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FAMILY AFFAIR—Old and young alike were on hand at the People's Program on Poverty meeting held Saturday in Woodland's National Guard Armory. An estimated 600, mostly Negroes, attended the meeting at which Choanoke Area Development Association officials at-

tempted to answer questions on proposed poverty projects. The group of Negroes above seems to be in deep thought concerning the proposals and ideas being brought up by representatives of the four counties—Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Halifax—served by CADA.

Welfare Department Gets Clerical Worker

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Commissioners discussed a lot but took little action during a somewhat routine, yet day-long, monthly meeting Monday.

About the only clear and definite moves taken by the board were having bills, regarding the work of an additional clerical worker, by the welfare department with funds allocated entirely by the state, and turning down a request for a salary increase.

County welfare director, Mrs. Janet Brown, told the board that she had "received and deposited a check for \$3,400 from the state to be used for administration purposes."

She told the board that the department could use the funds for any purpose directly connected with administrative work, but that she suggested the money

be used to hire the new clerical worker.

Mrs. Brown included in her original budget request to the board funds for adding a clerical worker to the present welfare department staff.

The board did not approve the additional funds and thus the worker has not been hired.

Commissioner David Gay asked Mrs. Brown if "the funds will be available again next year."

Mrs. Brown said that was not guaranteed that the money would be made available to the county again next year by the state but that "if a person is hired she will be hired with the understanding that the job may last just the one year."

The welfare department head stressed upon the board, once again, that she is in vital need of the clerical worker to relieve her regular case workers from extra duties.

With the assurance that the person hired would be hired with the understanding that the job

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Rep. Jernigan To Address Independents

WOODLAND — The Northampton Independent Club will meet Monday, August 8, at 8 p.m. in the Woodland Community Center.

According to a spokesman for the organization, state representative Robert Jernigan Jr. will be guest speaker at the meeting.

Squabble Settled

Judge Releases Man When Witness Mum

JACKSON — A 36-year-old Garysburg Negro was released in Northampton County Recorder's Court Friday when the state's eye witness failed to testify. Chester Butcher was found not guilty of being drunk and disorderly and of discharging a firearm in a public place when Robert Squire, who owns the small business in Garysburg where the alleged offense occurred, failed to testify once he took the stand.

Sheriff Frank Outland and Deputy Ed Ingram testified that they did not see Butcher shoot a gun and that he was not disorderly when they arrived on the scene.

Both did say that the defendant

was drinking.

Squire took the stand and showed all the effects of a man who, in the words of a law enforcement officer in the court, "is scared to death."

After answering two routine questions concerning his seeing Butcher on the night in question, Squire became highly nervous and seemed to lose his voice.

He asked to be allowed to get a drink of water and left the witness stand and left the courtroom.

After the sheriff and the deputy both testified but could not offer any evidence other than the word of Squire, the judge asked that the man be returned to the courtroom to finish his testimony.

Butcher told the court, "I didn't shoot the gun, I took it from another boy after he shot it and sent the gun home" by a third party.

Sheriff Outland left the courtroom to retrieve Squire and asked that the court "not turn him loose yet."

He returned after a short time and told Judge Ballard S. Gay that he (Squire) said that he "didn't see him (Butcher) shoot it."

Judge Gay ruled the man not guilty.

Other than the charges against Butcher, a family squabble and two illegal whiskey charges, Judge Gay, who returned from

Honest Man Can Still Be Found

By SCOTT BOWERS

JACKSON — The day's newspapers may be crowded with details of crime and violence, but old-fashioned virtues of honesty and neighborliness still exist, a Jackson man discovered last week.

Matt T. Edwards Sr., whose friendly face and fragrant bucket of freshly parched peanuts have been a familiar sight on Jackson's Main Street for many decades, was the subject of a story.

Garysburg Project Is Delayed

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Education apparently has to re-advertise for bids on the proposed addition to the Garysburg school.

It was revealed at the board's monthly meeting Monday, that the original low bid accepted by the board in 1964 has been withdrawn by the contractor.

Originally the lunchroom, gymnasium and auditorium combination was to be added to the existing structure in the fall of 1964 but funds were not available after bids had been let.

"It now appears that the original contractor will not accept the job as proposed originally," commented Superintendent of County Schools R. F. Lowry.

The board set September 7 as the date for accepting new bids on the proposed project.

Six new teachers were also approved by the education board

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Woman Is Charged With Murder

GARYSBURG — An elderly Garysburg Negro woman is being held in Northampton County jail in connection with the Friday night death of Steve Barkley, 67, also of Garysburg.

According to the county sheriff's department, Lula Mae Walker is accused of stabbing Barkley to death in her Garysburg home.

The accused murderess is scheduled to appear in the August term of Superior Court, to begin Monday in Jackson.

Sheriff Frank Outland indicated that the Walker woman first denied killing Barkley and stated that he (Barkley) committed suicide.

She later told the sheriff that Barkley was after her with an ax and she stabbed him with the butcher knife, which was found in the front yard of the home shared by the couple on U.S. 301 about two miles north of Garysburg.



PREPARES FALL GARDEN—Roy Joyner is in the process of planting fall peas on a plot of ground previously used for a tobacco bed. Joyner is also planting collards, cabbage, kale, turnips, green beans and other fall crops in the garden. Other

county farmers and home gardeners are also preparing the ground and planting fall vegetables. Although the recent rain was not in time to help summer gardens, it will help fall vegetables get a good start.

-CADA Officials Listen-

Negroes Express Desires At Meet

By MARIE WOOD

WOODLAND — The Negroes' greatest needs are "not luxuries but the type of help that will make it possible for us to stop feeding human resources into the riot areas of the cities because rural areas couldn't support them and put food in their stomachs and roofs over their heads."

These are the opinions of Mrs. Louise Newsome, who spoke for Hertford County Negroes, Mrs. Clara Watford who spoke for Bertie County Negroes and Lafayette Malette who spoke for Northampton County Negroes, expressed at the People's Program on Poverty (P-Pop) meeting held in Woodland's National Guard Armory Saturday.

The feelings of all three were very eloquently put into words by Mrs. Newsome but the other two followed and echoed her chants.

"We want to be told what is available through the Choanoke Area Development program and how to get it."

She added, "Out of ignorance, we don't know where the CADA responsibilities lie."

And, she told the assemblage of around 600 Negroes from the four-county area of Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Halifax counties, CADA and North Carolina Fund representatives, and the People's Program on Poverty who arranged the four-

hour meeting, "We represent those who were not able to come today."

She went on eloquently: "We want to be able to live in human dignity; we want what others want."

In what was a meeting called by the People's Program on Poverty headed by the Rev. C. Melvin Creevy of Rich Square to give CADA a chance to find out what the Negroes want and to provide Negroes with a chance to ask CADA questions, Mrs. Newsome was one of four representatives of as many Roanoke - Chowan counties on the program.

She decried what she described as the lack of "direct line of communication between CADA executive officers and poverty stricken."

She listed needs of her people in Hertford County as "adequate housing, to be able to borrow money without being put through the third degree, day care centers — the few jobs available to most Negro mothers, such as housework," she said, "don't pay enough that they are able to buy day care for their children."

She said of the day care centers sought, "What we need are centers which will charge a nominal fee which the mother can pay."

She described the need for "adult training centers, so when farm work is over our people can be trained so they can find something else to do."

"We'd like to be able to care for our aged," she listed. And she said of the people of Cofield, "They want better, purer, cleaner water."

She described a need for "marriage counselors. To the people in the black belt," she said, "these services have not been available."

And she pleaded, "Please don't send us an organization to absorb the funds of another organization." To explain this, Mrs. Newsome told her audience that "in Hertford County, students who are on relief are sent to the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act program) to let them be added to what the ESEA already is doing."

She said that "social case workers don't do the job, that

OEO Gives \$493,369 For CADA Programing

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sidney H. Woolner, acting regional director, Middle Atlantic Regional Office, (OEO), announced Saturday a grant of \$493,369 to Bertie, Hertford, Halifax and Northampton counties for a 12-month five-component Conduct and Administration program to employ 68 persons.

The applicant agency is the Choanoke Area Development Association and the local share of the grant is \$40,400, making the total \$534,039.

The first component, for Conduct and Administration, will provide for the limited expan-

sion of the Choanoke Area Development Association, enabling this agency to supervise, administer and coordinate the activities of four new multi-purpose centers.

CADA also will continue its Program Development projects, which at this time have not yet been completed. Staff for this component will comprise eight professional and six nonprofessional employees.

The other four components will provide for the establishment of four multi-purpose centers, one in each of the counties of

Emergency Loans Are Sought For Farmers

JACKSON — Despite the weekend rain and due to the 38-day drought that preceded the soaking rainfall, Northampton County Agriculture leaders have taken two steps to relieve hard hit county farmers.

The first move calculated to aid the farmers was taken last

week when the County Technical Action Panel (TAP) met with Farmers Home Administration director Marvin Coleman and requested that he (Coleman) recommend that the county farmers become eligible for FHA emergency loans.

If the recommendation is okay-

ed, many county farmers will be eligible for loans within the next few days, according to the FHA office.

The emergency loans make it possible for more farmers to borrow money than usual through the FHA. It doesn't alter the rules for obtaining FHA loans, that a farmer must not be able to obtain the loan from commercial sources.

The second step taken by the county leaders was taken by the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service director Ben Mann, Wednesday.

Mann told "Your Home Newspaper" that his department had made recommendations that the county be declared a "disaster area."

According to Mann, if approved, the recommendation would make it possible for farmers to use diverted crop lands for grazing purposes and thus enable them to "relieve their pasture land and allow it to recuperate from the long drought."

Coleman told TAP that before he could make a recommendation an estimate of the loss caused by the drought would have to be made.

The panel estimated that the county has suffered losses of at least 60 per cent on corn and 50 per cent on tobacco, soybeans, peanuts and cotton was not hit as hard and the panel estimates that 30 per cent of the crops would be lost.

Given these loss estimates, Coleman said, it is reasonable to expect that such a credit need will exist in the county next year.

As head of the FHA in Northampton County, Coleman cannot make Northampton County eligible for emergency loans, but it is up to him to recommend the county for such loans.

Coleman told the panel that he is recommending that the FHA make emergency loans available to eligible farmers in the county for the year August, 1966-August, 1967.

According to Coleman, loans



John P. Garriss Sr.

Servicemen In The News

ELTON W. SMITH

PORTSMOUTH — Storekeeper Third Class Elton W. Smith, USCG, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey R. Smith of Woodland, is serving at the U.S. Coast Guard Supply Depot in Portsmouth.

He is responsible for assisting in the procurement, storage, stores accounting, issue and shipping of supplies and equipment to field units of the Fifth Coast Guard District, which includes Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the Island of Bermuda.

A graduate of Woodland-Onley High School, Smith entered the service in March, 1964.

Insurance Awards For Conway Man

ROANOKE, Va. — Insurance honors have been awarded John P. Garriss Sr., a field underwriter for Shenandoah Life Insurance Company in the Conway area. He is one of 40 field underwriters of the company to receive the National Quality Award presented by the National Association of Life Underwriters.

The award is given each year in recognition of outstanding service to policyholders, the community and for exceptional quality of life underwriting.

Garriss, receiving the award for the fifth year, has been a member of the company's Raleigh agency for 14 years.

Garriss has also qualified for membership in the Shenandoah Life Insurance Company's Top Ten Club for the month of June, according to Robert M. Pope, C.I.U., vice president-agencies. Members of the Top Ten Club are the company's top field underwriters based on volume of new individual ordinary life insurance sold during the previous month.

Chuckle

A WHAT? Stranger in town: Did you see a pedestrian go by here a while ago?

Villager: No, sir. I've been here an hour, and there hasn't been a thing go by except one man, and he was walking.