

Rep. Burden Foresees No Difficulty In Representing Three Counties

AULANDER — Although he will be representing a three-county district for the first time this year, State Representative Emmett W. Burden "anticipates no real difficulties" in trying to reflect the wishes of the people.

Burden, who will begin his third term in the State Legislature February 8, said representing the three-county Sixth District will be new, but since the counties are closely kindred in problems and activities, he does

not think it will present any real difficulties.

The Sixth District is composed of Bertie, Hertford and Northampton Counties.

On issues, Burden feels that East Carolina College should gain university status; that the State's ABC laws should be revised and revamped; and changes must be made in automobile liability insurance.

Burden said of East Carolina College's bid for university status:

"At this time, I favor university status for East Carolina. There are many advantages in having a university in the East and I feel it will afford better educational opportunities for our people."

Rep. Burden said, based on reports he has read and studies he has made of universities in states other than North Carolina, East Carolina is ready to be made a university. He added many colleges in other states which he felt

inferior to East Carolina had been made into universities without difficulties.

On the brown-bagging issue, Burden said he felt the need to "totally revise and revamp the ABC structure and bring it up to the 20th Century."

"It is my belief, however, the state is not ready for liquor-by-the-drink," he added.

Burden said he did not feel the people of the state were "temperamentally suited to accept"

liquor-by-the-drink.

He added he did not know what kind of changes he could support in the ABC system because he had seen "nothing in black and white."

"I believe in strong ABC control and rigid enforcement, and that's all I care to say on the subject of brown-bagging at this point," he said.

Burden said he felt changes must be made in the automobile liability insurance field which

will bring a greater premium dollar for insurance companies.

He said he felt the Assembly should look carefully into the "Safe Driver Award" plan of insuring motorists. "We need something in our insurance laws which will bring in a larger premium dollar for the companies to offset these tremendous losses each year and at the same time, place heavier penalty 'on the drivers causing the trouble,'" he said.

Burden said he felt a plan similar to the Safe Driver Award Plan, could accomplish this purpose. He added, however, that the "administration of this plan should be taken out of legislative hands and placed in the hands of the State Insurance Department for administrative purposes."

In adopting a plan similar to this, he said, "We could come closer to penalizing bad drivers and rewarding safe drivers thereby giving more premium

dollars to insurance companies with which to pay the terrific losses occurring on our highways."

On other issues, Burden said he is "opposed to any increase in present interest rates. In states where I have observed higher interest rates, money is equally as tight as it is here in North Carolina," he said.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "banks and lending institutions (See BURDEN, Page 9)

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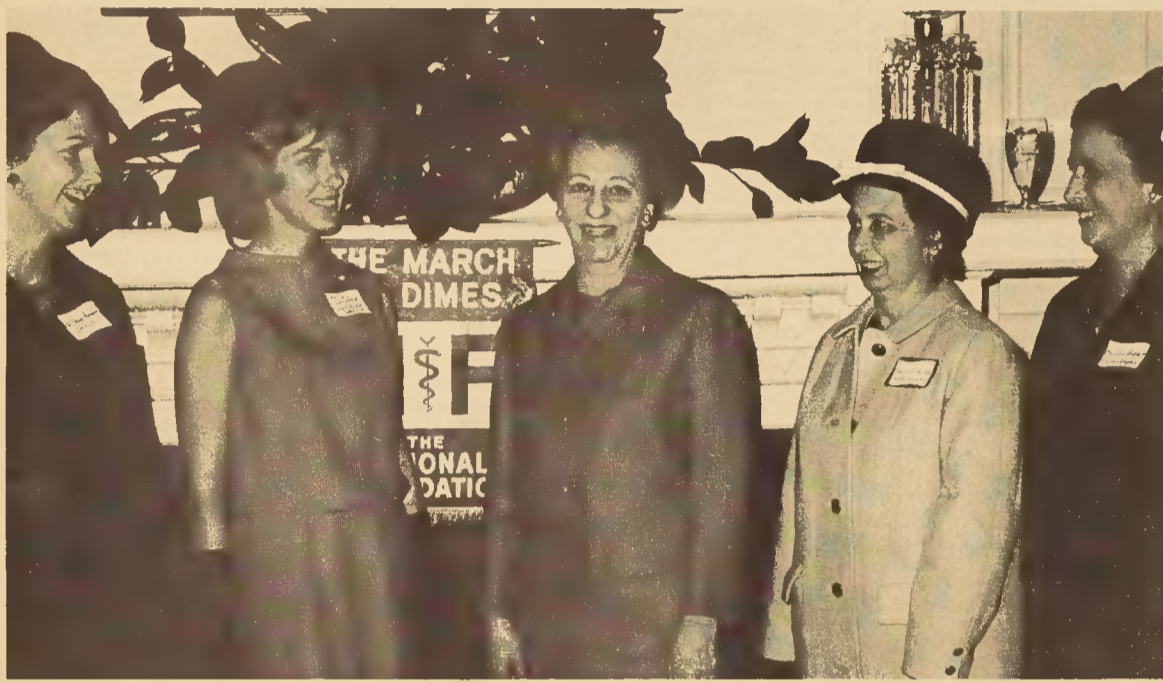
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ATTEND FIRST LADY'S COFFEE—Three Northampton County Mothers' March workers attended a coffee given at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh on January 10 by the first lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore. Shown in the mansion are, left to right: Mrs. Charles Reardon, Mrs. W. L. Wheeler, Northampton County March of Dimes director; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. C. B. Painter and Mrs. Alvin Barrett. The coffee attracted more than 165 marching mothers.

\$604,000 Annually In County Medicinal Sales Increasing

Your Home Newspapers Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, D. C. — It's not only for the good things in life that Northampton County residents are spending more money at the present time.

They are also spending more for medicines — a total of \$604,000 a year.

And the reason is not only that drugs cost more nowadays. Much of the increase, believe it or not, is attributed to the fact that local people have more to spend, on average, than they did a few years ago.

It is all quite understandable, according to a new government

study. It shows that people with more money at their command spend more for ointments, laxatives and other non-prescription drugs than do those with less money.

The report, just released by the National Center for Health Statistics, a division of the Public Health Service, is based on interviews with 134,000 persons throughout the country.

Among those in Northampton County's geographic region, the amount spent for medicines averages \$22.80 per person annually.

Of this sum, an estimated \$17,500 per year is for medicines

obtained on written prescriptions from physicians.

The rest of it goes for drugs and medications that are available without prescriptions, such as nose drops, liniments, pain relievers, vitamins and tonics.

On the basis of the government's sampling survey, the total expenditure for medicines by Northampton County residents is estimated at \$604,000 a year.

The American people as a whole are spending more than \$4 billion a year in that direction, or about \$21 per person, the report states. Not included are drugs dispensed to hospital patients.

Age, sex, education and income are some of the factors that affect the amount that an individual spends for medicines. Younger people spend less than older ones, women more than men and people in the South and West more than those elsewhere.

In North Carolina, according to the latest figures released by Sales Management on retail drug store sales, their volume for the year came to \$178,731,000, compared with the total three years before of \$159,619,000.

This takes into account all drug store sales, including sales of non-medicinal products.

County Commissioners Hold Special Meeting

JACKSON—Northampton County commissioners, meeting in special session Wednesday, approved the drawing of a resolution allowing "staggered" terms for commissioners, appointed a study committee for court reform, and discussed industrial development projects in the county.

Commissioners also heard a report by Dr. Raleigh Parker, director of the county health department, on progress made in the proposed construction of a \$600-\$700 thousand health clinic for the county.

Commissioners, after discussing pro's and con's of the "staggered" term system of electing commissioners, instructed County Manager Melvin Holmes to have a resolution drawn for the board's approval, which would be turned over to the state legislators for enactment.

Under the proposed system, commissioners would be elected for four year terms with two commissioners running in one election and three in an alternate election every two years.

Similar plans have been enacted in Hertford and Halifax Counties, it was pointed out. Some feel the plan advantageous because it allows retention of at least two experienced commis-

sioners at all times.

Commissioners named Eric Norfleet, E. B. Grant and Perry Martin to a three-member committee of attorneys to study the effects the recently approved court reforms will have on the county.

Commission chairman J. Guy Revelle stated the study was needed to "investigate the needs of the county and to determine what is to be done."

The court reforms, approved by the 1965 General Assembly, provides for consolidation of the states' lower courts.

Commissioners agreed to advertise the county home, located near Jackson, for sale. The authorization came after representatives of the Commerce and Industry Division of the North Carolina Department of Conser-

vation and Development had inspected the site to determine its suitability for industrial purposes.

The request for the inspection by the C&D representatives was made by S. R. Motzno, chairman of the Northampton County Industrial Commission.

Motzno said he would like to have commissioners meet jointly (See COMMISSIONERS, Page 6)

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N'ampton Faces Loss Of Red Cross Services

By REV. OSCAR WILLIAMS JACKSON — Last week, an English scholar and spiritual leader was speaking to a group of people in Raleigh. He stated that the people of the United States are on the verge of losing their liberty, prosperity and peace, but seem utterly indifferent to do anything about saving the American way of life.

In Northampton County, the people also are on the verge of losing their Red Cross Chapter through the same indifference. In order to retain this chapter, three things are going to be necessary — volunteers willing to work and support the chapter, money and blood.

The chapter has not had a fund drive since November, 1965, and has not had a Bloodmobile visit

in over six months.

Funds are exhausted and the Tidewater Red Cross Blood Center reports it cannot continue to furnish blood to Northampton County citizens unless they get busy and collect their share of blood.

The first Bloodmobile visit to try to make up this deficit will be held on Monday, January 20, in Jackson at the Lion's Club Building. Donor hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Rev. H. Ernest Jackson is chairman for this visit.

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Accredited Specific Pathogen-Free Swine Herd Being Developed By County Farmer

RICH SQUARE — A former Northampton County native, Julian H. Edwards, D.V.M., is in the process of developing an accredited SPF (Specific Pathogen-Free) swine herd in Northampton County. According to the National SPF Director, this will be the first accredited SPF herd in North Carolina. Dr. Edwards,

formerly practicing veterinary medicine in Roxboro, has relocated in Rich Square. He will establish the SPF swine herd on a partnership basis with his father, Julian J. Edwards, also from Rich Square.

Tentative plans call for a 300 sow herd designed to provide a source of SPF breeding stock to producers wishing to move in the direction of SPF swine production. The foundation stock for the herd has been obtained in the form of 30 registered yorkshire gilts and two registered yorkshire boars. These animals were purchased from the Spirit Knob Farm, Ursa, Ill. For interested yorkshire breeders these animals are from the "tabulator"

and "tonka" bloodlines of the york breed.

SPF swine are relatively new to North Carolina, however, they are becoming very popular in the Corn-Belt states. SPF swine are free from atrophic rhinitis, virus pig pneumonia, and swine dysentery. In order for a SPF herd to remain accredited it must slaughter a given number of pigs which are examined for these diseases as well as fulfilling other requirements of the National Accrediting Agency. Where these diseases have been a problem, SPF swine properly managed, should result in the more economical production of swine, evidenced by increased growth rate and better feed efficiency. (See ACCREDITED, Page 6)

very concerned about their tax obligation and fearful that they might have their property sold because the tax payments were in arrears. The fact that the English was poor (in two cases, unintelligible to me) is no source of pride or enjoyment—especially for printing on the front page of our newspaper. The letters represent a serious problem which we have to meet if our county is ever to be more than one of the nation's poorest and least literate.

"Many good residents are trying to meet this challenge as a result of various motivations — moral, economic, political, and religious — and this is to the benefit of both themselves and

Rich Square Policemen, New Hours

RICH SQUARE — Policemen will be on duty in Rich Square until six o'clock every weekday morning.

This will leave only two hours, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., during which residents of the town will be without police service, according to Mayor Charles E. Myers Sr. Rich Square's Town Council, after hearing complaints from citizens that policemen could not be reached by phone at night, set up the new operating hours for the town's police force.

The mayor and the town board expressed regrets that they could not cover the two early hours with police service, but added the schedule worked out seemed to be the best because of limited police force personnel. The town now employs two full-time and one part-time officers.

Under the new plan, officers will work in three shifts, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.; 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.; and 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. One officer also will be on duty from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Sundays.

Mayor Myers joined Councilmen in urging residents to comment on the new plan.

Mother's March Set For Monday

RICH SQUARE — The Mother's March will be conducted in Rich Square on Monday night, January 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Eugene Emory, town chairman, has announced.

The march is an annual fund raising event of the March of Dimes.

Residents who wish to contribute to the March of Dimes are requested to turn their porch lights on for the volunteer workers who will march.

Man Found Not Negligent In Death Of Pedestrian

JACKSON — Clifton Earl Walker was found to be not negligent by a jury in the 1965 death of Russell Harris in a pedestrian accident on U.S. 258 near Jackson during the three-day session of Northampton County Superior Court earlier this week.

Walker was charged in a suit brought by Erzell Harris, administrator, with negligence in the death of Harris on November 27, 1965.

The suit alleged that Harris was killed when an automobile, operated by the defendant, attempted to pass another vehicle and struck the youth who was walking with companions on the

roadside.

An appeal was taken in an action against Claude Futrell, trading as Futrell Farm Equipment Co., and Perry Wilson, after the case was non-suited.

The suit alleged that Jessie James Lowe was injured while riding a bicycle by a vehicle owned by the defendant.

In other action, the following divorces were granted: Elizabeth A. Brown from John H. Brown, Frederick R. Ingram from Frances S. Ingram, and Christine B. Warren from Richard Warren.

Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain presided during the term.



DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT — Rep. Emmett W. Burden, Aulander, and Rep. Roberts H. Jernigan of Ahoskie are ready for the traffic observation demonstration flight they took Thursday in the Highway Patrol aircraft. Patrol Flight Sergeant D. W. Williams was pilot of the Cessna 185 which took off from Tri-County Airport.

Chuckle

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Man — When you married me you promised to obey me!
Wife — Yes, but just because I didn't want a row while the preacher was there.

We Take Our Medicine

(EDITOR'S NOTE — We received the following "Letter to the Editor" regarding an article in last week's edition of The Northampton County Times-News. Although it is the policy of this newspaper to limit such letters to 300 words, the writer brought home a point we thought worth sharing with our readers in full on page one. We welcome your opinions on articles appearing in this newspaper. Comments should be addressed to our Rich Square office and appropriately labeled.)

"Dear Sir:
"My family and I are new residents of Northampton County, and in only a few months, the fine

people here have made us feel very much at home. We enjoy your friendly newspaper and feel that it helps a great deal to make all the people in the county feel a common purpose and sense of unity.

"In your January 12 issue, however, you published an article which we felt was completely out of character and in poor taste. In 'The Hectic World of the County Tax Collector . . .' you reproduced a number of letters written by some of the county's poorly educated citizens, calling them a 'constant source of hilarity.' We read them all and found nothing in them to be amusing. The writers sounded like fairly responsible citizens who were

very concerned about their tax obligation and fearful that they might have their property sold because the tax payments were in arrears. The fact that the English was poor (in two cases, unintelligible to me) is no source of pride or enjoyment—especially for printing on the front page of our newspaper. The letters represent a serious problem which we have to meet if our county is ever to be more than one of the nation's poorest and least literate.

"Many good residents are trying to meet this challenge as a result of various motivations — moral, economic, political, and religious — and this is to the benefit of both themselves and

the illiterate. Public mockery of the people for whom this effort is being made is an affront to those trying to help.

"Effort to improve the situation is not just a one-way proposition; it requires motivation and work on the part of the illiterate themselves, and how demoralizing it must have been to them (and to their better educated peer group) who formulate group opinion) to see themselves publicly mocked. How long and how many good works will it take to compensate for this one ill-advised article?"

"Furthermore, how would the article look to a family or industry considering a move to our (See MEDICINE, Page 6)

Baptists Set Men's Day Observance

JACKSON — Baptist Men's Day, a special day emphasizing the important role of the men in the life and mission of the church, will be held at the Jackson Baptist Church on Sunday morning, January 22. The men of the church will be in charge of the worship hour, making their witness and developing their leadership abilities.

Roy Lowry, Northampton County school superintendent, will serve as lay pastor and will lead the congregation in worship. Alvah H. Martin, retired teacher and former county register of deeds, will deliver the morning message. Others participating in the service will be Lonnie Sumner, Douglas Eason, Raleigh Bah, Gilbert Davis and Paul Calvert.

The choir will be composed of the men of the church. They will sing three special hymns. The public is cordially invited to the service.