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Potecasi Man Gets 6-Months

JACKSON — A young Potecasi man faces a six-month jail term unless he comes up with \$120 to pay off a mortgage held by Brinkley Motor Co on an automobile the man has since sold.

Judge Ballard S. Gay handed down the sentence to Harold R. Baker in Northampton County Recorder's Court after hearing testimony alleging that Baker sold the vehicle in question to Clarence Futrell, knowing that the vehicle was under loan.

Perry Martin, attorney for Futrell told the judge that he had "no patience with a man that would knowingly take advantage of an elderly man."

Martin also stated that the case had been continued twice to give Baker a chance to pay off the \$120 and he (Baker) had not paid it.

In answer to Martin's statements, Judge Gay offered the opinion that it would not do Futrell any good to send him (Baker) on the road.

Martin then suggested that the judge issue a suspended sentence and that he be made to pay off the mortgage or serve the term.

The judge obliged. Another six-months sentence was handed down by the judge in a family squabble case.

Julius Peters, Gaston, was given the suspended sentence after his wife testified that he (Peters) attempted to choke her and then threatened her with a knife.

The sentence was suspended for 12 months on the assault charge with the understanding that Peters was to remain on good behavior and not molest his wife.

In other cases heard in the county courtroom Judge Gay handed down the following verdicts:

John Wayne Conner, 26, Ahoskie, driving under the influence of alcohol. The charge was reduced to reckless driving and Conner received a fine of \$50 and cost of court.

Wallace Douglas Whitley, 23, of Conway, speeding 70 in 60 mph zone; guilty, \$10 and court cost.

Lewis E. Mizell, 42, of Ahoskie, speeding 80 in 60 mph zone; reduced to speeding 75 in 60 mph zone, \$15 and court cost.

Danny W. Lowe, 19, of Roanoke Rapids, speeding 80 in a 60 mph zone; guilty, \$20 and court cost.

Many cases scheduled for yesterday's session of court were continued until later terms of court.

158 Surveys Ok'ed For Bond Money

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — Two Roanoke-Chowan projects were approved by the State Highway Commission here last week with funds to come from the primary roads portion of the \$300 million road bond issue approved last November.

Both projects approved are for portions of U.S. 158. Each is to make plans and do preliminary surveys for widening the highway from its present 20 feet to 24 feet.

U.S. 158 is one of the primary highways in the area planned to receive considerable improvements without any question. But in county elections the situation is more complicated.

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Priority #4 — Gumberry Street, cost \$1,600.

Priority #5 — Gravel Pit Road, cost \$18,900.

Priority #6 — Jordan Mill Road, cost \$38,850.

Priority #7 — Pleasant Hill Road (Coker), cost, \$25,150.

Priority #8 — Ferguson Road, (Pleasant Hill), cost \$5,250.



NEW POST OFFICE—Construction of the new post office at Severn is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for occupation by the target date of May 1. Equipment, which has not yet arrived but is expected to be received any day, is about the only thing the new postal service center lacks. The modern structure will add much to the beauty and modernization of Severn.

District Rules Do Allow For 'Single-Shot' Voting

By JOE M. PARKER
CHAPEL HILL — Questions about how a run-off election can be held, how a majority is determined, whether single shot voting is allowed and related problems to electing General Assembly members from the newly reapportioned districts were answered here this week.

The question upper-most in most politically oriented minds of late has been: can there be a run-off election for House of Representatives now that there are five candidates for two offices? The answer is yes.

Another question which has come up about the new district election is: can a voter "single shot" vote for less than the number of offices to be filled? In district elections, yes.

For purposes of determining who has a majority of the votes in a two-seat district election the total vote for all candidates is added then the total divided by four. Those candidates having more votes than the result of this dividing by four are considered to have a majority. A candidate can have a majority and still lose if two others have higher majority vote totals.

Henry W. Lewis, native of Jackson, assistant director of the Institute of Government, provided the answers in response to a request from "Your Home Newspaper." The request was relayed through 1st District Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston.

Lewis says single shot voting is allowable in district elections without any question. But in county elections the situation is more complicated.

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later) candidates, it is conceivable, but unlikely, that none would receive enough votes on May 28.

McKellar Present For Bill Signing

JACKSON — Angus A. McKellar witnessed the Presidential signing of the Cape Lookout National Seashore Bill by President Lyndon Johnson last week at the White House in Washington, D.C. McKellar is a member of the North Carolina Seashore Commission.

He was accompanied to Washington by Mrs. McKellar.

It is equally possible for two candidates to be elected or for there to have to be a run-off. Lewis says that a candidate must receive a majority of the votes determined by dividing the total vote for all candidates by four. Those candidates having more than this number of votes would be elected.

If more than two candidates are elected, the top four candidates can have a run-off, provided the third and/or fourth place candidates call for one.

Lewis' answers end the speculation over what the law is. (See DISTRICT, Page 4)

Library Funds Not Passed

JACKSON — County Manager Melvin C. Holmes contacted the Times-News and asked that a clarification of the story concerning the new plans for the library be issued.

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costs of an architect's study in the new budget. No mention of the cost of building was made in the story.

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Jernigan Seeking Re-Election

AHOSKIE — Ahoskie businessman Roberts Jernigan, Jr., Wednesday became the fourth candidate to announce candidacy for the two seats from the Roanoke-Chowan House district.

Jernigan, a meat and meat products wholesaler, has served two terms in the Legislature as representative of Hertford County. He is one of two incumbents running for the two seats from the three-county — Bertie, Northampton, Hertford — district.

Other candidates already announced are former State Senator Perry Martin of Rich Square, Bertie Rep. Emmett Burden of Aulander and Charles DeLoatch of Murfreesboro.

The three county district lost one in the House under the redistricting plan adopted in January, Northampton Rep. Raynor Woodard of Conway previously announced that he would not be a candidate this year.

In making the announcement of his candidacy Jernigan said: "The people of Hertford County have sent me to the General Assembly for two terms for which I am most grateful. During these two terms I have worked to the best of my ability not only for my county, but for the needs of the entire Roanoke-Chowan area. It is with this in mind that I now announce my candidacy for a seat in the House of Representatives from District 6.

"Feeling that I now have a reasonable amount of experience not only in the General Assembly but in making contacts with our many State agencies, I feel I am qualified to be of service to all the people of our three-county district. In the belief that this experience both in the House and in working with the officials of state government is vital to the quality of representation brought about by reapportionment I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for re-election."

Jernigan was closely associated with the mental health program in the State during the 1965 Legislature. He initiated a program to collect dolls for mental patients which brought praise from mental health officials.

As a result of the doll collection effort Jernigan was invited recently to attend the N. C. Mental Health Assn. convention as guest of the association.

Jernigan also worked with other Roanoke-Chowan representatives during the 1965 session in securing a special appropriation for peanut marketing research. (See JERNIGAN, Page 4)



ROBERTS JERNIGAN, JR.



REV. CREECY

69 Cases Scheduled For Superior Court

JACKSON — Sixty-nine cases are scheduled to be heard during the spring term of Northampton County Superior Court, according to information made public by Northampton Superior Court Clerk Miss Rebecca Long.

Judge Walter W. Cohoon will preside over the court which will convene March 28 for a two-week session.

The cases include 16 divorce suits, 35 criminal suits and 18 civil suits.

Divorce suits scheduled to be heard March 28 include:

Henry Moore, Jr., vs. Cecelia P. Moore; Perna Davis vs. Catherine Lee Davis; Lauretta B. Joyner vs. Barzella Joyner; Roger Daniel Rook vs. Alma Mizell Rook; Jean B. Blount vs. Tanna Blount vs. Elnora Blount; Jesse Garris vs. Mary Garris; Jesse Taylor vs. Elsie J. Taylor; Rachel B. Liverman vs. Roland J. Liverman; Pearl E. Whitaker vs. Claydon Whitaker.

Criminal cases to be heard March 29 include:

Charles Floyd Brown, manslaughter; James Alexander Garner, non-suit; Ulysses Carter (appeal), operating left of center line; Dewitt Wise King (appeal), falling to drive right half highway; Robert Maxe Smith (appeal), driving under influence; William M. Novella, assault deadly weapon; Clyde Lewis Doggett, (post conviction hearing); John Meredith Allen, Jr., (appeal), pre-arranged drag racing; Arthur McAbee, larceny; Jesse Edwards, driving under influence; Jessie Edwards, driving under influence; Ruben Bowser, driving under influence.

Civil suits scheduled for April 1 include:

Harold Peebles vs. Mason Howell; Continental Baking Co., Inc., vs. Howard R. Bloom; Mrs. Jessie B. Stewart vs. William Stafford Wheeler, et al.

Civil suits scheduled for April 4 include:

E. M. Outland vs. Shackelford Lumber Co., Inc.; Weaver Fertilizer Co., Inc., vs. Mrs. Hattie W. Hargrave; D. L. Boone vs. Walter Cox.

Civil suits scheduled for April 5 include:

Ann Davis Wright vs. H. S. Smith, et al.; Armour Agricultural Chemical Co., vs. Eugene Lassiter & Son.

Civil suits scheduled for April 6 include:

Raymond Davis vs. Eunice Whitaker; Jean Taylor Kiser, administratrix, vs. Administratrix, estate, Jimmy W. Rose.

Civil suits scheduled for April 7 include:

John G. Bowdell Chandler vs. Elizabeth Williams Broglin; Ulysses Carter vs. Lawrence Woodrow Flythe; Thelma T. Ruffin vs. Willie Lee Ruffin; Jean H. Alexander, admrx., vs. Nellie Joyner Brown.

Civil suits scheduled for April 8 include:

E. F. Craven Company vs. A. J. Warrack; Doyle L. Taylor, Jr., vs. James Ramsey and Rosa M. Belle.

Motion Docket — Harold Peebles vs. Collin Boone Burgess; Beulah M. Whitaker, admrx., vs. Mary Williams Whitaker, et al.

Rev. Creecy Announces Candidacy

RICH SQUARE — A Negro minister has become the fifth candidate for one of the two District 6 seats in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Rev. Melvin Creecy, who has churches in all three counties (Bertie, Northampton and Hertford), paid his filing fee Monday to get into the race with former State Senator Perry Martin of Rich Square, Charles S. DeLoatch of Murfreesboro and two county incumbents, Representative Emmett W. Burden of Aulander, Bertie County representative, and Representative Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., of Ahoskie, Hertford County representative, Northampton County Representative J. Raynor Woodard earlier announced that he would not seek the three-county seat.

The son of the late W. S. Creecy, who was for many years principal of the Northampton County school that now bears his name, Rev. Mr. Creecy resides at Rt. 1, Rich Square, in the Cumb area. He owns and operates three farms in the area with total cultivation amounting to 130 acres.

Pastor of Nebo and Zoar Baptist Churches in Northampton County, Indian Woods Baptist Church in Bertie County and New Bethany Baptist Church in Hertford, the Rev. Mr. Creecy has held pastorates in the churches for many years, at least one for 15 years.

He holds bachelor of arts and divinity degrees. He attended Shaw University and Shaw School of Religion at Raleigh, Anderson College and the Theological School in Boston and North Carolina College in Durham.

The Rev. Mr. Creecy ran unsuccessfully for the Northampton County seat in 1962.

He is married to the former Miss Clementine Savage of Roxobel in Bertie County. They have four children.

Last October in voter registration drives about 2,000 names of Negroes were added to Bertie registration books. About 1,100 were added in Northampton.

Jury List Set For Superior Court Session

JACKSON — The following list of jurors has been selected for the spring session of Northampton County Superior Court to convene for a two-week term March 28.

First Week
GASTON TOWNSHIP — Ronald Coker, Jr., Marvin L. Floyd, Cecil I. Garner, Robert T. High, James M. Moody, Samuel Norris and Charles Powell.

KIRBY TOWNSHIP — C. W. Briggers, Angus McK. Cameron, William Jeffries and Joe J. Vaughan.

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OCONEECHIE TOWNSHIP — J. A. Suller.

RICH SQUARE TOWNSHIP — J. P. Brown, Jr., Earl Gatrell, H. F. Griffith, J. Thomas Hill, C. M. Hoggard, Alvin P. Lane, L. E. Pope, Wilson Robbins, Cecil Smith, Irene Vaughan and John Paul Wheeler.

ROANOKE TOWNSHIP — Helen Britt, Ralph Bryant, Dock Collier and J. Russell Vaughan.

SEABOARD TOWNSHIP — William C. Conwell, Mabel Davis, Miss Elizabeth Harris, Willie Harris, W. E. Mumford, Lloyd S. Parker and William C. Cox.

WICACANEE TOWNSHIP — Jimmy G. Askew, W. H. Blowe, Henry G. Britton, Jr., D. C. Davis, John Thomas Edwards, Mildard Gay, Charlie Ernest Hasly, F. C. Hasty, Clifton D. Kirkland, T. A. Lanier, Grady S. Lassiter and Elliott Lee Ricks.

Second Week
GASTON TOWNSHIP — Ashley Sykes and Clifton Earl Thompson.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP — Robert Balmer and Willie Miles Peebles.

KIRBY TOWNSHIP — Hinton R. Bryant, Frank Coggins, Jack H. (See JURY, Page 4)

Speaking Out



BARMER ... Get Communist
JOYNER ... No One Knows
MRS. BARLES ... Get Worse
TAYLOR ... About Same

On U.S. Policy In Viet Nam

By BOB FRINK
Viet Nam in miles is better than 10,000 miles from Northampton County. However with many county sons serving in the war now being fought in Viet Nam the situation there is but a stones-throw from most county residents.

Just how do the people of Northampton County feel about the policy now being followed by the United States in their aid to South Viet Nam in the bloody battling.

A majority of those approached by "Your Home Newspaper" are in favor of the actions taken and being taken by President Johnson in the strangest of strange wars. Others are non-committal and insist that they "just don't know."

And there are those still who stand in defiance of the actions being taken by this country.

Joseph Joyner, a retired Navy man from Woodland, expressed the logical answer, "no one knows what he would do until he gets in the president's position." However, adds Joyner, "I still say we can't let them take over the world."

Echoing Joyner's feeling in the matter is Burcher Barmer, a Woodland farmer. Says Barmer, "I'll be dogged if I know, but I think we ought to get the Communists before they get us."

George housewife and clerk in a Rich Square furniture firm, Mrs. Albert Barles expresses concern over the loss of American lives in Viet Nam by saying it "seems like our boys are being killed off a little at the time" and she added, "it is going to

get worse before it gets better."

Mrs. Barles also stated that she felt "we have to stop communism other places before they get here."

Sam Taylor, a George grocer, gave deep thought to the question between waiting on customers and then said, "That's a good question" before offering his feelings. Said Taylor, "I expect I would do just about the same thing he (Johnson) is doing."

Continuing, Taylor commented, "You hear a lot of people say they would do this or that but they don't know what they would do until they get in the driver's seat."

In a final evaluation of the situation Taylor exhorted, "The next three or four months will tell whether Johnson is right or wrong."

Displaying definite feeling against Johnson's policy in Viet Nam, C. A. Bolton, a Rich Square farmer, said bluntly, "they ought to send Lyndon and family over there."

Another Rich Square farmer who offers opposition to Johnson's policy is A. L. Tyler. Said Tyler, "I am not in favor of what we are doing and think that it should be stopped."

While the war rages on and the Johnson Administration makes various policy moves Northamptonians maintain their views. Some express them willingly in favor, others in defiance, some admit they don't want to be quoted and others, like Tyler and Bolton, are behind their stands but don't like having their photo printed.

Road Projects Relisted

JACKSON — In last week's Times-News the list of priority projects for completion under secondary road funds was listed correctly by number but out of sequence. The list is returned with the projects in their number order.

This list will be used after the completion of the road projects for which road funds were allocated in 1965-66.

The Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting held Monday, March 7, passed the following resolution. Motion by David E. Gay, second by H. C. Guthrie to accept the recommendation of the State Highway Commission for Secondary Roads for the year 1966-67 as follows:

Priority #1 — Road 1300 Margaretsville — Turners Cross-

roads to road junction 305, cost \$44,100.

Priority #2 — Bruce Lassiter Road at Potecasi, cost \$2,100.

Priority #3 — Elam Church Street in Gumberry, cost \$2,100.