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New Criteria For Students Announced

JACKSON - James W. Boone, chairman of Local Board No. 67, Northampton County, has just received information concerning the Selective Service College Qualification Test.

Mr. Boone said the director of Selective Service, Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey, has announced that additional criteria will be provided for use by local boards in their determination as to the retention or reclassification of students in Class II-S.



JOSEPH E. MAJETT

Board Seat Is Sought By Majett

RICH SQUARE - A Rich Square Negro, Joseph E. Majett, 46, has filed with Northampton County Board of Elections Chairman Russell Johnson for a seat on the Northampton County Board of Commissioners.

Majett, the second of his race from Northampton to file for political office subject to the May primary, is a disabled veteran of World War II and is seeking his first political position. Majett is challenging for the seat now filled by John Henry Liverman, a Woodland grocer who is ending his first term of office as representative of the first district.

Nine Divorces Are Granted By Judge Walter W. Cohoon

JACKSON - An escaped convict from Fayetteville, who was arrested last September on various charges ranging from speeding to manslaughter, was given a seven-year sentence in Northampton County Superior Court Tuesday.

William M. Novella, 18, entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) to the charge of manslaughter and Judge Walter W. Cohoon handed down the seven year term and ruled not pros with leave in the string of other violations occurring during a high speed chase as he attempted to escape two North Carolina Highway Patrolmen in a stolen vehicle.

Other charges against the youth included speeding in excess of 100 miles per hour, reckless driving, failure to stop for red light and siren, assault with a deadly weapon (automobile) and various other less serious offenses.

Novella was arrested September 20 when the stolen vehicle he was operating struck a highway patrol car and overturned, killing a passenger in the vehicle.

After the sentence was handed down defense attorney, Julian Alsbrook, asked the judge to include in the sentence that the young man be allowed mental treatment while serving the sentence.

During testimony, Alsbrook had attempted to establish the fact that the dead sailor and not Novella was driving the auto at the time of the fatal accident.

Judge Cohoon ruled that evidence in no way disproved the charge that Novella was the driver.

In Monday's court divorce suits took up much of the day.

Divorces were granted the following: Willie J. Burgess from Hazel R. Harrgrave; Penns Blount from Elnora Blount; Jesse Garris from Mary Garris; Jesse Taylor from Elsie J. Taylor; Rachel B. Liverman from Roland J. Liverman.

Maddrey Debro from Cornell Hill Debro; McKinley Stephenson from Claiborne Stephenson;

Leroy Barber and Vinnie Debro Barber; and Patsy Lee Vester Balmer from George Lewis Balmer.

Also in Monday's court action a 20-year-old Margarettsville man, Earland Rose, charged with breaking and entering the Margarettsville Post Office last November, was given two years in jail after the court accepted a lesser plea.

Rose was sentenced by Judge Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City, presiding officer for the spring terms of court, to serve two years in jail, to be assigned to work under the direction of the State Prison Department.

Rose entered a guilty plea to non-felonious breaking and entering through his court-appointed attorney. The lawyer, however, made an effort to get the young man off on a suspended sentence.

Judge Cohoon disagreed, however, saying, "This is his third time up for the same type of offense. If he was a first offender, I would be inclined to go along with probation," the judge added.

Rose had been held in Northampton County Jail since his arrest last year, according to testimony given Monday during his hearing.

In the case of Thomas Davis of Gaston, charged with larceny of a cow, which went before a jury trial after a not guilty plea Monday, the court gave the youth a sentence of 18 to 24 months.

After hearing most of the matter with the jury, the case was (See YOUTH, Page 5)

Trotter Pony Race Slatd For April 3

CONWAY - The first race of the Carolina - Virginia Trotting Pony Association will be held on Sunday, April 3, at Northampton Saddle Club located midway between Conway and Jackson on U.S. 158.

Race time is 2 p.m. A small gate fee will be charged, according to Kelly M. Davis, secretary of Northampton Saddle Club.

A total purse of \$700 will be given on the seven races to be held. Ribbons will be awarded in the two children races.

The Carolina - Virginia Trotting Pony Association racing circuit plans to hold 16 races this season.

The circuit consists of six tracks. They are located at Conway, Gatesville and Franklin, Capron, Ivor and Petersburg, Va.



LONG TIME FARMERS—Miss Lavenia Mae Gay and brother, Walter, are two of Northampton County's most experienced farmers. Between the two over 100 years have been spent tending a farm. Walter, 84, still drives a tractor, cuts up wood and does

other chores around the house. And Miss Gay, who claims to be 75 but is said to be 80 by her niece, does all her own house work, some farm chores and cooks for Walter and herself.

County's 'Oldest Young Farmers' Are Maintaining Self-Sufficiency

"I had ever been in a hospital," she said, explaining, "until then I hadn't been sick enough in 35 years to need a doctor." He does have difficulty hearing, but his eyes "are as good as they were 50 years ago." With pride, he remarked, "I don't need glasses—even to read the newspaper."

These interesting and well-informed Northampton natives and lifelong residents have enjoyed exceptionally good health through their many years. "Miss Dallee" claims almost as many Illinois free years as her brother. She had pneumonia in 1940, but until that time "hadn't seen a doctor in more than 30 years."

Neither offers any magic formula for their long years of good health. "Just lucky, we guess—but we do try to take care of ourselves."

But what is even more impressive than their years of excellent health is that Walter Gay still farms and until last year "Miss Dallee" supervised the 65-acre farm where they live. She rented the land this year, she explained, because "I can't walk

over the fields and look after the farming like I did until last year."

Because she has retired from active farming doesn't mean she is inactive. Far from sitting in a rocking chair and marking time, "Miss Dallee" keeps house (without help) and cooks for them, milks her cow every day, raises 75 chickens and 55 pigs, and tends a large garden that provides corn, peas, sweet potatoes, salad greens, etc., for the family table.

In fact, the two raise so much of their own food that grocery purchases are limited to flour, sugar, coffee, salt, pepper and flavorings.

The brother and sister grew up on a farm just one-half mile from their present home she purchased four years ago from another brother's estate. The old homeplace belongs to Walter.

"Miss Dallee," she says of herself, has always been a "home body. I have never had time to travel far from home because I was always busy with my home, family and farm." In addition to the dawn to dark work day of farmers, she nursed three mem-

bers of her family over periods of several years. She was the only girl in the family and it was her the family turned when the father was bedridden for seven years before his death, a brother in ill health for four years, and her aged mother required constant care and attention.

"Most of my going through the years has been to attend church and visit nearby relatives," she remarked, "and then back home and to work."

There isn't a TV in the Gay home. They don't have time to look at one and if they did, she said, she has never seen a program that really interested her during her visits in homes where there is television. "I prefer listening to the radio, sewing, and doing other chores around the house," this energetic homemaker declared.

One garment she is expert at sewing is the old-fashioned sun bonnet, seldom seen in the area now. Her bonnet design includes a shoulder shawl to keep the cold air off her back. Pattern for her Sunday bonnets features a shorter shawl than the work bonnet. Cardboard strips cut from empty boxes are used to stiffen the shade.

No Complaints

"Miss Dallee" wouldn't understand a person, several years her junior, excusing aches and pains with, "I'm getting old." She is 78 and has no aches or pains—and she turns off more work in a day than most younger women.

And to talk with 84-year-old Walter Gay, who claims no infirmities, a person needs a jeep to catch up with him across the fields where he will most likely be found disking land with the tractor, helping clear land, or supervising farming operations.

Both have phenomenal retentive capacities for history, dates and family lineages. "Ask Miss Dallee what you want to know about the history of the area—a she can tell you" is a familiar response to any inquiry in the area concerning people or events of past years.

Uncle Sam Putting Bite On County Residents

Your Home Newspapers

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Taxpayers in Northampton County are heavily engaged at the present time. They are involved in their annual skirmish with Form 1040 and the related tax forms from Washington.

Uncle Sam is highly interested in the outcome of the struggle. Irrespective of what the weather will be on April 15, he will arrive on the local scene, hand extended.

He expects that this year's visit will be even more profitable for him than last year's was. His total take at that time from local residents was a hefty \$2,074,000, including personal income and withholding taxes.

That is the approximate amount turned in last April, as determined by an official breakdown of the statewide figures announced by the Internal Revenue Service and by local income reports.

They show that the personal tax payments from the State of North Carolina as a whole came to \$669,000,000.

Some 0.31 per cent of this amount was turned in by residents of Northampton County. Just how much will the local contribution be this year? The government expects it to be more than before.

According to the current budget, individual tax payments throughout the country will be 5.3 per cent higher, with the total receipts rising from last year's \$48.8 billion to a new high of \$51.4 billion.

In some communities, where progress in the past year was better than average, the tax returns will be proportionately greater—and in others, lower.

Tax returns from residents of Northampton County this year will reflect the gains made by them in 1965. It is estimated that their payments will be close to \$2,199,000, a rise of \$125,000. For many people in the area, this is the last time they will be called upon to fork up a substan-

stantial amount of money for federal taxes on April 15.

The new tax bill passed by Congress raises the withholding rates for people in the middle income and upper income levels so as to bring their pay-as-you-go

payments closer to their final tax liability.

This graduated withholding system, involving rates ranging from 14 to 30 per cent of taxable income, will go into effect on May 1.

Speaking Out



MACK BYNUM "lot of work" R. H. ALSTON "little of nothing" CLAUDE COOKE "high price" GUSTON GRANT "ain't worth more" JESSE G. LASSITER "good thing"

On Minimum Farm Wage

By BOB FRINK The possibility of the minimum wage law being applied to farm help is met with somewhat mixed, yet congenial, reaction by Northamptonians confronted with the situation by "our Home Newspaper" this week.

All think that the farm hand needs more money to meet rising prices but on the other hand all at least partially agree that paying higher wages might put too great a burden on farm owners.

Then there is the opinion that "good help" would be worth paying for but that the usual dependency of the help doesn't war-

rrent more money. Mack Bynum, a young Seaboard Negro, who does farm work during the summer, comments "Farm work is all right but they ain't want to pay anything." Com-

plaining Bynum said he thought the law should cover farm work but added, "I don't think they would pay it around here unless they (the government) really got on them."

In conclusion, Bynum remarked, "I whole lot of work and little pay" in reference to doing farm labor.

R. H. Alston, a farmer who also owns a store just outside Seaboard on Highway 305, opined "As

high as everything is now, a man can't go out and work for little of nothing." In backing passage of the law, Alston noted, "I think it is a little one sided, but might be wrong."

Retired Creeksville resident, Jesse G. Lassiter feels the law would "be a good thing" and that "it would help the county."

Creeksville grocer store proprietor, Mrs. Virgie Lanier says bluntly, "I think they (farmhands) need more money for what they do."

Guston Grant, a Potocasi farmer, looked at the question from the employer's vantage point in commenting, "It is kind of hard

for a man to hire much help as it is."

"So many (farm hands) are so sorry they ain't worth what you have to pay them now," added Grant.

In conclusion Grant exhorted, "If they (farm hands) would get out and work for the money, it wouldn't be so bad but if they don't, it will be bad on the farmer."

A Potocasi businessman, Claude Cooke, rides the middle of the fence in saying, "Well, it's a high price for a farmer to pay, but if he (a farm hand) is worth \$1.25 somewhere else, he is worth it on the farm."

Congressmen Back Roanoke Dredging

JACKSON - Three U. S. Congressmen have offered to lend an influential hand to the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce in its bid to have the Roanoke River deepened from Weldon to Williamston.

Letters from Congressman Walter Jones and L. H. Fountain and Senator Sam H. Ervin, Jr., received by the county chamber all gave definite indications that they would contact the district Corps of Engineers office at Wilmington to "see what can be done."

One went so far as to say he would initiate a proposal that the engineers conduct a "study survey" into the matter to decide if the project could be undertaken.

Jones Set To Address Demo Women

JACKSON - Congressman Walter Jones will be guest speaker at the annual spring meeting of the Northampton County Democratic Women's Club on Saturday, April 16, at the Jackson Lions Club Building. Reservations for the 1 o'clock luncheon and meeting should be made with Mrs. Howard Simmons of Woodland, secretary, not later than April 13.

Chamber Planning Easter Egg Hunts

JACKSON - Easter egg hunts for students of the first through the fifth grades in the county's 16 elementary schools will be sponsored next week by the county Chamber of Commerce.

The hunts will take place at the schools on Thursday, April 7, according to Mrs. Marlene Howard, chamber secretary.

In addition to the hunt for grade students, a separate hunt will be held at each school for preschoolers, two to six years of age.

Mrs. Howard said the hour for the hunts will be set by the principal of each school.

In Rich Square, PTA president, Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Jr., announced Tuesday the hunt for preschool students, ages four to six, will be held Wednesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at the school.

An Easter basket will be awarded to the child at each hunt who finds a chocolate covered egg.