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IT'S TRUE—Your eyes do not deceive you. Pictured is the starting lineup for Northampton County High School football team—Ramettes, that is—when they meet the Scotties of Scotland Neck on Thursday night, October 21, as kickoff activity for NCHS's first homecoming event. They are (front, from left) Brenda Joyner, right end; Judy Lassiter, right tackle;

Donna Spence, right guard; June Bracy, center; Celeste Spence, left guard; Brenda Draper, right tackle; and Brenda Wheeler, right end. (Back from left) Gayle Williams, right halfback; Shandra Daniels, quarterback; Ethlene Hatcher, fullback; Barbara Ricks, left halfback.

Powder Puff Football Game Kicks Off NCHS Homecoming

By DOT WAGONER
Area News Editor
CONWAY — Friday, October 22, will be a big day at Northampton County High School although school will not be in session. Students will be preparing for the school's first homecoming celebration on Friday night, but homecoming activities will actually begin Thursday night, October 21, with a Powder Puff football game at the school.

That's right — the Ramettes of NCHS will invade the athletic field to match wits and feminine intuition with the Scotties of Scotland Neck, all girls of course. The Powder Puff game will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday night and be followed by a pep rally and bonfire to ignite school spirit for the homecoming game. Nominal admission of 25 cents will be charged at Thursday night's game to help defray expenses. The two girls teams will each have 11 players and follow regular football rules, except that the game will be two hand touch below the waist. Quarters will

run eight minutes. Probable starting lineup for the NCHS Ramettes will be Shandra Daniels, quarterback; Ethlene Hatcher, fullback; Barbara Ricks, left halfback; Gayle Williams, right halfback; Glenda Carroll, center; Donna and Celeste Spence (sisters), guards; Judy Lassiter and Brenda Draper, right ends; Brenda Wheeler and Brenda Joyner, ends.

Miss Barbara Edwards, Ramette coach, said the powder puff game is "just for fun" and will be a one time event. To add to the excitement of homecoming activities, there will be no school on Friday when teachers will attend an annual meeting.

Friday night's varsity game will pit the Northampton Rams against the Scotland Neck Fighting Scots. During halftime activities, Miss NCHS 1965-66 will be crowned. Miss NCHS 1965-66 is Ethlene Hatcher, fullback. Friday night's meeting will be the first meeting of the organization since it was formed on September 9. Plans for a meeting on September 20 were thwarted due to prior meeting commitments of several director members. The organization was formed to improve Northampton's economy. J. J. Heller of Severn is vice president. Serving on the Board of Directors are: Ralph Askew, Floyd Price, Sam Stephenson, Marshall Grant, O. B. Spaulding, W. T. Lee, S. R. and Mrs. S. K. Motzno, and W. S. U. Gentry.

Court Session Is Routine

JACKSON — Northampton Recorder's Court Judge Ballard S. Gay imposed no active sentences during last week's session of court.

The strongest sentence handed out during the trials went to Millard James Deloach of Conway, charged with driving after his operator's permit was suspended, and displaying a permit not his own. Judge Gay gave the man a six months road term, suspended on payment of a \$200 fine and the cost of court on the first charge, and 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of the costs, on the latter count.

Other routine matters heard by the court were as follows: Thomas Wiggins of Rich Square (1) possession of equipment to make non-taxpaid whiskey and, (2) manufacturing same. He received a 12 months suspended road term in each case. The sentence in each charge was suspended on grounds he pay a \$125 fine and the court costs and be on good behavior for 12 months.

George Lassiter, also of Rich Square, charged with identical counts as Wiggins, received the same sentences and suspensions. Clarence Epps of Garysburg, assault with a deadly weapon, six months on the roads, suspended on payment of a \$25 fine

To Exhibit Art At ECC

GREENVILLE — Senior exhibitions scheduled by seniors in the School of Art at East Carolina College during the remainder of the fall quarter include work by a Rich Square boy.

All exhibits are under the general supervision of art Prof. Tran Gordley and are open to the public in Rawl Building daily from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m., except Sundays when hours are 2 to 10 p.m. November 15 to November 20, Samuel Shelton Williams of Rich Square will exhibit work in Kate Lewis Gallery.

Williams is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. O. S. Williams, Rich Square. Mary Beale Lewter of Woodland, reckless driving, 30 days, suspended on payment of the court costs. Harry Green, Jr., of Jackson, failure to yield the right of way, judgment suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Bannon Weathers Deberry of Roanoke Rapids, driving too fast for conditions, found not guilty. Harry Grey Crawley of Weldon, speeding 55 mph in a 45 zone and failure to comply with restriction on face of operator's permit. Judgment suspended on payment of the court costs. Jesse Lee Draper of Jackson, speeding 60 mph in a 45 zone, judgment suspended upon payment of the court costs. Waverly Joyner of Conway, speeding 60 mph in a 50 zone, judgment suspended upon payment of the court costs. James C. Holt of Garysburg, carrying a concealed weapon, found not guilty by the court. Willie Thomas Barrett, Jr., of Conway, making a movement without exercising due caution, judgment suspended on payment of the court costs.

Perry Lloyd, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids, operating a motor vehicle upon the public roads and streets of North Carolina without an operator's permit. Judgment suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Football Official Completes 30 Years

WOODLAND — After 30 years of football officiating as an umpire, Robert (Bob) Littrell of Woodland, has retired. His last 20 years of officiating have been in the Southern Conference and upon his retirement last year from this conference he was awarded a life time pass to the home games of any team in the Southern Conference. His fellow officials presented him with a gold watch. Inscribed on the back was "Southern Football Official Association, 1964 to Bob Littrell." During his 30 years as a football official he worked 528 games which took him in 25 states and he covered 500,000 miles. Littrell completed his 20 years as a football umpire in the Southern Conference at the end of the 1964 season.

A native of Rocky Mount, he is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute where he played football and coached baseball. He was football coach at Middlesex and Fairfield High Schools from 1934-40. Littrell came to Woodland in 1956 and was employed by the Northeastern Oil Company in Murfreesboro as credit manager. He has been with this company ever since. He is married to the former Mary G. Parker of George and they have two children, a daughter and a son. Littrell said, "I hate to give up my job as an official but the Southern Football Official Association says I must make room for some of the younger officials."

Airport Issue In Question

Northampton Registration Heavy; Light November Vote Predicted

By DOT WAGONER
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CONWAY — Voter registration in Northampton County on Saturday, first day of the current registration period, was the heaviest among the 26 North Carolina counties under the Voting Rights Bill signed August 6 by President Johnson. On Saturday 303 new voters were registered. Of this number

296 were Negroes. Heaviest registration was in Seaboard, Garysburg and Jackson. Prior to the current registration, Northampton County had 8,950 voters on the books, of which 2,500 were Negroes. Total vote in the 1964 presidential election was 6,200. Russell Johnson, elections board chairman, said Tuesday that Negro leaders in the county estimate that 4,000 Negroes of voting age are not registered, but that the estimate of the Board of Elections is more conservative at 2,500.

Northampton is under the Voting Rights Bill because one half of voting age persons are not registered. Johnson said according to the 4,000 estimate, 3,275 Negroes would have to be registered for the county to get out from under the act.

Johnson expects the Northampton elections board to file petition with the Federal District Court in Washington, D. C., to get out from under the act that suspends literacy tests if during this registration enough names are added to the books to meet federal requirements. "We will not, I am sure, attempt to get out from under the voting rights act until we are certain we have met requirements," the chairman told "Your Home Newspaper."

Chairman Johnson of Conway and County Attorney E. B. Grant of Jackson attended the voting rights seminar in Wilson in September when state and federal election officials explained the bill and instructed officials from the 26 counties on procedures for the October registration.

The law Under the recent law, 26 North Carolina counties are required to suspend the literacy test for

voter registration and are possible targets for federal registrars.

The law states that any county which did not have 50 per cent of its eligible voters registered on November 1, 1964, or which did not have 50 per cent of its eligible voters to vote in the 1964 presidential election, will have to eliminate literacy tests for registration; and that federal registrars may be sent to counties listed under the bill to insure that every person is treated the same.

County Fortunate Johnson said, "Northampton County is blessed because there has been no friction between Negro citizens and election officials." No official complaints concerning registration or elections have ever been filed from Northampton County, according to Johnson's knowledge. "I have been chairman of the local board for 10 years and if there has ever

been a complaint, it was before that time," Johnson added.

He did say, however, that two official complaints were brought before him Saturday by Jack Falson, president of the Northampton County chapter NAACP. Both were immediately registered by the elections chairman and were quickly resolved. One concerned absence of a registrar from the poll when a Negro went to register and the other was a misunderstanding on the part of a registrar concerning inability of applicant to sign his name on a registration card. The cards are used in conjunction with the registration looseleaf registration records.

Johnson said it was determined that the registrar in question on the first complaint had stepped away from the poll momentarily, was within 300 feet of the poll, and did not know the applicant had been to register and failed to find him during his brief absence. In the other complaint, the registrar was instructed to let the Negro man make his mark on the card and be registered.

No Trouble "I do not anticipate any trouble in Northampton County," Johnson said, "because the Board of Elections agreed unanimously to accept the Civil Rights Act and comply completely with the Voting Rights Bill." For this reason, the Board does not anticipate visits by federal registrars, as allowed under the bill.

A demand has been made to Johnson, he said, to open books fulltime in Northampton County. The demand came from the Rev. C. M. Creech of Rich Square, but was denied following a special meeting of the Board of

Assistant Managers

The local ABC Board will interview and designate persons from each town where ABC stores are located to serve as substitute store managers. Interviewing will begin next week. Assistant managers will serve in the event of illness, or other absence, of managers. The jobs will not offer fulltime work or salary, but will be on a part-time basis with

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C Of C Sets First Meet For Oct. 19

JACKSON — The Board of Directors of the Northampton County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7 o'clock on Tuesday night, October 19 at the Quaker House in Woodland, according to Charles E. Myers, president. Supper will be served prior to the meeting.

An invitation has been extended to the County Commissioners and several other key people in the county to meet with the group, Myers said.

Finances and various needs of the county will be the main topics to be discussed at the meeting. Monday night's meeting will be the first meeting of the organization since it was formed on September 9. Plans for a meeting on September 20 were thwarted due to prior meeting commitments of several director members. The organization was formed to improve Northampton's economy.

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\$620,400 For Northampton In State Road Bond Funds

JACKSON — R. L. Grant has been named Northampton County chairman of the Governor's Committee for Better Roads to promote the state's \$300 million road bond issue. The announcement was made Monday by state chairman, Robert P. Holding, Jr., of Smithfield.

The four Roanoke - Chowan counties will receive almost \$3 million of the road bond issue money that already is earmarked for expenditure here. Of the secondary road portion of the bond issue, \$1,745,900 is earmarked for secondary road construction in the R-C alone. In addition to this amount the municipalities in the four counties are slated to receive a total of \$953,000 for highway and street construction within their corporate limits.

Allocation for Division I will be \$19,519,000 or which \$620,400 will go to Northampton County alone. Allocations in Northampton are as follows: county, \$395,100; Town of Conway, \$26,000; Garysburg, \$7,100; Gaston, \$44,600; Jackson, \$30,000; Lasker, \$47,000; Rich Square, \$44,500; Seaboard, \$23,500; Severn, \$12,200; Woodland, \$32,700.

All these funds — and no increase in taxes! The Legislature specified that, if approved, the bonds would be financed by the present one cent per gallon gasoline tax used to finance the 1949 Scott road bond issue. In 1966, funds will be available to retire the 1949 bonds and until then the new bonds can be financed with current highway revenues.

Grant said Wednesday, "The highways and roads in Northampton County need improving and the road bond issue is the answer to our problems."

Local Campaign A local committee will be set up to coordinate all educational efforts in the county in behalf of the \$300 million road bond issue to be decided by vote of the people on November 2; however, Grant has not had sufficient time since his appointment to organize the Northampton campaign. Names of members of the local committee are expected to be announced next week.

Although the campaign is still in the planning stages, Northampton is already on its way with endorsement of the state road bond issue by the County Commissioners. Town councils, mayors,

women's clubs and all civic organizations will be asked to join the drive to gain countywide support for the issue.

Grant emphasized that this will not be a crash construction program, but will provide needed road funds throughout the state.

Four Issues Also included on the state ballot in the November 2 election will be a referendum to seek voter approval of the court reform authorized by the last legislature which calls for Appellate courts to take over some of the burden of appeals cases.

On the county ballot will be two issues, tax levy for library funds and tax levy for Tri-County Airport appropriation of Northampton's share of the cost.



QUITE A PROJECT—Putting "Water Bomb" planes into the air to fight forest fires at Tri-County Airport, Tuesday, meant need for plenty of equipment. No. 1, shows target—two trees and above the lead plane has just signaled the target and plane 2 is dropping 350 gallons of water. Below, left, the big DC-3 gas tanks are fueling one of the planes with No. 2 pointing to the electrical equipment on

the ground which is pumping gas into plane at far right where at No. 3, the DC's Pilot Chuck Runyon handles the hose. No. 4, marks the 1,000 gallon canvas water tank which has been filled from the fire truck and No. 5, indicates the location of water tank under fuselage of fourth Forest Service Water Bomber.