

# School Board OK's Construction; Sets 'Free Choice' Date

JACKSON - The Northampton County Board of Education voted to proceed with the construction of four projects recently approved by the State Board of Education and set a date for putting the county's "freedom of choice" plan for desegregating schools into operation, according to R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools.

The construction projects, approved by the State Board of Education on December 1, involve almost one-half million dollars of funds available from the Public School Facilities Fund of 1963. Funds under the program were earmarked for construction projects in the following schools: Garysburg Elementary, for an addition to the school, \$144,000; Gumberry High School, for additions and upgrading, \$120,000;

Willis Hare School, for enlarging administrative offices and lunchroom facilities, \$85,000; and the Gaston School, for additions, \$72,000.

The County Board agreed to employ the firm of L. N. Boney and Sons of Wilmington to draw plans and write specifications for the construction projects.

Under tentative plans for project one, the Garysburg School, two self-contained primary classrooms, nine other elementary classrooms and one special education classroom will be constructed.

Project two, which contemplates an addition and upgrading of the Gumberry High School, calls for the conversion of the present dining room into a library.

The present library is to be used as a space to enlarge and remodel the administrative offices and guidance department. A new dining room is to be constructed on the end of the kitchen opposite the present dining room. Project three anticipates the building of a new lunchroom and the enlarging of the administrative offices at the Willis Hare High School.

According to the tentative plans of project four, six classrooms are to be constructed at the Gaston School.

In other action, the board set a 30-day period from March 2 through March 31 as the time for Northampton parents or students to select the schools to be attended during the 1967-68 term under the county-adopted "freedom of choice plan."

Under the plan, children may be assigned to any school of their choice, regardless of race.

Superintendent Lowry reported that a high bid of \$150 was submitted by M. C. Vincent for the former Bethany School on January 3.

W. R. King, who has headed the Title I, ESEA Program in the county since March, 1966, was designated Assistant Superintendent in charge of ESEA Title I.

The contract of Mrs. Merle B. Benn to teach at the Gaston High School was approved and the contract for Mrs. Evelyn Vick to teach at the Severn School was confirmed.

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**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY** Library Board members pose with Mrs. Frances Myette, second from right, moments after naming her county librarian. Mrs. Lillian H. Pearce, left, was named assistant. Others are Mrs. T. T. Stephenson,

second from left, Mrs. T. J. Draper, and Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, for right. The appointment was made Tuesday during the regular monthly meeting of the library board of trustees.



**LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVES** of the State Library and the Albemarle Regional Library Association discuss plans for admitting the Northampton County Library into the regional group with County Manager Melvin Holmes, lower left, and

member of the county library board. Others are Miss Louise Boone, center, librarian of the Albemarle Regional Library, and Miss Frances Gish, area supervisor, N. C. State Library in Raleigh.

## New Librarian For Co. Named

JACKSON - The Northampton County Library Board of Trustees appointed Mrs. Frances M. Myette county librarian and agreed to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the county library join the Albemarle Regional Library system in its regular meeting Tuesday.

Mrs. Myette, who has been employed in the library for approximately one year, succeeds Mrs. Nancy Froelich, who retired January 1, after serving the library for a period of 25 years.

Mrs. Lillian H. Pearce was named assistant.

The board, meeting jointly with representatives of the State Library in Raleigh and the Albemarle Regional Library, agreed to seek admission to the Albemarle Regional Library by July 1.

The regional library system is presently composed of Hertford, Bertie and Gates Counties.

Library Board members, who have been considering the proposal for some time, anticipate no difficulty in gaining admission to the regional association because the merger would be financially beneficial to all concerned.

In order for the library to gain admittance to the regional system, the county's Board of Commissioners must submit a request for the change to Tom Norfleet of Winton, chairman of the Albemarle Association, who will give his recommendation. Then, (See LIBRARIAN, Page 7)

## '67 Cotton, Feed Grain Sign-Up Date Set Jan. 23

JACKSON - The annual sign-up under the 1967 Cotton and Feed Grain programs will begin on Monday, January 23, at the Northampton County ASC office, according to Ben Mann, county office manager.

"All farmers will be notified of program regulations and the individual farm payment rates. These programs will operate very similar to the 1966 program, he said, except for the elimination of diversion payments for feed grain farms that have a base over 25 acres and intend to plant any part of their base acreage.

Payments to farmers under these programs in 1966 amounted to over \$2 million, Mann said.

**SOFTER PICKINGS**  
Girk Father is so pleased to hear that you are a poet.  
Boy: Is he? That makes me divinely happy.  
Girk: You see, he tried to throw out my last boy friend, but he was a wrestler.

## County Promised Support from Representatives

JACKSON - Northampton County Commissioners, in their first meeting of the year, heard promises of full cooperation from the district's two State representatives, Roberts Jernigan Jr. of Ahoskie and Emmett Burden of Aulander.

In their regular annual meeting with the commissioners, the representatives promised to turn "eager ears" to problems in

Northampton County.

Rep. Jernigan stated that both he and Rep. Burden were "very anxious to do what we can for the entire Roanoke-Chowan area."

He warned commissioners, however, not to expect "too much. We are just two men among 170," he said, "and there is just so much we can do."

He urged further communication between the counties of the Roanoke-Chowan area, particularly Hertford, Bertie and Northampton. "We must begin to think of ourselves as one county, governed by three boards of com-

missioners," he said.

He suggested that the three county governing boards meet together "at least once a year" to discuss mutual problems.

He stated that by working together as much as possible, with the three counties functioning as one unit, representation in Raleigh could be more effective.

Jernigan explained that some counties in the state, such as Mecklenburg, have as many as seven representatives, while the "entire Northeastern district has only six representatives.

"It's going to be a little lone-

ly up there (in Raleigh) as far as the east is concerned," he said.

Jernigan also told commissioners he felt that something will be done to make possible a refund of tax monies of some type to cities and counties within the state when the General Assembly convenes.

Commission Chairman J. Guy Revelle discussed a proposed plan to enact several streamlining measures for the board of commissioners in the legislature.

Revelle explained that the Commission felt members should be given a "set salary" instead of being paid on a per diem basis, and that they felt the board should hold two monthly meetings, instead of one.

He stated that the change in operation of the Commission would have to be enacted by the

## No Date Set For Union Election At Mylecraft

SPARTANBURG, S. C. - Tom Bradley, labor relations attorney for Mylecraft Manufacturing Co. of Rich Square, today reported that no date has been set as yet for an NLRB election, but predicted the election would be called in the latter part of this month.

Bradley said the National Labor Relations Board had ordered the election on the request of the Mylecraft Company on the basis of a petition, filed in the latter part of November.

He said the company filed the petition after a claim of representation from the International Ladies Garment Workers Union was submitted to the company.

The Spartanburg attorney said the company took advantage of its legal option to file the petition for election because "it doubted the union's claims" of representations of the company's workers.

Bradley said he predicted the election would be held in the latter part of the month because it is customary for elections to be called within 30 days of the order.

The ILGWU has a local union at the Talon, Inc., plant at Woodland and had an organizational move at Weather-All, Division of Kellwood, (Ahoskie Manufacturing Co.) in Ahoskie several months ago but, at present, no official action has been taken.



**Commissioners OK Appointment of New Deputy**

JACKSON - The appointment of Otis Wheeler of Seaboard as Northampton County's newest deputy sheriff was officially approved by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting Monday.

Prior to his appointment, Wheeler was ABC officer for Northampton County and had served two years as a special deputy.

A native of Seaboard, he graduated from Seaboard High School and attended a special law enforcement officers training school under SBIDirector Walter Anderson.

He is a veteran of the Army, having served in Europe. He was employed at Talon, Inc., for 12 years following his release from service.

Wheeler is married to the former Charlotte Smith of Rich Square. They have one son, Billy.

## ASCS Chairman Says Co. To Get Emergency Grain

JACKSON - J. Frank Garriss, chairman of the Northampton ASC County Committee, announced today that Northampton County has been designated as an emergency area.

Under this designation farmers in the county may apply at the ASCS county office for the purchase of surplus CCC corn at a rate equal to 90 per cent of the base price where the corn is to be used in feeding foundation livestock herds and 115 per cent of the base price for secondary livestock. The price for corn for primary livestock in the county is \$1.2240 per bushel and for secondary livestock the price is \$1.564 per bushel.

This program was requested by

the local county USDA disaster committee of which Garriss, chairman of the ASC county committee, is chairman. The sale of this corn should not only help farmers at a time when livestock feed is vitally needed, but it will also help reduce government stocks and thereby reduce storage costs.

Garriss said the county ASC office will begin accepting applications for livestock producers on Friday, January 6.

Several carloads of corn have already been ordered, he said, and delivery is expected within the next few weeks.

He added that local grain elevators will be approved to handle all grain.

## Independent Club Meeting Set January 9

JACKSON - The Northampton Independent Club will hold its regular meeting Monday night, January 9, at 8 p.m. in the fire house in Jackson, according to Mrs. A. M. Davis, secretary.

All members are being urged to attend.

## Rainfall

RICH SQUARE - Rainfall the last six months of 1965 was recorded at 21.29 inches by Miss Alice Elliott for the Rich Square area. This was 2.81 less inches than the first six months total of 24.10.

Recordings by months were July, 2.08; August, 9.65; September, 2.32; October, 1.19; November, 2.57; December, 3.48.

Total rainfall in 1965 was measured at 45.39, a wetter year than 1965 when Miss Elliott recorded 35.78 inches. In 1961 her records indicate a rainfall of 42.94.

The heaviest rainfall during any one month of 1965 was in August with 9.65 inches.

## 300 Children Get Measles Shots Wed.

JACKSON - Approximately 300 children between the ages of one and six filed into the Northampton County Health Center at Jackson Wednesday to get their "measles shots."

The mass immunization campaign, sponsored by the county health department, was hampered by rains, according to spokesmen. An estimated 1,000 children had been expected to attend.

A second mass immunization will be conducted on Wednesday, January 18, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Dr. Raleigh Parker, director of the Jackson clinic, urged parents of children aged one through six years to take advantage of the service.

## Lions Purchase Patient Lifter For Use In Co.

SEABOARD - Thanks to the Seaboard Lions Club, the job of lifting a bedridden patient in Northampton County will be much easier from now on.

Jesse Moody, president of the club, announced that a recently purchased hydraulic patient lifter already has been loaned to a family in the county and is being put to use.

He said the apparatus was purchased as a club project and will be loaned rent free to persons in need of this type of equipment.

E. R. Bullock, chairman of the committee to purchase the lifter, stated the list price of the lifter was \$220.

The patient lifter is a "boom type" apparatus which raises and lowers patients in a special harness hydraulically, reducing to zero the strain on the part of the mover.



**IT'S A LONG JOURNEY**, but it's worth it to bearded Chris Michael, a young Australian touring the world on a Honda motorcycle, who spent Monday and Tuesday in Rich Square. Chris, a native of Sydney, began his tour in January, 1966, and so far, has visited Greece, Saudi Arabia, Yugoslavia and East Germany. As he travels, he manages to support himself and gain passage from continent to continent by picking up small jobs. His present destination is Miami, Fla., where he plans to spend some time prior to continuing into Latin America.

## Four Deacons To Be Ordained

CONWAY - Four new deacons will be ordained in special services on Sunday night at the Conway Baptist Church at 8 p.m. They are J. C. Davis, Kelly Yant, Godwin Butler and Jennings White Jr.

George Davis, a deacon in the Boykins (Va.) Baptist Church will deliver the message. Special music will be presented by John Darden, deacon in Branchville (Va.) Baptist Church.

Drew Mary Jeanette of Jackson was taxed court costs for (See SENTENCED, Page 7)

## Man Sentenced In Lake Break-Ins

JACKSON - A 30-year-old Gaston man was sentenced to prison terms totaling three years after being found guilty on six separate charges of breaking and entering in Northampton County Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Billy R. Rook received six six-month consecutive prison terms on conviction of a series of break-ins occurring in the Gaston Lake area last week.

In other cases, the following judgments were rendered:

George J. Simon of 402 Hill Street, Ahoskie, was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for impeding the normal flow of traffic and improper signal lights.

Charles David Gardner of Rocky Mount was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for speeding.

Marlene Dietrich Laster of Norfolk was taxed court costs for driving too fast for existing conditions.

Earl William Morris of Portsmouth was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for speeding.

Merrill L. Webster of Raleigh was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for speeding.

Melvin D. Deloatch of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for speeding.

Eric Victor Davis of Scotland Neck was taxed court costs for driving too fast for existing conditions.

Evelyn E. Coffin of Rehobeth Beach, Del., was fined \$15 and taxed court costs for speeding.

James Burne of Norfolk was

fined \$10 and taxed court costs for speeding. A charge of no operator's license was not pressed.

John B. Elliott was charged with failure to pay alimony. The cast was not pressed.

James F. Wilson of Norfolk was fined \$50 and taxed court costs on an amended charge of reckless driving.

Joe L. Ramsey of Jackson was sentenced to six months imprisonment for driving under influence. Sentence suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Marlin Aaron Powell of Jackson was fined \$100 and taxed court costs for driving under influence.

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