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Political Attention Is Focused On Towns

RICH SQUARE — Political attention in Northampton County is beginning to swing to the municipalities in the area where, in the next few days, candidates for town office will begin filing and many of the town conventions in the area will be held.

Rich Square started off the action by holding their town convention last Thursday night. The following candidates were nominated for office:

For Mayor — Charles E. Myers (incumbent), Joseph F. Cole and Vernon E. Taylor.

For Commissioner — Mrs. W. L. Mason (seeking fourth term), Julian Edwards, and Jimmy Outland (incumbents), Howard Norville, Billy Ivey, Bill Williford, Claudie W. Lassiter and Joseph Gordon.

A town convention also was held in Seaboard recently but "Your Home Newspaper's" staff was unable to contact the town clerk for names of candidates.

Woodland's town convention will be held Friday night at 7 p.m. in the town hall, according to the town clerk's office.

In Jackson, candidates will begin filing during the regular filing period on April 10. Deadline for Jackson candidates is April 21.

In other towns polled, no candidates had filed as yet, although filing periods were open.



INSPECTING JAIL—Northampton County Commissioners David Gay, left, H. C. Guthrie, center, and County Manager Melvin Holmes were given the "grand tour" of the county jail Monday by retiring jailer John Wheeler. Wheeler, who

has served as jailer for 15 years, gave up the job Monday. His successor, Ben Wheeler, a Murfreesboro policeman, was appointed by the board in the Monday meeting also.

PPOP Representatives Requested Endorsement

JACKSON — Representatives of the People's Program on Poverty Monday addressed Northampton Commissioners and requested that commissioners endorse the organization and grant them "permission or authority" to seek low-cost housing for disadvantaged persons in the area.

James Boone of Rich Square, spokesman for the group, told commissioners the PPOP organization, consisting of representatives from a four-county area, was attempting to help the poor, disadvantaged and the aged

to help themselves through a low-rent housing program which would be constructed under federal programs requested by PPOP.

Boone said 60 per cent of housing in the county is "sub-standard or inadequate" and usually is occupied by the non-white population. He said 58 to 63 per cent of the total non-white population of the county has an annual income of \$1,450.

He compared this with the over-all average of the county of \$2,255.

He said the people in the lower income group can seldom build a decent dwelling or compete in the local market for decent houses to rent.

These people live, he said, "exposed to wind, rain and snow and even rats and insect pests."

Boone said through the Housing Act of 1965 a non-profit organization may sponsor decent housing for the aged and poverty stricken through the Rent-Supplement Program for low-income families.

PPOP can provide these families with much of their housing needs if granted permission from you, Boone told commissioners.

Under the program, he explained, the family will pay rent based on annual income and this will be supplemented by government funds or contributions.

He said the establishment of a federal housing authority would help develop local areas and reduce crime and juvenile delinquency by providing better environmental conditions.

Boone asked commissioners to supply his office with a written expression of endorsement for

filing with the organization's regional office.

Commissioners, however, did not give a "written" endorsement of the proposal.

The PPOP organization recently received a grant of \$167,700 (See PPOP, Page 12)



WITH NEWSPAPER—Kaye Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Davis of Conway, recently has joined the staff of "Your Home Newspapers." Miss Davis, a 1965 graduate of Northampton County High School, was employed as a teletype operator. The company publishes five newspapers in the Roanoke-Chowan area.

Servicemen In The News

VANN PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — Marine Private Dennis M. Vann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denny O. Vann of Route 1, Conway, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

He will now undergo about three weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

REAMES USS CASA GRANDE — Chief Warrant Officer John R. Reames, (See SERVICEMEN, Page 10)

Increases Up To 83% In 14 Years

Roanoke-Chowan Counties' Tax Rates Range From 6th To 82nd Rank In N. C.

By JAMES WALLACE Executive Editor
 RALEIGH — Tax rates in the Roanoke-Chowan area have increased from a low of 54 per cent in Gates County to a high of 83 per cent in Bertie County between 1952 and 1965 according to figures released by the Tax

Research Department of North Carolina. The 14 year change for Hertford County was 62 per cent and for Northampton County was 80 per cent.

The percentages may not be exactly accurate and increases could be larger than that for there

is no record or assurance in the memory of those in the county tax departments that property was assessed at anywhere near "100 per cent true market value" that is the standard for appraisers now under state law. The chart shown with this story shows the rates, by county, used

from 1952 until 1965. The percentage increase by county is the total of the increases between periodic revaluations or base changes.

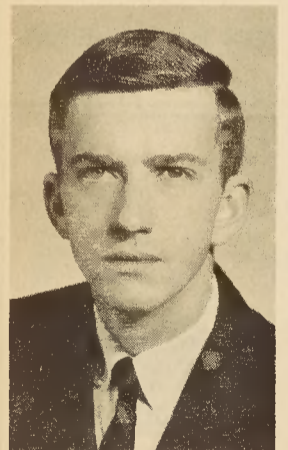
Information released by the Tax Study Commission shows that R-C area counties range from the highest rate to the low-

est in comparison with all counties in the state. Bertie is sixth in rank, Hertford is 11th, Northampton 18th, and Gates 82nd.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY'S total tax tripled between 1952 and 1966, rising from \$302,209 to \$941,425 and the assessed value (See TAX, Page 12)

COUNTY	ROANOKE-CHOWAN AREA TAX RATES														% INCREASES	TOTAL
	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65		
BERTIE	135	135	150	165	180	180	180*	120	130	180	180	175	180	33 plus 50	83%	
GATES	125	125	125	120	120	120	131	135	163*	115	135	142	140	142	30 plus 24	54%
HERTFORD	140	138	138	138	138	145	150	162	175	184	185*	107	107	140	32 plus 31	63%
N'HAMPTON	155*	130	130	130	130	155*	100	120	120	130	140	167	160	160	20 plus 60	80%

* Indicates Revaluation or base change



Walter H. Beale III Awarded Fellowship

WINSTON-SALEM — An outstanding fellowship and membership in the nation's top scholastic fraternity has been accorded a Potecasi youth, who is a senior at Wake Forest College.

Walter Henry Beale III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Beale Jr. of Potecasi, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship for graduate study.

Beale also is one of 36 Wake Forest College students who have been named to Phi Beta Kappa, top scholastic fraternity for liberal arts students.

He plans to enter the University of Michigan for graduate work in his major, English.

He has worked on the college newspaper and magazine and is active in the English Club and Graylyn Society.

He is a graduate of Woodland-Olney High School.

For Northampton Countians Federal Tax Deadline Nears

Your Home Newspapers Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Taxes are again in the spotlight in Northampton County, what with the day of reckoning just around the corner.

Uncle Sam will have his hand out on that day (April 17th this year) to receive personal income taxes based on 1966 earnings.

Will they be larger or smaller than they were last year when local residents paid approximately \$2,585,000 in such taxes? That is the amount they turned in last April, as determined by a breakdown of Treasury Department figures for the State of North Carolina.

They show that personal income taxes collected throughout the state came to \$834,000,000, including the portion turned in via withholding.

Thus, residents of the local area paid some 0.31 per cent of the state total.

Because more people were employed in 1966 than ever before, because incomes were higher than in the previous year and because the economy as a whole moved forward, the Administration expects its current tax haul to be \$6.8 billion greater than it was last April, when it amounted to \$55.4 billion.

The board also approved a tentative proposal for "Mini-Grant under ESEA Title III," which would bring an estimated \$25,000 to the school system in the form of planning grants to allow for a study in Northampton schools for new and additional programs.

According to the proposal, three basic areas of need for Northampton youngsters were cited.

The proposal indicated the young people of adolescent and pre-adolescent age have no access during the summer to planned activity and depend upon

in line with the advances made during 1966, residents of Northampton County are counted on for a proportionate share of this increase.

Their tax payments, based on last year's earnings, are expected to be about \$2,903,000, or \$318,000 more than before.

If the President's proposal for a six per cent surcharge on taxes, to help meet the cost of the war and of domestic pro-

grams, should be approved by Congress, local residents would start paying still bigger taxes next July.

There is considerable opposition to the proposal in Congress, however. Some members feel that the burden can be carried without a tax boost if domestic spending is reduced. Others fear that a tax hike might throw the country into a recession.

Meanwhile, in his budget, the

President lists individual income tax receipts in the next fiscal year at \$73.2 billion. This includes \$3.4 billion from the surcharge and \$7.6 billion to come from higher national income.

As for Northampton County, average earnings would have to rise about 12 per cent this year for local residents to increase their taxes to that extent.

Conner And Lowry Reappointed; School Board OK's ESEA Plans

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Education Monday re-elected W. C. Conner as chairman and named Roy F. Lowry to his fourth term of superintendency of the Northampton County schools. E. J. Bullock was re-appointed assistant superintendent of schools.

The board also approved a tentative proposal for "Mini-Grant under ESEA Title III," which would bring an estimated \$25,000 to the school system in the form of planning grants to allow for a study in Northampton schools for new and additional programs.

However, the most critical need, is a program to teach Northampton County youngsters how to express ideas fluently in Standard American English.

The proposal cited a study made in 1967 by the Research Triangle Institute of 10 schools in the county which showed that while the performance of the good and very good students was only slightly poorer than the National Norms of the California Achievement Test at the third grade level, the academically

poor and very poor students did noticeably worse than the corresponding norms and by the time the students reached the sixth grade, the difference . . . was larger.

The proposal recommended a summer program with emphasis on language arts which would create a sharper interest in the regular school program.

The board approved the plan as outlined by W. R. King, assistant superintendent in charge of Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and gave permission to submit the proposal to the proper federal authorities.

In other action, the board accepted the bid of R. E. Ford of \$1,000 for the Betheny School. Ford's bid was the highest received.

The board also appointed Mrs. Annie L. Emory to teach at the Rich Square Elementary School for the remainder of the 1966-1967 school term.

Godwin Says Moore's Speech Is 'Backhand Slap' To East N. C.

By RANDOLPH THOMAS
 RALEIGH — Rep. Philip Godwin says Gov. Dan Moore's speech to a joint session of the General Assembly last week will have a "far-reaching effect on the Democratic Party in North Carolina."

Godwin described the talk, largely a condemnation of East Carolina College's bid for university status, a "backhand slap" in the face to Eastern North Carolina.

"After all," Godwin said, "the people of the East are the ones who put Moore in office."

Godwin said he was "personally disappointed" that Governor Moore saw fit to come before the joint session "to blast East Carolina College for wanting university status."

"He hasn't come before us on any of the other controversial issues such as brown-bagging," Godwin added.

Godwin, vice chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, says Governor Moore's remarks will not affect his opinion "one way or another."

He said the remarks, however, may have a far-reaching effect on the Democratic Party in North Carolina. "There is pretty strong feeling on the university status

issue in the Assembly," he said. "There is enough dissatisfaction within the party now," Godwin said, "and we don't want to give some of the legislators an excuse to go over to the other side."

Godwin said some of the legislators might feel the Democratic Party has abandoned them. He said Republicans, realizing this, probably will be encouraged to be

for independent status for East Carolina.

Godwin said he felt the whole issue is a question of power and who holds it. "Those in power at the university just don't want any competition," Godwin said, "but they would be willing to see East Carolina come under their domain."

Rep. Roberts Jernigan Jr. of (See GODWIN, Page 12)

N'ampton Superior Court Ends Spring Term Tuesday

JACKSON — The spring term of Northampton County Superior Court ended here Tuesday after one week of criminal cases and two days of civil cases were heard.

The session, opened last week by presiding Judge Allen H. Gwyn, saw a variety of cases. Highlighting last week's action was the trial of two men on charges of larceny and armed robbery.

Lemuel Carr Tyndall, 32, of Wayne County was sentenced Thursday to serve six to 10 years in prison following testimony of an accomplice, Billie Kelly Jr., an 18-year-old Negro youth, who

turned state's evidence after entering guilty pleas on similar charges.

The two were charged with the armed robbery of the Conway ABC Store on January 6, and a series of robberies and thefts in two counties over the last few months.

Deputy Sheriff E. W. Ingram of Gaston, an investigating officer in the case, testified he and other officers found clothing alongside a Northampton road said to have been discarded by Kelly after he and Tyndall left a bank parking lot after robbing

(See COURT, Page 12)



CHURCH RAZED—Scene of a fire Tuesday at Grace Baptist Church, located about three miles east of Rich Square on N. C. 305. The frame building, valued at \$7,000, was completely destroyed before Rich Square firemen could arrive on the

scene. Cause of the fire was not determined although Fire Chief Raymond Medford was quoted as saying "some people were burning brush behind the church." The building was not insured.