

Commissioners Postpone Decision On Library Issue

JACKSON—Northampton County Commissioners postponed a decision on recommendations by the county's library board in a special meeting of the two boards Monday and appointed a successor to County Attorney E. B. Grant.

According to County Manager Melvin Holmes, the Commission took no immediate action on recommendations by the Library Board on joining the Albemarle Regional Library and a request

by the Board that preliminary planning get under way for a new library building.

Library Board Chairman Buxton Weaver of Rich Square explained to Commissioners that several alternatives were discussed by the Library Board prior to the meeting.

He outlined the following alternatives for the future operation of the library: (1) join the Albemarle Regional Library Association, (2) hire a certified

full-time librarian, (3) hire a part-time librarian, (4) support the library entirely with county funds, (5) close the library entirely.

When asked if the library board favored anyone of the alternatives, a show of hands by the group revealed 100 per cent support for joining the regional library association.

County Librarian Frances Midyette reported that the board also

asked the commissioners to authorize the county manager to work with the library board for preliminary planning on construction of a new library.

Mrs. Midyette said the building requested by the library board would contain approximately 5,000 square feet. The additional space, she said, is more adequate for the future needs of the library.

Discussing the proposal for the

Northampton library to join the Albemarle Regional Association, she said reports that the county could not operate its branch unit in Rich Square through the regional system were a "misunderstanding."

Following library board recommendations, the commissioners agreed to make a thorough study of the alternatives and decide on the matter in the next regular meeting.

In other action, commissioners unanimously appointed Angus A. McKellar as county attorney to succeed former County Attorney E. B. Grant, who died recently.

McKellar, a former Jackson mayor, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina School of Law.

He is a member of the Jackson Methodist Church, the Jack-

son Lion's Club, and a member of the N.C. Seashore Commission.

He is a veteran of World War II and a member of the local American Legion.

Commissioners heard a report from a committee of attorneys on courtroom facilities. The special committee was appointed to study changes which would be needed when the county comes under the court reform in 1969.

Committeemen Eric Norfleet and Perry Martin reported the present courtroom space would be adequate, but recommended enlarging the office of the Clerk of Court to handle the increased workload expected.

Commissioners also appointed T. W. Cooley of Jackson to serve on the Board of Directors of the Tri-County Airport. Cooley will fill the unexpired term of Angus McKellar who resigned to accept the post of county attorney.

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'Safety Magic' Shows Slated

RALEIGH — Feats of magic will lend their fascination to rules of traffic safety in a "Safety Magic" show to be presented in Northampton County schools on March 9.

The show will feature Traffic Sergeant Carl S. Pike, currently on leave from the Kent County Sheriff's Department in Grand Rapids, Mich. The sergeant is now on a nationwide tour under sponsorship of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the American Trucking Associations.

Sergeant Pike, a professional magician prior to entering police work, combines his knowledge of magic with a keen sense of humor and experience gained as a traffic officer to get across his message of traffic safety to high school pupils.

In emphasizing that "Safety

is No Accident," the slogan of the safety magic program, Sergeant Pike recounts his experiences with reckless drivers and tells how many accidents can be avoided.

Throughout his talk, the sergeant uses a teen-age jargon to hold the attention of the students while they learn about traffic safety.

Pike has appeared in more than 100 North Carolina schools and has been seen by more than 3,500,000 students in the 48 states.

The program has been endorsed by educators and civic leaders and organizations throughout the nation.

Sergeant Pike's itinerary while visiting Northampton County schools is as follows: Northampton County High School, Conway, 10 a.m., and Gumberry School, Gumberry, 2 p.m.



GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS, Angus A. McKellar, newly-appointed county attorney, goes over advertisements for the sale of the county home. McKellar was appointed to the post by commissioners in their special meeting Monday. A former Jackson mayor, he served in that capacity from 1957 through 1961. He also served as chairman of the county's selective service board.

Multi-Service Group To Ask Vocational Classes

RICH SQUARE — In a meeting of the board of directors of Multi-Services, Inc., held in Rich Square Tuesday, members agreed to send a representative to the Northampton County Board of Education to discuss implementation of a vocational education program in the county schools.

John Foriest, director of Multi-Services, said the action was taken following a discussion by the board of the need for more industrial education in the county.

Foriest said board members agreed that vocational or industrial education would encourage industry to take a second look at the county and its trained workforce and — at the same time, would adapt young people in the area to take advantage of job opportunities.

The board discussed two types of implementing the idea: A separate vocational high school or additional industrial training through the present school system.

Foriest said the school system

at present provides training in agriculture and home economics only. The proposed vocational educational plan would also include welding and other trade courses, he said.

Board members appointed C. E. Myers and L. E. Pope to represent them by going before the County Board of Education at its next meeting to discuss the possibilities of starting the program.

In other action, the board heard reports from Foriest on the past 30-day activities of the community action group.

Foriest reported that Multi-Service workers had succeeded in organizing community councils in Henrico, Gaston, Woodland, Vulture, Georgetown and Occaneechee Township for the purpose of cooperation to work on problems affecting the whole community.

He added a meeting is being planned in the Potocasi area Sunday night at 7 p.m. to organize a similar group in Potocasi.

Foriest said Multi-Service workers explain services offered to communities through the Community Action Group. (See MULTI-SERVICE, Page 3)

Release, Reapportionment Dates Revised By ASCS

JACKSON — To aid 1967 cotton planting plans for reapportioned acreage, the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee has revised cotton release and reapportionment dates, according to "Cotton Trends," a publication of the N.C. Cotton Promotion Association.

According to the release, final dates for requesting additional released acreage is March 17. The request should be filed at the Northampton ASCS office.

The final date for reapportionment of released acreage to requesting farms by County ASCS committees is March 31.

Present indications are there will be a surprising abundance of released acreage for reapportionment. Interested cotton growers are urged to make their request immediately.

Released acreage is reapportioned on an "acre for acre" basis. Farm yield adjustments are not computed. There is no cost for the additional acreage.

Acreage reapportioned to requesting farms is subject to the diversion program.

According to the release, "It makes sense to request 35 per cent more than you will plant," but farmers are asked to avoid "hogfishness."

For County's Residents Heart Toll Drop Is Foreseen

Your Home Newspapers Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, D. C. — How great is the heart disease problem in Northampton County, compared with what it is in other parts of the country? How many people are affected in the local

area? The disease, which accounts for more than half of all deaths in the United States, has been brought into sharp focus at this particular time by President Johnson's designation of February 26 as Heart Sunday.

A major research effort has been brought to bear on the problem, supported by public as well as private funds, to cut down the huge toll.

Progress is being reported, through heart and blood vessel surgery, electronic technology, the cardiac catheter and new chemical tests, among others, to add years of life to people who now have heart trouble as well as toward preventing its development in people who are prone to it but not yet afflicted.

Among residents of Northampton County, according to the latest figures from the U.S. Public Health Service, 51.3 per cent of all deaths are due to heart disease, strokes and other ills of the cardiovascular system.

This compares with 54.2 per cent in the United States as a

whole and 53.4 per cent in the state of North Carolina.

The ratio varies from one part of the country to another. All of the low-ranking states lie west of the Mississippi River and all but one of them lie west of the Missouri River as well.

Suggested as reasons for this geographical difference are air pollution, hereditary background, amount of physical activity and degree of emotional tension.

The official figures show, for the Northampton County population, a total of 142 heart deaths in the year ending January 1, 1965, with 35 of them caused by strokes.

Advice for the prevention of heart disease comes from Dr. Paul Dudley White, a founder of the American Heart Association.

He says that diet and weight are most important and should be controlled from the age of 12 or before.

"We are an overnourished nation and we should wake up and regard excessive food as a serious health hazard."

"Also, a good supply of blood is needed, and this means not only avoidance of over-nutrition but also physical fitness in terms of firm and active muscles."

Remco Officials At Annual Meet

RICH SQUARE — Vernon E. Taylor, manager, and six members of the board of directors of Roanoke Electric Membership Corp. are attending the annual meeting of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in San Francisco this week.

Directors attending are Henry Bennett of Rich Square, H. C. Martin of Jackson, J. C. Vann of Corapeake, Frank Warren of Littleton, Clyde V. Cobb and A. S. White of Windsor.

The group was accompanied by Mrs. Vernon E. Taylor, Mrs. Clyde V. Cobb and Mrs. Frank Warren.

They traveled by jet, leaving from Raleigh - Durham Airport on Saturday morning.

Lasker Soldier Relates: Clumsy Buffalo Foils Escape By 'Viet Cong'

BEN SUC, Viet Nam — Lt. Earl Wade of Lasker, currently serving with the 1st Brigade, 26th Infantry, U.S. Forces in Viet Nam, related to newsmen recently how clumsy buffalo and alert U.S. forces foiled an attempted VC escape from the sealed-off Viet Cong hamlet of Ben Suc.

Lieutenant Wade's battalion had surrounded the perimeter of the village shortly after the vil-

lage was "sealed-off" from outside communication and supply. For a time, there was no action. All was quiet along the long berm that surrounded the village. But the men knew from long experience that "Charlie doesn't give up that easily."

Ben Suc was a prize village filled to the gills with VC. The grasp of Lieutenant Wade's unit was clamped tight and there was going

to be no easing of it. Suddenly, two privates stationed at a listening post 100 yards from the village heard movement (See BUFFALO, Page 3)



HOUSING IMPROVEMENT was the subject of a recent meeting of home-builders, building suppliers and loan agencies, held Tuesday in Jackson. Pictured above are: (from lower left, counterclockwise) Douglas Eason, associate agricultural extension agent; Miss Charlotte Womble, house and house furnishings specialist, N. C. State University; Marvin E. Coleman, Farmers Home Administration; W. H. Flemming and Dale Bowers, Joyner Wholesale; H. C. Simmons Jr., Simmons Well Company; Woodley C. Warrick, N. C. State University engineering specialist; Audrey B. Jenkins, home economics extension agent; Irvin Joyner, Moonlight Enterprises; Kelly M. Davis, contractor; Roger Bryant, plumbing and heating contractor, and (not shown) B. H. Harrell, county extension chairman, and Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, assistant home economics agent.

'Freedom Of Choice' Dates For '67-68 Set

JACKSON — As required by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Northampton County Board of Education has established a 30-day period during which choices are to be made concerning which schools students are to attend during the 1967-68 school term.

The period, as set by the Board, begins on March 2 and ends March 31, according to R. F. Lowry, superintendent, Northampton County schools.

Lowry said a notice, explanatory letter, school choice form and addressed envelope which can be used to return the choice form, will be mailed to the parents of all students who are known to be eligible to attend school in Northampton County during the 1967-68 school term.

"A choice is required for each student," Lowry added.

The school choice form has the names, addresses and the grades offered by each school.

The name, address and age of the student, the school and grade currently or last attended, the school chosen for the coming term, the appropriate signature and whether the form has been signed by the student or his parent are items of information requested on the form, Lowry said.

A choice form may be signed by a parent or other adult person acting as parent. A student who has reached the age of 15 at the time of the choice, or who will next enter the ninth or any grade higher, may sign his own choice form.

Once a choice has been submitted, it may not be changed, even though the choice period has not ended. The choice is binding for the entire school year to which it applies, except in the

case of (1) compelling hardship, (2) change of residence to place where another school is closer, (3) the availability of a school designed to fit the special needs of a physically handicapped student, (4) the availability at another school of a course of study required by the student, which is not available at the chosen school.

Parents or students, when choosing schools, are reminded to be certain to place an "X" in the square on the left side of the name of the school. This will prevent misunderstandings concerning the schools chosen.

Bloodmobile Coming To Woodland

WOODLAND — The Tidewater Bloodmobile is coming to Northampton on Friday, March 3, the second visit to the county this year to secure blood donors to help save the blood program for the county.

The January 30 visit to Jackson netted 76 pints, 32 short of that visit's goal.

Headquarters for the March 3 visit will be the Armory in Woodland and hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women members of Woodland Civic Club will serve as hostesses throughout the day.

To make the bloodmobile a success, Mrs. Cornelius E. Lassiter, chairman of the day, is urging cooperation from all Northamptonians.

County Students Making News On College Campuses

RALEIGH — A Northampton County student at North Carolina State University has been cited for outstanding academic achievement for the first half of the 1966-67 school year here.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell has announced that Willis E. Martin, a junior in veterinary medicine, has been named to the dean's honor list for earning a grade average of "B" or better for the fall semester.

Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glaston Martin of Lasker and a graduate of Rich Square High School.

MUMFORD LOUISBURG — Mary Ann Mumford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mumford, Route 1, Seaboard, was among the students on the honorable mention list at Louisburg College for the fall semester. In order to qualify for this honor a student must attain a 3.0 to 3.49 point average for the semester.

OVERBY BUIES CREEK — Some 235 students were named on the dean's list released Thursday in recog-

nition of superior academic work done at Campbell College during the fall term.

Fifteen students won straight A rating. They included Mary Powell Overby, daughter of Mrs. Florence B. Powell of Rich Square.

DEAN'S LIST

ROCKY MOUNT — Two Northampton County students, Nancy Stephenson Parker and Barbara Ellen Ricks, made the dean's list at N.C. Wesleyan College for the fall semester which ended January 27. Miss Parker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Parker of RFD, Garysburg, and Miss Ricks is the daughter of Mrs. R. Dennis Ricks and the late Mr. Ricks of Route 2, Conway.

Miss Parker, a freshman math major at Wesleyan, is a graduate of Northampton County High where she was a member of the Beta Club and basketball squad.

Miss Ricks also graduated from Northampton County High where she was an active participant in various sports. She was president of the Future Teachers (See STUDENTS, Page 3)

House Development Group Holds Meet

JACKSON — Home building representatives and representatives of related business concerns and agencies met Tuesday in Jackson to discuss mutual problems and how the various agencies might cooperate in providing better housing in Northampton County.

The meeting, sponsored by the Home Economics Extension office, featured discussion of housing problems by W. C. Warrick, extension agricultural engineering specialist at N. C. State University, and Miss Charlotte Womble, housing extension specialist.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Autrey B. Jenkins, agent, was to explain what extension has to offer in the area of housing and house planning on a state and county level, to exchange ideas about improving the housing situation and to plan a housing exhibition for Northampton County in which the practical suggestions could be demonstrat-

ed.

Mrs. Jenkins added, "There is a continuing need and interest for better housing in Northampton County. Extension is interested in coordinating some of the efforts being made" to better the housing situation.

According to Mrs. Jenkins, a second meeting is being planned in March and all business agencies and persons interested in rural housing are invited to attend.

For additional information, interested persons are invited to contact the Home Economics Extension Agent's office in the Agricultural Building, Jackson.

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Contributions are tax deductible—but that's no reward. The reward comes in knowing you've shared your prosperity with someone in poverty.