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WITH CONSTITUENTS — Congressman L. H. Fountain talks with constituents Thursday afternoon in Rich Square—one of 14 post office stops he made in Northampton during his two-day

visit last week. Shown with the Congressman are: Mayor Charles E. Myers, the Rev. O. S. Williams and Dr. J. W. Brown.

Effect Of Two Million Federal Aid Still Uncertain In Area

RALEIGH—What will Roanoke-Chowan's more than \$2 million share of the \$1.3 billion in federal aid under the Elementary and Secondary School Act mean to the area now and in the future? No one can say. Even the experts have declined to do more than guess. R-C residents, like others across the nation, will have to wait for a final assessment of the 99th Congress' push

for a revolution in education. Hertford County schools are eligible to apply for more than \$460,000. Bertie, \$679,000; Gates, \$223,800; and Northampton, \$122,900. If the area's full potential of grants under this bill is realized it will mean a tremendous boost to the operating budget of local schools. The money will not be used for construction so the schools may be

limited in the implementation of some of the varied projects provided, especially those for reduction of class size. Some of the ways local school districts may spend the money include: special classes for physically handicapped, language laboratories, remedial reading programs, additional teachers, summer school and day camps and health programs. The bill also provides more money for educational research, and for the purchase of textbooks and library books, establishment of supplementary education centers open to all children, and enrichment of library facilities and cultural opportunities.

Keyed to "poverty," the funds will virtually double the amount of federal aid available to public schools — and in return are expected to contribute to the country's over-all economy by building potential school dropouts, as high school graduates, into wage earners. As a result, a future sharp decrease in welfare rolls is predicted. It all sounds too good to be true as money available to R-C counties under the recently enacted program assume proportions undreamed of when the legislation was passed. There is a "snag" though. The federal money allocated un-

Duke Endowment's Gifts To R-C Area

DURHAM — During 1964 Roanoke-Chowan hospitals and Methodist churches received \$24,852 through the Duke Endowment. Last year's appropriations and allocations were announced in a recently released 40th annual report.

For construction and equipment Roanoke-Chowan Hospital received \$2,500 and Bertie County Memorial Hospital, \$5,000. In addition, the Ahoskie hospital was allocated \$4,853 for free beds of care while the Windsor hospital's share was \$3,499. The charity case funds represent \$1 per day for each free day of patient care reported. In North and South Carolina charity days totaled 1,459,060 or 20.3 per cent of the 7,193,068 total days of care in the 192 assisted hospitals. There was an increase of 376,096 in total days and of 96,792 in free days in 1964 over those reported by the 190 hospitals assisted in 1963. Charity funds given by the Endowment were the greatest in its 40 years.

The \$15,852 in hospital appropriations for the two area institutions was a part of \$49,156,859 appropriated to non-federal short-term hospitals in North Carolina and South Caro-

lina. Appropriations for construction and equipment emphasize growth of minimal care units, outpatient services, chronic disease facilities, and intensive care units. Free day bed care funds are to assist hospitals in financing facilities and services for charity cases.

Methodist churches in the R-C area benefiting from Endowment funds to promote better construction and design of rural churches were Saint Francis, Bertie County, \$3,500; Northampton County — Severn Church, \$500, Shiloh Church, \$1,000, and Zion Church, \$500.

During the last year the Endowment provided nearly \$4 million for financing hospital facilities and charity services and joined in supporting several projects designed to ease personnel shortage and enhance quality of patient care. The church assistance program for construction and maintenance and support of retired ministers, widows and dependent children of deceased ministers is a North Carolina program. The Duke Endowment was established by James B. Duke on December 11, 1924 to support higher education, health, child care and religion.

pastors meet

CONWAY — The Northampton County Pastor's Association will meet at the Baptist Church in Conway on Tuesday, November 23, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Donald Dunlap will be host pastor. The Rev. James Sutton of Millwake, the association's secretary, urges all pastors serving churches in the county to attend.

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Car Hits Child Near Rich Square

RICH SQUARE — A seven-year-old Negro girl was critically injured early Wednesday morning as she dashed across the highway in front of her home on her way to school.

Patricia Mozelle Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Phillips, was rushed to Roanoke-Chowan Hospital with extensive head injuries and a broken leg, but was quickly transferred to a Norfolk hospital. She was still unconscious at the time of her transfer.

The young girl and a boy companion about the same age were together at the time of the accident on Highway 258 just 500 feet south of the Rich Square city limits. The young boy, who had not been identified at noon Wednesday, was running behind the Phillips child and was not struck. Joe Nathan Vaughan of Rich Square, driver of the car that hit the youngster, told Trooper Glenn Swanson that the little girl darted into the path of his car so suddenly that he barely had time to apply brakes before striking her.

The child's mother was inside the house and her father was at work at Farmers Hardware in Rich Square at the time. There were no witnesses to the early morning accident. No charges had been filed against Vaughan by Wednesday afternoon.

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Mrs. Price stated that through the Bloodmobile program any resident of our county is entitled to have his or her blood tested at any hospital in the United States or Canada which will accept Red Cross blood service. All blood donated to the Red Cross is given free. When a person receives Red Cross blood from a hospital there is no charge. However, the hospitals within our region and state charge from \$8.50 to \$22.50 per pint for laboratory testing, cross matching and administering. The bill may have an amount listed as a charge for blood, but it is not the blood, but the service which costs. If the blood itself had to be paid for it would cost from \$25 to \$65 more per pint depending on the area and the type of blood.

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Armed Men Open Fire Across Road

VULTARE — A "misunderstanding" between two men over one of the men's wife led to a cutting incident and finally to the pair firing at each other across the highway at Vinson's Crossroads Saturday night. The sharp decrease in welfare rolls is predicted.

From opposite sides of the road, the two men opened fire on each other. King was not wounded in the exchange, but Brooks was shot three times — in the stomach, left shoulder and back of head. He was carried to Roanoke Rapids Hospital in critical condition. King is being held on an open charge in the Northampton County Jail pending the outcome of Brooks' condition.

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Northampton Hospital Not Seen As Immediate Future Project

CONWAY — It is not likely that Northampton County will build a hospital anytime in the near future, according to Guy Revelle, chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

The possibility of such a project within the county has been discussed widely during the past few weeks following a meeting of the commissioners with Roanoke Rapids Hospital authorities. At the meeting, a proposal was presented for the county to pay its fair share toward future expansion and other costs of the facilities.

Northampton, in addition to the Roanoke Rapids proposal, has heard a similar proposal from the Ahoskie hospital that the eastern section of the county be included in a hospital district to support those facilities.

Melvin Holmes, county manager, said he felt a Northampton hospital could be constructed for \$500,000 and that matching funds from the Hill — Burton act would provide approximately half this amount. He thinks such a project is possible without an increase in county taxes. "I believe a bond issue for a local hospital

would be cheaper in the long run for us," Holmes said, "and we have only three alternatives — support of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, support of the Ahoskie hospital, or a hospital of our own."

Bart Burgwyn, ABC Board chairman, said this week he proposed a Northampton hospital as early as April 5 of this year when he appeared before the commissioners to ask them to call an ABC referendum. At that time he told the board, "A hospital should be in the immediate plans for the county as doctors are going to

hard to come by without one, and there is no need to keep supporting hospitals in other counties," Holmes and Revelle agree with Burgwyn that reluctance of young doctors to settle in Northampton where there is no hospital is a problem that is becoming more pronounced each year.

In proposing a local hospital, Holmes noted that the county has spent at least \$2 million for schools during the last four years. "The county is appropriating a half million dollars annually in (See HOSPITAL, Page 10)

Bloodmobile Visit Set For November 26 In Jackson

JACKSON — The Tidewater Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Jackson on Friday, November 26, the chairman, Mrs. Floyd Price, has announced. Headquarters will be the Jackson Lion's Club Building where donations may be made at any time from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The quota for the Northampton County Chapter is 105 pints.

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Rev. Dean Is Chairman Of County '66 Heart Fund

CONWAY — The Northampton County Heart Council has announced the appointment of the Rev. Dean C. Dean of Severn as chairman for the 1966 Heart Fund.

The 1966 Heart Fund chairman will appoint area community leaders who will direct the various aspects of the annual fundraising effort in behalf of the North Carolina and American Heart Associations, of which the local group is a division. It has been pointed out that heart diseases are the leading cause of death in Northampton County and the important work of the Heart Association deserves widest possible support.

Bruce Johnson, Conway attorney, will head the Northampton County Heart Association, local division of the North Carolina and American Heart Association. Purpose of the Northampton County Heart Association is to inform the public of the facts about heart disease, to provide local physicians, nurses and other professional people who deal with heart patients with the latest research discoveries in treating heart diseases and to conduct a community program for the benefit of patients and their families.

Mrs. Jackie Johnson of Conway has again accepted the post of treasurer of the Northampton County Heart Council. In addition to banking and accounting for money raised during the annual February Heart Fund Campaign, the treasurer handles memorial gifts, which are acceptable throughout the year. Mrs. Talmadge Barnes of Rich Square will again serve as pub-

licity chairman of the Northampton County Heart Council. The Heart Fund is a great challenge against the number one health enemy of our nation in which we all can participate through giving and serving as volunteers.

Third District Legislators In Midst Of Speaker Ban Law Fight

Exclusive To Your Home Newspapers By SIDNEY STAPLETON

RALEIGH — The Third District delegation to the General Assembly's special session called to consider the controversial Speaker Ban Law proved to be a rallying point for those who favored the ban law's continuation.

Reps. Roberts Jernigan of Hertford, Emmett Burden of Bertie and J. Raynor Woodard of Northampton all voted initially to leave the issue untouched and voiced opposition to the amendment to the law recommended by the Britt study commission. In the House, the strategy against amendment to the law was led by Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates and the Third District representatives took their lead from him.

Godwin offered an amendment mid-way in the House session Tuesday calling for each of the state's tax-supported schools to file with the Governor a monthly report of the speakers who had appeared on the campus in the preceding 30-day period.

Each of the Third District representatives voted for the Godwin amendment though it failed of passage by a narrow 57-51 vote. When the Britt amendment finally came to the floor, each of the three representatives voted against its adoption on the first two readings. Then, in a dramatic gesture, Godwin saying, "I'm probably going to be accused of a lot of this things for what I'm going to do," announced he would support the Britt amendment. "We put up a good fight but we lost," Godwin said sadly. Bertie Rep. Emmett Burden then went with Godwin and voted for the Britt bill on its third reading. Reps. Jernigan and Woodard, however, stood by their guns and refused to change their



Now in office — Congressman L. H. Fountain and his constituents are now located in an office on the third floor of the courthouse. Charles E. Myers, of Rich Square, president, and Mrs. Martin M. Howard, who assumed duties on November 15 as secretary-treasurer of the organization, took a break on Monday from moving chores, to pose. Myers stated that the organization's charter is to be written by the last of November and urges all who wish to be listed as charter members to mail their dues in now to the Jackson office.

vote. The Britt compromise which was strongly endorsed by Governor Dan Moore, passed its third house reading by a 75-39 vote. Earlier, all three of the Third District representatives also voted in favor of a motion by Rep. Steve Dolley of Gaston calling for a statewide referendum on the gag law. Dolley's amendment was killed by a simple majority though the vote was not announced.

In the Senate, Harrington consistently voted with those who favored the law's amendment. Harrington voted in the affirmative on an amendment by Harriet Senator Robert Morgan which was identical to the Godwin House amendment calling for a record of the speakers to be sent to the Governor.

That motion also tied in the Senate, by failing to secure a simple majority. On the first two readings of the Britt House bill sent to the Senate for concurrence, Harrington also voted in the negative.

Woodland, where friends greeted the Congressman at the post office. Next stops were in Potocasi, Milwaukee, Conway, Pendleton and Severn. In Potocasi those who came to greet their Congressman were rewarded with a short talk on law and order and how to respect the two.

In Pendleton three bus loads of history and civics students from Willis Hare High School, accompanied by their teachers and the principal, O. B. Spaulding, were at the post office to greet the visitor. He spoke to the student group on our heritage, what it means, how we got it and the sacrifices that were made to hand it down to us. He also spoke of his concern of the lack of patriotism in the part of so many people, especially college groups, in our land. He told the students, "handouts are of no lasting benefit, that the only things of permanent value are the things we earn as responsible citizens." Small flags were given the students as a memento of his visit by the Congressman. Heading the delegation that turned out to greet the Congressman in Severn were Mrs. Jay Porter, 30 Severn Elementary School students and their principal, Mrs. Rod Jordan. He spoke to the students on citizenship and presented them with autographed literature. Before leaving Severn he was honored at a noon reception in the conference room at the Peanut and Chemical Office Building. Hosts were the members of the (See Congressman, Page 8)

Congressman Fountain 'Happy With 2nd District' Job

Congressman L. H. Fountain is perfectly happy with his district as it is and he "hopes to keep it substantially as it is now."

"I'm hopeful that when reapportionment comes, my district can be taken care of by addition rather than subtraction," the Congressman commented last week.

"I certainly don't want to lose any of my people but I'll be happy to receive any more people that the court or legislature want to give me," he said. Congressman Fountain made the comments on the reapportionment issue on Friday, at the conclusion of a two-day visit to Northampton.

He arrived at the courthouse in Jackson on Friday afternoon at 2:30 he had spent from 30 minutes to an hour with constituents at 14 locations throughout the county since his Wednesday morning arrival.

The visit was his annual tour of the Second Congressional District planned by Congressman Fountain because "basically this kind of tour gives me, as a member of Congress an opportunity to shake hands and exchange greetings with the people I represent to listen to anything they have to say and to attempt to answer any questions they have in mind. The basic goal it does me as their representative is to emphasize my relationship with them and their's with me. After all my job is to serve the people and their's is to get across to me

through the variety of ways possible, their points of view, their attitudes toward me as their representative and what they expect of me. After being in Washington almost continuously for 10 months, coming home amounts to a refresher course in school, you might call it a constituency school."

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man Fountain was guest speaker at the annual Veteran's Day dinner and ladies night of American Legion Post 111. Approximately 125 persons, veterans and their guests, attended the dinner in the Seaboard Elementary School where Congressman Fountain, introduced by Angus McKellar, spoke on war, our debt to the veterans and peace.

"We recall the names and glorify the memory of all who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States," he told the group. "Somehow I like to think of it as gratitude day, for surely we owe an eternal debt of gratitude to all who have fought and to those who have died in the cause of freedom and justice. "We Americans must go many steps on the road to peace. To-

gether we must find the answer to the confusion, the moral sickness, the spiritual emptiness that oppresses the world," he said, saying, "We must prove ourselves in action on another front, and in the battle for peace, to live rightly requires much more understanding than to die nobly. Let us again renew our resolution that this nation owes a perpetual debt to all soldiers and defenders of its shores. "And this debt can only be paid by fulfilling the ideals for which they fought — a union of happy, self-governing people, strong physically, mentally and spiritually and undaunted in the eyes of the world."

Early Friday morning the district visit began in George, then on to