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Deadline Finds Familiar Faces In Primary Races

RALEIGH — Although office seekers jammed the State Board of Elections to beat the noon filing deadline February 21, last-minute filing impact was slight in the

Roanoke-Chowan area of the state. The majority of candidates involved in First and Second Congressional District races were well ahead of the Johnny-come-lately

pack which besieged the State Elections Board and gave the state a record number (13) of gubernatorial candidates.

Filing well ahead of the deadline for reelection to the State Senate from District One were Ashley B. Futrell, Washington, Former Speaker of the House Phil Godwin, Gatesville, and J. J. "Monk" Harrington, Lewiston, who is seeking his sixth term from the district which has added four additional counties making this the largest area in the state. New counties added include Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Dare. The 10 counties previously comprising the district include Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Washington, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

Robert H. Jernigan, Ahoskie, filed in early

February for a sixth term in the House of Representatives, the first to bid for the new Fifth House District which covers Hertford, Gates, Bertie and Northampton Counties.

Jernigan, who served the Hertford, Bertie, Northampton Sixth District from 1963 through 1971 described the new four-county district as "ideal for purposes of representation."

Luther T. Liverman, Windsor, town commissioner, mayor pro tem of Windsor, member of the executive board of the Mid-East Regional Commission, gave Bertie its first candidate for the House of Representatives February 9 when he filed for one of the two seats in the Fifth District. Liverman is the first House candidate from Bertie since Emmett Burden resigned the position to work (See DEADLINE, Page 2)

5 Are Sure Bets 11 Running For 7 Seats In Northampton Co.

By JOE COVOLO
RICH SQUARE — Politics in Northampton County this election year promises a good

scrap or two in the primaries. Two other "contests" have the winners already announced as of this past Monday, when the last candidate filed.

The "contests" with the results already known are that of the Board of Education and the Register of Deeds. Here five individuals have filed for the five positions up for reelection.

Wilson Bridgers, incumbent Register of Deeds, is the only candidate running for that office.

Mrs. Louise (J. Roy) Parker, Seaboard; James M. Beasley, Jackson; and James H. Jones, Gaston have all filed to run for the Board of Education seats they now hold. No one is challenging them. The fourth seat on the Board which is up for selection this year is being sought by Scott Bowers of Jackson. This seat was held by Marshall Grant but he is not running this time.

Bowers, a Jackson businessman, had served 14 years on the Board in the past but did not run in the last election. His father was a former chairman of that board.

Adding a bit of spice to the political situation in this area

are two contests for Board of Commissioners seats.

In District I three hopefuls are going for the seat being vacated by J. Guy Revelle Sr. who, in turn, is running for the House. The three are George T. Vann, Conway; W. D. Edwards, Pendleton; and Wallace Stephenson, Severn. Vann has filed as a Republican so on May 6 it will be between Edwards and Stephenson.

Edwards, a businessman for the past 21 years, is a native of Pendleton. He has served on the board of directors of the Valley Pine Country Club and is a past president of the Northampton County High School booster club. He is a past master of the Pendleton Masonic Lodge.

A graduate of Severn High School, Edwards attended Campbell College for a year and then graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Health and Physical Education.

He is in business with his father at Conway Farm Supply and also has peanut, trucking and farming interest.

Edwards is married to the former Nell Brown of Murfreesboro and they have

five children, one at UNC, one at ECU and the rest in local schools.

Stephenson is a past president and secretary of the Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club. He was born in Severn and graduated from Severn High School. He has a degree in Business Administration (See SEATS, Page 2)

School Slide Presentation Making Debut

JACKSON — An 85-color-slide presentation with sound depicting the structure and organization of the Northampton County School system will make its debut to the Northampton Rotary Club in Rich Square Monday evening.

The presentation, made up by the Northampton County School supervisory staff, tells the whole story of the school system.

Following Monday's showing it will be available to any group requesting it. Contact the school board office in Jackson.

One Case Bound Over To Superior Court

JACKSON — One case was bound over to Superior Court Wednesday in Northampton County District Court by the Honorable Judge Ballard S. Gay.

The defendant Robert William Overby was charged with armed robbery. Judge Gay set bond at \$5,000.

Thesslonia Brooks, charged

with assault on a female, paid costs.

Charles D. Poe, charged with reckless driving, paid \$25 fine and costs.

Peter David Riley, charged with speeding, received prayer for judgment continued on costs.

A driving under the influence charge brought by Walter Lee Edmond, \$100 fine, costs and restricted driving privileges. (See COURT, Page 4)

Blood Drive Set Wednesday In Woodland

WOODLAND — The Tide-water Bloodmobile Unit will be in Woodland on Thursday, March 2, from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years old, who would like to donate blood for Kirwin Vann of Conway, may do so at this time.

Donor supply slips will be available to be filled out and signed by anyone wishing to donate blood to this young student who is depending on you for life.

Our blood program is not just a hope for life for Kirwin Vann but for anyone who needs blood.

There is not substitute for whole blood. So please help Kirwin Vann and thousands like him by going to Woodland on March 2 and making your contribution to this life saving program.

N'ampton Recreation Potential Studied By County Citizens

JACKSON — Some 23 persons representing county, civic and community agencies met February 15 in the Buxton Room of the Northampton Memorial Library to formulate plans for an outdoor recreational potential appraisal of Northampton County.

"During our meeting we discussed inventories of existing streams, lakes, ponds, natural and scenic areas, historic sites and wildlife to use as a guide for potential developers of recreational enterprises in Northampton County," said Mrs. Charlotte Wheeler, district clerk of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District.

Those attending the meeting, called by District

Conservationist John B. Litchfield of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Jackson, also considered methods of improving the program of Northampton County Soil and Water Conservation District, providing more efficient and profitable use of the county's natural resources and relating more closely to regional and state recreational plans.

Among the items studied by the group were vacation cabins, cottages and homesites, camping grounds, picnic and field sports areas, fishing waters, golf courses, hunting areas, natural, scenic and historic areas, riding stables, shooting preserves, vacation farms and ranches, water sports areas and winter sports areas.

Also in attendance at the session was Hall Campbell, assistant state conservationist of the N. C. Soil Conservation Service.

6-Month ABC Sales Over Half Million

JACKSON — Northampton County's ABC Board has reported gross sales for the last six months of 1971 at \$526,262.50. This is an increase of \$18,755.80 over the same period in the previous year.

Of this amount, profits of \$56,287.49 were distributed as follows:

N'ampton County \$35,883.28
Police 8,443.12

Rich Square 2,673.30
Gaston 2,225.96
Jackson 1,537.00
Woodland 1,407.82
Conway 1,400.64
Seaboard 1,316.92
Severn 693.33
Garysburg 455.72
Lasker 264.40

The system paid the state of North Carolina \$95,150.76 for sales tax and \$8,312.90 for alcoholic rehabilitation derived from a tax of five cents per bottle during the same period.

Sales for individual stores were:
Rich Square \$124,284.10
Conway 120,228.60
Gaston 115,173.60
Jackson 84,289.20
Garysburg 82,287.00

'Project Life' Crosses Over \$7,000 Milestone

CONWAY — Project Life, an area-wide fund raising campaign to save the life of a 16-year-old Conway Boy, has raised \$7,000 to date, according to an announcement by Joe Edwards of Pendleton, chairman of the board of directors of the project.

"Most of this money, if not all of it, has been raised by local area students who have really gotten out and worked," Edwards said.

"The actions of the area's

young people are very heart warming. These kids are taking collections in their schools, manning road blocks, raffling cakes and pastries, washing cars and going from door to door collecting to name a few. We have a first rate corps of young people in this area and we are proud of what they are doing."

The campaign, designed to raise \$25,000 to cover medical expenses for Charles Kirwin Vann, will be one month old Sunday. Kirwin, in addition to

suffering from a kidney disease which requires treatment three times a week, is a diabetic. Matching a kidney for a transplant is extremely difficult and until this can be done Kirwin must go to Chapel Hill for treatment.

The area owns a kidney machine which was purchased through Operation Hope a few years back. That drive resulted in successful treatment and a transplant

operation for Michael White of Ahoskie. Mike also suffered from a kidney disease.

Northampton Deaths No. 2 & No. 3 Recorded

JACKSON — Highway deaths two and three have been recorded for the year in Northampton County.

The second fatality occurred February 16 at 4:55 p.m. when Carl Meredith Singletary, 47, of Lumberton died in a crash against an overpass bridge pillar on I-95.

The 1972 White tractor-trailer truck Singletary was operating blew a front right tire and skidded into the pillar, scattering its load of empty cucumber boxes and ripping the vehicle to pieces.

State Highway Trooper Bob Corey said the truck, valued at approximately \$30,000, was a total loss.

The third death occurred two days later on the 18th when Margaret O. Rafalewski, 47, of Lasker was pronounced dead on arrival at Roanoke Rapids Hospital following an accident on N. C. 305.

According to Trooper Corey, who also investigated this one, the Lasker woman's car ran off the right side of the road in a curve, skidded to the left

side where it collided with a telephone pole head-on, rolled over, threw the driver out and then rolled over her. Damage to the car was \$1,500.

In other accidents investigated, Donald M. Rose, 28, of Margarettsville, operator of a 1968 Chevrolet, was taken to a local physician's office for treatment of injuries he received Friday at 6 p.m. when his vehicle collided with a 1965 Chevrolet driven by Junior L. Mason, 18, of (See DEATHS, Page 2)



Outland

Commissioners Have Short Session Monday

JACKSON — At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday two items of business were covered.

A request to delete four secondary roads in the county was discussed and turned over to County Attorney Angus A. McKellar for a ruling.

The roads in question are .35 miles of SR 1313, the Paul Howell Road, .4 miles of SR 1424, the Princeton Farm Road, .3 miles of SR 1920, .4 miles of SR 1150, the Elm Grove Road.

Action on the matter is expected at the next meeting of the board.

Other action taken by the board included bond for Ellis Davis Squire by deputy sheriff.



POINTING OUT THE DAMAGE where a truck tire struck a home in Jackson is T. Jack Glover, occupant of the house. Glover and his wife, Sophia, were sitting in the room when it hit. The tire became detached from a truck as it drove through the main intersection in Jackson. In addition to the damage to the wall, all the glass in the window was broken and had to be patched over with plywood. "Had the tire been a few feet to the left or right it would have broken through the wall," Glover said. The home is owned by Mrs. Doris Santon of Falls Church, Va.



WHERE IS THE BASKET seems to be a good question as members of the Northeast Academy basketball team stage a "workout" on the grounds of the school's newly begun gym. Measuring 180 by 100 feet the building will include the gym, dressing rooms, locker, storage and coaches' rooms, public

rest rooms and a snack bar. In the area above the lobby and locker rooms there will be six classrooms. Working out above are David Green, Hank Harrell, Frank Womble, Tommy Brown and Coach Dave Davis.