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ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN is the situation regarding the runway lights at Tri-County Airport where lights have been turned on at night by an electronic device despite the lack of obstruction lights which have been held up due to the heavy rains making it impossible to get into area with

necessary equipment to raise poles. Revolving beacon also is yet to be installed. Runway lights have been ordered cut off for safety reasons until obstruction lights are completed at area at for end of field beyond highway.

Lights Off At Airport For Safety

TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT — Landing lights at Tri-County Airport, which have been automatically turned on and off by a special electronic switch on top of the small airport building for the past two weeks or such a matter, were turned off Friday by direction of John K. Barrow Jr., head of the Tri-County Airport Authority.

Barrow gave as his reason the fact that the obstruction lights at the east end of the field, and also east of the highway, have not been installed, due to weather. Lacking these lights, the airport lighting system is a hazard at this time as a night-flying plane coming in conceivably could collide with the obstructions — namely some tall trees in the way with disastrous results — either in take-off or landing, Barrow indicated.

Barrow said that he had not been advised that the lights had been turned on and only had become aware of it when driving by the field after dark.

The wind sock also has been lighted, but the big revolving airport beacon, which will go in at the circle just south of the parking area, remains to be installed.

Rockwell Radio and Electric Co. of Rockwell is installing the lights which would have been completed had it not been for the recent heavy rains which have bogged down the necessary heavy equipment required to put in the poles which will support the obstruction lights at the same height as the obstructions. The beacon installation also has been held up for the same reason.

The \$22,000 project was let to contract late in the spring with the Rockwell firm having 45 working days to complete the project.

Tuesday evening, a three-place light plane was set down at the airport about dark — landing lights were on when it came in — but the pilot appeared to be well familiar with the field and the wind was from the east so that he came in from the west with the obstructions no problem.

Should the wind be from the west and a plane coming in from the east, the situation would be entirely different, hazard-wise. Or should an after-dark take-off be made east with pilot unaware of obstructions and not climbing sufficiently steeply to avoid them, a crash could result.

The lights will not be turned on again until the project is completed, Barrow indicated. Tri-County Airport's 3,950-foot long runway is sufficient to handle the smaller jet planes as was demonstrated in the spring of 1967 when a twin-jet Aero Commander executive plane carrying top officials of Northern Electric of Chicago landed with passengers en route to the Ahsokie Sunbeam plant.

Correction

RICH SQUARE — In last week's issue of the "Times-News" the spokesman for Rich Square citizens protesting water and sewer service to the new RCA training program area was identified as Jack Warmack.

The spokesman for the 10 families involved was Charles Warmack.

The families residing on West Jackson St., who do not have town sewer service, are Harlee Warrick, Joe Vick, Charles Warmack, Mrs. Betty Branch, Carroll Bryant, C. W. Lassiter, Lewter Griffin, Barry Pope, Bing Williams and Julian Edwards.

Edwards is a member of the town board.

Search Continues For Prisoners

JACKSON — Northampton County lawmen and prison guards continued their combined efforts Thursday morning to find two of four convicts who walked away from Odom Prison Farm near here Monday. The other two were recaptured less than two hours after their walk-away.

An Odom official said Wednesday morning that searching efforts had so far failed to turn up Donnie Lee Martin, 18, Durham, and Franz Miles, 25, Charlotte.

Recaptured within a short time after leaving a work detail around noon Monday were Robert Lee Roseboro, 21, Route 1, Winterville, and William Ragan, 21, Wilmington. They were recaptured near Jackson while apparently trying to reach town.

All four, serving felon sentences, were honor graders.

21 4-H'ers Attend State Club Week

JACKSON — Twenty-one 4-H club members and two agents are representing Northampton County at State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh this week.

The Northampton County delegates are among some 1,250 club members and leaders participating in the annual four-day program which began Monday on the North Carolina State University campus.

The program consists of recreation, attending classes, competition, election of state officers and a lot of fellowship.

"Four-H Club Week offers an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development," comments Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H club leader. "It is an event that club members look forward to each year with great anticipation," he added.

During the week state winners are determined in the demonstration programs and various judging activities.

Among the events in which Northampton County 4-H'ers are participating are egg cookery demonstration, Paula Jean Davis; home improvement demonstration, Jo Ann Nance; fruit and vegetable use, Phyllis Taylor; dairy foods, Cynthia Boone; poultry barbecue, Vickie Eason; forestry demonstration, David Eley; horse demonstration, Jimmie Jenkins.

Paula Jean Davis is serving on the "Clover Leaves" staff. Warren Taylor is modeling men's clothing in the state dress revue and Riddick Ricks is representing the district in the State Health Pageant.

Barry Jenkins will be honored at the Key Award banquet and Anna Beale Burgess and David Eley will be honored at the state recognition banquet for state winners.

Arthur Jenkins is serving as campaign manager for Tommy Cahoon of Tyrrell County, state president nominee.

Participating in a week long choral workshop are Betty Lou Hill, Cleve Taylor, Debra McDowell, Phyllis Taylor and Paula Jean Davis.

Leading the delegation are Mildred C. Jenkins, associate home economics extension agent, and Douglas Eason, agricultural extension agent.

Four-H club members attending club week are Paula Barnes, Betty Jo Woodard, Betty Lou Hill, Paula Jean Davis, Phyllis Kay Taylor, Vickie Eason, Jo Ann Nance, Connie Jenkins, Anna Beale Burgess, Deborah McDowell, Jimmy Jenkins, David Eley, Barry Jenkins, Cleve Taylor,

Aug. 20 See Eastern Open

GREENVILLE — Members of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association adopted August 20 as a tentative opening date for the 17 flue-cured tobacco markets of the Eastern Belt at its meeting Thursday at the Greenville Country Club.

This date is still subject to further board of directors' action. Last year's opening date was August 24.

The association adopted a statement saying that it (the Eastern Belt) "desires to retain full and active membership" in the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, a five-state trade organization. The group voted to appoint a committee to confer with Bright

Belt officials and make every effort to resolve differences. The association voted to appoint a committee that would confer with Bright Belt officials in an attempt to resolve differences. A dispute over an extra hour of daily selling time on the Eastern Belt triggered a withdrawal of representatives of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association at the industry-wide Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee at a meeting Monday night of last week.

After the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee refused to rescind a five-hour allocation of daily sales for the Eastern Belt, as against a four-hour allocation for other belts, managing director F. S. Royster of Henderson left the meeting saying the Bright Belt had been placed in an "untenable legal position" and was forced to withdraw from the committee.

The Georgia-Florida opening will be on July 31, considerably later than usual. Buyers and graders will not be available for the Eastern Belt markets until

Woodland and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hurdle of Aulander. Mrs. R. E. Dunning of Plymouth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Judson Dunning and Miss Minnie Dunning. Jerry Dunning has returned home from summer school at East Carolina University. Mrs. Frances Mouser of Virginia Beach spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tyler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warren and Miss Jessie Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Joyner Sunday.

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season, including a labeling plan to identify Georgia-grown tobacco and the opening of South Carolina and North Carolina Border markets on the same date as the Georgia-Florida.

Eagles told the group that by waiting until Georgia auctions have been under way for a few days, "possibly you could come up with a date you can stay with which might be earlier than one you would set now."

Spencer Edmondson of Rocky Mount urged the setting of the August 20 tentative date saying this date might put pressure on the Georgia markets to move (See OPENING, Page 4)

'Segregation, Suspicion And Distrust Have To Go'

MURFREESBORO — Breaking down barriers of segregation, suspicion and distrust to bring more creative Christian fellowship among people of different races is being urged during the second annual Chowan Week of Christian Study and Fellowship by leaders in North Carolina's two large Baptist conventions.

Program personnel directing activities at Chowan College, which began Monday, are leading churchmen from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the General Baptist State Convention, whose churches are mainly Negro in membership.

"No Christian," said the Rev. James Heaton, "ought to allow himself to support a sub-Christian practice by appealing to pre-Christian laws of the Old Testament," during a New Testament study session Monday afternoon.

Improper race relations, segregation, polygamy, divorce, envy, hatred and vengeful atti-

tudes were cited by the pastor of Raleigh's Tabernacle Baptist Church as practice that might be supported by proof-text reasoning "but not by the spirit of Christ."

Appealing for unselfishness at Monday night's session, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, said, "When you live for Christ." (See SUSPICION, Page 4)

Northampton School Case In Judge's Hands Now

NEW BERN — Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry, school attorney Perry Martin and county attorney Angus McKellar returned Tuesday from the hearing before Federal Judge Larkins at the district court in New Bern where the case against the Northampton County school board by the Justice Department was tried.

They were unwilling to comment upon the outcome of the case since Judge Larkins did not make public his decision at

that time. He will take the case under advisement and announce his findings in the near future.

It is expected that the school system will be required to meet his findings by the opening of the new school term in the fall.

The county had filed more than 100 pages of depositions and evidence supporting their claim that the county was effectively complying with the law through its "freedom of choice" plans. The (See SCHOOL, Page 4)

Record \$2 Million Budget For Chowan

MURFREESBORO — A record \$2.06 million proposed budget for operating expenses for the 1968-69 academic year has been tentatively adopted by Chowan College.

Salary increases for the college's faculty, increased costs represented by adding two new facilities and general escalation of academic costs on every level are represented in this budget. Added facilities are Daniel Hall for the Fine Arts and the Whitaker Library, costing \$850,000 equipped. The budget for 1967-68, also a record at the time, was \$1.9 million.

This budget has been approved by the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, which serves as the finance committee for the college and its trustees. Chowan's administration prepared the budget for presentation to the executive committee and it will be presented for final

approval by the Board of Trustees on September 12.

Anticipated expenditures include \$702,150 for instructional expenses; \$323,350 for administrative and general expenses; \$151,000 for plant maintenance; \$455,000 for auxiliary enterprises; \$56,300 for special activities; \$128,700 for scholarships and grants to the college's students.

The chairman of the executive committee, attorney Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City, pointed out that this multi-million dollar proposed budget accents the phenomenal growth of Chowan College since Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker became president in 1957, when 235 students were enrolled and the budget was approximately \$200,000.

Slightly more than 1,300 students are expected to enroll for the 1968-69 fall semester.

Odom Prison Is Back To Security

JACKSON — Odom Prison Farm near here is gradually being returned to a medium security unit — for which it was designed.

According to word received this week, the medium security unit here is being utilized with prisoners from Central Prison since the April 4 prison riots there that resulted in several deaths.

The unit had been being used for a youthful offender's camp housing young prisoners who worked the vast acreage of farm land.

These youthful offenders have been mostly transferred to other state units throughout the state.

This program now initiated is said to be temporary, but is expected to last two years.

3,444 Residents Receive \$198,918 In Benefits

ROANOKE RAPIDS — A record \$198,918 was paid out in social security cash benefits to 3,444 residents of Northampton County for February, according to Ed W. Deese, officer-in-charge of the Roanoke Rapids social security office. This is an increase of \$36,393 over the amount paid out for December 1966. On a yearly basis, Northampton County social security beneficiaries receive approximately \$2,387,016. "February 1968 was the first

month in which increased benefit rates provided by the 1967 amendments to the Social Security Act were payable," Deese noted.

Nationally, the amount of monthly benefits exceeds \$2 billion, an increase of more than \$360 million above the December 1966 figure. More than 24 million men, women and children, or nearly one out of every eight Americans, are now receiving

some type of monthly benefit.

About 18.4 million of those receiving benefits at the end of February were 62 or older. An additional 2.2 million were disabled workers under 62 and their young dependents.

About 3.4 million social security beneficiaries were young widowed mothers and their children. Deese said, noting that a total of about \$19 billion has been paid to orphaned children and their mothers since January 1940, when monthly survivors benefits first became payable.

In the past six years alone, benefit payments to this "youngest group" have amounted to one and one-fourth times as much as the amount paid out in this category during the preceding 21 years.

Many younger people also receive benefits due to disability. More than \$2.2 million is being paid each month to disabled workers and their dependents — a rate that is 10 per cent higher than that of December 1966.

"Most of the changes in the 1967 social security amendments provided more protection for younger people," Deese noted. For instance, some 175,000 children are now eligible for benefits based upon the earnings of a mother who has died or is entitled to disability or retirement benefits. Previously, women needed to have worked for at least one and a half of the last three years. However, that requirement has been removed. Payments can now be made to the children of a woman worker who has died, become disabled or retired if she has enough work credits — earned at any time — to be "fully insured."

Another change made 100,000 younger persons — disabled workers and their dependents — eligible for benefits. The amount of social security work credits required for the payment of benefits to workers who become totally disabled before they reach 31 years of age has been reduced substantially — for those below 24 years of age, to as little as a year and a half of coverage.

Some 65,000 widows, unable to work because of severe disability, were able to get monthly benefits as early as age 50. Dependent disabled widowers also became eligible for payments, and in some cases, so did divorced wives of deceased workers.



Connie Jenkins



Wayne Woodord

Two County Youths Tapped In State 4-H Honor Club

RALEIGH — One of the highest honors in 4-H club work was bestowed Monday night on two Northampton County youths.

Connie Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jenkins of Potocasi, and Wayne Woodord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woodard of Conway, were "tapped" into the state 4-H Honor Club in a colorful candlelight ceremony marking one of the highlights of state 4-H Club Week at N. C. State University.

Membership in the 835-member organization is a reward for outstanding service to 4-H club work. The 4-H'ers are judged on their leadership abilities, moral standards and 4-H activities and records. Selection is made after careful study by the

state honor club members.

Miss Jenkins has been a 4-H member eight years. During her membership she has completed projects in foods and nutrition, breads and cereals, frozen foods, baking, outdoor meals, foods for special occasions, home management, clothing, home improvement, junior leadership and health.

She has held all offices of her local club and also served as county reporter. She is a member of the county 4-H Honor Club, blue ribbon winner in county dress revue and talent, county champion in 16 projects, recipient of Key Award, leadership and achievement awards, a two-year district winner in foods and nu-

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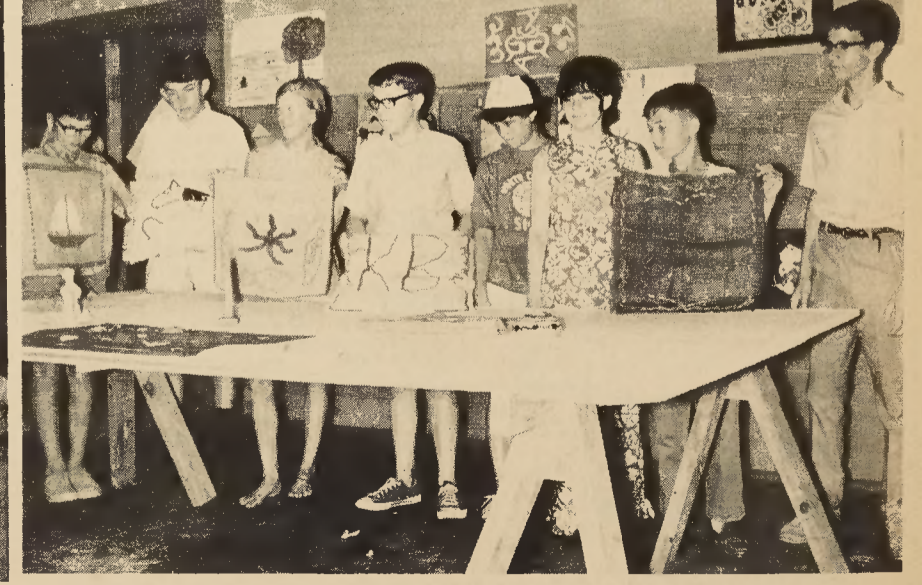


"TRY THIS ON CINDY" — Prince Charming tries the golden sneaker on Cinderella and finds that it fits perfectly. This "Psychedelic Cinderella" story was part of the

final day's activities at Woodland-Olney School Tuesday as the countywide summer enrichment program came to a close.



SHARON BRANCH of Rich Square holds a piece of clay pottery she made in the art class as part of the summer enrichment program that came to a close Tuesday. Mark Ollington, head of the North Carolina Children's Theatre, was in charge of drama during the six-week course.



CREATIVE ARTISTS — These Rich Square youngsters show some of their creations that were drawn and constructed in the art phase of the summer enrichment program that came to a close Tuesday. Spon-

sored under Title I of the ESEA, this program brought to Northampton youngsters some of the top creative people in the state.