



THE BREAKING POINT of the main well in Seaboard occurred in this portion of the deep well turbine pump. The water enters from the end at the right and is drawn up. With the breaking of the filter screen sand and small pebbles were also drawn up into the pump. When enough collected the pump broke (see arrow). This too will have to be replaced.

Mayor Says 'Seaboard Water Problem Not All That Bad'

SEABOARD — "We do have a few problems with the water system. However, it's not the disaster some people think it is." These are the words of Seaboard Mayor Herbert M. Eastwood. He was speaking of the town's main well which went out of operation the week before last.

"We have a second well which we are using now. It's not the best water in the world but it's there. It has a high iron content and isn't the quality water we are used to but it's better than nothing at all and it's safe," the mayor commented.

The filter screen in the main well collapsed sometime in the past but it was only within the last few weeks that sand and small pebbles were drawn up

into the pump.

A former well driller himself, Mayor Eastwood described the situation.

"The main well itself is near 20 years old and about 200 feet deep. Sometime back, it could have been five years ago, the filter screen broke and sand and small rocks started building up in the bottom of the well. The pump sets 70 feet below ground level. Since the filter screen gave out the well has been filling from the bottom and it was week before last that the sand and small rocks finally got into contact with the pump."

Attempts to repair the well could be almost as costly as drilling a new well. Just three weeks the town of Murfreesboro had the same problem and there it was estimated that it could cost as much as \$10,000 just finding the problem.

Engineers who have studied this situation in Seaboard say that a new well should cost between \$8,000 and \$12,000. Most of the hardware from the old well can be used in the new one Mayor Eastwood said.

The reserve well which is now being used is over 30 years old. The only objection to this well is the high iron content in the water. In this case water is pumped directly from the ground into the 100,000-gallon tank which is the main source for the town's water system. The main well system is run through a filter system before going into the tank.

be given to the company that can get on the job the soonest," the mayor said.

Specifications on the new well state the first 50 feet down will have an 18-inch outer casing. The next 150 feet will have an eight-inch outer casing and the last four feet will be the eight-inch screen.

Seven Appear At Board Of Equalization

JACKSON — Seven Northampton property owners appeared before the Board of Equalization meeting Monday to request reconsideration by the board on their land values.

They were John G. Daniels, Gaston Township; B. L. White, Rich Square; W. B. Spivey, Roanoke; Mrs. Nora B. Copeland, Woodland; J. R. Carstarphen, Gaston; Dallas S. Boyce, Rich Square; and Dr. R. O. Outland Jr., Rich Square.

All cases were heard with a few solved on the spot. Most of the cases were recorded for further study and the individuals involved will be contacted.

Beds will be considered at today's meeting of the town council.

"In addition to cost factors some consideration will also

Lee Speaks On Needs For Reform In Taxes

RICH SQUARE — Howard Lee, mayor of Chapel Hill and candidate for Congress from the Second District, said last week that tax reform must become an economic reality for the working men and women of America and not just a political rally cry for politicians.

In a speech to a group of supporters, Mayor Lee stated: "In 1971, one steel company had an income of over 150 million dollars, but paid no corporate taxes."

"Last year, 1,338 Americans who made over \$50,000 paid no personal income taxes."

"Our tax system is progressive in name only. We must change," Lee said, "a tax system that sometimes lets millionaires and corporations pay less taxes than mechanics and small

businesses."

"The value-added tax," Lee said, "is nothing more than a national sales tax that will hurt the average tax payer and divert the nation from the job of real tax reform."

Instead of a value-added tax, Lee called for reduction of the oil depletion allowance, increasing the minimum tax on privileged income, requiring the payment of capital gains taxes on inheritance, repealing the accelerated depreciation system for businesses and closing other tax loopholes.

During an eight-hour day, the average American has to work about 23 minutes to pay for medical service, one hour to pay for food and another for housing. But two and one-half hours of a working day must be spent to pay for taxes.

State Social Services Change To Cost County \$159 More

JACKSON — In the proposed budget for fiscal year 1972-73 Northampton County's Social Services Department will require, for public assistance, \$123,207 of county money in which to operate. Originally this amount was \$74,431 but, under a new formula used by the State Board of Social Services,

some counties will receive more state funds for the next fiscal year while others will receive less. In this move the board claims they will better equalize the local tax burden to support the public assistance programs and the local administration of all social services programs.

Placing third in the state in

of its public assistance, along with Hertford, Bertie and Gates, will all have to come up with \$76,000 more county dollars to make up the difference.

Under this new public assistance equalizing formula, 63 counties will

receive funds and all 100 counties will receive a share of the aid to county administration equalizing funds which totals \$4,660,000 for the 72-73 fiscal year.

Based on the new formula, 45 counties will receive more combined state equalizing funds while the other 55 will receive less, however, the set amount of funds to be distributed in fiscal year 1972-73 are higher than will be distributed this fiscal year (\$4,660,000 compared to \$4,130,134).

The old formula was based on four factors: the average public assistance money payments per capita, percentage of public assistance recipients, sales and use tax per capita and the adjusted individual income per capita.

"This was an excellent formula for it took into account all necessary factors which should be considered in arriving at a correct figure," said James P. Clark, Northampton director of social services. "The new formula, which will apply basically to both public assistance and administration funds, is based on a ratio between the county's cost for the programs and the appraised value of property at 100 per cent of valuation. In short, this hits the poorer counties with higher tax valuation and low tax rates. We need this trend reversed if we want to keep from bleeding the county funds dry," Clark stated.

The five counties with the greatest percentage of people receiving public assistance are losing a combined total of \$98,354. They are Tyrrell, \$7,669; Jones, \$13,981; Northampton, \$37,159; Scotland, \$8,899; and Bertie, \$30,646.

The top four counties in the overall payoff are netting better than a half million dollars (\$526,374). They include \$159,318; Forsyth, \$140,546; Cumberland, \$124,510; and Guilford, \$102,000.

Clark went on to say, "This is penalizing the poorer percapita income counties with higher ratios of their population receiving public

Water Bond Issue Needed By Most Of Northampton

JACKSON — Northampton County voters are urged to get the facts on the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act and vote their convictions May 6.

If voters approve the bond issue, funds will be available to eligible local government units to provide cleaner

streams, to insure an adequate and safe supply of water for consumption, to provide for water recreation and to improve fish and wildlife. Eligible government units include cities, towns and villages, counties, sanitary districts, watersheds and other similar agencies empowered to provide public water supply systems or waste treatment facilities.

According to Mayor Charles Bass of Jackson the formula seems pretty simple with 55 per cent coming from the federal government and 25 per cent from the state. Only 20 per cent of the total cost will be paid by the local government.

"This bond issue is needed very much in many areas and we in the town government hope it passes. Our sewer system in Jackson, for example, dates back to the WPA days in the '30's. It needs replacement and this bond issue is the best offer to come along," Jackson is just one of many towns which could use

this assistance.

The total bond issue of \$150 million allocated over a five year period. This represents a cost per person of 10 cents per week for five years. The bond will be paid from state funds and does not require an increase in local or state taxes.

Northampton County is eligible to receive \$235,000 for water projects and \$117,500 for sewage treatment projects. Money allocated to the 100 North Carolina counties is on the basis of county population and need to match federal grants.

Because of steady growth in North Carolina and to meet tighter water quality standards, it has been estimated that \$360 million will be needed for water pollution control and \$337 million for public water systems in the next five years. Local governments alone will not likely be able to meet those needs. State matching grants from the bonds will make available federal dollars to reduce the needed local share.



TO LEAD "WOMEN FOR BOWLES" — Mrs. Donald W. (Linda) Parker of Woodland, who will coordinate activity of Northampton County Women for Bowles committee, joins the growing list of local citizens rallying to the banner of their

Congressman Fountain Covers Many Subjects

RICH SQUARE — Congressman L. H. Fountain of the Second Congressional District spoke to the Rich Square Rotary Club Monday evening covering a variety of topics and problems faced by the local area citizens today.

He told the Rotarians of the

need for civic clubs and put them in the same category as church and home. He said many things which are needed by the community would never happen if people waited for the government to get around to do it. Its these other institutions which get the job

FHA Has Funds Available In Several Loan Areas

JACKSON — Marvin Coleman, supervisor of Northampton County Farmers Home Administration, stated today that they were out of Regular Operating Loan Program funds for routine purchases

but they were still accepting loan applications of this type on the chance that some funds, which are available elsewhere, can be rerouted to this area.

"In addition to getting funds from other areas there is also

the chance of passage of the Rural Development Act of 1972 which would result in the release of \$75 million in impounded FHA operating loans," Coleman said.

There are funds available in

Manslaughter Charge Gets Two Sentenced

JACKSON — A Jackson area man and a Murfreesboro man have both been convicted of manslaughter charges in Northampton Superior Court by Judge Perry Martin.

The Jackson man, Jimmie Jones Jr., was given a probationary sentence and Jack Clarence Branch of Murfreesboro received a suspended sentence for involuntary manslaughter.

Jones, 22, charged with manslaughter following an October 26 auto accident in which two youths were killed south of Seaboard, pleaded nolo contendere (no contest) to involuntary manslaughter in the two counts and was handed a two to three year

term suspended.

He was taxed with costs in each case and placed on probation for two years.

A charge of reckless driving was not pressed.

Killed in the accident on state road 1314 were David Williams, 20, of Jackson and George Branch, 18, of Route 1, Seaboard. The deceased were passengers in the Williams' car.

Branch, charged with manslaughter and driving under the influence following a wreck in which a Fayetteville woman was killed last year near Murfreesboro, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge and was handed three to five years suspended for five years.

He was fined \$500 and costs. He was charged by the highway patrol following the head-on collision May 9, 1971, in which Jacqueline Wright, 20, of Fayetteville was killed.

The accident occurred on U.S. 258 near the Northampton-Hertford County line.

The drunk driving charge against Branch was not pressed with leave.

An Odom Correctional Institute inmate was given an

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Woodland Shirt Co. Opening April 17

WOODLAND — Workmen are putting finishing touches to the building soon to be occupied by the Daber, Inc., high style shirt company which is moving to Woodland.

According to a report by Joe Motzno, a Woodland store owner, the main work to be done now is running a power line to the building and with this almost completed they

should be open for business by April 17.

The company will be located in the old Woodland Graded School building and at first will employ approximately 35 women Motzno said. The school was vacated a few years ago and in the time the building has been unoccupied some damage was done. Hill Enterprises of Murfreesboro have already checked out the pipes and other systems in the building and performed minor repairs.

Daber, Inc., located in Richmond, started out in the 1920's as the Ladybyrd Hat Company. By the late 1960's they diversified and went into the quality shirt business. Motzno said that he had been in contact with company officials for the past two years and has been working on them that whole time trying to get them to move some of their operation here.

"The company is now undergoing an expansion and this move seemed to work out for all of us," Motzno said. "They will start with around 35 women but hope to build up this force to 200 by the time they are in full production."

"At first the operation here will be sewing only with the patterns cut in the Richmond plant and sent down here for

completion. Future plans will see the local operation

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Registration Deadline Here For Voters

JACKSON — With only two of 17 precincts reporting results from Saturday's special voter registration R. W. (Scoopy) Grant, Northampton County Board of Elections chairman, reports more than 900 18-20-year olds have registered already and that number will probably go well past the 1,000 mark.

As voter registration for the May 6 primary comes down to the deadline (5 p.m. April 7) Grant expects one last flood of applicants.

The county Board of Elections is located on the third floor of the courthouse.



COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE candidate John Ingram visited Northampton County Friday and, in addition to picking up some support, he also got a bag of peanuts from one of its citizens. Ingram is a long-time advocate of insuring young people according to their driving record and not just their age alone. A state representative, he feels the position should not be held by anyone connected with insurance services. He has a plan to lower insurance for safe drivers when he is elected.



ACCEPTING A CHECK ON BEHALF OF THE Hertford-Northampton Law Enforcement Association are Northampton Trooper John Wood (left) and Murfreesboro Police Chief Robert Wheeler (second from left). The check, for \$680, was presented to the association by Ralph Lee

and Pete Cowan of PLS Productions. The money was raised through the efforts of both the association and PLS productions in bringing the Jack Green Country Music Show to the area last week and was donated to Project Life.