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MISS LONG HONORED—Miss Rebecca Long (left), who has been employed in the county clerk of court's office for 24 years, the past eight as clerk, was honored last Thursday night at a dinner in Jackson. Miss Reba, as she is affectionately known, was honored by fellow "court-

house" employees. Mrs. Janet B. Brown, county welfare director, presented her with a silver service. Miss Long, who did not seek re-election, is retiring on Monday, December 5.

'Miss Reba Long' Is Retiring; Honored At Dinner Banquet

JACKSON — Northampton's "Miss Reba," soon to retire from her position as clerk of court, was honored last Thursday evening at a dinner here.

The affair, a "complete surprise," was given at the Lions Club building by other courthouse employees. The "courthouse ladies" made plans for the affair in hushed tones, much conspiracy and told many untruths, so that the dinner would be a complete surprise.

Miss Reba, more formally known as Miss Rebecca Long, has served Northampton for 24 years in the clerk of court's office. The past eight years she has been clerk of court, elected to the post when George P. Bur-

gwyn retired. She did not seek re-election this year and is retiring on Monday, December 5.

At Thursday night's dinner, Mrs. Janet B. Brown, another long-time county employee and director of the county welfare department, made a brief farewell speech for Miss Long and presented her with a gift—a large, silver tea service—from her fellow employees.

Mrs. Brown said, "We couldn't let you go without an expression of our love for you."

Miss Long is held in esteem and respect and is loved by both men and women in Northampton who have had daily contact with her in the performance of her or their duties.

This was the second honor and second dinner banquet for Miss Reba in the past two weeks. She was honored at the area Bar Association's district meeting two weeks ago. At that affair she was given a gold watch and a check for \$110 by members of the County Bar Association.

Her plans for the future include "taking it easy and maybe doing a little traveling."

Miss Long is a lifelong resident of Northampton County, the daughter of Paul J. Long, who served as superintendent of the county schools for 40-odd years.

She has one brother, John P. Long, who resides at Virginia Beach.

Car Ownership High In N'ampton County

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Residents of Northampton County have been buying new cars at a record rate in the last few years, a national survey shows.

Bearing witness to this fact are the number of snappy, late-model cars to be seen on local roads and the disappearance of many vintage models.

As a result, car ownership locally is at a high level. So is the proportion of families with two or more cars in their driveways.

The details are reported in a consumer market study released by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It covers every part of the country.

The size of Northampton County's auto population is indicated by the figures, which show, as of

the beginning of this year, a ratio of 101 cars for every 100 local families.

It is a larger proportion than was found in 1963, when the average was 93 per 100 families.

The steady growth in car ownership reflects the economic gains chalked up in the last few years, locally and in most other areas, and the attendant rise in living standards that these gains have made possible.

In Northampton County, the net effect of the automobile boom has been an increase of 7.9 per cent in passenger car registrations since 1963.

The general upsurge in automobile sales is attributed chiefly, in a study made by the Chase Manhattan Bank here, to multiple car families.

At the present time, more than 250,000 cars are in use in the United States and more than 100,000 are put under the supervision of the northeastern office located at New York City.

The resolution pointed out that the Roanoke River Basin Association must work in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers, United States Army and its relationship has been with the District Engineer's office at Wilmington and the Regional Engineer's office at Atlanta, Ga. If this connection is disrupted by placing North Carolina and South Side Virginia in the region controlled by New York it would be necessary to make new contacts and establish relationships with a new group whereas an orderly arrangement appeared to be to provide that North Carolina should be included along with

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W'land Board Seats New Commissioner

WOODLAND — A new commissioner was seated and collection of taxes, Christmas lighting, disposal station, condition of streets and town maintenance were items of discussion at the November meeting of the Woodland Board of Commissioners.

Perry Lee Collins was present for the meeting, his first since being sworn in as Commissioner to replace Robert Littrell, who resigned to serve on the county

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Roanoke River Association Considers Recreational And Flooding Problems

BUGGS ISLAND, Va. — Directors of the Roanoke River Basin Association, meeting here on November 18 in their regular annual mid-winter session adopted three resolutions dealing with affairs of the association, accepted an invitation for the annual meeting to be held next May, heard reports from several standing committees and short talks on water projects by a half a dozen speakers.

The first resolution, which was adopted after a session for the subject by Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, secretary-treasurer of the association, dealt with river basin planning on a national basis under the auspices of the Water Resources Council of Washington, D. C. Henry Caulfield has been designated execu-

tive director of this council and the work is being carried on under authorization of an act of Congress passed July 22, 1965, which provided for coordinated planning of water and related land resources in the river basins of the United States through the establishment of River Basin Commissions under state supervision. The resolution urged that the Roanoke River Basin in South Side Virginia and Eastern North Carolina be classified under the regional supervision of the Resources Advisory Board for Southeast River Basins at Atlanta, Ga. In preliminary planning only a small section of North Carolina in the western mountain area is classified under the southeastern division and the remainder of North Carolina and

Bank Of Rich Square Upheld; Cooke To Appeal Jury Decision

JACKSON — The hotly contested Manning P. Cooke - Bank of Rich Square case, heard here last week in Superior Court, is now apparently headed for a trial in the State Supreme Court again.

Cooke, the Rich Square area farmer - businessman who has been seeking permission as a stockholder in the bank to examine records and accounts, appealed the jury's decision here Friday not to allow him access to the records.

The four women and eight men on the jury received the case after a week's testimony early Friday and returned a verdict shortly before 3 p.m.

However, at lunch time, the jury reported to Judge Albert Cowper of Kinston, it was hopelessly deadlocked 11-1. However, after lunch it only took the jury 15 minutes to return a verdict denying Cooke's petition to examine the bank's records.

Cooke's attorney, Eugene Boyce of Raleigh, immediately noted an appeal to the State Supreme Court and was given 40 days to get the necessary papers in order. Bond was set at \$200 for the appeal.

This is the sound "go 'round" for the matter in the courts. In January of 1965, Superior Court Judge William Bundy heard the matter and also ruled in favor of the bank.

Cooke appealed the decision and the Supreme Court reversed the decision and ordered the trial just ended here.

Cooke has been asking for permission to view "certain bank records" for more than a decade as a stockholder. He owns

six per cent of the bank's common stock — with a reported value of approximately \$12,800.

He told the jury while testifying on the witness stand, "I want to examine the books to determine if the bank is being managed legally and efficiently." He also claimed he was more "qualified to make an examination of the bank than the banking commission" because he was "local" and knows the "local situation."

The whole trial, according to reports, was based on the Supreme Court's decision that under certain conditions a stockholder could be allowed to examine a corporation's records.

However, the Bank of Rich Square's attorney, Perry Martin of Rich Square, contended from the beginning Cooke "is only trying to harass the bank, its officials and in particular Robert Outland," the bank's 85-year-old president.

The jury's verdict indicated that the jury felt that Cooke's request to examine the bank's records was "made with an improper motive."

Had the jury ruled in favor of Cooke, Judge Cowper would have ordered the bank to open its records to him and could have levied a fine of \$500 against the institution.

4-H Member Wins Trip To Congress

JACKSON — A Northampton County 4-H club member has been awarded an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress which convenes in Chicago, Ill., on Monday, November 28, and continues for a week.

Miss Sandra Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards of Pendleton, is the recipient of the award and scholarship. She was selected for the honor for her home economics projects in the past eight years of 4-H club work.

Announcement of the award was made by Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H leader and assistant director with the extension department.

In commenting on the award, Mrs. Mildred C. Jenkins, assistant home economics extension agent, stated "Northampton County 4-H has reached its ultimate goal with this scholarship and award received by Sandra. We are all terribly excited and pleased."

Miss Edwards will leave for Chicago on Friday from Raleigh-Edson Airport. She will be a guest at the Conrad Hilton Hotel during her week's stay.

Sunday Fire Destroys Barn

CONWAY—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a large barn belonging to E. C. and Randolph Burgess on the outskirts of town Sunday afternoon.

The Conway Fire Department was called to the scene and kept the adjoining buildings from burning.

Chuckle

"So your son is in college? How is he making it?"
 "He isn't making it, I'm making it and he's spending it."

\$16,000 State Funds Available County Considers Regional Library

JACKSON — A joint meeting of the county commissioners and the library board didn't materialize on Monday night when only two members of each board attended the scheduled meeting at the courthouse. A new date to consider future improvement plans for the county library system was set for December 3 at 3 p.m.

County Manager Melvin Holmes told those who did attend that State Librarian Miss Gish had informed him that \$4,000 was available for the county unit if it would affiliate itself with the Albemarle Regional Library that operates in Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties.

In 1966 the county voters re-

jected a referendum asking for the right to create a special two cent per \$100 valuation tax to support improvements to the county system.

The county library is now located in over-crowded quarters in the old register of deeds office on the courthouse square.

Several plans have been suggested for improvements to the building but all were contingent upon not changing the historic significance of the old building.

Other suggestions have been to make the library into a historic museum and build a new library with modern facilities on the rear of the courthouse square.

NCHS Class To Present Play Tuesday

CONWAY—Northampton County High School's speech class will present a one-act play, "Bachelor of the Year" on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the school gym.

Lee Grant will play the bachelor. Other students who have parts in the play are Nan Garris, Wallace Martin, Nan Underwood, Ellen Stephenson, Martha Flythe, Mary Dean Bridgers, Richard McDowell and Jackie Rose.

Mrs. Joan Horne, class teacher, is directing the play.

Country Club Drive Passes 250 Quota

LASKER — The Valley Pine Country Club, to be built on a 168 acre tract just east of Lasker, is readying plans and work should start early next year, reports Charles E. Myers Sr., president of the corporation.

At a meeting Tuesday night, at the Red Apple Restaurant in Murfreesboro, the Board of Directors and co-workers reported over 250 members had already paid their membership fee and that they are still coming at a fast pace. The latest count was over 260.

The 18 hole golf course will be designed by Leo Greene, consulting engineer from Wilson who

engineered and built Scotfield in Halifax County.

Scotfield, according to golfers, is a very fine course.

The facility will consist of the 18 hole course, clubhouse, swimming pool, pro shop, driving range, lake, playground and picnic area.

Myers says he expects the swimming pool and clubhouse to be completed by next summer. Plans are being drawn up now.

The site is the farm of Walter Britton which has been purchased for the course and club site.

It is estimated that the facility will cost \$265,000.

Memberships will cost \$250 and with a ten dollar a month fee after the club starts operation. Memberships are family units.

The officers and directors are: president, Charles E. Myers; vice president, Garland Barnes; secretary, Kenneth Odum; treasurer Charles W. Bass and directors Marshall Grant, R. H. Howell Jr., James F. Barden Jr., Jesse Wheeler, Joseph L. Gay, P. A. Lewis, L. E. Pope, William Edwards, Howard Simmons and Ralph Askew.

F. T. Green and Associates of Wilson will be the consulting engineers. Plans include a manager and a golf pro.

Weather Wuz Mighty Fine

