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Northampton County Commissioners Find Everybody Wants The Whiskey Money

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JACKSON—On Monday, March 7, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners found out that nearly everybody in the county has some plan to help spend the profits (not yet received) from the new county ABC system. Five different plans were proposed or mentioned at its regular monthly meeting at the courthouse which lasted from ten in the morning until five in the afternoon. At the end they might well have wondered how one little program can possibly support all of the programs that must come under "non-tax funds" since no one will vote yes in the county referendums and yet no organization cares to forgo their own pet plans.

In February, Chairman of the Northampton ABC Board Bartlett Burgwyn had reported that the first quarter of operation had produced a net profit of \$13,000 and that the commissioners could anticipate a profit of \$30,000 to \$50,000 after the proper deductions for de-

preciation and enforcement had been made. Burgwyn had also indicated to the board that he would be inclined to sit on the profits (which he can do up to the legal amount of working capital needed for operation) until he was assured that they would not be used for purposes that he felt had not been approved by the electorate. This decision on how to spend the profits does not happen to be a function delegated to the ABC board but is supposed to be the prerogative of the commissioners.

Even though a library tax and a tax to support airport development were defeated at the polls, more and more plans for the use of the expected profits are being dumped in the commissioners' budget hopper at their meetings leading up to their 1966-67 budget sessions in June.

The story of some of these requests are covered in separate stories below.

Hospital Committee Has First Report

JACKSON—Dr. Raleigh Parker, chairman of the Northampton County Hospital study group, reported to the county commissioners that they had held their first meeting on February 24 and that they had made some preliminary plans to survey needed programs for improving health services in the county. He said Dr. C. B. Robertson had suggested that the group consider a 30 bed diagnostic clinic where patients could be kept under observation for several days without the need to go to local hospitals.

Dr. John Stanley suggested that there might be a need for a convalescent home where patients could get care after leaving the hospital. This facility would need physiotherapy, speech therapy and rehabilitation services if it were to be undertaken according to Stanley.

The group decided to ask William F. Henderson, executive secretary of the North Carolina

Medical Care Commission, to meet with them in March to see what programs could be matched to state and federal programs.

Two committees were appointed to work with hospitals serving the county to assure them that the county was interested in cooperating with them and to see what they could contribute to the improvement of health programs and facilities in Northampton County.

Dr. Joe Garland, Dr. John Stanley and Garland named were named to the committee that would work with the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie.

Dr. C. B. Robertson, Mrs. Joe Magese and Mrs. W. W. Grant were named to the committee that will work with the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

No funds now exist for health facilities unless approved by a referendum or appropriated from "non-tax revenues."

Industrial Committee Wanted

JACKSON—President Charles E. Myers of the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce asked the board of county commissioners to make provisions in its 1966 - 67 budget for the inclusion of an industrial development engineer so that the program could be started by June, Myers said "before you get all of your liquor store profits committed, you should keep this program in the back of your mind." He granted that there was no other source of funds available to the board for this purpose unless a referendum were passed to allow a special tax for the purpose.

His rough estimate of the cost of such a program was in excess of \$25,000 a year in order to hire a competent man with experience.

He asked the board to appoint a study committee then and there.

Library Board Wants New Building Plans

JACKSON—J. Buxton Weaver, chairman of the Northampton County Public Library Commission, asked the commissioners to authorize the library board to employ an architect to design an addition to the present ancient library building in Jackson.

Weaver pointed out his group didn't want the proposed new structure to be a part of the present building, but erected within a few feet. He said it was his commission's desire to preserve the architecture of the old building built in the 1700's as a clerk of court's office.

The commissioners agreed to include costs of the architect's work in the 1966-67 budget.

Mrs. Nancy Froelich told the board that they had met on February 23 and decided that any building plan should be in keeping with the historic value of the old library and consistent with the architecture of the courthouse square. She said, "We don't want a modern building made like

the welfare department."

The commissioners pointed out to Weaver that the county referendum had rejected a special library tax and the "non-tax funds" were the only source that was available to the board for such purposes.

Weaver told the board that, although the high school was building a library, they did not have the necessary reference books and the demands upon the county library were increasing. Another problem was that the library did not even have a reading room where students could use reference books and put them back in file for other students. Usually they went to the student home and that this limited the number of times that a book could be put to use.

Weaver also told the board that the bookmobile would need replacing this year.

Other members of the library board are Mrs. Roy Griffin, P. E. Glendon, Mrs. Mildred Thompson and Dr. Joe Fleetwood.

Commissioners Decide To Separate Manager And Tax Supervisor Jobs

JACKSON—After many years of discussing it and several years of waiting, the board of commis-

sioners has decided to separate the duties of the tax supervisor and the county manager.

The board approved the change at its Monday meeting after the subject was reopened by Chairman J. Guy Revell. Legislation was passed several years ago in the state legislature, but the step was never taken because the commissioners decided to finish the county tax revision before acting.

Melvin Holmes will continue as county manager and auditor. Tax collector, Turner Bradley, will become the tax supervisor. Some appointment of the existing staff will be necessary after the change becomes effective on July 1.

Salaries for the two offices will be adjusted at that time.

Revell pointed out the duties of Melvin Holmes as county manager, county auditor and county tax supervisor had not lessened over the years.

Revell said following the session it has been necessary for Holmes to pay less attention to

the auditor's job because of the combination of duties.

In other actions the board

agreed to place \$100,000 in debt service money into three month certificates, heard a report from

County Manager Melvin Holmes that the state was in the process (See Commissioners, Page 10)

Chamber Backs Dredging

JACKSON—L. F. Rochelle addressed the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce last night stressing the need for dredging of the Roanoke River.

After being impressed by Rochelle's point of view and ideology, the chamber adopted a resolution to write Congressman L. H. Fountain and Walter Jones and Senator B. Everett Jordan stating that the Chamber would support the dredging and asking the representatives for their help.

They are asking that the river be dredged from Williamston to Gaston, at least, and on to Gaston and Roanoke Rapids if feasible.

It is thought by the Chamber that dredging of the river will create a boon in industry and business in Northampton County.

The Chamber also voted to ask the support of the county and all town managers in seeing that the river is dredged.

In other action taken by the group, Sam Motzno of Woodland was named executive chairman for the selection of a nine-member industrial committee.

The County Board of Commissioners had earlier asked the Chamber to organize such a committee for the purpose of hiring an industrial engineer to aid the county in drawing industry to the area.

It was noted by the Chamber officials that Dr. Raleigh Parker would be sought for speaker at the next meeting of the county hospital committee.

The Chamber announced that Easter Egg hunts would be sponsored by the organization at every school in the county on April 7. Eggs will be furnished by the Chamber but PTA groups at the individual schools will be solicited to aid in conducting the hunts. All members were urged to seek new members before the next meeting on April 13.

Water Survey Needs \$500

JACKSON—Marvin Coleman of the Farmers Home Administration returned to the county commissioners meeting on Tuesday and told them that the comprehensive water survey they had approved last month would have to be remade on a new form and that the administration had suggested that the county ought to pay a portion of the \$12,500 that it costs as a sign of their interest.

He had contacted a consulting firm for the estimate and had found out that almost all of the counties in North Carolina were applying and that, in view of limited funds, those counties that showed the most interest would be processed first.

Coleman said the funds would not be needed until a contract was let. The commissioners took one more look into the ever popular "non-tax revenues" and decided that their interest could be expressed by \$500.

Five county towns have expressed an interest in filing for loans and grants under the new FHA water program. Those towns are Peterson, Milwaukie, Jackson, Pendleton and Rich Square. They cannot qualify for grants unless the county has a plan,

Seaboard Man Gets 4-Years For Assault Against Sykes

JACKSON—A 25-year-old Seaboard man was sentenced to a total of four years on charges of assault with intent to kill and resisting arrest, in Northampton County Recorder's Court yesterday.

Judge Ballard S. Gay handed the two two-year terms and ordered that they run concurrent after hearing charges against Plumber Hendrix, Jr.

According to testimony of Northampton County Deputy Sheriff Bill Sykes, Hendrix shot at him (Sykes) twice after the deputy had answered a disturbance charge at the home of Hendrix's father.

Sykes told the court that when he went to the door of the Hendrix house with a warrant sworn out by the young man's father that the defendant ran out the back door after he (Sykes) had

knocked and announced his identity as an officer of the law and the fact that he had a warrant. Sykes said he then stepped around the side of the house in search of Hendrix.

"As I stepped around the corner he (Hendrix) fired a shot and the blast threw dirt all over my legs," exhorted Sykes.

Sykes said I then "told him to come out, that I didn't want to have to kill him and again told him I was a deputy sheriff."

In response, Sykes said that Hendrix answered, "I don't give a damn who you are, if you come back here I'll kill you."

According to Sykes he had told a special deputy, who rides with him on occasions, to call for help.

Before the help arrived Sykes testified that Hendrix called out that he would come out "if you

don't kill me."

Sykes said that he convinced the man that he would not kill or harm him if he came out and ordered that he put his (Hendrix's) hands over his head and come out.

In taking the stand in his defense, Hendrix offered no reasoning for his actions other than that he was drinking and then asked the court, in an accusing manner, "why he (Sykes) had beaten him with a black jack."

In response to the charge that he had beaten Hendrix, Sykes said that he did not hit the man and that he "had not hit a man with his black jack since joining the sheriff's department."

Several officers, who saw Hendrix and Sykes a short time after the arrest, testified that there were no visible marks on Hendrix and that he (Hendrix) said

nothing then of having been beaten.

In another assault case heard by Judge Gay, an inmate serving a total sentence of 15 years at Odom Prison, had 30 days of additional time attached to his existing sentence for assault and battery on an inmate.

George Allen White, Odom Prison 500, received the sentence after Judge Gay ruled that evidence presented by prison guard, Charles Slade, did not warrant the initial charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Other cases heard by Judge Gay included:

Millard Newsome, 32, Jackson, driving a vehicle without liability insurance, guilty, prayer for judgment continued.

Harold Baker, Potocals, disposing of one Chevrolet, same being mortgaged, capias issued when defendant failed to appear in court.

Presley Barnes, Roanoke Rapids, nonsupport, not guilty.

Millard Newsome, Jackson, nonsupport, not guilty.

Robert Martin Hutzler, 42, Raleigh, speeding 60 mph in 50 mph zone, prayer for judgment upon payment of court cost.

Edwin Carter Butler, 18, Pleasant Hill, speeding 80 mph in 60 mph, reduced to 75, cost of court.

William W. Weismiller, 43, Goldsboro, speeding too fast for conditions, guilty, \$10 and cost of court.

John Banks, 27, Garysburg, drunk and disorderly, guilty, six months suspended upon condition he stay on good behavior, move from home of Jenkins Banks and stay gainfully employed and pay court cost.

David Lee Phillips, 34, Jackson, driving without due caution under circumstances, guilty, 60 days suspended upon payment of \$25 and court cost.

Political Round-Up



EMMETT BURDEN

E. FRANK OUTLAND

GEORGE M. WOOD

Burden In House Contest

AULANDER—Emmett Burden of Aulander, late Thursday, tossed his hat into the ring for one of the two Sixth District Representatives from Bertie, Hertford and Northampton Counties.

The 42-year-old Bertie County man is ending his second term in the North Carolina Legislature.

(See BURDEN, Page 5)

Outland Seeking 5th Term

CONWAY—Two county law enforcement officers have filed for re-election, according to Russell Johnson, Jr., Northampton County Board of Elections chairman.

E. Frank Outland filed Monday for another term as sheriff and H. L. Martin has officially entered his bid for re-election as constable of Gaston Township. This far neither man has opposition in the race for their jobs. Outland has been sheriff and

(See OUTLAND, Page 5)

Rep. Wood Senate Candidate

CAMDEN—Camden Representative George M. Wood announced Wednesday that he will seek election as senator from the First Senatorial District in the May 28 Democratic primary.

Wood became the second candidate to announce plans to seek one of the two seats to be filled in the State Senate by the 10-county 1st District. Sen. J. J. "Monk" Harrington, incumbent from Bertie, announced similar plans March 2.

(See WOOD, Page 8)

Jones Files For Seat In Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Walter B. Jones announced Thursday that he had filed his filing fee and would seek re-election to the U. S. House of Representatives.

The first district congressman stated that his filing fee of \$300 was paid by his "supporters in Winterville and nearby area."

It was also announced yesterday that Jones would serve on the committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries. This is the same committee on which Jones' predecessor, the late Herbert C. Bonner, served as chairman.

66-67 Road Priorities Listed In Northampton

JACKSON—At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Highway Commission the following road programs were discussed on February 28.

Northampton County will get \$395,000 from the \$300,000 bond issue to be spent over a five year period as follows:

Twenty-five per cent will be held in reserve for draining and stabilizing narrow one-way roads. This leaves \$296,325 for construction of new roads.

One hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars to be spent during the year 1966-67 on the Oconeechee Neck Road, the Penner Church Road and the Nebo Church Road.

The sum of \$109,325 to be held for future road development.

The county will get \$34,713 for Secondary Road Improvements.

For the year 1966-67, \$50,000 transferred from roads now being improved, less \$4,800 for audit purposes and \$10,515.79 for maintenance.

This will leave a net of \$139,846.84 on hand for year 1966-67.

The following roads were recommended by the highway commission for improvements, as shown on county highway map:

- #5, Gravel Pit Road, \$16,900.
 - #6, Jordan Mill Road, \$39,850.
 - #8, Pleasant Hill Road (Coker), \$24,150.
 - #9, Ferguson Road (P. Hill), \$5,250.
 - #11, Severn High Bridge Road, \$32,500.
 - #12, Garysburg School Road, \$3,000.
 - #13, Road Number 1301, \$39,000.
- (See ROAD, Page 5)

Bloodmobile Sets Visit To Conway

CONWAY—A new plan to encourage more interest, cooperation and donors for the county's Bloodmobile program will be used here for the Tidewater Regional Red Cross Blood Center's visit on Tuesday, March 15.

The Rev. Randolph Phillips of Fayetteville, a member of the blood program's executive committee, has stated that all churches with in the former Conway school district will support and participate in the visit, along with civic groups and organizations and the faculties and students of both Willis Hare High School and Northampton County High School.

Members of the Conway Fire Department, its auxiliary and the Conway Woman's Club will be supporting this visit in the same outstanding way in which they have in the past, making it possible to meet the quota on every visit here," the Rev. Mr. Phillips said.

Churches and communities which have assumed specific tasks and responsibilities are: Creeksville, canten; Ashley's Grove, publicity and bottles; Severn, registration; Conway Methodist, reception and transportation coordination; Roberts Chapel, publicity. Other churches and groups will be assisting with special service duties before and during the visit.

"All groups and organizations will be securing donors for the visit," the Rev. Mr. Phillips stated.

"With soliciting the help of various church groups within the area, we feel that we are encouraging more participation. This is a new concept of support and participation. It is a pilot project, which if successful, will be developed over the county," he said, "Maybe this is the key we

need to get the entire county to participate."

Headquarters for next Tuesday's visit will be the Conway gymnasium. Hours will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Persons in need of transportation to the gymnasium are requested to telephone Conway, 585-3081 on or before the day of the visit.

W'land Board Passes ABC Ordinance

WOODLAND—An ordinance prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages within the town limits of Woodland included.

The ordinance reads as follows:

Section 1. No alcoholic beverages will be sold within the confines or limits of the Town of Woodland after 12:01 a.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Monday, and sale may not be resumed until 6 a.m. Monday, existing time.

Section 2. This ordinance does not supercede nor contradict but is in accordance with existing ordinances of the County of Northampton and the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Other matters discussed by the Commissioners and Mayor John Outland included:

* Littlefield reported pipe not installed in parking lot ditch because of weather conditions.

* Residents to be asked to use (See ORDINANCE, Page 5)