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LAKE GASTON makes a scenic background for some happy picnickers. The lake is the new VEPCO dam and is considered ideal for recreational development. The water level will not fluctuate, and the bottom has been

cleared of vegetation and stumps before the lake filled. The lake fronts on three North Carolina counties who are considering joint programs to insure an orderly development.

Lake Gaston Zoning Ordinance To Control Resort Development

By JIM WALLACE
GASTON — The proposed Lake Gaston zoning ordinance is an attempt by the boards of commissioners of the five counties in North Carolina and Virginia that border on the lake to insure an orderly development of the surrounding area.

It was prepared with the help of the Division of Community Planning of the Department of Conservation and Development through a Federal grant of the Urban Renewal Administration. It must be approved by the boards of county commissioners individually to become effective in their county.

The ordinance has been approved by the Halifax and Warren County commissioners but not by Northampton or the two Virginia counties as yet. Northampton County has joined with the other North Carolina counties involved to set up a planning commission for the supervision of the plan but has not been able to agree on the enforcement means of the zoning regulation or whether or not the regulation might apply to the entire county.

The proposed regulations cover building setbacks for thoroughfares, side and rear yard specifications, lot sizes, sanitary conditions, lot sizes for group camps

and marinas, and protection for residential areas. Like most zoning regulations, it is now in existence but that are now in existence but that are not the minimum specifications. Small lots, bought for building before the ordinance can apply for variances. All standard lots and buildings can not add to or change without the permission of the planning commission.

The basic small lot must be 20,000 square feet per dwelling on a lot of a half acre with a septic tank. These standards meet the state minimum sanitary specifications. The lot must be on a planned public road.

The plan includes a feeder road system. Industrial plots are allowed but must have 50 acres and be 200 feet back from a road in an area set aside for this use. The overall plan shows the areas allotted to housing, marinas, recreation and group camps and commercial use.

The plan allows for the continuation of farms now in operation and makes provisions for public buildings such as schools and fire stations as well as utility services and installations. Lot owners may use a mobile home for a year while they are

constructing a permanent building. (Or in tents) up to 125 persons for seven days.

Lake-side businesses in allotted areas may include marinas, motels, fishing and hunting lodges, restaurants, amusement parks and utilities.

The commission can set up an administration and a board of adjustment to hear appeals. Citizens can appeal from the board of adjustment to a Superior Court if they wish to dispute a ruling. Building permits are required. The Department of Conservation and Development has urged the commissioners to act upon the plan for all new recreational areas quickly become overrun with substandard buildings and inadequate businesses that prevent the proper location of roads and the lowering of real estate values.

Gaston Lake could become one of the biggest economic assets of the entire Northeast. The lake rises and falls only several feet, for its level can be controlled by Kerr Dam and Roanoke Rapids Dam.

In some states the failure to zone a lake has caused such a low level of development that See LAKE, Page 3

Principal Signs New Highway Commissioner

JACKSON — Principal P. T. Jones has signed a contract for the second year at the Northampton County High School. It had been reported that he was considering an offer from another school district.

Jones came to Northampton in 1964 when the new consolidated school was opened. He had been principal of the Aulander School for 10 years previously.

He is married with three children and now lives in Woodland.

Holiday Accident Injures Five

RICH SQUARE — A Fourth of July head-on collision near here resulted in injuries to five Negroes. Three of the injured were admitted to the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Ahoskie, and the others were treated by local physicians.

Dennis E. Harrell, of Patterson, N. J., who driving a 1965 Chevrolet, owned by Sam Belfield, started to pull over in front of Dorothy Belfield's house near the intersection of the Hart Swamp Road and Highway N.C. 308, three miles south of here. He collided head-on with a 1960 Studebaker driven by Percell Magette, who was headed north.

Harrell, a passenger in the car he was driving, and a passenger in the Magette car, were admitted to the hospital. Magette and his brother, Leroy, were given treatment locally.

Damages were estimated at \$3500.

State Trooper Glenn Swanson investigated the accident.

Six Suspended Sentences Given In Court Session

JACKSON — Six suspended sentences were handed out in last week's session of Recorder's Court by Judge Ballard S. Gay.

Carl Parker of Rt. 1, Murfreesboro, was charged with assault on a female. He was taxed costs of the case and put on a good behavior period of two years after a six months prison term was suspended.

Edward Dutton Moon, a Hendersonville man, drew a 12 months suspended term on a non-support charge. He was ordered to pay the sum of \$15 per week toward support of his family and was put on probation for two years.

Joseph R. Harrell of Lewiston was charged with speeding. He was required to pay costs of the case after a 30-days term was suspended.

Charged with driving while under the influence, Randolph W. Parks of Rt. 1, Seaboard, was handed a six months term which was suspended upon condition he pay a fine of \$100 plus costs. He gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. Ball was set at \$200.

A Rich Square man, Thornton R. Bush, also expressed dissatisfaction with a 30-day term for speeding.

Don Matthews Pledges Fair Treatment To All In District

By LAURA HARRELL
AHOSKIE — The newly appointed Highway Commissioner for the First District has pledged to treat the entire district fairly with no emphasis on the needs of any one particular county.

Don Matthews, Jr., of Hamilton was appointed Thursday to the new 14-member Highway Commission which is being organized under the Moore Administration.

Joe Hunt, former House speaker of Greensboro, was named by Governor Moore as chairman of the Commission. The chairman and 14 members were sworn

in for four-year terms on Tuesday morning. Hunt replaces Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, who was chairman of the 18-member commission appointed by former Governor Terry Sanford.

A farmer and businessman, Mr. Matthews is 40 years of age. He was a supporter of Dr. I. Beverly Lake during the first primary campaign in the spring of 1964 and was a regional campaign director when Lake joined forces with Moore in the second primary battle against Richardson Preyer.

He is now serving on the Executive Committee of the Chowan College Board of Trustees after having served one year as chairman of the Board. According to the College's public relations office, both Matthews and his father are "good contributors to Chowan College." In his home town of Hamilton, he serves as a Town Commissioner.

In a telephone conversation, Matthews said he is "grateful to a lot of people — many of whom I know and many that I do not know — for their support." He said that he has not had time since the appointment to do much planning but he added, "I

am determined to look at the division as a whole and not as sections. Each county is an integral part of the whole."

Others in the Roanoke-Chowan area who were contacted about the appointment seemed confident that the area and district will be fairly and ably represented by the Martin County man.

Third District Senator J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston said, "The Third District is going to be o.k. with Don Matthews, Jr., as its Highway Commissioner. He is completely familiar with our needs and is young and vigorous — he will be a hard working Highway Commissioner who will see that we get a fair deal during the next four years."

"This is going to be particularly important because there will be a lot of roads either built or planned during his term, especially if the \$300-million road bond issue passes a vote of the people."

The Senator explained that he originally endorsed Richard T. Vann of Murfreesboro for the job. When it became apparent to Harrington a few weeks ago that Vann would not get the job because Hertford County had held the chairmanship during the last administration, the Senator said he sent a letter of endorsement on Matthews as an alternate.

"I followed this up with several phone calls to people close to See PLEDGES, Page 8

Congressional Plan Would Aid R-C Area

AHOSKIE — The highly agriculturally — productive Northeastern North Carolina which includes Hertford, Northampton, Gates and Bertie Counties is being eyed by Washington in connection with proposed 17-county water resources development program.

Looking 50 years into the future, the program would help solve flood and drainage and salt-water intrusion problems, Walter E. Fuller, director of North Carolina Water Resources, told "Your Home Newspaper," Wednesday.

A surface water project, the study is being asked of Congress by Sen. B. Everett Jordan who would use the Army Corps of Engineers for the work which was proposed last year by the N. C. Board of Water Resources following studies which began in 1963.

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"No Discrimination" In Welfare Programs

JACKSON — Mrs. Janet Brown, welfare director, told the Northampton County Commissioners that she was signing a compliance form for the Northampton County Welfare Board because "In truth there is no discrimination against Negroes in our program and by the very nature of the population of the county this is so."

She said that she was required to send a form to all welfare recipients explaining this. The form read as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, Explanation:

Under this legislation, all persons applying for, receiving, or participating in any federally-assisted program or activity are protected against discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin.

Any of the following actions by a public welfare agency or by an agency, institution, or facility providing care or service under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance are considered discriminatory when based on race, color, or national origin:

a. Denial of aid, care, service, or other benefits.
b. Segregation or separate treatment.
c. Restriction in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others.
d. Treatment which is different from that afforded others in regard to determination of eligibility or other condition which must be met.

Any individual who feels he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin may make a written complaint within 90 days from the date of the alleged discrimination to the local county director of public welfare, the Commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh, or the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C. Forms may be made to the county and State offices can be secured from the local county department of public welfare or from the State Department of Public Welfare, Box 2559, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. Any individual who wishes to complain directly to the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare may write him at the above address.

Mrs. Brown also told the commissioners that boarding and nursing homes would have to sign a compliance agreement if they are to continue to receive any results who are paid from welfare funds.

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Chamber Of Commerce To Be Considered

JACKSON — At the suggestion of J. Guy Revelle, chairman of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners, the board approved a motion to invite all the town mayors and the county planning board to a dinner at the Quaker House Restaurant on July 11 to discuss the need for a county-wide Chamber of Commerce to help in the development and promotion of Northampton County.

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Commissioners Approve New Jury List

JACKSON — A new jury box was ordered built Tuesday by the Northampton County Board of Commissioners.

The old box was found to be less than half the size needed when the new master jury list was presented for drawing of names for the August term of Superior Court.

Commissioners expressed amazement at the results of their request that County Manager Melvin Holmes compile a list of names of persons 21 through 65 from every available source without regard to race or property ownership.

They allowed no exception such as doctor, lawyer or minister. Holmes presented a list of about 10,000 names which is more than twice the number of the old list which had come chiefly from the tax rolls.

Although the names are not identified by race, it was estimated that more than half those drawn for jury service are Negroes and almost half of the total are women.

Holmes remarked, "If there is any segregation done, it will have to be by the court."

Dr. W. R. Parker, health director, reported that 65 persons are participating in voluntary birth control, with the cost being borne by the federal government. The cost averaged \$2.25 per month for each person.

Dr. Parker also reported that two cases of early cancer had

been detected at pre-natal clinics conducted by Drs. John Stanley and J. A. Fleetwood, Jr. Sixty-two women were examined during the quarterly period.

Dr. Parker estimated that there were more than 2,000 unvaccinated dogs in the county and explained that the dog wardens did what he could to find them during the year.

He reported that a new nurse had been added to the health department under a Federal provision for special immunization drive. She is Mrs. Wilson Boone and will work with families with children under five to see that

they have had their program of shots.

Home Agent Mrs. Audrey Jenkins reported on the activities of the 4-H clubs since they were changed to community clubs. She said there were fourteen clubs with 350 members now that two new clubs in Gaston had been activated.

She also said that the thirteen home demonstration clubs had 215 members and that they averaged about 50% attendance.

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Jurors Selected For August Superior Court

JACKSON — The following jurors were drawn for the August term of Superior Court.

Wicaccanec — Elizabeth Gay Vinson, Alvin S. Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth Erekson, Eugene Odum, Otto J. Hewitt, Herbert Jordon, Marion Tyler.

Rich Square — Mildred Keen, O. T. Futrell, Rev. O. S. Williams, Johnny W. Vinson, Ellen Robinson, Gladys Powell, Thomas Lee Dickens, Gracie E. Conwell, Mary DeLoach, Willie Lawrence, Betty Jane Shackel-

ford, Genora Lassiter.

Kirby — William Henry Bridges, Hudson T. Askew, Lokie Nelson, Eugene Burgess, Mrs. J. L. Blythe, L. E. Boone, Sr., Jack Britt, Mrs. R. J. White, Betty N. Barrett.

Oconeechee — John Lewis Edwards, Herman Pearson, Alice Lowe, McCoy Harrell, John M. Cox.

Seaboard — Ralph Everett, Ernest Faison, Anderson Terry Harris, Johnnie Walden, Joseph Valantine.

Gaston — Marcilla Moore, Dal-

sy Squire, Mary Moody, Paul Garner, Mrs. J. M. Lee, Wilbur Boone, Shelton Gundy, Patrick Lee, B. C. Daniel Jones, Mrs. Dorothy L. Faison, James Edward Bellfield.

Pleasant Hill — Henry C. Harris, Jake R. Webb, Solomon Hardy.

Jackson — W. T. Rose, Robert Lee Peebles, Jessie T. Lassiter, III, W. J. Beale, Jr.

Roanoke — Mrs. Millie Council, Herbert Brewer, Franklin Britton, George Lee Bynum.

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Food Stamps For Free

JACKSON — According to a story told at the Northampton County commissioners meeting by commissioner John Boone the food stamp program has been out maneuvered by an inventive welfare recipient in spite of its safeguards and cost sharing provisions.

Boone says that this unidentified man borrowed a ham from his neighbor and sold it to a local grocery store. Then he took the money and went to a bank and bought his monthly allotment of food stamps. With these stamps he went back and repurchased the ham and bought food with the remaining stamps. Then he returned the ham to his neighbor to close out the deal, he had the food purchased with the stamps as a tidy profit on the deal.

Who says that welfare doesn't encourage free enterprise?

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The CH 474 was en route to West Point, N. Y., for a demonstration, Lt. Fort Benning, Ga., piloted by Lt. Robert Kilber with five other men aboard.

The 760 pound engine was removed by a wrecker from the Ahoskie National Guard unit and a second engine substituted. It was brought in by air by a plane which landed at Wards Grain Company air strip seven miles away.

The grounded helicopter attracted quite a crowd during its overnight stay.

Army Helicopter Makes Forced Landing

PENDLETON — A U. S. Army helicopter big enough to carry 34 fully-equipped combat troops with 33,000 pounds of cargo at-

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