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STREET WIDENING PROBLEMS face the town of Conway but may have been solved by action spearheaded by R. L. Grant, a local businessman. Although no official word has been received, Grant is optimistic that funds allocated the town in the 1965 Road Bond will be used to replace sidewalks along Highway 158 through Conway

which will be torn up when the street is widened to 24 feet. Grant contacted highway officials and requested funds be made available for the purpose. The road will be widened from its intersection with Highway 35 in Conway to Highway 258 near Murfreesboro. The sidewalks originally were constructed with all local capital.

To Northampton Farmers Minimum Wage Bill Enigma

JACKSON — Much confusion exists among farmers and agricultural workers as to who will be covered under the 1967 Wage and Hour Law which became effective on February 1.

According to information received by "Your Home News-papers," the bill specifies that for a farmer to be covered under the act, he must have used 500 man days of labor in any one quarter in the preceding calendar year.

A "man day," loosely defined, is any day in which an employee works one hour or more in any agricultural labor.

To come under the 500-man day clause, a farmer would have to work seven men at least 72 days during 1966 before he would be forced to pay the minimum

wage in 1967. The minimum wage for 1967 is \$1. In 1968, the figure will jump to \$1.15 and 1969 will bring it to \$1.30.

Farmers are not required to pay the minimum wage on employees of his immediate family. The law contains provisions prohibiting the employment of children under 16 years of age during school hours in the district in which they live.

Children also are excluded from performing "hazardous" agricultural work unless employed by their parents.

When employees are working on a "piece-rate" basis, salaries of workers whose performance does not come up to the minimum wage provisions of the law must be supplemented by the

farmer until they are equal to the minimum wage provision for hours worked.

Farmers do not have to pay the minimum wage to farmer workers on a piece rate basis in an operation which has been, and is customarily and generally recognized in the region as having been paid on this basis.

To be considered a piece worker, an employee also must commute daily from his permanent residence to the farm where he is employed.

The tenant question, however, is likely to effect many Northampton farmers.

Since cases must be judged individually by the facts of that case, specific inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate local office of the Wage and Hour

Public Contracts Division, U.S. Department of Labor.

According to circulars being distributed by the Agricultural Extension Service, the act requires that sharecroppers, unless they are true independent operators, must be considered as employees and will be counted in determining man days and must also be paid the minimum wage.

A sample test, provided by the circular, is as follows:

To qualify as an independent operator, the sharecropper must make day-to-day decisions as to what to plant, when to plant, what and how much supplies to purchase, when to harvest and where to sell and all basic managerial decisions.

Big Community College Cut Could Be Disastrous To R-C

By RANDOLPH THOMAS RALEIGH — Almost unnoticed in Governor Dan Moore's State of the State message to the General Assembly Thursday was a 50 per cent cut in establishment of new community colleges which may affect the possibility of the Roanoke-Chowan getting such an institution for several years to come.

Hailed by legislators in the Roanoke-Chowan area as "powerful," "to the point," and "a program that the General Assembly can take guidance from," the address recommended a reduction from eight to four the number of new community colleges to be established in the near future.

At the same time, Moore called the Community College system "among the most valuable educational resources of our state."

to be located at the Union Prison Camp facility, which would be purchased by the county.

Governor Moore did not say which of the proposed new branches he would recommend cutting. Most legislators feel the decision as to which shall and which shall not will rest in the Appropriations Committee.

(Rep. Roberts Jernigan of Ahsoskie is vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.)

Despite the Governor's recommendations, Legislator Philip Godwin of Gatesville said that all of the proposed eight community colleges may be established. However, the Governor's recommendations "will have a lot of influence" on the committee's final decision.

Godwin said the Governor's recommendations were "based on facts and figures we (the legislators) have not had access to," but added, "the Appropriations Committee will have the final say and I wouldn't discount the fact any of the eight are out despite his (the Governor's) recommendations."

"I still think there is a good chance this will come about," he said.

it would be next to impossible for him to make any positive conclusions from the Governor's address as yet "because we've only seen one side of the coin."

He added that legislators will have more to comment on when they hear the Governor's budget address Monday night. "I still think four new colleges is enough for one session," he said. "That sounds like a plenty to me."

Wood admitted he was "disappointed" by the Governor's remarks regarding independent university status for East Carolina College. He said he felt the college has "made its big growth" and turning down its plea for university status "will be holding the college back."

At Crossroads Moore told legislators: "Higher education in North Carolina is at a crossroads. In one direction is the continued orderly development of our institutions, full utilization of our higher educational resources, and attainment of defined goals by set standards. The other direction goes off into the unknown, leading perhaps to unwise duplication, unnecessary rivalry for limited appropriations and a general weakening of our state-supported higher educational systems."

Moore added, "The direction North Carolina takes, ladies and gentlemen, is for you to decide in the months ahead."

Republican Picture State Senator J. J. (Monk) Harrington is particularly pleased he was named chairman of the Roads Committee. He also was named a member of the Agriculture Committee.

Sen. Harrington said one thing that impressed him was the fact that Republicans were "better organized" in the 1967 Assembly than they have been in years past.

Of the 14 new bills introduced, Republicans have submitted seven. They also had their own can-

didated bills. One of the bills introduced, "The Seaboard Development Corporation," is an organization devoted to the industrial development of the Seaboard community.

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BRIEFS . . . Library Board Fails To Reach Decision

SENTENCED HALIFAX—Charlie Lee Champ, 23, a Garysburg Negro, received sentences on three counts of assault with a deadly weapon in Halifax Recorder's Court Tuesday totaling 18 months imprisonment.

Champ received four months on each charge and a previous suspended sentence was invoked giving him a total of 18 months to serve. He was charged after a Saturday night affray at the Savoy Club near Weldon.

CUTTING GASTON — Northampton County Sheriff Frank Outland reported Wednesday investigation is continuing into the cutting Wednesday of a Gaston woman.

According to reports, the woman was treated for a laceration of the wrist. Deputy Sheriff Edward Ingram said he believed the would was "self-inflicted." The woman's identity was not given.

Seaboard Lions To Hold Farm Equipment Sale

SEABOARD — The Seaboard Lion's Club will hold its annual farm equipment sale Wednesday, March 14, according to Merrell Gay.

All types of farm equipment will be sold on a consignment basis during the sale, Gay said.

Farmers having equipment they desire to be sold should contact Randolph Howell at Howell Equipment Company in Seaboard.

The sale will be held at the Seaboard ball park and will begin at 9:30 a.m. Gay said March 17 was selected for a "rain date."

Community College Bill Introduced

RALEIGH — State Representative Roberts Jernigan Jr. of Ahsoskie reported Wednesday bills were introduced in the General Assembly to establish a unit of the N.C. Community College system in the Roanoke-Chowan area and a historical commission in Murfreesboro.

Jernigan said a bill introduced in the house by Jernigan and Rep. Emmett Burden of Aulander and in the Senate by J. J. Harrington of Lewiston and George Wood of Camden, provides for the establishment of an extension unit of the N.C. Community College system to be designated the Roanoke-Chowan Technical Institute Extension Unit.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

Jernigan said the measure will carry appropriation funds for the year 1967-68 in the amount of \$140,850. Appropriations for 1968-69 will total \$80,529, he said.

"This is to be used to equip and operate the extension unit," Jernigan reported.

Jernigan said he hoped the early introduction of the bill would help Hertford's chances of getting an IECU this year.

An advisory budget committee recommendation calling for the establishment of eight new units in the community college system was halved by Gov. Dan Moore's State of the State message.

Hertford County's proposed branch, which is to be located at the site of the Union Prison Camp in Union, was among the eight originally proposed.

The Governor's message recommended strengthening the present community college system "and the establishment of four new branch units."

Rep. Jernigan said he also introduced a bill entitled "An Act Establishing the Historic Murfreesboro Commission."

Murfreesboro recently became the first community in the state of North Carolina to undergo a historical survey. The Historic Murfreesboro Commission will encourage the development of the community's historical resources.

Other officers elected were C. C. Howell, H. R. Howell Jr., and M. Thomas Flythe, directors, and Henry R. Ricks, secretary.

M. Gay Named To Head Seaboard Industry Group

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JACKSON — A special meeting Wednesday of the Northampton County Library Board failed to produce a "definite" recommendation regarding the county's joining the Albemarle Regional Library Association, according to Mrs. Frances Midyette, county librarian.

Mrs. Midyette explained, however, the board would oppose "any action which would take the library out of the state system."

She said board members would suggest to county commissioners in a joint meeting February 20 that the library not join the regional association if the county can remain outside the regional system and maintain its state support.

The state will not supplement the operation of any library not under direction of a certified librarian.

Mrs. Midyette said that Miss Elizabeth Gish, regional representative of the N.C. Library at Raleigh, would attend the joint meeting.

The library board previously had recommended that commissioners petition the regional association for membership. The action was taken shortly after the

retirement of Mrs. Nancy Froelich as county librarian.

Under the regional system, the county could operate its library with the existing staff which would come under the region's certified librarian and still qualify for state support.

None of the library's present employees are certified.

Membership in the regional system also would provide a wider range of books that the county could provide in an independent status, but the cost of operation probably would be higher.

County Manager Melvin Holmes reported at the recent meeting of commissioners that the county would have to contribute a portion of the salaries of workers in the Winton office of

the regional association.

An alternate plan to joining the regional library would be to employ, if possible, a certified librarian on a part-time basis if the state would continue to support. State funds cannot be used toward the salary of any non-certified library personnel and there exists some doubt as to whether the state would go along with the part-time librarian proposal.

If not the library probably then would be willing to go into the regional organization, Mrs. Midyette says.

She emphasized that maintenance of state support of the library will be the key factor in the final outcome.

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SANDS OF TIME A teacher, annoyed with his clock-watching students, covered the clock in the school room with a sheet of cardboard. On it he lettered these words: "Time will pass. Will you?"

Area Students Visit Gaston Power Plant

GASTON — Fifty science students and eight teachers, representing Ahsoskie, Murfreesboro, Calvin S. Brown, R. L. Vann, Northampton and Bertie County High Schools, visited the Gaston power station as guests of the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

They were among almost 2,000 high school students in Virginia and North Carolina who visited VEPCO's power stations during the observance of the 120th anniversary of the birth of Thomas A. Edison, Edison's birthday, February 11, was designated as Science Youth Day throughout the nation.

VEPCO engineers and officials conducted a tour and explained production procedures of the generating station.

A panel discussion to answer questions about the station's operation followed the tour. Students were luncheon guests of the company.

This was the 11th consecutive year that VEPCO has participated in the Science Youth Day program. The tours were designed to make high school students aware of the growing need for engineers in industry today, to tell the story of the free enterprise system, and to help the students learn more about the electric utility industry and other phases of science.

Traffic Cases Dominate Recorder's Court Session

JACKSON — Traffic cases dominated another session of Northampton County Recorder's Court Tuesday. Of the 25 cases tried, only one did not involve a traffic violation.

Tried for speeding were the following:

Estle Norman Hemmings of Portsmouth, Va., \$10 and costs; Richard Wendell Campbell of Norfolk, Va., \$10 and costs; Leonard Deroy Pringle of San Francisco, Calif., \$15 and costs; Paul Alfred Richard, Newport News, Va., \$10 and costs; James Howard P. Revatte, Hampton, Va., costs.

James T. Bullock, Newport News, Va., costs; William Lee Grant of Wilson, costs; Marie Wiggins Reynolds of Rocky Mount, \$15 and costs; Robert C. Gilliam of Savannah, Ga., \$10 and costs; Elsworth Barnes of Rocky Mount, costs; Robert Glenn Stevens, Virginia Beach, Va., costs; Harlan James Gardiner of Murfreesboro, \$10 and costs. Benjamin Thomas Gay of Jackson, \$10 and costs; Terry Leon Anderson of Murfreesboro, \$10 and costs; Luther K. Dority of Lumberton, \$10 and costs; Rozzell Roland Yoder of Goldsboro, costs; Charles W. Eckels of Hampton, Va., \$15 and costs; Cary Grant Woodard of Fort Bragg, costs; Spencer W. White of Scotland Neck, \$10 and costs. Ronald Larry Blanton of Fayetteville, \$10 and costs; George Taylor Jr. of Hampton, Va., \$10 and costs.

In other cases, Waverly Davis of Newark, N. J., was fined \$40 for speeding and \$75 for driving without due caution.

George W. Barner of Roanoke Rapids was fined \$10 and taxed court costs for driving in a man-

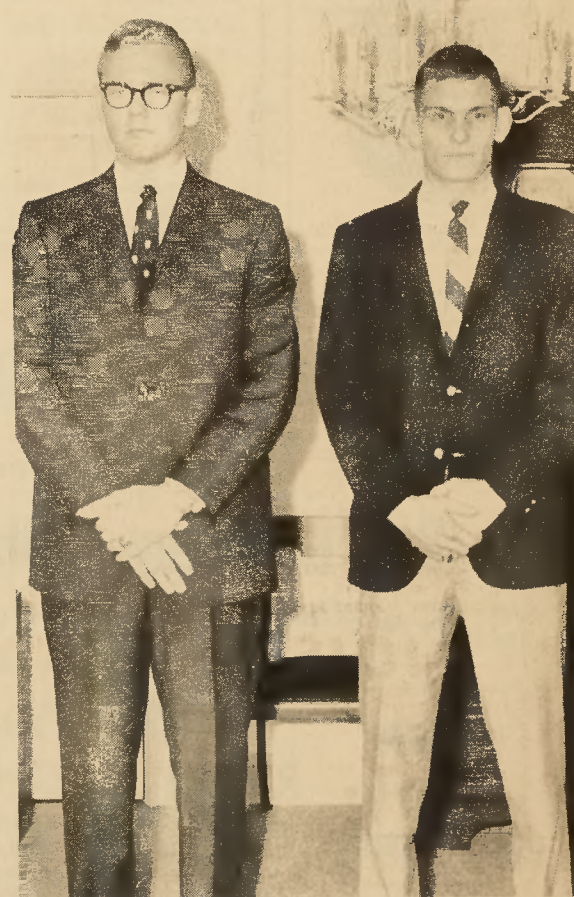


E. B. "Skinny" Grant N'pton Mourns Loss Of County Attorney Grant

JACKSON—Northampton Countians mourned the loss last week of County Attorney Eugene Bowers "Skinny" Grant, 63, who died Thursday at his home.

He was a lifelong resident of Northampton County and devoted much of his life to the betterment of the community and area in which he lived. A former Jackson mayor, he was a member of the county welfare board and for the past six years had been county attorney. He attended the University of North Carolina and graduated from Wake Forest Law School. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Grant; one daughter, Mrs. J. R. Willis of Bangkok, Thailand; one son, Eugene Grant Jr. of Roanoke Rapids; one sister, Mrs. B. G. Thomas of Erwin; one brother, Dr. Leroy Grant of Jackson; and five grandchildren.

George Nelson Jr. of Halifax was charged with driving without due caution. The case was not pressed. Percell Maggette was found not guilty of assault on a female inflicting painful injury.



SENATE PAGES—Charles L. Bridgers, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bridgers, and Kenneth Wayne Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woodard, both of Conway, will leave Sunday for Raleigh to begin two week's service as senate pages. Both young men are seniors at Northampton County High School and are members of the Beta Club. Woodard also is president of the student council. They were recommended as pages by Sen. J. J. Harrington of Lewiston and appointed by Lt. Governor Bob Scott.