

Election Day Tuesday, November 7

RICH SQUARE — Election Day, 1972, will probably find the voters more confused, more undecided and more reluctant to vote than ever before. Yet the casting of their ballots on that date will end the longest campaign in history.

Northampton County polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 7:30 p. m. Voting machines will be in use in all the polling places but any kind of heavy turn out will cause long lines at the polls since there are so many decisions to be made and few voters are thought likely to vote a straight party ticket on either the national or state levels.

If paper ballots were used, there would be six of them for that is what has been produced on sample ballots. As is the usual case, except for the very well informed, voters will find decisions to be made and names on the list that they have never heard anything about.

NATIONAL TICKET

The three parties are represented on the official presidential ballot and a vote is for both the president and vice president of the party.

Republican candidates are President Richard M. Nixon and Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, American Party candidates John G. Schmitz and Thomas J. Anderson and Democrats George S. McGovern and Sargeant Shriver.

There are no American Party candidates for United States Senator and Member of Congress. The Senate race is between Democrat Nick Galifianakis and Republican Jesse Helms and Congressman L. H. Fountain is being opposed by Republican Erick P. Little.

STATE OFFICERS

On the State ticket the American Party has candidates

only for governor, lieutenant governor and commissioner of insurance.

Gubernatorial candidates are Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles Jr., Democrat; James E. Holsouser Jr., Republican; and Aris F. Pettyjohn, American. For the state's second highest elective office the candidates in the same party order are James B. (Jim) Hunt Jr., John A. (Johnny) Walker and Benjamin G. (Ben) McLendon.

Again in the same order the candidates for commissioner of insurance are John Ingram, L. W. (Bud) Douglass and Michael Murphy.

Other races involving only the two parties on the state slate are:

For secretary of state: Thad Eure and Grace Jemison Rohrer; for state treasurer: Edwin Gill and Theodore C. (Ted)

Conrad; For state auditor: Henry L. Bridges and L. Norman Shronce; for attorney general, Robert Morgan and Nicholas A. (Nick) Smith; for commissioner of agriculture: James A. (Jim) Graham and Kenneth H. Roberson; for commissioner of labor: W. C. (Billy) Creel and Frederick R. Weber; for superintendent of public instruction: Craig Phillips and Carl Eagle.

Four other names on the list are a matter of formality since they are all Democrats with no opposition: Russell J. Lanier, for judge of superior court, fourth judicial district, for unexpired term ending 12-31-78; Perry Martin, for judge of superior court, sixth judicial district, for unexpired term ending 12-31-74; James H. Pou Bailey, for judge of superior court, tenth judicial district; Harvey A. Lupton, for judge of

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Harvest Picture Not Too Bright

JACKSON — "Northampton County may be facing a worse harvest than last year." These are the words of Northampton supervisor of Farmers Home Administration Marvin Coleman.

Coleman, a member of the U. S. D. A. Emergency Committee for Northampton County, and the three other members; Brodie H. Harrell, county extension chairman; Ben Mann, manager of the county ASCS Office; and John Litchfield, county soil

conservationist; have recommended the county be designated an "Emergency Loan Area" and have forwarded paperwork to that effect to Raleigh.

"A late spring, dry summer and early fall has taken its toll," Coleman said. "The dry periods were just too dry and lasted too long. The frost is another problem. At some buying stations the freeze damage has been running as high as eight per cent in some lots.

Harrell is now estimating a yield of 2,200 pounds per acre of peanuts as an average for the county.

"We'll be lucky to hit this figure, depending on the weather," he said.

Harrell estimated about 15 to 20 per cent of the acreage is left to be plowed up and about 40 per cent to be combined.

"The crop is real erratic with some people making a real good crop and some having their worst year.

"I believe it's probably due to the dry spell that we had in June and July," he explained.

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Purge Of Election Books Set After Tuesday's Vote

JACKSON — "Are there 3,500 or more dead or transferred registered voters being carried on the Northampton County election books?" This question was asked recently by Board of Elections Chairman R. W. (Scoopy) Grant. He intends to find out by purging the books after Tuesday's General Election.

"Any person who has not voted since the 1968 General Election and has no valid reason for not doing so, will have his name removed from the books," Grant said.

Grant added, "They may register again at a later date."

He also pointed out "These individuals will be notified by mail before removal actions are taken."

Since the May primary, 113 persons have registered voters in the county.

Of these registered voters, only 7,047 cast votes in May. A break-down by precincts shows:

Gaston — 982 white Democrats; 30 white Republicans; 907 black Democrats; 37 black Republicans.	Lasker — 249 white Democrats; one white Republican; 39 black Democrats; no black Republicans.	Milwaukee — 245 white Democrats; two white Republicans; 114 black Democrats; no black Republicans.
Jackson — 694 white Democrats; one white Republican; 425 black Democrats; no black Republicans.		

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N'ampton County Favors Extended Area Service

JACKSON — In an effort to muster support for Extended Area Service (EAS) in Northampton County Accountant Tim Ellen has contacted some 225 county organizations, civic and social groups, church groups, large businesses and the mayor of municipalities.

Contact was in the form of a letter stating, "The reaction (at the September 25 public hearing) was for the most part favorable and we have received some county publicity indicating this reaction. A great deal more needs to be done before Extended Area service can become a reality."

"We ask your support by returning a letter of endorsement to me as soon as possible, but please don't stop there. Continue to give your support by spreading the word about the advantages of such a service to all telephone users in your community," the letter concluded.

At present the County Accountant has received over 40 answers and all are favorable.

All other recipients of this letter are urged to send in an answer. Also, anyone else whether a private citizen or a leader, who is interested is urged to contact Ellen on this matter.

"We need EAS if we, as a county, are going to make it," Ellen concluded.

Fountain Comments On Nader Report

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Public scrutiny of the operations of government is a necessity in a democracy. The press, public officials and interested citizens should all play a part in this on-going process. The Ralph Nader Congress Project is, I gather, intended to be apart of this.

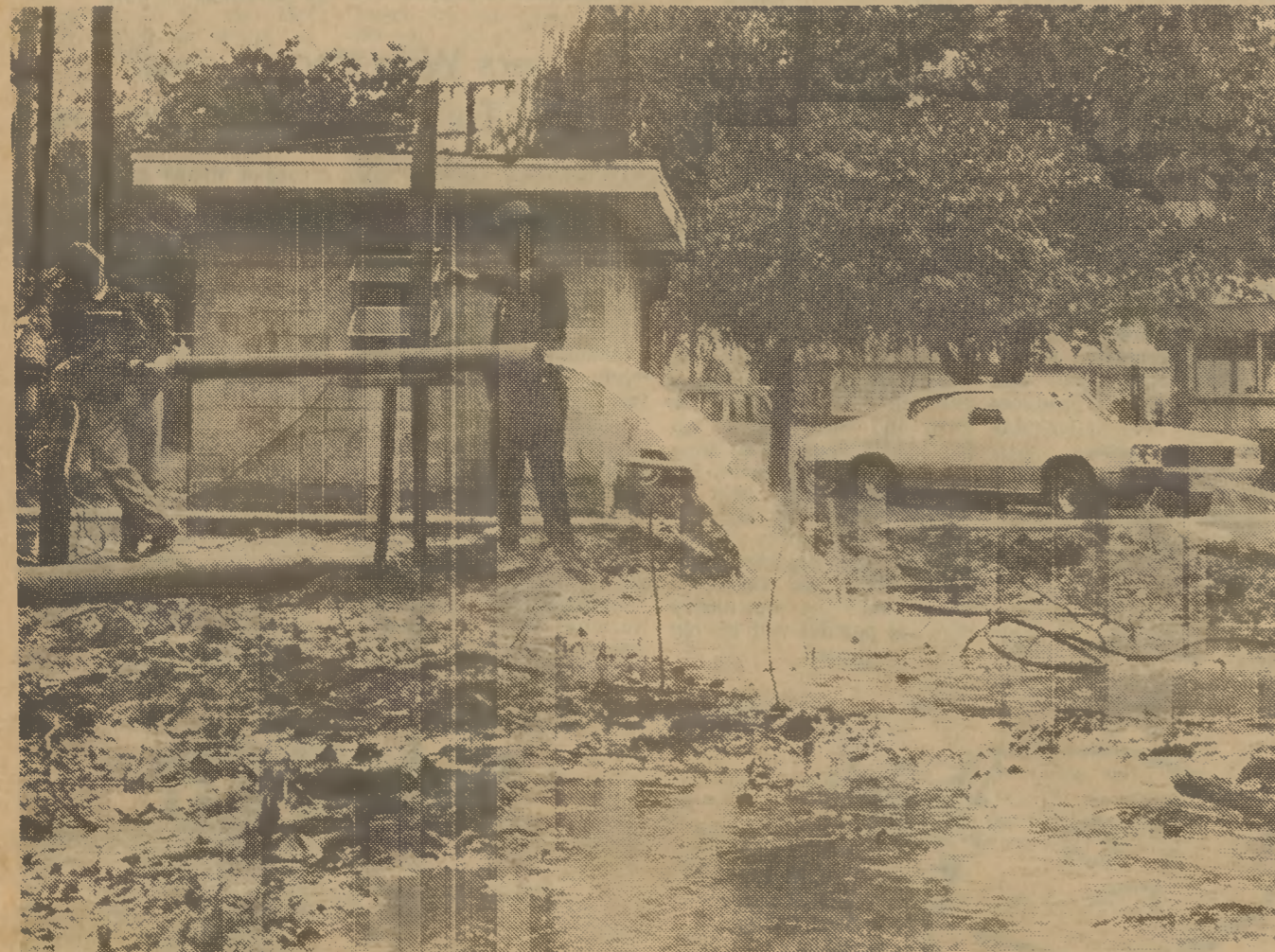
"I am not in a position to make any firm comment at this time concerning the profile prepared by persons associated with Ralph Nader, since I have not seen it."

"Members of my staff did have an opportunity to read a preliminary draft of the profile last month. Based on their description of the profile, it is my impression that it may give an incomplete and somewhat misleading picture of my position on major issues of concern to the Second District, such as federal programs involving education and agriculture.

"Also, while it is my understanding that the profile and the associated book, "Who Runs Congress," were generally complimentary in referring to my investigative work on the Intergovernmental Relations Subcommittee, I am not certain that it fully reflected the wide scope and substantial nature of the Subcommittee's work, particularly in the fields of consumer protection and economy and efficiency in government.

"As chairman of this important Subcommittee, I have worked hard at the unending task of stopping waste, inefficiency, conflicts of interest and corruption in federal programs and agencies. Our work has saved

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JACKSON'S WATER PROBLEMS are almost over with the new well, now going into operation. Above Jackson Police Chief Willard A. Lassiter and engineer Jimmie Green observe the pump making its 24-hour run for effectiveness. A

sample has already been taken and sent off to be analyzed. "Things should be back to normal very shortly," Jackson Mayor Charles Bass said this week. "The well is at the 230-foot mark which is average for the area," Bass concluded.

Thinks 75 Per Cent Turnout

Brock Predicts Record Vote For Nov. 7 General Election

By **BRYAN HAISLIP**
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RALEIGH — The voice at the polls on November 7 may come closer than ever before to expressing the majority sentiments of North Carolinians.

Heightened participation is indicated by a heavy new registration and a high level of campaign activity, said Executive Secretary Alex Brock of the state board of elections.

Brock forecast a general election turnout of 1,768,233, a projection based on the assumption that 75 per cent of those registered will go to the polls.

"That may seem bold to many people," Brock conceded. "I believe it is a reasonable prospect, if it is logical to assume that those who took the trouble to register did so in order to vote."

The prediction, if realized, would compare with the previous record vote for the state of 1,587,493 in the 1968 presidential year.

From Jan. 1 until books closed on Oct. 10 in advance of the election, 374,709 citizens registered to vote. "It topped the record for any two previous years put together," Brock reported.

Young Voter Influx

A major reason for the influx was the lowered voting age. The newly enfranchised 18-to-20-year-olds accounted for 150,000 of the registration, Brock said. That represented slightly less than half the estimated 314,000 potential for the age group.

Parties and candidates mounted registration drives which swelled the number, although less than goals set.

Year-round registration, in effect statewide since 1970, also began paying off, Brock

noted.

What the voter will find at the polling booth is a lengthy ballot, from White House to courthouse. At the top of the ticket is the race between President Nixon and Democrat George McGovern. The major state contests match Democrat Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles Jr. and Republican Jim Holsouser for governor, and Democrat Nick Galifianakis and Republican Jesse Helms for U.S. Senate, plus lieutenant governor and Council of State offices.

Congressional seats, state legislative membership and county offices fatten the list of candidates.

Amendments On Ballot

In addition, voters will be called upon to decide five amendments to the state Constitution and a number of local propositions. Bond issues

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Jackson Lad Hunting Fatality

JACKSON — A 14-year-old Jackson youth was killed Saturday at 6:30 in a shooting incident on a farm just south of here on Odom Prison Road.

Thomas Harris was pronounced dead on arrival of the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad.

According to Deputy Otis Wheeler of the Northampton Sheriff's Department, the youth was shot by a gun fired by the son of Otis Allen. The Allen boy was attempting to shoot a pigeon when the Harris boy stepped in the line of fire, Wheeler said.

No charges have been filed and the death has been ruled accidental.

Two N'ampton Schools Now Serving Breakfast

JACKSON — "Hungry children are handicapped in their learning efforts" is the reason given by two Northampton County School Principals for instituting the breakfast program in their schools.

Blonnie B. Johnson, Judge James noted he had received a letter from architect Leslie N. Boney in which he indicated Superintendent R. F. Lowry was somewhat upset by the grand jury report.

Members of the grand jury last week inspected eight of the Northampton County public schools and reported conditions they felt needed improvement.

Lowry stated, "I feel like we should have had a chance for the schools to report to us before reporting to the grand jury."

Lowry attempted to take to task the news media for reporting the results of the grand jury investigation before they, the school board, could make their moves to correct it.

It was pointed out to Lowry that no public agency is above having its affairs reported to the public if it is a matter of public record as the grand jury report is.

Lowry went on to say, "It's

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Mullens further states that all schools in the administrative area are now eligible to participate in the breakfast program under the same guide lines.

Cystic Fibrosis Show Set

MURFREESBORO — A talent show, with proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis, will be held in McDowell Columns Auditorium at Chowan College Thursday, November 2, at 8 p. m.

Performers include Debbie Clemence, freshman, who is the reigning "Hampton-Newport News Ideal Miss." She will sing two solos and accompany herself on the guitar. Miss Clemence will return for a ballad.

Another popular feature, according to Chowan student, Gaye Barden, who is leading in the planning of the talent show, will be "Rockin' Foo," rock group from Franklin Va. They were winners of a previous talent show at Chowan.

Also scheduled is a number by Nathan Sanders and his

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School Board, Commissioners Answer Grand Jury Charges

JACKSON — Superior Court Judge Joshua S. James admonished the Northampton County Board of Education "There's always room for a little improvement" when they met together yesterday

to go over a grand jury report on schools.

Members of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners were requested to meet with the judge and Forewoman, Mrs.



Judge Joshua S. James



RICH SQUARE IS getting a waterproofing at four of its underground lift stations. When the work was originally installed less than two years ago they were not waterproofed, water got in and the machine rusted. All machinery had to be removed, dried, waterproofed and re-installed. The town has entered into contract with Triangle Electric Company to keep the lift stations checked. Cost of the project is not yet known. The Economic Development Administration is to pay for part of the costs.