of C of C sponsoring a Northampton County pageant was discussed by the directors. Mrs. Howard said this week the group hopes to have plans laid for a pageant this spring. Until now, Northampton County girls have entered the "Miss Roanoke Rapids Pageant."

Last year the county had a winner in Sylvia Moore of Seaboard who represented the Roanoke Rapids area at the state pageant, Membership Drive.

EDA Program Plans Will Be Explained At Windsor

WINDSOR — Representatives from 11 eastern counties have been invited to Windsor for one of a series of meetings this month for the purpose of explaining the programs of the Economic Development Administration.

Charles S. Edwards, EDA North Carolina coordinator, said county and town officials, representatives of planning and industrial development groups, bankers and others interested are urged to attend.

Counties invited to the Bertie County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, are Bertie, Bertie, Gates, Currituck, Halifax, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Warren, Northampton and Vance.

Twenty-six North Carolina counties and the Cherokee Reservation are eligible for EDA

funds. Among those participating in the explanatory meetings will be John R. Hampton, coordinator of the State Planning Task Force designated by Governor Moore to represent the state in matters involving the Economic Development Administration, and Mr. Edwards of the Raleigh EDA office.

The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 was signed August 26 and is designed to help communities, areas and regions in the United States which are suffering from excessive unemployment or underemployment by providing financial and technical assistance needed for the creation of new jobs.

All eligible areas must have approved over-all economic de-

velopment programs and all loans and grants must be consistent with approved over-all economic development programs.

Under terms of the act generally an area is a redevelopment area if it has suffered from substantial and persistent unemployment for an extended period of time or if the median family income of the area is less than 40 per cent of the national median or if major unemployment has resulted or threatens to result from the closing of a major source of employment.

Of particular interest to towns and counties will be the provisions of Title II of the act for direct grants of up to 90 per cent for projects such as waterworks and lines, sanitation facilities, access roads for industrial areas, public tourism facilities and vocational schools, airports or flood control projects for which there is a serious need but for which other Federal financing is not available.

Assault Charges Net Sentences For Two

JACKSON — Two men were handed sentences in last week's session of Recorder's Court on assault charges.

Judge Ballard S. Gay sentenced Robert Hardy, 22, of Weldon to a 18 month active sentence, to run concurrently, after finding Hardy guilty as charged with assault on a Seaboard woman and her one-year-old son.

Lonnie Days of Conway was handed an 18 month road sentence. He was charged with assault on his wife.

Hardy was charged with assaulting Hattie Louise Kee and her son in the Kee home near Seaboard on January 7.

The Kee woman was treated for injuries and released from the Roanoke Rapids Hospital; however, the child was admitted with a broken arm, bruises about the body and other injuries.

Other cases disposed in the court session by Judge Gay and Solicitor J. Buxton Weaver were:

Kenny Lee, Garysburg, drunk and disorderly, not guilty.

William L. Majette, 26, Route 1, Conway, (1) speeding 100 mph in a 35 zone, (2) unlawful speed competition with another vehicle. In the first case, Majette was given 60 days on the roads, \$50 and costs; on the second, 60 days sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

John Elwood Clark, 59, Rich Square, speeding 70 mph in 55 zone, prayer for judgment costs.

James Herbert Wade, 45, Route 2, Conway, driving under influence, warrant amended to charge public drunkenness, not guilty of driving drunk, costs.

Roland Scott, Garysburg, non-support, not guilty.

Clarence H. Spence, 43, Gaston, assault on female, six months on roads suspended upon payment of costs.

Odell Jacobs, 54, Rich Square, driving under influence; warrant amended to charge reckless driving, not guilty of driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

Meryl Vincent, 31, Star Route, Roanoke Rapids, (1) possession of equipment for manufacture of non-taxpaid whiskey, (2) manufacture for non-taxpaid for purpose of sale, Vincent was given a six months sentence in the first case, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs; in the second case, six months suspended upon payment of costs.

Wilson Alton Edwards, 16, Severn, attempt to obtain an operator's license through fraud, costs.

Calvin Gray, 19, Route 1, Rich Square, in prearranged speed competition with another motor vehicle; warrant amended to charge racing, but not prearranged, six months on road suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

J. L. Edwards, Jackson, driving under influence, warrant amended to charge reckless driving, not guilty of driving drunk, \$100 and costs.

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Northampton School Transfers Ordered By Justice Department

JACKSON — About 120 Negro students in Northampton County public schools are expected to be transferred to predominantly white schools this week, according to Superintendent of Schools Roy Lowry.

The transfers were ordered by the U. S. Department of Justice after, "apparently," that agency received complaints that Northampton students were not given freedom of choice in school assignments for the 1965-66 term, Freedom of choice forms, Lowry said, were mailed to parents of the 120 Negro students

Saturday. By Thursday morning 14 had been transferred from Squire Elementary School at Gaston, Gumbury High School and Willis Hare Union School to Gaston School, Northampton County High and Conway Elementary.

Last April 18 school preference forms were distributed to all students with a request for transfer form attached to be filled out by those not satisfied with schools to which they were assigned by the Board of Education, Lowry said. "The Board members were under the impression they were responsible for pupil assignments and administration of the county school system, and when registration time

near the board made assignments so schools could open for the term." All students requesting transfer from the school to which they were assigned to another school, the superintendent said, were transferred. He explained Thursday morning that the 120 who received new freedom of choice forms this week did not request transfer on the forms distributed last spring.

In giving the reason for the current transfers, Lowry said, "No complaints have been filed with the County Board of Education, but apparently some were registered directly with the Justice Department."

All transfers are expected to be made this week, according to Lowry, as the new semester opened Thursday. In reporting 14 transfers early Thursday morning, Lowry added, "This number may not be the same 15 minutes from now because freedom of choice forms requesting transfer are being brought into the office every few minutes and received through each mail."

No major changes in school bus assignments or routes are expected to result from the transfers, Lowry said. "Although one or two students may require reassignment for more convenient transportation."

Redistricting Recapitulation: 10 N. E. Counties Hardest Hit

By SID STAPLETON, Jr.

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RALEIGH — The northeastern North Carolina counties, hardest hit of any section of the State in Congressional redistricting and reapportionment of the House of Representatives, found they were hurt badly by the shifts accomplished last week in the General Assembly, but not as badly as some of them had feared.

In effect, the representation of these counties, stretching from Northampton, Bertie and Hertford on the west, to Camden and Currituck on the east, found their representation in the Senate cut in half.

Before the legislature met last week in Raleigh, Northampton, Hertford and Bertie each had one representative in the House. As of last Thursday, however, they are all three in a House district that elects two men to represent all three of the counties.

In the Senate, Bertie and Hertford, the three counties shared one Senator, J. J. (Monty) Harrington of Bertie. Now, the representation of the three counties is shared with seven other counties in a two-senator district.

The three counties, formerly known as the Third Senatorial District, have now been put into what was the First District of Sen. J. Emmett Winslow — with Washington County thrown in for good measure.

Harrington and Winslow hated to be thrown into the same district together, since they will face each other come election time. But there was little way out of the mix since the court laid down its population requirements.

His new duties will necessitate a move back to his home in Kings Mountain. Winslow is in charge of the prison units of Gaston, Mecklenburg, Lincoln and Catawba counties.

Maj. Fred Ross, 46, of Lincoln County, a veteran prison officer, has accepted the position of Odom superintendent. Logan said Monday. Ross, who has been supervisor of Division 8 of the State Prison Department, took over his new duties last Wednesday.

Maj. Logan said upon the prospect of moving back to his native county, "I have really enjoyed my five and one-half years here in the east."

"We have made some wonderful friends here and have enjoyed the hunting and fishing of the area, too," Logan continued.

The major said he had already accepted duties and responsibilities at his new post and was traveling back here for the weekend, until he could move his family. "We expect to move some time around the first of February," he said.

Maj. Logan came to Northampton County while the Odom prison was still under construction and opened the doors to the first inmate after it was completed. He is a veteran prison officer, having served in various other police jobs before entering service with the State Prison Department.

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try in the last five years, there are now some 790 local residents in government jobs, it is estimated.

This represents an increase over the 740 reported in 1960, when a Commerce Department survey listed the number of public employees locally at 676.

As for government payrolls, they have been rising much faster than employment. Since 1960, the county's payrolls have jumped about 50 per cent nationally. The increase in personnel and the increase in wages accounted for it.

The new figures reflect the expansion that has been taking place in recent years in the services provided by public agencies. A substantial part of it has been in the fields of education, welfare, urban renewal, medical care and pensions.

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One Out Of Ten Northampton Residents In Government Jobs

WASHINGTON, D. C. — How many Northampton County residents are holding down government jobs at the present time? How does the number compare, in proportion to population, with the number so employed in other areas?

According to latest figures there are relatively fewer local people in public jobs — Federal, state and local — than there are

in most parts of the United States.

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Remco Pays County, Town Taxes

RICH SQUARE — Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation has paid over \$900 in county and town taxes for the year 1965, the first tax payments ever made by the corporation.

Vernon E. Taylor, manager, presented the checks to Melvin Holmes, county manager and to Mrs. Joyce C. Clark, Rich Square town clerk, in payment of ad valorem taxes on property of Roanoke Electric.

The county's check was in the amount of \$547.96. The Town of Rich Square received \$391.40. The General Assembly at its last regular session passed an act which made electric cooperatives subject to the same taxes as commercial power companies.

Also this act established territorial protection for electric power suppliers. When the protection clause of the act is put into effect by the Utilities Commission, electric cooperatives will be assured of being able to reap the benefit of future electric load growth in an area where they extended the original electric service.

"Needless duplication of electric lines will be avoided and, in the long run, this will mean a savings to both the member-owners of electric cooperatives and the customers of the power companies because electric service rates are based on the amount of money invested in the building of the total electric system," Taylor said.

Roanoke Electric, with headquarters in Rich Square, serves Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Gates, Halifax, Perquimans and Chowan Counties.



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to the county by the Corp. Recent legislature made electric cooperatives subject to the same taxes as commercial power companies. A tax payment was also made to the Town of Rich Square, where the Corp. maintains headquarters.