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Old Northampton Homes



Longview

By HAZEL GRIFFIN
 (Editor's Note: This is one of a continuing series of old Northampton County homes and structures. The aim of this series is to create an interest in the welfare of these old structures as well as the history of the area.)

"Longview," a Georgian style plantation home, was built in 1827 by Maj. William H. Gray. It has been continuously owned and occupied by five generations of Gray's descendants. The present owner and occupant is Willie Jones, Long, a great grandson of the Hon. Willie Jones of

Halifax County. The two-story ten-room clapboard house, painted white with green shutters, did have a Georgian style entrance porch, which was changed to "gingerbread" Victorian about 1870. The doors and window frames are in keeping with the Georgian style.

The first floor contains an "L" shaped hall, living room, dining room and one bedroom. On the second floor are five bedrooms and a sleeping porch. In 1915, a pantry and kitchen were added and in 1950, a kitchen was added to

the rear. The downstairs hall and dining room have chairboard paneling, the walls being white, the paneling a Williamsburg blue. Each of the eight rooms in the house had a fireplace. A former cookhouse, converted into a family room, has an eight-foot brick fireplace and exposed beams.

The old kitchen with a large fireplace is about thirty feet from the rear of the house. Other outside buildings are an office, a smokehouse, a salt house and a washroom in the (See HOMES, Page 13)

Country Music Show Ticket Sales Good

RICH SQUARE — Ticket sales for next week's country music show in Northampton are moving along at a very good rate and the greatest demand seems to be for the most expensive tickets. These facts were released to Your Home Newspaper in an interview Wednesday with members of the Halifax, Hertford and Northampton Law Enforcement Association, sponsors of the show.

Chairmen of the association plan to meet tonight and review the sales campaign. Starring Conway Twitty and the Twitty Birds, Loretta Lynn and the Coalminers, the show will be presented in the Northampton County High School gym at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 25.

Also in the cast are special guest star Anthony Armstrong Jones, Randy and Sandy Burnett and Kenny Starr. Tickets can be purchased from any law enforcement officer in the three counties.

County Marks 5th Fatality

GARYSBURG — A Winton woman became Northampton County's fifth fatality of the year early Sunday when the car in which she was a passenger ran a stop sign at the intersection of N. C. 46 and U.S. 301, jumped a ditch and crashed into a wooded area.

Clyde L. Eure, 53, of Eure was charged with manslaughter by Trooper B. R. Cooper of the Halifax-Northampton Highway Patrol in the death of Sadie Parrish, 52, Rt. 1, Winton. The driver was injured in the accident but was treated and released from Roanoke Rapids Hospital where he was

taken by the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad. In addition to manslaughter, Eure faces a stop sign violation charge. Damage to the 1968 Mercury driven by Eure amounted to \$1,000.

In other accidents reported by state troopers, a May 11 one-car wreck sent the driver, Jerry N. Mitchell Jr., 39, of Emporia, Va., to Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Mitchell's vehicle, a 1972 Ford, failed to stop at the intersection of N. C. 46 and U.S. 301 and ran into a woods at 8:30 a.m. He was cited for a stop sign violation and public drunkenness and damage to the car was estimated at \$800. Roland V. Tann, 43, of Rich Square, operator of a 1968 Chevrolet, was taken to Roanoke-Chowan Hospital May 14 at 6 a.m. with injuries he received when his car ran off the right side of N. C. 305 (See FATALITY, Page 13)

Taylor, Jordan Call For Runoff

RALEIGH — Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, defeated in the Democratic primary by Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles in his bid for governor of North Carolina, Monday announced that he was calling for a second primary against Bowles. Incumbent Sen. B. Everett Jordan also announced in a press conference that he would seek to retain his U.S. Senate seat in a second primary against 4th District Congressman Nick Galifianakis, who defeated him with 49.1 per cent of the primary vote but failed to obtain a majority.

Judge Places Gaston Youths On Probation

JACKSON — Judge Ballard S. Gay gave suspended terms to two Gaston youths and placed them on probation in Northampton District Court May 11. Rudy Hardy and Cornell Broady, both 16, charged with breaking, entering and larceny, entered lesser pleas to aiding and abetting in larceny of less than \$200, a general

Property Taxes Are Due Sept. 1

RICH SQUARE — Answer true or false: Payment on your local property tax bill is due December 31 each year. If you answered true, you gave the same answer most taxpayers would. But that's wrong. The answer is: False. Under state law, property tax payments are due September 1 this year, according to Gladys Futrell, tax collector for the Town of Rich Square. That means that after September 1 tax collectors can take legal action — such as garnishing salaries — to collect the taxes that are due. If that's so, you might ask, why do people usually wait until December 31 to pay taxes? The answer is that December 31 is the last day for paying up without paying a penalty too. But September 1 is the date taxes are due and they're late after that, nevertheless. Normally, no legal action to force tax payment is taken before December 31, but that might be different this year. In the past, the due date was the first Monday in October, but the 1971 General Assembly changed that to September 1. The extra month might give the tax collector enough time to go after unpaid bills before December 31. As if that weren't enough bad news, taxpayers are reminded that there will be no discounts for paying taxes early in the Town of Rich Square this year. No discounts are allowed by law unless by special order of the Board of Commissioners of each municipality or county. Since the due date has been moved up the Commissioners voted to cut out the discounts.

To The Memory Of 'Uncle Walt'

By JOSEPH COVOLO JR. Editor

WOODLAND — Officials of the 10th Annual Woodland Horse and Pony Show reported a net profit of approximately \$2,000 this week. These funds will go to such civic projects as recreational activities and young people's and Scout's organizations.

This year's show, considered the best yet, was dedicated to the memory of Walter R. Reinhardt, a long-time worker on the annual event.

Lifetime residents of this area can look back to numerous civic activities which got underway at some point in time, lasted for a while and then, for numerous reasons, dwindled off to

nothing. This is not the case in the Horse and Pony Show. From its beginning it has been growing and improving more each year. Much of its success is attributed to the tireless efforts of Walter Reinhardt. In researching the show's history and what has made it the success it is the complete answer was found in the form of an epitaph which was loaned to the Times-News by W. C. Reece of Woodland.

Walter Reinhardt The mechanics of putting together a horse show are never easy but Walter Reinhardt approached it with the positive attitude of "We're going to have a show today."

Early on show day he would check the weather and even if it was raining, he would look

up and see a clear spot somewhere and say "We're going to have a show today."

When the horses were slow in coming, Walt would gaze down the lane. Others of us less optimistic would moan and groan. He'd grin and say "They'll be here — We're going to have a show today."

Even the time when the judge's plane was late and we all disparaged that this would be the day, he paced around the tent and spotting the judge finally, he said triumphantly, "See, we're going to have a show today."

With all the hard work and hundreds of problems, he would begin planning from one year to the next ways to improve our show.

Walt never spared himself in working — doing anything necessary to have a successful show, not for his glory, but to provide money to give recreational programs such as Little League Ball, the tennis courts, the Girl and Boy Scout programs for our children — the children whom he loved and who loved him and knew him not as Mr. Reinhardt, but as "Uncle Walt."

For these and many other civic duties performed, we are grateful to Walter Reinhardt. And in that spirit and because we know he would not have it any other way, we are going to have a show today.

County Accepts \$11,500 For Jail

JACKSON — Northampton County Commissioners voted to accept \$11,500 from the Central Regional Planning Commission for renovation of the county jail in Jackson when it met Monday.

These funds will not be used to supplement local funds. Instead they will be used to increase the amount of money available for criminal justice improvements.

It was submitted that Sidney T. Ellen, county accountant, be authorized to accept the funds and to aid the Central Regional Planning Commission in administering these funds.

The Board also voted to approve the payment of

\$1,773.98 to the Farmer's Home Administration for interest due on Garbage Disposal Bonds on June 1.

In other action the Board: —Discussed a clean-up campaign which would employ county youths during the summer months to improve unsightly landmarks (See MEETING, Page 13)

District 1 Commission Seat Not Determined

RICH SQUARE — Last week's Times-News incorrectly reported the results in the County District One commissioner's race when it stated W. D. Edwards of Pendleton would now have a seat on the board when it reorganized in December.

It is realized that the primary election was held to determine who would run in the November election if there were a candidate from a different political party also running.

What was overlooked was

the fact that there is a Republican candidate who filed to run for this seat before the deadline in February, that being George T. Vann of Conway. Edwards is a Democrat.

Vann and Edwards will now face each other in six months and the winner of that contest will be sitting on the County Board of Commissioners when it reorganizes in December.

Your editor regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

Woodland Shirt Co. Passes 30 Day Mark

WOODLAND — Woodland's latest industry, Daber, Incorporated, a high-style shirt finishing company, has been in operation one month now and "working out quite well." This quote was made this week by Earl Feltner, plant manager.

With an investment of more than \$15,000, this pilot plant now employs 26 women and plans to hire five more by the first of next week. Most employees live within a 25 mile radius of the plant. The only branch plant of Daber, Inc., of Richmond, this operation produces a local payroll of approximately \$2,000 per week.

"The number of machines will gradually increase until we have at least 57. This will mean about 55 to 60 more employees," Feltner said. "We have a big factory in Richmond with more work than we can handle there. This is really a kind of pilot plant. If we can get the good workmen

we need, then we'll be expanding." In this initial phase all of the

cutting is done in Richmond. The pieces are then shipped here for sewing and finishing.

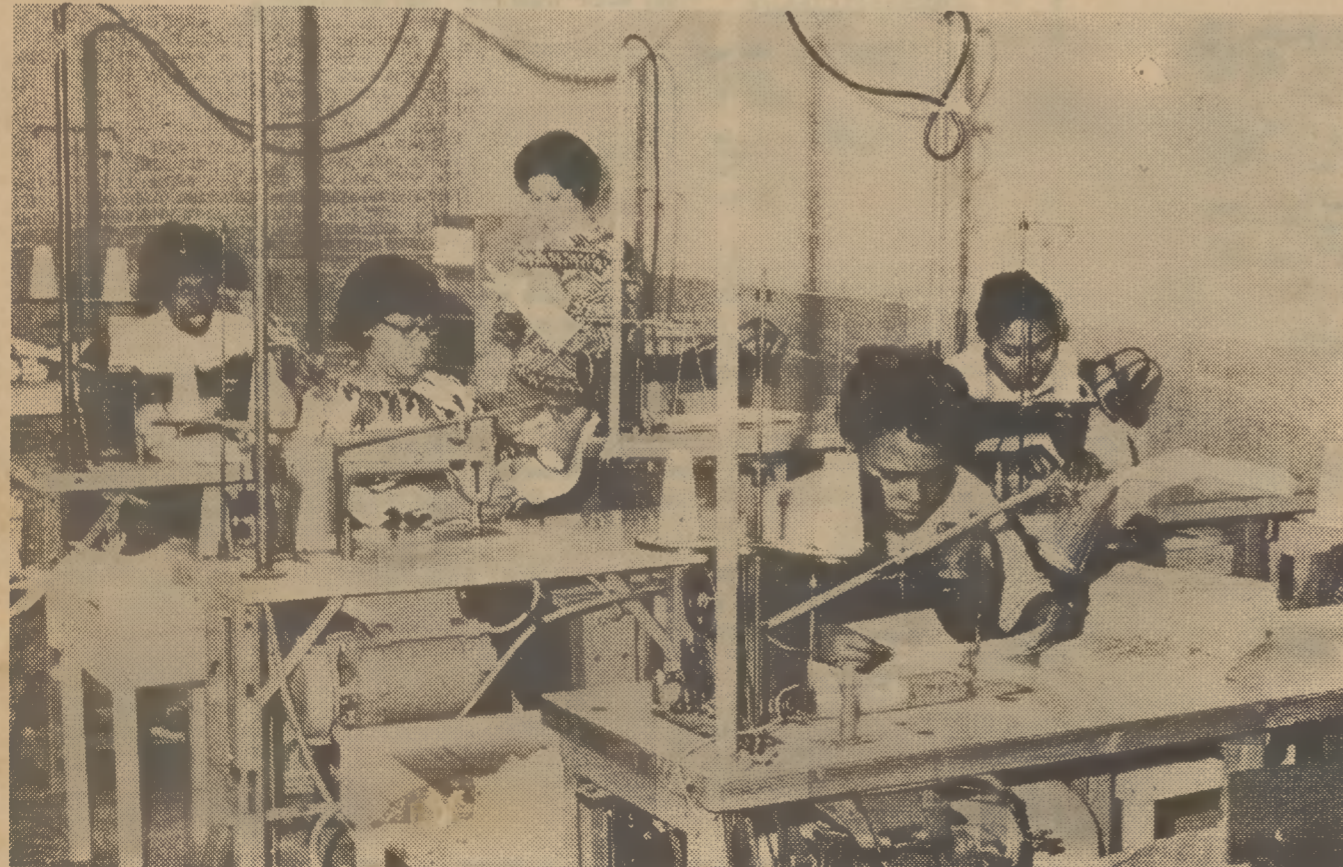
All Northampton County Schools Now Accredited

JACKSON — All 14 Northampton County Schools are now accredited as a result of the work of State Department of Public Instruction staff members, Northampton County principals, teachers, students and central office personnel.

Nine of the county schools were previously accredited. These schools were Northampton County High School, Gaston High School, Gumberry High School and W. S. Creech School, Jackson, Rich Square, Woodland-Olney, Conway and Seaboard. Four schools, Coates,

Garysburg, Squire and Willis Hare were given provisional accreditation. Eastside School full accreditation. Accreditation for schools is given only after a careful self-study is made by the schools and approved by a visiting accreditation team provided by the State Department of Public Instruction. The team visiting the Northampton County Schools is as follows: Miss Marie Hargrove, Miss Helen Stuart, George C. Shackelford and Homer Lassiter.

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SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS AT Woodland's Daber, Inc., plant assemble and finish shirts prior to shipment. A branch of a

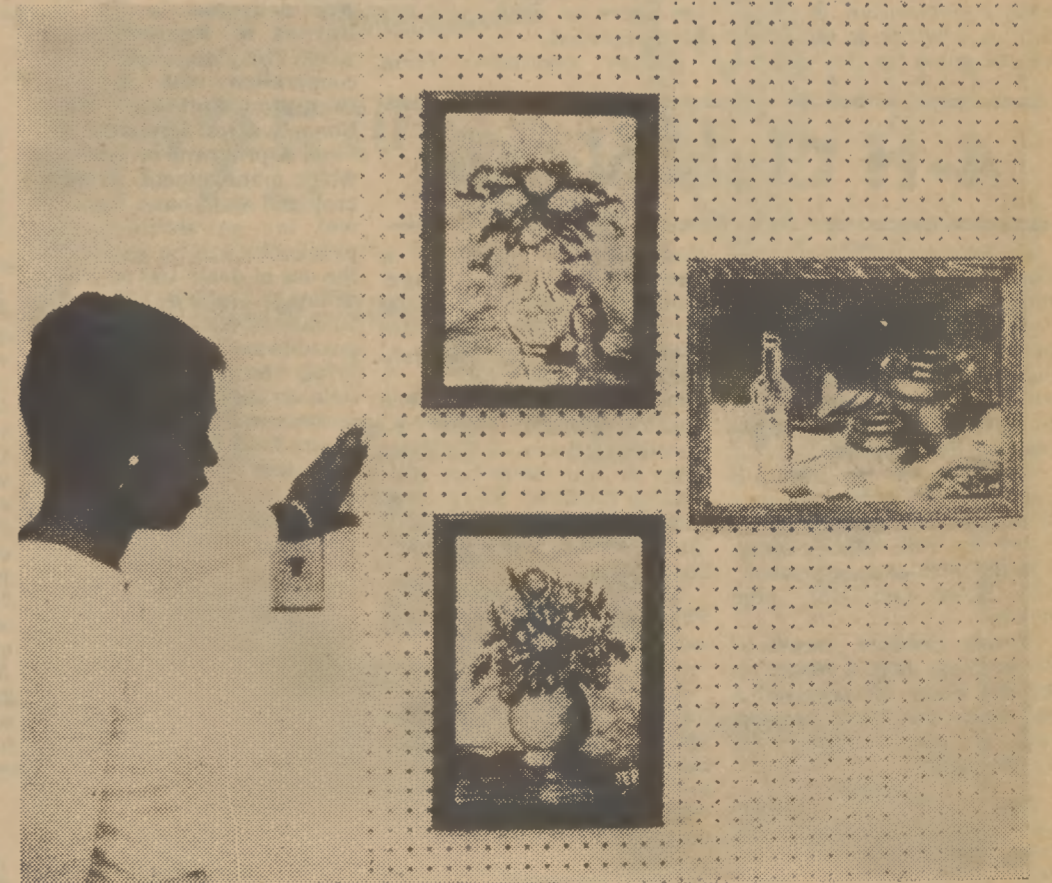
Richmond based high-style shirt company, this plant has been in operation here one month and is considered to be "working out quite well."



George T. Vann Conway



W. D. Edwards Pendleton



ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN Miss Barbara Davis looks at three still life paintings on display in the Buxton Room of the Northampton County Memorial Library this month. The art is the work of 14-year-old Julia Elizabeth Poston, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Poston.