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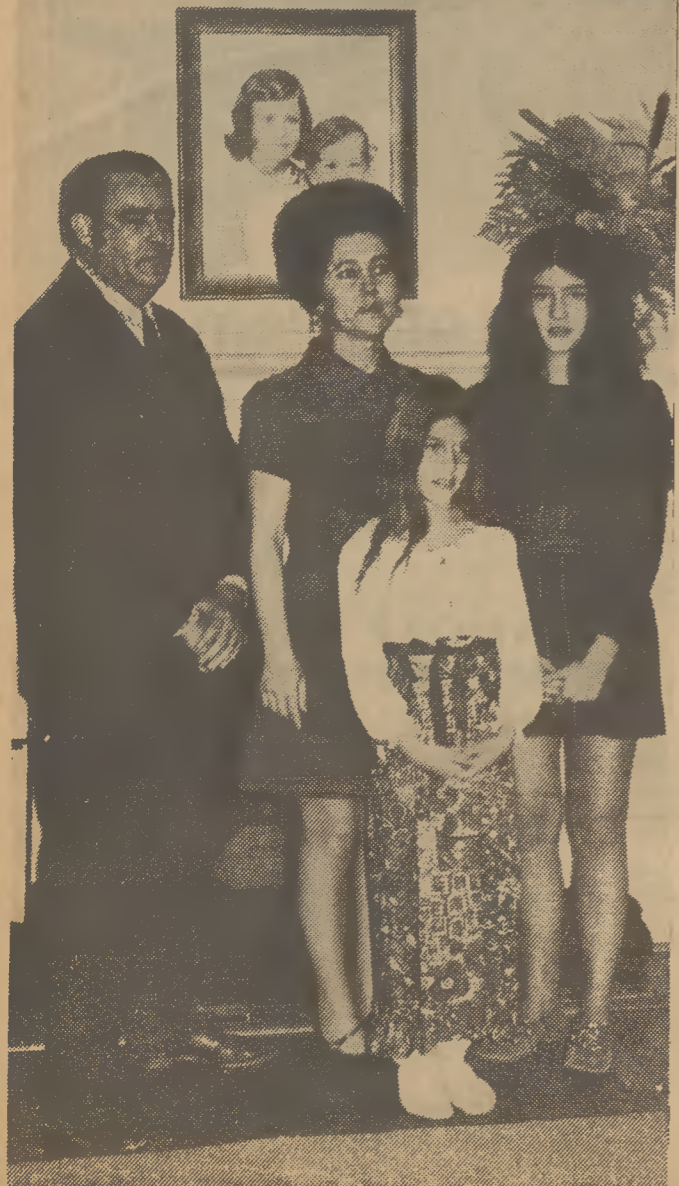
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N'ampton County Accountant Appointed By Commissioners

JACKSON — A county Board of County Commissioners in executive session Monday afternoon and County was selected by the



NEW COUNTY ACCOUNTANT Sidney Ellen with his wife, Janey, and daughters, Callie Jane and Agatha Myra.

named to the post in a short open session which followed. He is Sidney T. Ellen, 41, of Jackson. He has been appointed to fill the post for the unexpired portion of the term of L. H. Holoman Jr. who resigned December 31 for a similar position in Nash County. The current term runs to June 1, 1973.

The position is officially titled county accountant-manager. Like his predecessor, Ellen will begin as county accountant and in an eight month period will attend a 160 hour course on city and county administration at the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill. Upon completion of this he will be eligible for appointment to the manager's position.

Horace Guthrie, previously appointed as a temporary administrative aid to the county commissioners, will be retained in that position on a permanent basis.

A native of Wilson, Ellen graduated from high school and Atlantic Christian College there with a bachelor of arts in business education.

Following graduation he

taught business and coached track at Laplata, Md.

In 1957 he came to the Jackson High School business department and coached basketball and baseball. In 1964 the Northampton schools consolidated and he went to Northampton County High School as head coach and an instructor in the business department. He has been athletic director for the past three years.

Ellen is an Air Force veteran and an active sportsman. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

He is married to the former Janey Pitt of Pine Tops and they have two girls, Callie Jane, 12, and Agatha Myra, 9.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM Northampton and Halifax Counties were briefed this week by representatives from the Albemarle Paper Company on the company's new \$3.3 million project increasing its waste water treatment facilities. The main plant is located on the Halifax side of the Roanoke River but its

water treatment area is on the Northampton side. Above, Jack Gladstone goes over one of the many facets of the project with the commissioners. "Upon reentering the river, the water should be cleaner than it was before it was taken out," a company spokesman said.

Project Life Gets \$50 From Water Board

GARYSBURG — The Board of Members of the Progressive Water Association of Garysburg voted at its regular meeting Tuesday night to donate \$50 to Project Life. In passing the motion Edward Harding, president of the association, said that there is no price tag on a human life and everyone should do what they could in helping save a life.

Association Manager, N. B. Buffalo reported on a visit to the Northampton Board of Education the day before and their complaint on a high water bill. Buffalo said that they had found an error in computing the bill and that they had sent an adjusted bill of \$83 to the board. The former bill was for \$129.

Other items discussed at the meeting centered around the purchasing of equipment and furnishings for a soon to be completed office for the association.

World Mission Fair Planned

CONWAY — A "World Mission Fair" is planned at Conway Baptist Church on Sunday, March 19, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The missionaries for the week will be introduced and a short message will be given by one of the foreign missionaries.

Nine foreign missionaries from seven different countries; home missionaries from many different types of mission work; and state missionaries from different areas will tell about the world mission ministry.

The public is invited.

Public Kindergartens Lead Board's Agenda

JACKSON — Authorization by the Northampton County Board of Education to operate the first state supported Northampton County kindergarten program at the Willis Hare School beginning this month led the list of actions taken by the board at their monthly meeting this week. Superintendent Roy F. Lowry was advised recently that the county had been allocated a state public kindergarten program for five-year-olds beginning in the fall. An ESEA Title I kindergarten program is now

in operation in each school where a first grade is being taught. There are also five private kindergartens in the county at this time.

"We're one of the few states in the union without public kindergartens," said Lowry. Other actions by the board at this meeting included:

—Approval of the contract of Mrs. Rachel H. Johnson to teach in the county schools. She is now at the Willis Hare School filling a vacancy left when William B. Kemp resigned and returned to (See AGENDA, Page 4)

3 Drunk Driver Cases Reduced By Judge Gay

JACKSON — Judge Ballard S. Gay reduced three driving under the influence charges to the lesser charge of reckless driving in District Court Wednesday.

Defendants named and judgments were:

Samuel Moody was fined \$50 on the lesser charge while New Genes Kee and Linwood Pope Jr. were fined \$100 each. Pope was also given a six-month suspended sentence.

In other cases disposed of, a charge of speeding against Freddie W. Lewis was not

crossed. Robert Louis Ussery was given 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of costs on a speeding charge.

Donald Ray Jernigan Jr. charged with speeding 59 in a 35 mph zone, was found guilty of speeding 50 in a 35 mph zone and John Jethro Ferebee charged with speeding 64 in a 35 mph zone was found guilty of speeding 50 in a 35 mph zone. Sentences of each were suspended upon payment of costs.

A charge of failure to drive upon right half of highway against Andrew Lessie Faison was not proessed.

A charge against William Jessie Gardner of no operator's license and improper passing was not proessed with leave.

William Junior Fields, charged with no operator's license and driving under the influence, paid \$100 costs and was given a six-month suspended sentence.

The following were found not guilty: Kattie Daniel Parker, charged with leaving the

scene of an accident without giving the license number and registration number; Ovell H. Lawrence, charged with engaging in an affray and destroying a door in the Jackson Police Station; Thomas Earley, charged with reckless driving; and James Lewis Ingram, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Haywood Turner was found guilty of assault on a female and paid \$50 fine and costs and received a six-month suspended sentence. He also was ordered remain of good behavior for one year.

Gene Mills and Amos Pierce, both charged with larceny, paid \$125 fine and costs. Both received a 12-month suspended sentence and were placed on probation for two years.

Bobbie Clements, four-guilty of driving under the influence, received a six-month suspended sentence, \$100 fine and costs. On a charge of driving while license revoked, he received a six-month suspended sentence.

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County Commissioners Act On Road Projects

JACKSON — Actions on four secondary road projects led the list of items covered by the Board of County Commissioners when they met this week.

Two of the actions concerned applying to the State Highway Commission for industrial access funds. The first, in George, pretains to .2 miles of SR 1526. This is known as the Pruden Road.

Industrial access funds were also applied for .2 miles of SR 1534, the Lassiter's Mill

Road. This is in Potecasi.

Two other road projects are combined with a primary and alternate plan.

The primary project is the grading and paving of SR 1119 from SR 1121 to SR 1118 and down SR 1118 to cover the frontage of Cumbo Chapel Church. This would be 2.5 miles in length, need a bridge replaced and costs \$113,000.

The alternate plan would take in the grading and paving of SR 1118 from N. C. 305 in a southward direction to SR 1119 and across the frontage of the

church. This would be 2.9 miles long and cost \$111,000.

Determination of which plan to use will be based on right-of-way access.

To finance either of these projects the board voted to request the State Highway Commission to use the balance of the 1971 funds and the remainder from the 1972 funds.

Last of the road work pretained to 500 feet of the Jesse Wheeler Feed and Grain Mill Road in Lasker. Cost of this would be \$900.

Other actions by the board included:

—Appointment of J. H. Foriest to replace Oscar Spaulding, both of Pendleton, on the Region L. Economic Development Commission.

—Voted to subordinate a welfare lien on property of Herman B. Stephenson, Kirby Township, in favor of Farmer's Home Administration in order that the property owner may make certain home improvements.

—Appropriated \$1,890 to modify voting machines for the coming election.

—Approved preliminary plans for renovations and additions to the county jail as submitted by Architect Charles Davis of Roanoke Rapids.

Congressman Fountain Speaks To Rotarians

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Congressman L. H. Fountain expressed guarded optimism Monday about the textile import quota agreements made with Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Korea and now being implemented by a Presidentially-appointed Commission.

Representative Fountain made these comments in an appearance before the Rotary

Club of Roanoke Rapids.

The Second District Congressman said the agreements were "signed, sealed and delivered during December and January, but, we don't know for sure how good they'll prove to be in practice."

He called the flood of foreign textile imports one of the most serious problems faced by our country in recent years and noted that thousands of North Carolina textile workers lost their jobs as a result. The Administration's textile agreements are "progress of sorts," adding, "But, it remains to be seen how they work out in the long run," he added.

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Dance Benefits Project Life

JACKSON — Project Life gained \$180.11 from a dance held at the Lions Club here on February 26.

All proceeds from the dance were directed to Project Life. Providing music was the four-member Blue Sage Band from Faisons Old Tavern. Refreshments were furnished by Zion Church and were served by Misses Joan Draper, Jean Daughtry and Beth Coffield.

Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. James Lloyd, Mrs. James Hedspeth, Mrs. Jerry Hedspeth and the Rev. and Mrs. Billy Herbert.

One-Car Accident Hospitalizes Youth

JACKSON — A Pendleton youth was hospitalized in Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Sunday with head injuries he received in an accident on paved road 1365.

Joseph H. Kirkland, 18, driving a 1964 Dodge ran off the highway on the right at 1:35 a.m. and collided with a concrete culvert five miles east of Conway, according to State Trooper B. W. Corey.

His condition was reported as "poor" Wednesday by hospital authorities. Damage to his car was \$300 and he was cited for operating on the wrong side of the road.

In other accidents investigated in Northampton County, five persons reported given emergency treatment at Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Saturday following a 6:55 p.m. three-car collision at the intersection of N. C. 35 and paved road 1508. They were Ricky R. Cumbo, 17, of Milwaukee, operator of a 1968

Chevrolet; Vaughan M. Edwards, 16, of Conway, driver of a 1963 Oldsmobile; and passengers in the two cars, Rudolph Cumbo, 41, Eleanor Cumbo, 40, and Milton T. Boone, 15. The other car involved, a 1964 Chevrolet, was driven by Warren H. Futrell, 18, of Conway.

Edwards was cited for a stop sign violation. Damage to the Cumbo car was \$1,000; to the Edwards vehicle, \$400, and to the Futrell car, \$200.

Orville B. Johnson, 39, of Gaston, operator of a 1971 Ford, was charged with no operator's license, no registration and hit and run February 26 at 11:45 p.m. when he was involved in a collision on paved road 1214 with a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Tilghman Fields, 17, of Henrico with damage to each car of \$200.

George W. Jones, 33, of Scotland Neck came upon a (See YOUTH, Page 4)



W. S. CREECY BETA CLUB members returning from the Northeastern District Beta Club Convention in Manteo recently are (front row, from left) Kathy Colson, Denise Conwell, Becky Hyman, Rhonda Winfrey, recording secretary; Martha Rose, corresponding secretary; and Elizabeth Creecy; (back row, from left) Miss

Jean Manning, sponsor; Gregory Edmond, vice president; Dana Coleman, treasurer; Nancy Bryant, Kenny Branch, president; Cynthia Boone, Keith Britton and Kenny Wooten. Not present was Wanda Chappell. National Beta Club Week ends Saturday.



SCOUTS FROM RICH SQUARE'S TROOP 236 spent last weekend in the woods near Windsor as they took part in the 1972 Klondike Derby. Under the direction of Scoutmaster Don Leggett they were Wayne Womble, Joe Shoulars, Jimmy Clark, Dennis Wright, William Colson, Perry Martin Jr., Henry Bennett and Robby Bryant.