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Death Takes N'ampton Attorney A. McKellar

JACKSON — Northampton County Attorney Angus Alford McKellar, 49, died May 25 in Duke Medical Center.

He had been hospitalized since he suffered a heart attack in the Northampton County Courthouse several weeks ago and was undergoing heart surgery at Duke.

McKellar, who has been practicing law in Jackson since 1952, has served as the county board of commissioners' legal advisor for the past six years.

Once a candidate for the state House of Representatives, McKellar served as mayor of Jackson several years ago. At the time of his death he was county campaign manager for Pat Taylor for governor.

He served for years on the Northampton County High School Booster Club and was a member of Jackson Lions Club, the American Legion and the Jackson United Methodist Church.

At the time of his death, the Rowland native was practicing law in Jackson and was the newly-appointed attorney

for the Northampton Pollution Abatement Authority.

County Auditor Tim Ellen of Jackson, a friend and associate of McKellar, stated, "Angus McKellar was certainly a vital asset to the county in handling county legal problems."

"He expressed keen interest in the Northampton County Historical Society and was instrumental in developing the regional library plan for the area. His services will be greatly missed," Ellen said.

McKellar is survived by his wife, Doris Hurley McKellar; two sons, John Franklin of Virginia Beach, Va., and Benjamin McKellar of the home; a stepson, Matt W. Ransome IV of Lake Gaston; three brothers, McMurray and Henry N. McKellar, both of Rowland, and Charles H. McKellar of Lumberton; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday morning in Jackson United Methodist Church by the Rev. Charlie Eakin and the Rev. Joe D. McLean.

Burial was in the Rowland (N. C.) Cemetery following a graveside service.

Party Convention Sat.

Jasper Eley Elected Democratic Chairman

JACKSON — Jasper Eley of Jackson was elected chairman of the Northampton Executive Committee during the County Democratic Convention here Saturday.

With delegates from 16 of the 17 county precincts attending, the convention elected Executive Committee officers and delegates to the District Congressional Convention to be held in Roanoke Rapids June 10.

Opposing Eley for the position of chairman were Bruce Johnson of Conway and James Boone of Rich Square. Eley got 64½ votes as compared to Johnson's 30½ and Boone's 19.

Elected to the Executive Committee along with Eley, who succeeds T. G. (Sonny Boy) Joyner of Garysburg as chairman, were Mrs. Jasper Jones of Gaston, first vice-chairman; Mrs. Thomasina Boone of Woodland, second

vice-chairman; Miss Ruth Edwards of Gaston, third vice-chairman; and Miss Margaret Burgwyn of Woodland, secretary-treasurer.

A motion was passed naming the county's 17 precinct chairmen, along with Eley and two Executive Committee vice-chairmen, as delegates to the district congressional convention.

In other convention business T. G. Joyner of Garysburg and Jasper Jones of Gaston were elected members of the State Executive Committee and Judge Perry Martin and Robert Lee Moore, both of Rich Square, were named to the State Senatorial Committee.

Also Bruce Johnson of Conway and Melvin Broadnax of Seaboard were elected to the House of Representatives Committee and Dillard Drewett of Seaboard and Glover Edwards of Gaston

were named to the Judicial District Committee.

Last of the actions taken was the election of J. Ivey Bridges of Conway and C. L. Boone of Rich Square to the Congressional District Executive Committee.

Individual precinct voting went as follows:

Eley Johnson Boone	
Conway	9
Creeksville	3
Galatia	3
Garysburg	12
Gaston	15
Jackson	5
Lasker	2
Milwaukee	1
New Town	6
Pendleton	1½
Pleasant Hill	2
Potecasi	2
Rehoboth	3
Rich Square	5
Seaboard	6
Severn	3
Woodland	5
	64½
	30½
	19



FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION AS executive committee chairman Jasper Eley (left) hears a speaker from the floor during the county's Democratic Convention Saturday. Others in the picture are Mrs. Edna Futrell and T. G. (Sonnyboy) Joyner, outgoing chairman.

Another Trip To Polls Saturday; 10 Running

JACKSON — When Northampton voters go to the polls Saturday for the second primary of Campaign '72 they will see 10 names on the ballot. If they are registered as Republican they will have only one choice to make — that will be for governor and it will be between James C. (Jim) Gardner and James E. Holshouser Jr.

Democrats will have four times as much to do as they will have to make choices concerning a U.S. senator, governor, commissioner of insurance and commissioner of labor.

For senator in the Democratic Party there will be Nick Galifianakis and B. Everett Jordan.

In the governor's race there is H. P. (Pat) Taylor and Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles.

Commissioner of insurance finds John Ingram and E. Russell Secrest in the race.

Commissioner of labor has John C. Brooks and W. C. (Billy) Creel running.

Polls in Northampton will be opened from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Returns will be posted as they come in the parking lot behind the courthouse.

\$500,000 Released For N. C. Farmers

RALEIGH — Congressman Nick Galifianakis announced today that North Carolina farmers will receive approximately \$500,000 from the additional \$37 million federal farm operating loans released Friday by the administration.

Marvin Coleman, Northampton County FHA supervisor, welcomed the announcement: "Normally, we make more operating loans in July and August than we do this time of year, but we do have a few applications in hand that we will try to take care of with this allotment."

"We'd like to encourage any farmers with needs for operating loan funds — to purchase equipment, make

repairs and such — to come by and talk with us."

Coleman feels that those Northampton farmers who would like to have the operating loans should apply as soon as possible. "Since the loans are awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis for the whole state," he says, "promptness on the part of local farmers in applying for these funds is quite wise."

The money had been impounded by the Office of Management and Budget before Galifianakis began asking for its release earlier this year.

Galifianakis said he had learned from the Farmers (See FARMERS, Page 8)

Teacher Training Set For June 19 Thru 23

JACKSON — There will be one week of inservice training for teachers and teacher aides for the summer program from June 19 to 23, Northampton County School officials have announced.

Personnel employed to work with grades 1 — 3 are to report at the Eastside School at 8 a.m., Monday, June 19. Personnel working with the kindergarten will report at 10 a.m. that day.

All professional personnel working in the summer program will be employed five hours per day, five days per week, for a period of five weeks.

Country Music Show Success

CONWAY — Nearly 3,000 country music fans jammed into the Northampton County

High School gymnasium Thursday night to witness a three-hour show staged by a troupe of the nation's superstars.

Man Arrested For Taking Peanut Seed

JACKSON — A Seaboard man has been arrested and charged with stealing 400 pounds of treated seed peanuts.

Officers from the Northampton County Sheriff's Department apprehended William Banks, 25, Route 1, Seaboard, Monday night in connection with the larceny of almost a quarter ton of peanuts from Randolph Moody of Seaboard.

Estimated total value of the stolen seed is \$175. Bond was set at \$1,000.

The production, sponsored by the Law Enforcement Association of Northampton, Hertford and Halifax Counties, drew the largest crowd ever known to assemble in Northampton County.

The entertainers, headed by Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty, gave a spectacular performance despite the fact that they had given the same show only five hours earlier at Ft. Bragg in the rain and had experienced a bus accident on the way to Northampton County.

More than 1,000 people arrived a couple of hours early; some to eat the barbecue prepared by the school's athletic department, (See MUSIC, Page 8)

Three Northampton 4-H'ers Are State Project Winners



Jackie Burgess



Mitchell Taylor



Vickie Eason

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revue, county champion in canning, frozen foods, home management, small fruits, dog care, food preservation, swimming, marketing and health, five times each. She is a member of Roberts Chapel 4-H and has served in the offices of vice president, president, reporter and secretary of the club. Adult leader of the Roberts Chapel Club is E. J. Burgess. Miss Burgess is a member of the ninth grade at Northampton County High School.

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OLD NORTHAMPTON STRUCTURES



Concord M. E. Church

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.)

The first record of a Methodist Meeting House in Northampton County is that of the Concord Meeting House built in 1795.

The church is located about four miles from Seaboard on the old thoroughfare between Emporia and Franklin, Va.

Built of clapboard, painted white, the church is small, being about 25 x 35 feet and having only the single room sanctuary. The building is of simple design, has a double-door entrance, three clear glass windows on each side and two at the rear. The timbers underneath are hand hewn. It is believed that the bricks were also handmade.

The interior has pine floors, handmade pews and railing. The ceiling is of wood in the batten board style.

The small edifice is surrounded by large oaks. To the left of the church is a cemetery of relatively recent graves.

On June 12, 1793, for the sum of 20 shillings, Howell Hobbs of Brunswick County, Va., deeded one acre of land for the Concord Meeting House to Matthew Myrick and Nathaniel Mason of Brunswick County and Henry King and John Moore of Northampton. This is the first record of a Methodist Church in Northampton.

A deed for land for Rehoboth Methodist Church is dated 1798.

A memorandum dated June 5, 1793, specifies that the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church South who have use of the benefits of the meeting house shall use it so "long as they expound the word of God... and preach the doctrines contained in Mr. Wesley's notes on the New Testament and his four volumes of sermons."

The church today has 32 resident and 23 nonresident members. Its average attendance is about 15. Many of

the nonresident members retain their membership because of their family connections.

In the early days of the church, the attendance was large, being made up of wealthy plantation owners. Families came from miles around to all-day religious festivals which were often extended into gay social activities in the homes. It is said that slaves served the food at the all-day meetings. Some of the notable members of the church in its early days were Captain Nathaniel Mason (1757-1834), William Reid, the Vassar family and others.

Miss Zenobia Harris, an elderly member of Concord, tells the handed-down story of the time the church prepared a squirrel stew at Halloween. Someone hung on a tree a pumpkin with a candle in it. At the sight of it, the crowd, frightened, ran away and left the stew uneaten. Another story about a dog which silenced a woman was shouting up and down the aisle during a service. The dog, sleeping in the back of the

R-C Hospital Auxiliary Holds Annual Meeting

AHOSKIE — Highlights of Friday's Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Auxiliary Annual Banquet included a very favorable report by the president, Mrs. Maurice Mitchell, and a talk of the woman's place in today's

medical world and home by Bryant Aldridge, hospital administrator of Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Leading off the program was a meditation and invocation by Mrs. S. J. Boyette

and a welcome by Mrs. Mitchell. This was followed by a delicious buffet dinner.

Mrs. Mitchell's report of the progress of the past year of the auxiliary included a

(See AUXILIARY, Page 8)

JACKSON — Accidents in Northampton County in the past week resulted in \$8,050 property damage and two injuries.

Taken to Roanoke Rapids Hospital May 24 at 11:15 p.m. was Patricia M. Crocker, 16, of Margarettsville, operator of a 1967 Volkswagen, who was also cited for driving on the left. According to State Trooper J. C. Wood, her vehicle ran off N. C. 195 and struck a tree with damage estimated at \$500.

The other injury occurred May 26 at 8:05 in a rear-end collision at the intersection of N. C. 195 and U.S. 301. Cherry E. Clarke, 70, of Roanoke Rapids, a passenger in a 1971 Ford, was taken to the hospital in Roanoke Rapids at 8:05 p.m. after the car collided with a 1955 Chevrolet driven by Raymond L. Davis, 16, of Pendleton, who was charged with failure to reduce speed. Damage to each car was \$100. Stanley L. Clements, 29, of Emporia, Va., did \$200 damage to the 1970 Ford he was driving May 26 at 10:20 p.m. when a deer jumped onto paved road 1210 into the path of his car.

Venell J. Whitaker, 34, of Rich Square, operator of a 1970 Chevrolet was cited for leaving the scene of an ac-

cident May 26 at 4 p.m. when his car ran off the road into a ditch at the intersection of N. C. 305 and paved road 1118 with damage of \$700 reported.

A 1971 Mack truck was damaged in the amount of \$5,000 May 6 at 3 p.m. when it ran off N. C. 48 and the load shifted causing the driver, Rayfield Rooke, 28, of Weldon to lose control.

A two-car collision May 27 at the intersection of U.S. 258 and paved road 1529 resulted in \$200 damage to a 1963 Ford driven by Bernice V. Hardy, 31, of Aulander and \$150 to a 1970 International truck operated by Roy Faircloth, 24, of Watha.

Raymond Cain, 30, of Rich Square, driver of a 1965 Ford, was charged with driving under the influence May 27 at 10:45 a.m. when he was involved in an accident on U.S. 258 with a 1967 Mercury driven by Joseph B. Baggett, 45, of Virginia Beach. Damage to the Ford was \$200 and to the Mercury, \$500.

Delores M. Hodges, 30, of Washington, D. C., operating a 1970 Chevrolet was traveling on I-95 May 27 when a left rear tire blew out at 6:15 a.m. causing her to lose control. The car veered to the left and collided with a guard rail doing \$400 damage to the vehicle.



HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR JOHN Blanton (left) and Mrs. Maurice Mitchell, president of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, talk with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Aldridge of Rocky Mount. Aldridge, hospital administrator for Nash General Hospital, gave the address last week at the R-C Hospital Auxiliary Annual Banquet.