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Nat. Library Week April 16-22

Reading Makes The World Go Round

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JACKSON — National Library Week begins Sunday and throughout the week, across the nation, libraries will be offering special events and displays to attract people to the useful and enjoyable services libraries have to offer.

Northampton's Library, in step with the rest of the nation (if not a leader), is also doing its part. In addition to attracting older folks to the services available, Mrs. Frances S. Midyette and her staff are directing some of their time and talents to attracting school children.

If their minds and attitudes can be focused in this direction now then they will be better citizens because of this in years to come.

Northampton's Library, in its new home now for 17

months, is progressing at a rapid rate. With a collection of 13-15,000 books now on file the library recorded a circulation of 3,392 in March. This is an increase of 400 over the previous month and 800 over the same time last year. An average of 250 new books arrive each month.

Just when and where did Northampton's Library get its beginning?

According to a news clipping from Thursday, November 23, 1933, it began then. It reads as follows:

Much progress is being made on traveling county library. A board of six ladies will be appointed by the commissioners, all asked to cooperate.

There has been a great deal of doubt as to the success of a county library. The success depends absolutely on the cooperation not only of all PTA organizations and Women's

Clubs in Northampton, but of every man, woman and child in the county. A board of six ladies will be appointed by the county commissioners. Their duty will be to draw up policies governing the library, buying and securing library equipment. This board is asked to meet in Jackson Friday, November 24, at 2 p.m.

The books are for the entire county and will be circulated in the best manner possible to serve each community.

Of course you realize to have a county truck library full of books will take any amount of funds. This is a new project started off with a small fund, but one that can be added to each year until we have a real traveling truck library.

The Afternoon Club of Woodland, Woman's Club of Jackson, Woman's Club of Rich Square each have given \$25 to go with the \$250 presented by the commissioners. If any other organization has made their appropriation please let the board

know immediately so their names and amount can be published next week."

As of June 4, 1934, 3,175 books had been read in the county library.

In October 1934 the following report was filed:

This library, started with funds given by the women's clubs of the county, Parent-Teacher Associations and help are the county commissioners, now has 584 books. They are divided into 16 groups and distributed from 16 points in the county by women who volunteer to act as librarians.

From this bleak beginning we now have a modern library here with almost anything a reader would want.

Even if you are not a book worm, or even an occasional reader, at least come on down to the library next week and see what's there. If nothing more it will at least get you away from your routine for a while.

Last Hour Tax Aid Available

RICH SQUARE — All Internal Revenue Offices will extend their hours of

\$77,800 To Northampton For Roads

RALEIGH — Northampton County has been allocated more than \$77,800 for two secondary road construction projects, it was announced today.

Approval of the projects was voted at the regular April meeting held in Raleigh.

The projects and the money allotted for each were: for SR 1119-1118, 2.5 miles in length; grade, drain and stabilize from SR 1121 to SR 1118 across frontage of Cumbo Chapel Church and to replace bridge No. 28. This will be done at a cost of \$76,000.

The other project is .10 miles of Jesse Wheeler Road and includes grading, draining and stabilization from SR 1516 to DE.

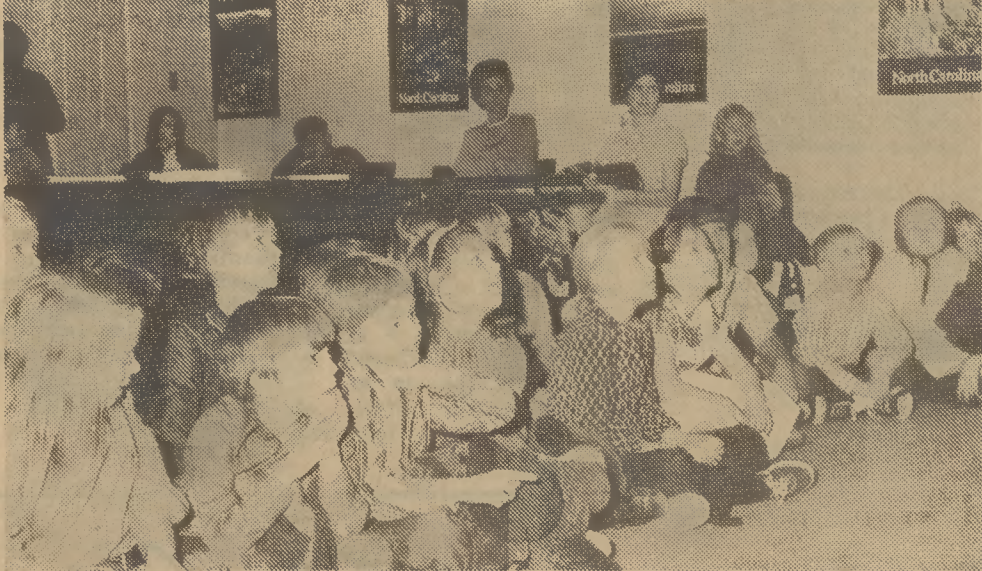
operation during the final four days of the filing period, with the exception of Sunday, April 16.

Each IRS office in the state will open at 8 a.m. and remain open until 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, April 13, 14, 15 and 17. The reason for the extended hours is to afford tax return preparers assistance to taxpayers who have not yet filed.

The office in the Roanoke-Chowan Area is in Ahsokie in the basement of the post office building on Main St.

Revenue Officer Bud Streetman said that any taxpayer who has had his return prepared by an individual he suspects may have included erroneous information in his return should come to the IRS office and file an amended return at once.

Taxpayers who are unable to visit their local office or need only a question or two answered, may call long distance, toll-free, by dialing 1-800-822-8500.



PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM at the Northampton Library in conjunction with National Library Week are two second grade classes from Northeast Academy. At left, standing is Mrs. Frances S. Midyette, librarian. Looking on are teachers, Mrs. Sarah Warmack and Miss Tapp Vaughan.

13,458 Potential Voters Registered In N'ampton

JACKSON — Exactly 1,000 18-20-year olds have registered to vote since

January 1. This is part of 2,754 Northampton citizens who

Elections or to their poles since the first of the year to get their names on the books. As of Wednesday a total of 13,458 potential voters were on the books and will be able to vote in the primary election May 6.

According to R. W. (Scoopy) Grant, chairman of the Northampton Board of Elections, "The coming few weeks are going to be very busy for Barbara Jean (Wheeler) and me as we have to enter all of these registrations in the proper precinct books by the time of the primary. Two interesting facts now known are that more (See VOTERS, Page 5)

County Employees Reminded Of Company Time Political Actions

JACKSON — At the Tuesday meeting of the Northampton Board of county commissioners a memorandum was passed controlling the political activities of county employees. Fashioned after a state policy on the subject, the memo plainly states that county employees may not campaign for a political candidate during regular working hours.

The board was all in favor of citizens taking an active interest in the campaigns but felt some county employees may be stepping over the line in supporting a particular candidate or issue.

"This is more of a reminder than anything else so all of our employees will know just what is and is not expected of them on this matter," stated J. Guy Revelle, chairman of the

board. The board received a request for a \$60 per month, per teacher, increase for fiscal year 1972-73. The letter was signed by Lafayette Majette, J. M. Baker, J. P. Cotton, Glenn Warren and Sophia V. Faison. The letter was forwarded to the Northampton Board of Education for their consideration and action.

An offer from Region L for Northampton County to take part in a Regional Jail was considered but rejected by the board. During a discussion on the subject it was stated by one of the members that just the bus and transportation costs alone could run up to \$25,000 per year.

While on the subject of the jail, County Accountant Sidney Ellen said that he was told by Ronald Aycock, of

Region L, that if the Jackson jail project was not acted upon by June 30 the town could lose the \$11,500 grant. The possibility of getting an extension on that date was considered but no final answer was arrived at.

Reese Bullock, resident sanitarian and acting Health Department supervisor, requested and got approval to purchase five new trash containers. His department is studying the matter and he has the option of buying either four or six cubic yard containers.

Last of the actions of the board was the approval of an amendment to the cooperation agreement between the Roanoke-Chowan Housing Authority and Northampton County.

The amendment is to

prevent people associated with the authority from buying property knowing the authority is going to buy it eventually. If the property is already owned or was purchased for some other reason it may then be all right.

'Not Two Places At One Time' Rep. Fountain

RICH SQUARE — "Getting into office the first time is one thing. Staying in through following elections is something else entirely." These were the words of Congressman L. H. Fountain of the Second Congressional District when he visited this

area last week and was interviewed by Your Home Newspaper.

"Being a local area guy it's pretty easy to be available to speak to the public when you're still generally at home and running for office. Once

School Board Promotes Industrial Development

JACKSON — Northampton County Board of Education Monday became a promoter of Industrial Development by agreeing to rent the Brick

Building on the Woodland Graded School Campus to Daber, Inc., Richmond, Va. This company plans to open a shirt factory in this building. The board agreed to rent the building for \$150 per month.

In other action the contracts of Charles C. Daugherty and Mrs. Louisa B. Jefferies to teach in the county schools were approved.

Arthur Lee Best, Mrs. Gladys Greene, Eddie Peebles Jr., Stanley Davis, Mrs. Irene Bennett, Miss Mildred L. Jackson and Mrs. Sandra Bell Douglas comprised a committee from the Garysburg and Gumberry areas. Best acting as spokesman, presented to the board a list of suggestions

which he believed would, if carried out, improve the Garysburg and Gumberry Schools.

Consideration of a proposed local school fund budget was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

Jesse Seaver, president of the Carolina Christian Union, approached the board with a presentation on the hazards of smoking and drinking and the need for a greater Christian attitude among men.

Center in Durham for each treatment. All clubs and organizations are urged to turn in all money they have collected for this

drive to their local banks. The money will be forwarded to the bank of account for the drive. The Bank of Northampton in Jackson.

N.H.S. Junior Chosen For Governor's School

CREEKSVILLE — David Posten, Northampton County High School junior, has been chosen to attend the Governor's School to be held this summer on the campus of Salem College at Winston-Salem.

David is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Poston of Pendleton.

Each year 400 outstanding high school students are selected to receive two months of highly specialized training

designed for future leaders with the express purpose of equipping them to aid in solving future problems. The motto of the school is "Open Windows into the Future."

The Governor's School was founded in 1963 through a grant by the Carnegie Foundation and Winston-Salem contributors. The proposal for the special summer program originated with former Gov. Terry Sanford.

Candidates for the schools are carefully screened. Not only must the candidates indicate high intelligence rating and superior ability in the academic field, they must also possess a high degree of talent in one of the arts. Student Polson was selected in the field of social science.

Staffed by 75 faculty members from the leading educational institutions in the nation, the Governor's School will convene June 18 and run until August 5. There are three main areas of learning activities; personality development; general intellectual development and social development.

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Old tellers never die they just withdraw.



David Poston



FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH a local civic club Congressman L. H. Fountain gave a short talk to area students and answered their questions in a Rich Square restaurant. The group was composed of one Chowan College student and the rest were from Northeast Academy in

Lasker. All are affected by the recently passed 18-20-year-old voter legislation. The congressman later commented on the seriousness and depth of many of the questions coming from young people today.