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Referendum Planned For Library-Airport

JACKSON — Northampton's Board of Commissioners met in a called session Monday night and voted to ask for a referendum on special airport and library levies.

The Board's action followed the ratification of enabling legis-

lation introduced by Rep. J. Raynor Woodard April 20 giving the board the power to call for a referendum. The airport tax election and the library tax were ratified on May 5.

A date for the referendum will be set at a later date.

The main purpose of the meeting was to receive the estimated budget for the coming year from County Manager Melvin Holmes for study.

Following a full discussion on setting salary policy, disposition of the County Home and its needs, and needs in each department, the board decided it was in favor of increases where requested as long as it did not demand an increase in taxes.

No final decisions were made on the budget, and a special meeting was set for one week later in order to give the members a chance to study the budget and make themselves more familiar with the over-all needs of the county. Monday night, May 24 was set for the meeting.

The Rev. Max Evington and the Rev. Angus Cameron asked the Board to wait for the petition and let the people express whether they are in favor of a vote on the whiskey-beer wine question. They said "We are not against people having the right to vote, we are against their drinking more whiskey!"



PRIZE CATCH? Five feet three inches long and weighing in at about 30 to 35 pounds, Mr. Rattlesnake boasts of 15 rattles and one button. A crewman, Farley Shoulers, working for Charles Warrick of Rich Square killed the rattler after running over it with a tractor as he was pulling logs in the woods about three miles south of Lewiston. Shoulers killed a three-foot rattler with six rattles last week and reported having seen five others that got away before they could be killed. Above Charles Warrick holds the snake up full length.

Accident Correction

JACKSON — Through error the five white persons who were injured in an accident which occurred Thursday, May 6 near Boone's Mill Pond, were listed as Negroes.

The condition of the injured, who were admitted to Roanoke Rapids Hospital is:

Mrs. Penny Draper, broken left hip and right shoulder and facial injuries, still hospitalized.

Mrs. Bonnie Draper Barnes, broken back and lacerations on neck and leg, still hospitalized.

Mrs. Emma Draper Aske, deep cuts on both knees, treated and released day following accident.

Penny Anne Barnes, 10, cuts across one knee, treated and released.

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Northampton Plays Friday In Greenville

Northampton County High School's Albemarle Conference baseball team ventures into state play-off action Friday at Greenville as they meet Eastern Plain champion Charles B. Aycock of Pikeville at 4:00 p.m. in Guy Smith Stadium.

NCHS advanced to this state quarterfinal game by virtue of a bye while Aycock conquered previously undefeated Havelock to reach the stage.

Ray Lassiter In Hospital After Car-Bike Accident

RICH SQUARE — Ray Lassiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Lassiter of Lasker, is said to be improving at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital following an accident in which he was involved last Thursday afternoon.

Young Ray, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Rich Square Elementary School, was on an errand riding his bicycle when he made a left turn off a rural road onto highway 305 and ran into the path of a car driven by Benjamin

Roanoke-Chowan Being Left Off Industrial Tour; Airport Lacking

MURFREESBORO — Lack of an adequate airport will result in the Roanoke-Chowan area being passed over during a tour of North Carolina next month by some of the nation's top industrial executives.

Governor Dan Moore's week long Agricultural - Industrial Tour of the state during June will begin at Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem. An attempt to have it end at Reynolds' Avoca Farm experimental station in Bertie County was unsuccessful because of lack of adequate nearby airport.

President Fred Cooper of Choanoke Area Development Association reported Tuesday that efforts to get the schedule changed had failed.

Cooper was informed by Wayne Cooper, Gov. Moore's agricultural advisor, that the entire week long tour of executives of the nation's leading industrial firms was being routed through the state by airplane and that the facilities in the Northeast and particularly in the tri-county area were inadequate at this time.

Cooper has recently been appointed to work on job opportunities and industrial development in Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Halifax counties with the Choanoke Association.

He and Hertford County chairman, James Wallace, secretary-treasurer Virgil McBride, and Agricultural Chairman Dr. W. K. Collins of Reynolds Avoca Farms had attempted to arrange an appointment with Cooper to discuss the fact that the state development promotion had failed to include any sites or plants in the Northeast on the statewide tour.

Cooper stated that the "committee is disappointed but feels that an all-weather airport can be established soon if the counties of Northampton and Hertford approve a referendum allow-

ing county commissioners to levy a tax of five cents per \$100 for the purpose of industrial development." After paying for the airport improvements this could be used for an industry hunter in later years.

He said "This is an example of why we need an airport to help a program of industrial development and every business that wants to grow and every resident in the area who is unemployed or earning a low income needs to get on and support the coming referendum."

The Governor's Tour has already listed such important businessmen as the Executive Vice President of Western Electric Company who will visit the

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Conway Bloodmobile Visit Adds 101 Pints

CONWAY — Successful describes the Tidewater Bloodmobile visit in Conway Monday as the blood-drawing program closed with 101 productive donors listed. Many more willing donors came only to be rejected for one

cause or another. Willis Hare High School sent 43 students and 26 out of that number gave a pint of life-giving blood.

Many came to add another pint to their records, proud that they

had given a gallon, two gallons or more. One was Turner Draper from Jackson who is working on his fourth gallon, and C. A. Davis, Sr., who gave his 21 pint through the Bloodmobile. He has given five additional pints directly to a patient.

Tirelessly, the women of the Fire Departments Auxiliary worked all day typing, making records, taking temperatures or serving in the canteen.

The day marked another successful project sponsored by the county people.

Anyone in the county who does not have a donor's card, or whose card is not up-to-date are asked to drop a card to Mrs. Frances Magee of Seaboard, county secretary, giving his name and the need. Mrs. Magee is in the process of bringing all records up-to-date and she will be glad to give you a complete record on your donations.

The Rev. Randolph Phillips, regional representative of Pendleton, said, "It would like to express appreciation on behalf of the executive committee and the staff of the Tidewater Blood Region and center to all who have participated in any way in the program throughout the year, whether he be donor or worker."

The new year in the blood program will begin July 1, 1965, and any further activity in the program for the county will be announced at that time.

Productive donors were: Conway — Walter M. Swain, Mrs. Jean B. Davis, Jerry Hedspehl, L. G. Britt, Jr., Julian Liverman, Mrs. Marjorie D. Joyner, Mrs. Mag-

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M'boro Man Is Booked For Hit And Run Death Of Conway Man

CONWAY — A young Murfreesboro man was released on bond following a hearing Monday before Justice of Peace Reeves Taylor of Jackson. He was charged with hit and run with personal injury, and manslaughter. His bond was set at \$2000.

George Thomas Harrell has been bound over for Superior Court trial in August.

About 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning a body was found 1.8 miles east of Conway on U.S. 158 in the ditch on the south side of the highway. He was identified as Kenneth Sandy Vaughan, 40, of Star Route, Conway.

Investigating Officer Glenn Swanson and other officers questioned bystanders at the scene when they arrived. One of Vaughan's neighbors stated that he had left his home at approximately 9:00 p.m. where he had been watching TV. The neighbor lives about one-half mile east of Vaughan's residence. The body was found approximately half way between the two points.

At the time of the questioning, the neighbor was the last known person to have seen Vaughan alive.

A search of the accident scene revealed broken ornaments, the trim from an automobile. The particular fragments found at the scene were standard trim for a 1959 Pontiac Star Chief.

Immediate search was begun for this type vehicle. An anonymous tip, believed to have come as a result of the broadcast from WWDR radio station in Murfreesboro, caused the investigation to proceed to the residence of George Thomas Harrell who lives near Van's gin on the Murfreesboro-St. Johns highway.

As a result of the evidence found, Harrell was arrested and charged with hit and run with personal injury, and manslaughter. The arrest was made by Patrolman John Wood and Deputy Sheriff Donnie Barnes of Conway and Deputy Sheriff Grover Par-

ker of Rich Square at Harrell's home about 5:30 Sunday afternoon.

The accident apparently occurred sometime after 9:00 p.m. as Harrell was returning home after leaving his work at Odum Prison where he is a custodial officer.

Jackson Sued For Labor Violations

WILSON — Pedro Jackson of Gaston is one of two North Carolina cotton growers who are defendants in suits alleging that they engaged minors under 16 years of age to work on their farms in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has filed complaints in the United States District Court here naming Pedro Jackson of Gaston.

Jackson allegedly engaged four minors to work on his Northampton County cotton farm. T. R. Barrow of Goldsboro is the other defendant.

Secretary Wirtz has asked the court to restrain the individual

defendants from future child-labor violations, to require them to maintain records required by the act and to enjoin them from shipping in commerce any goods produced in violation of the statute.

Julian E. Parker, supervisor of the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions field office at Room 203, 320 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh, said that boys and girls under 16 years of age may not work on farms during hours when their home schools are in session. There is no age limit for farm work performed before school, after school, or on any school holiday, Parker said.

Larry Ivey Given Award

RICH SQUARE — Larry Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ivey, recently received the outstanding service award from the industrial arts department at East Carolina. He will receive his degree from East Carolina Sunday.

Mrs. Ivey, the former Jane Williams of Roanoke Rapids, received "The Best Wife Award" at the same time he received his award.

Ivey will be a member of the Chuckatuck, Va., school faculty in the fall.

Four R-C Counties Will Share \$347,159 Kindergarten Funds

WASHINGTON — The White House announced on Tuesday that the Choanoke Area Development Association's application to give preschool kindergarten training to underprivileged children entering the first grade in the fall had been approved, together with others from the state of North Carolina. The application covered 2,280 children in Bertie, Hertford, Northampton and Hal-

ifax counties including the school districts of Weldon and Roanoke Rapids.

The application was worked out through the county and city school districts under Roger R. Jackson, Jr., who is the executive director of the Economic Opportunities Division of the Choanoke Association. The average amount allotted to a child for the eight week period was \$155 and the total asked for in the four county area came to \$347,159. This was the largest application in the state.

The grant covers 90% of the cost of operating the schools this summer. The additional 10% of the cost is to be supplied by the local units through the use of school buildings and facilities that are under the control of the school boards.

The plan calls for 400 students in each of the counties of Hertford, Northampton and Bertie.

Although the program is set up to prepare children for school who come from a culturally deprived background, the program will accept application from any preschooler and if the total number of applications exceeds the amount that can be handled, they will be accepted on the basis of need.

Local school authorities have contended for a long time that one of the biggest problems in the school system is the fact that many of the poor children entering the first grade are totally unprepared to begin school work and are doomed to failure in their entire school life before they start.

The Choanoke application includes the provision that teachers and requirements will be the same as for grade school teaching and that all programs will be operat-

ed by the local school districts. Bertie and Hertford counties have operated similar pilot schools on a grant from the North Carolina Fund in the summer of 1964. School officials state that the improvement of the children participating in last year's pilot program is measurable and definite.

Applications from counties and towns in North Carolina not organized under the Economic Opportunity Act were rejected.

Most of the money will be spent to hire teachers and classroom aides, with the balance going to "enrichment material" such as books, records and trips to ac-

quaint the children with their environment, school and church environment. A part of the funds will be used to check the physical and dental condition of the children and to remedy defects through cooperation with the health and welfare departments.

This will be the first results of the program grant given to the Choanoke Area Development Association by the North Carolina Fund to establish a staff to plan "anti-poverty" programs for the four county area. The staff of the Economic Opportunities Division now includes the

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Two Placed On Probation In Last Recorder's Court

JACKSON — Cases handled by Judge Ballard S. Gay in last week's Recorder's Court included the sentencing of Donnie Fuller and Buddy Wray, both of Gaston, for six months road suspended upon payment of costs and placed on two years probation. Both were charged with engaging in an affray.

Other cases coming before Judge Gay and cleared from the docket are as follows:

Thomas Judson Revelle, 16, of Conway, improper passing, not guilty.

Chester Ransom of Garysburg, drunk and disorderly, 30 days roads suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

Ben Shearin of Garysburg, forcible trespass, 90 days roads suspended upon payment of costs and restitution.

Charlie Lee Champion of Seaboard, speeding, 90 days roads

suspended upon payment of \$30 and costs, reckless driving, 90 days roads suspended upon payment of costs; resisting arrest, 90 days roads suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs and assault of an officer, six months roads suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs. Sentences to run consecutively.

James Mason Jacobs, 17, of Rich Square, attempt to procure operator's license through fraud, costs.

Clyde Pruitt, 41, of 221 Hamilton St., Roanoke Rapids, driving without due caution, costs.

Larry Paul Kizer, 18, of Mount Airy, willful speed competition with another vehicle, found guilty of speeding, costs.

Ness Anderson of Rich Square, non-support, not guilty.

Jesse Casterlowe, Jr., 18, of Rich Square, suspending unlicensed

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CONWAY FIREMEN—Members of the Conway Fire Department have recently completed a fire school with twenty-two of the men receiving certificates. Turner Draper of Jackson, who is a certified instructor of the North Carolina Fireman's Training Program, was the teacher of the school. Above Rep. J. Raynor Woodard is seen presenting a certificate to Donald Phillips. Others shown (from left to right) first row: C. T. Draper of Jackson, instructor; C. A. Davis, Jr., Joe Frank Draper, C. A. Davis, Sr., R. C. Barrett, S. M. Edwards, Ennis Martin,

B. H. Bridges; back row: W. W. Bridges, W. M. Taylor, C. D. Parker, Jesse Davis, C. J. Watson, Bobby Bridges, W. D. Johnson, Julian Bridges, L. G. Britt, Jr., Linwood Ward, Carrol Futrell, George Evans, Thomas Hodges, Travis Flythe, Gay Flythe and Stuart Lane. Firemen not present when the picture was taken are Shirley Woodard, Fred Butler, A. V. Flythe, Jr., Wingate Martin, J. D. Liverman and W. T. Bridges.