



COUNTY COORDINATOR Mrs. Georgia Pierce of Woodland was one of the speakers at the third annual Poor People's Conference held in Ahoskie on August 3. Hertford County coordinator, the Rev. Leon Vaughan; Mrs. Alice Ballance, Bertie County coordinator; and the Rev. S. P. Petteway, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, were on the platform to hear Mrs. Pierce.

4th Fatality

GASTON — The fourth fatality for Northampton County was recorded early Tuesday when Levi Rufus Jones, 65, was killed in a two-car accident on N.C. 48 here in front of Ashley Smith's Grocery.

Jones was operating a 1963 Volkswagen north on N.C. 48 at the time of the accident. He and a passenger in his car, Glenn Curley, 60, also of Roanoke Rapids, were thrown from the car. Jones was pronounced dead upon arrival at Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

According to State Trooper Ray Evans, the investigating officer, the Jones car made a left turn in the face of a 1959 Ford that was traveling south along the highway at the time. The Ford was operated by Simon Peter Johnson, 51, of Garysburg.

Curley is in Roanoke Rapids Hospital, but not in serious condition.

Both cars were estimated to be total losses. There were no charges.

Bart Burgwyn Renamed To Three-Year ABC Board Term

JACKSON — Bart Burgwyn, chairman-manager of the Northampton County ABC system, was renamed Monday to an additional three-year term as a member of the ABC store system.

The reappointment was made at a joint meeting of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners, Board of Health and Board of Education. It was unanimous. Burgwyn is expected to be reappointed as ABC chairman-manager at the next meeting of that three-member board.

In addition to being reappointed for a new three-year term, the joint boards voted to increase Burgwyn's salary by \$400 per year, bringing it to \$5,200. At the same time, the boards agreed, upon Burgwyn's recommendation, to jump travel allowance of

the other two ABC board members from \$15 to \$20 per month. Guy Revelle, who acted as chairman of the joint session, said Burgwyn's salary raise was on the assumption he will be renamed as full-time chairman-manager of the liquor store system.

After his reappointment, Burgwyn gave a brief history of the county store system and turned over to the county a check in the amount of \$15,449.79, profits for the quarter ending June 30.

Burgwyn told the joint boards that in 1966 sales were \$345,000 with a 9.7 per cent profit of \$34,000 and no payment to the county; in 1967 sales were \$596,000 for a 9.8 per cent profit

with \$58,000 and a payment to the county of \$23,000. In 1968, sales were \$709,000 with a 10.2 per cent profit of \$72,000 and a total of \$72,000 presented to the county.

The joint boards session ended after action was taken on Burgwyn's reappointment. Because of the necessity of having not less than a total of 12 members of the three boards present when any action is taken, it was necessary for 11 to wait almost an hour before the 12th man could be rounded up. When Clifton Parker of Woodland, board of education member showed up, the action was quickly disposed of and the joint meeting ended.

Earlier in the day, the com-

missioners voted to call on the State Highway Commission to speed up action on a signal light erection at the railroad crossing in Margarettsville. Another item on which early action was to be asked is scheduled work on rural paved road 1214.

As a final action, the board approved the disbursement of \$200 to provide uniforms for the sheriff's department office deputy.

This was followed by the announcement by Chairman Revelle that the board will skip its third Monday of the month meeting since members at that time will be attending the N. C. Association of County Commissioners meeting in Asheville.

'Sins' Of America Voiced

Crowd Decorous As White Race Assailed

AHOSKIE — About the only thing the speakers appeared to be agreed on was that the black man is his own worst enemy.

Those speakers included Negro leaders who ranged from Hosea Williams, top Southern Christian Leadership Conference planner introduced as "Mr. Civil Rights of Today," who preached non-violence, to the Rev. Melvin Creech of Rich Square, who disagreed with Williams on non-violence, and dentist Reginald Hawkins of Raleigh, recently convicted of malpractice in connection with his care of underprivileged children in the anti-poverty program, who said he had seen the "world plan for 1968" and:

"They plan to kill every white policeman in this country . . . poison the water supply . . . take over Washington . . . disrupt the very strategy of this country."

Anyway you looked at it, the third annual meeting of the People's Program on Poverty at the New Ahoskie Baptist Church Saturday, which ran from around 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., was quite a session.

It began with attendance at possibly 200, with the number stepped up to a possible 300 by noon and the late afternoon attendance nearing 500 for what had been announced would be the speech by Williams. But Williams had spoken for the better part of an hour right at noon, with the air-conditioning cut off by his request, and was long gone.

As for the disruption of the cooling system, one out-of-town Negro visitor coolly described it as "his messianic complex."

From the start, Saturday was a responsive audience. But there was none of the droves of the hungry poor who somehow the general public had been led to expect by advance notices. Rather, it was an expectant group, a few people with children, all

well-dressed, expressing approval consistently throughout the day with such audible remarks as "tell it like it is," "that's right," with enthusiasm in the proper places and no evidence of any wild "un-self-control" or lack of judgment.

Mostly the story heard from the podium was the oft-repeated one with the usual clichés as to their being unity in strength, with the middle-class black man held up side by side with the white for criticism.

HAWKINS SPEAKS
 For example, the audience was told that "you spend more money on your hair-straightening creams," in effort to "ape the white man, "than it costs to run PPOF," followed by criticism of the black's efforts to mimic whites, with Hawkins at the microphone with a brag that "young white people, especially females, like to come around me. I don't know why." And the business of "we're black and beautiful upsets the power structure."

Too, Hawkins used his place in the sun to strike back at his recent malpractice conviction by the N. C. Board of General Dental Examiners whom he labeled as "bigots" trying to get rid of him. He would, he assured the audience, make them pay a "million dollars for every hour" they spent talking about him going to school. (Hawkins and two others convicted of malpractice have been told their licenses will be suspended unless they enroll in a recognized dental school for 100 clinical hours.)

Hawkins promised a program of "disruptive politics" . . . "if we can't have none of it, they ain't going to have it either," and "we," he went on, "are going to see to it that Dan Moore and no members of his delegation sits in Chicago until the issue of more Negro representation in the delegation has been solved."

He predicted 400,000 Negro registrations in North Carolina by November and "if we don't determine then who will be governor, there won't be a governor."

He said they should take every welfare program and throw it in the Atlantic, that all the money goes for is to pay "for the big jobs the white folks got."

He said the reason "they don't want the People's Program on Poverty" is because it is "a threat to the power structure."

Too, he promised his audience that if members "know of any worthwhile project that needs to start as a business venture, send it to me. I know where the money is."

He also demanded "who is living on welfare if it is not the big, wealthy farmers," whom he described as taking money every day from the federal government under the various federal programs. He also described government subsidization through the FHA of such programs for the wealthy as "golf courses," and took a look at the ESEA medical and dental program under which he said "the people are supposed to be able to select their own doctors . . . but they don't want the black doctors to have it." He also charged that despite his malpractice conviction, there had been "no complaints from the black patients."

Answering a question from the audience from an Edenton man about whom are the Negroes going to vote for this fall, Hawkins assured him they would be told, "We have our strategy. You will hear about it in time."

Hawkins left immediately after his talk, the last on the late afternoon program, to "look at the recreational facilities for Washington," as he said that "all is not right with CADA" (Cherokee Area Development Association which, as has PPOF, is sponsoring some playgrounds in the four-county area of Bertie, Northampton, Hertford and Halifax). He said he wanted to "see with my own eyes" and also wanted pictures of "some of the homes" as well as the playgrounds.

A defeated candidate for governor in the primary, Hawkins said in his opening talk, "I still feel I'm your governor. I'm looking out for your interests."

HOSEA WILLIAMS
 Williams, "mayor of Resurrection City" and the featured speaker of the day-long program, was to have been heard at 1:45 p.m. with introduction by Golden Frinks, SCLC state director.

But Williams arrived around noon during a brief review of his activities by David Goehring, head of Radio Corporation of America's family development village at Rich Square, and the resulting applause drowned Goehring out for a few seconds.

Williams shortly took the microphone, his outfit a pale blue, one-piece cotton jump suit, apparently the SCLC uniform, as Frinks wore a like outfit in rich blue with bronze medallion around his neck. Hawkins wore a dark suit with yellow turtleneck sweater and medallion.

Williams described himself as a veteran of World War II and son of a sharecropper whose "father never had a wife" and whose "never had a mother" and because his mother was out fixing the white man's breakfast and raising the white man's children while her own children had to raise

Labor Survey Forms Total Encourages Seaboard Unit

SEABOARD — As of Thursday morning, more than 400 labor survey forms put out by the Seaboard Development Corporation had been returned, according to Bill Howell, the new industrial relations director for Northampton County Industrial Relations Commission.

The Seaboard group is composed of local citizens who have organized to work with industrial prospects in their area. They currently have raised funds to provide a building for lease,

obtained a site for a prospect through options and purchase and are conducting a labor availability survey for the prospect who is reported "fairly sure of coming if the survey is good."

Officers for the corporation are Merrell Gay, president; C. C. Howell, vice president; and Henry Ricks, secretary - treasurer.

Officers of the group urged all citizens who have an interest in working for the plant to fill out

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NEW SECRETARY — Phyllis Crawley of Jackson has joined the Northampton County Industrial Development office on the third floor of the courthouse in Jackson. She joins Director Bill Howell in opening this new county department on August 1. She has been working as a typist for the Halifax Welfare Department and is a 1965 graduate of Northampton County High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. G. Crawley of Jackson. Office hours for the department will be 8:30 till 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Court Ordered Changes Begin In Northampton

JACKSON — In an attempt to implement the changes required in the county school system by the federal district court under Judge John D. Larkins Jr., the Board of Education eliminated the local school advisory councils which had been nominally in charge of teacher approval and administrative school operational policy.

In order to accommodate the changes required, especially the closing of the Willis Hare High School, the board approved the dividing of two classrooms into four rooms by partitions and the moving of five additional mobile units to Northampton County High School.

It is estimated the changes will increase the enrollment there by 200 students making the total enrollment of 770 exceed the total for which the building was originally planned. Last year's enrollment was approximately 570.

Chuckle

After gaining entrance to the prospect's home, the salesman put on his personality act. "My, what a lovely home you have," he gushed. "And pray tell me, what is in that beautiful vase on the mantelpiece?"
 "My husband's ashes," said the young wife.
 "Oh, I'm sorry. How long has he been dead?" asked the salesman.
 "He's not. He's just too lazy to find an ashtray," she replied.

N'ampton County Subdivision Ordinance Goes Into Effect

JACKSON — On the recommendation of the Northampton County Planning Board, after a public hearing on July 19, 1968, at which no opposition was heard, the county commissioners adopted the proposed subdivision regulations at their meeting at the courthouse on Monday.

The 22-page ordinance will regulate, with the exception of certain single lot sales not involving a new road, the division of land for development and covers all land transfers after the date of adoption that were not previously registered with the clerk.

The purpose is stated as insuring the general health, safety and welfare of the county and to see that proper provisions for roads and public utilities is made when lots are sold for homes or other

purposes outside of the incorporated towns.

Land cannot be transferred for subdivisions until a preliminary and final plat are approved by the board.

The county is now trying to get roads widened in old subdivisions in Garysburg and other places so that the state highway system can be extended to include them. They were built in such a fashion as not to meet state standards.

The ordinance spells out road requirements, minimum size lots, frontage and other design standards that must be met for approval.

An amendment procedure to the ordinance is included.

The ordinance spells out the improvements a builder must provide in order to get county approval for his subdivision.

Planning Board members are Chairman William B. Spivey of Jackson, Howard Simmons of Woodland, Clifton Manley and D. Macon Woodard of Conway and M. N. Carpenter of Margarettsville.

The commissioners commended the board on its work.

An ordinance had been suggested over three years ago to help see that the land surrounding the new Gaston Lake was not underdeveloped. All other counties with land on the lake in Virginia and North Carolina have adopted similar ordinances. Complaints had been registered of inadequate roads and mixed uses such as trailer camps butting on residential homes.

The ordinance applies to the entire county, but was pushed for the lake area.

June Report

11,409 R-C 'Needy' Aided By USDA Food

ATLANTA, Ga. — Some 11,409 persons in the four-county Roanoke-Chowan area are among the 156,796 needy in 86 North Carolina counties who have been aided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture food program, it was reported Friday.

The USDA Consumer and Marketing Service report showed that 110,435 persons in 61 counties received federal surplus commodities with these including 840 in Gates County and 3,739 in Hertford County with May figures for the two counties, 845 for Gates and 3,746 for Hertford.

Another 46,361 persons in 25 counties received food under the food stamp program with these including Northampton County with 2,140 participating and Bertie County with 4,546 participating. May figures for the two counties showed a drop from 2,284 in Northampton but an increase over 4,421 in Bertie.

June's participation in most other counties was down for both food programs with the drop credited to the seasonal increase in employment. However, Rutherford, Madison, Guilford, Davie and Clay Counties had slight increases under the federal surplus food program.

Under the food stamp program, 12 other counties, besides Bertie, had an increase, out of the 25 counties participating, with most increases ranging from half a dozen to around 100.

But Bladen County upped participation from 4,067 in May to 4,592 in June.

The USDA report recited that

three additional counties were scheduled to begin food assistance programs in July to bring to 89 the number of counties participating out of the 100 in the state.

The report added: "In North Carolina, the commodity distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service."

"Commodities distributed during June to needy North Carolina families had an estimated retail value of about \$9 million. These foods included canned chopped meat, cheese, dried milk, margarine or butter, peanut butter, raisins, lard or shortening, rice, dry beans, rolled oats, rolled wheat, corn meal, grits and flour."

"Additional foods, such as (See NEEDY, Page 12)

Kidnapping, Bad Check And Divorces Tried

JACKSON — The summer term of Northampton County Superior Court started Monday with divorce actions being heard first and was still in session on Thursday at press time.

Following the morning action on divorce cases, Judge Howard H. Hubbard sentenced James Jones Jr. of Washington, D. C., on five counts of forgery.

Judge Hubbard gave the former Northampton County resident one year in jail, assigned to work with the Department of Corrections, suspended on a three-year probationary period under the usual conditions and the following special conditions:

(1) That he pay the court costs by paying \$50 of it immediately and the balance under the direction of the probation officer; (2) that he repay the \$137.69 immediately which was involved in the forgeries, and that he be allowed to return to Washington to his job "upon satisfaction by the probation officer he had gained employment in Washington."

The five cases were consolidated for trial. Jones allegedly wrote the five checks on a friend's bank account here in Northampton County prior to going to Washington.

Before the first day's session of the high court ended a jury was placed in the box for the trial

of Overton Fleetwood on charges of assaulting an officer.

Divorces granted included the following:

Eugene Hill Jr. from Shirley K. Hill; Annie W. Shearin from Norman A. Shearin; Lucille F. Ingram from Norman Ingram; and Ruby J. Floyd from Joseph Floyd.

In an action on Tuesday, A. W. (Gus) Wooten of Lumberton, who was charged with five cases of false pretense in the misrepresentation and sale of grave monuments in Northampton County, was allowed to return the money taken and have the charges dismissed in Northampton Superior Court.

The repayment totaled \$1,480 to the five individuals who had signed and agreed to purchase grave markers.

Payments were returned to Mrs. Sarah Gilliam, \$383; Mrs. John M. S. White, \$375; Lokie Johnson, \$232; Mrs. J. T. Flythe, \$340 and Travis Flythe, \$80.

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A. Knott Jr. and James F. Bardeen.



PUERTO RICO TRIP for three Northampton County delegates will be partly paid for by money raised at a luncheon sale held by the women's home demonstration clubs on the courthouse grounds on Monday. Working are Mrs. W. B. Evans of Rich Square, Mrs. Merrell Gay of Galatia, Mrs. W. E. Conwell and Mrs. Margaret Wade of Garysburg and Mrs. Jerry Askew of Milwaukee. The county council will

sponsor the trip to the National Homemakers Assembly from October 19 to 26 at San Juan. Delegates will be second vice president for North Carolina, Mrs. M. R. Parker of Seaboard; district delegate at large, Mrs. T. T. Stephenson; and state safety chairman, Mrs. Frank Outland of Rich Square. Northampton County will be the only one in the state with three delegates.