

Home Agent, Mrs. Jenkins Resigns Effective Feb. 1

Jackson, North Carolina
 January 1, 1973
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 Dear Board Members:

It is with mixed emotions that I ask you to accept my resignation as Home Economics Extension Agent of Northampton County effective as of February 1, 1973.

The seven years I have spent working with the people of Northampton County through the Extension Service will be memorable years. I feel that my life has been enriched many times over. The opportunity I have had to share my life with the youth in each individual community is the most beautiful part of those seven years. The cooperation, enthusiasm and genuine interest of volunteer leaders, parents and boys and girls all over the county have given me an inspiration I will never forget.

Let me say a special "thank you" for the interest, support and cooperation that you, as Commissioners, display in the Extension program. You are the giant link in the chain that is so vital toward making the program a success and your support in this county is very evident.

I cannot forget the local Extension Staff in this county. I have had the privilege of working with both Home Economics and Agricultural Extension agents who were most cooperative and who always placed the program first. The secretaries with whom I have had the opportunity to work with cannot be surpassed any place. I cannot resist mentioning the name of Miss Mildred Joyner with whom I have worked with very closely. To have worked with B. H. Harrell as County Extension Chairman is an outstanding experience within itself, for there is not a stronger chairman any place.

As I plan to leave this work, I want to express my appreciation to everyone I have worked with on the local, county and state level for giving me the many opportunities I have had the privilege of enjoying.

Very sincerely yours,
 (Mrs.) Mildred C. Jenkins
 Home Economics Extension Agent

Jackson Council Acts On Parking Problems

JACKSON — A town which appears to be courting death with every third or fourth building on one side of the main street either closed or almost falling down is now facing parking problems.

The problem of the unsightly and somewhat unsafe derelict buildings came up in October of 1971 at which time the Council decided on a course of action to have them removed and asked the county commissioners for assistance. The commissioners were contacted but no action was ever taken.

Members of the town council have voted to place two hour parking signs from the Courthouse to the block in front of the Red and White Grocery. Parking also will be limited in the parking lot across from D. L. Boone & Son grocery.

Already parking behind the courthouse has reached capacity. The only other public parking is behind the Health Department and it is also filled.

Councilman Jimmy Boone said he was not blaming the (See ACTS, Page 12)

Mother, 2 Children Die In Home Blaze

GUMBERRY — A mother and her two children were burned to death in a fire which leveled their home just east of Gumberry last Friday morning.

Margaret Kee and her children Margaret Marie, 4, and Eugene W., 3 died of inhalation as a result of the fire that broke out in their

JACKSON — Mrs. Mildred Jenkins, a seven-year veteran as Northampton County Home Economics Extension Agent and 4-H coordinator, has resigned her position effective February 1.

Although her letter of resignation to the Board of County Commissioners was dated January 1 and delivered there shortly after, announcement of the action was not made until Friday (January 19) by County Auditor Tim Ellen.

Her letter is reprinted below.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeland M. Copeland of Hertford was raised in a Quaker family with two brothers and a foster sister. She is married to Clyde Jenkins of Potocasi and they have two children, Connie who is a physical therapist at Forsyth Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem and Arthur, who is a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



MRS. MILDRED JENKINS, Northampton County Home Economics Extension agent and 4-H coordinator, talks with County Accountant Tim Ellen after submitting her resignation after seven years on the job. Mrs. Jenkins plans to return to home duties and helping her husband. Her resignation will be effective February 1.

four-room frame dwelling on SR 1314 one-half mile from N. C. 195.

According to Fire Chief S. Y. Daniel, the fire was caused by a possible gas heater explosion, however, exact cause has not been determined.

According to Samuel Buffaloe, who lived in the

same house but was out of the house when the fire broke out, said he saw the blaze and rushed back inside in an attempt to free the occupants.

He and another occupant, who also spotted the blaze, were overcome by smoke and were forced out of the house before the woman and her children could be saved.

Buffaloe said when he entered the house from the rear, flames had engulfed the front portion of the dwelling where the three were sleeping. He indicated that the fire originated in the rafters of the home.

Katherine Boone, mother of the woman burned, also lived in the house, but she was away from the home working when the fire broke out.

Firemen from the Seaboard Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene about 7:30, but the roof of the house had already fallen.

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Fountain For Blood Donor Tax Deduction

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Concerned about recurrent shortages of blood for transfusions in some parts of the nation, Congressman L. H. Fountain said that he has joined with others in co-sponsoring a bill to give a \$25 tax deduction for blood donations to non-profit blood banks.

"At the present time, the Internal Revenue Service recognizes blood donations as a 'service,' which is not deductible, rather than as 'property,' which is deductible," Congressman Fountain said.

He continued, "But, this bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code so as to change this situation, encouraging more people to support non-profit blood banks and the work in this area by such agencies as the Red Cross."

Congressman Fountain pointed out, "Blood is a form of medicine which, when needed, just must be available."

"Hopefully, this bill, if finally enacted into law, will greatly stimulate blood (See TAX, Page 12)

At Public Hearing VEPCO Rate Hike Is Not Protested

RALEIGH — No one from the Roanoke-Chowan was among the seven public witnesses who protested a proposed 12 per cent rate increase by Virginia Electric and Power Co. at a hearing here Tuesday, although two R-C counties are filing written protests.

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education have both filed written protests that the 12 per cent Veeco rate increase is excessive. The Northampton County Tax Department is preparing a similar protest.

As far as could be determined Wednesday, neither Hertford and Gates counties have taken a position on the proposed increase. Hertford County Manager E. G. Johnson said he knew of the hearing but that no one from county government had received any instructions to represent it at the hearing.

The hearing was conducted by the State Utilities Commission.

The higher rates being sought by Veeco are slightly above those now in effect in Virginia and a little lower than those in West Virginia, states also served by the utility.

This rate differential for North Carolina is necessary, Veeco maintains, because a rate of return sufficient for its Virginia operations would not be sufficient here.

L. H. Hilliard of Weldon, former director of special projects for Choanoke Area Development Association in Murfreesboro, was one of the seven public witnesses heard Tuesday. Hilliard represented the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Hilliard, characterized the proposed

hike as a "double burden" because it would not only result in higher power bills for individuals, but a tax increase by local governments to cover their part of the hike.

The hike would be an excessive burden on poor people in Northeastern North Carolina according to Hilliard.

Other public witnesses said the proposed \$2.5 million increase would be a heavy burden on local governments and people on fixed incomes such as Social Security. For the average individual Veeco customer the monthly power bill would be increased by \$2.38 from \$16.62 to \$19.

John M. Oliver, director of

the Halifax County Development Commission, said the higher rates would cause his area to lose its competitive edge in attracting new businesses.

"It doesn't take much imagination," Oliver said, "to see what such a setup would do to northeastern North (See VEPCO, Page 12)

Gaston Mayor Against VEPCO Rate Increase

GASTON — Mayor Firman C. Myrick of Gaston last Saturday termed the Virginia Electric and Power Company's proposed rate increase "unfair" and "out of reason."

In a letter to Marvin R.

Wooten, chairman of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, Mayor Myrick said, he, the town board and citizens are "much concerned about the new rate structure that Veeco will bring before the commission Tuesday."

"It seems to us that the increases that Veeco will request from municipalities is way out of line and quite unfair. We know that municipalities in the past have enjoyed a favored status with power companies, but Veeco will request an increase that seems out of reason and also coming all at one time."

A Veeco representative appeared before the town board pointing out that the (See MAYOR, Page 12)

Sales Event Set Tonight In Weldon

WELDON — "Moonlight Madness," a three-hour sale, is being staged tonight (Thursday) by several Weldon merchants. Hours are from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Participating stores will be closed from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. to get ready for the night's event.

Stores participating in "Moonlight Madness" include Freid's, Inc., Farber & Josephson, L. Kittner's Department Store, Bone's Jewelers, Inc., H. & B. Discount Store, The Budget Fair and Rose's.

Each store will feature merchandise at marked down prices for the event. Advertisements from some of the participating stores listing special prices are displayed in this issue of the Times-News.

Tim Ellen Elected Secretary

ROCKY MOUNT — County Accountant Tim Ellen has been elected to the position of secretary of the policy board of the central planning commission. The commission is a criminal justice division of the Region L Council of Governments.

Other officers elected to the board at the Wednesday (January 17) meeting included Jeff Cobb, Nash County Commissioner, chairman of the board; Chief Drury Beal, Roanoke Rapids Police Chief, vice-chairman; and Bob Sheford, Wilson County Manager, treasurer.

Following the election Cobb accepted the chair and applauded the efforts of Dave Taylor, City Manager of Tarboro, the outgoing chairman of the board policy.

"While under his leadership the past two years the Region has received over \$500,000 in grant funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration," Cobb said.

For State Legislature

Week Reviewed, Plans Are Laid

AHOSKIE — "With the Policy Committee of the House of Representatives in Raleigh last week finding support of more than 90 per cent for a resolution to have annual sessions it looks like we will see approval this year." These are the words of Bertie's State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, a long-time advocate for annual sessions.

"There are many strong reasons for supporting annual sessions," the senator said. "Perhaps the best one is in the area of budget. With annual sessions in force we could begin to get away from two-year budget moves. Although it would be general practice to consider a two-year budget proposal, we would have at the start of the second year the chance to reconsider our actions of the session before."

"With the present procedure we have no idea of what next year will bring. A standard practice is to do some padding and ask for a lot of extra money. However things go, it gets spent. Under the annual session if the present picture is for a good year then we can pass a one year budget which will be good and sound. When the next year comes along we will go to Raleigh with the knowledge of how things are going and then make the adjustments accordingly. If it's a bad year for the economy and too much money was asked for then we can cut. If it was a good year we can give the people what they asked for and maybe even some more. This is sound business."

There was some criticism on annual sessions creating too many laws.

"Well, this is all wrong," Senator Harrington said. "If too many laws (some not so good) were passed it was because near the end of the long sessions we have a rush of legislation and in some cases some laws get through

without proper time to study and debate. It's difficult to put someone off for two years but it will not be that hard to do to put them off till next year."

On the tax cut suggestions which are going around Raleigh now the Lewiston senator said that he is "very much opposed to a cut in the tax on soft drinks."

He said, "Even if we were to cut it by one cent how would it be realized by anyone except maybe a big chain store buyer. A lot of machines are set up to accept 15 cents or 20 cents. I do not believe we would ever see a machine accepting 14 cents or 19 cents."

Other Thoughts Representative Roberts Jernigan of Ahoskie said that this session had all the makings of being one of the most progressive because, "We are running almost a

Bank Of Northampton Merger Final Feb. 1

JACKSON — The Bank of Northampton will officially become the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Jackson office, February 1, according to William H. Stanley, president of Peoples Bank.

The merger proposal was previously approved by directors of both banks and by shareholders of the Bank of Northampton August 29 of last year. State and federal regulatory agencies then awarded their approvals which consummated the merger agreement.

Merger with the Bank of Northampton will bring the assets of Peoples Bank to approximately \$139 million, an increase of \$4.8 million.

Peoples Bank now has 34 offices in 20 North Carolina communities. Other local branches include locations in Scotland Neck and Enfield.

First Corn Club President Retires

By JEANETTE DAVIS
 Staff Writer

MENOLA — It is unusual to find anyone today who has a first credited to their list of accomplishments, but Henry May Dilday and Jesse Thomas T. Brown has one — on a national level. He was the first president of the 4-H Club when it was organized in 1911.

"It wasn't known as the 4-H Club then; it was the Corn Club. We had 11 members and just worked with corn. Then the

girls came in and brought tomatoes. My cousin, Dr. T. E. Brown, was Hertford County Extension Agent and helped us organize," Brown said. Brown was born in 1894, son of May Dilday and Jesse Thomas T. Brown, on land in Menola which belonged to his ancestors since colonization. His sister, Miss Deborah

Brown married Margaret Lee Jones, a Clayton school teacher, he built his present home less than a mile away and his entire life has been spent in those two houses.

Brown was first educated at Menola Academy, the only school in Hertford County with three teachers in 1899 and it was located next to the present Menola Baptist Church. This building was burned and a new one was erected in 1895 one-half mile down the road. The new school was later demolished and the community building was erected on the site in 1933.

He continued his education at N. C. State College and was a classmate of the late Governor Kerr Scott. Because of his association with the late governor, Brown was invited to attend Scott's inauguration.

"Scott was a man with a mind of his own in school. He was usually right and showed leadership potential even then. He did a lot for this state, especially the farmer," Brown said of his former classmate.

Doing something for the farmer has been a goal of Brown too. When he finished school, he farmed for a while and then went to work with Production Credit Association in 1932. He continued his own farming interests combined with being an inspector for PCA. From inspector he moved to assistant secretary-treasurer and on to secretary-treasurer for the association before retiring from their services.

He has also been associated with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for more (See CLUB, Page 12)



UPDATING THE TAX BOOKS with over 90 per cent of Northampton's \$1,174,601.11 tax levy now paid are Tax Collector Elizabeth G. Hughes, right, and Tax Clerk Judy L. Strickland. Taxes paid in January have a two per cent penalty added and then it adds up to three-fourths of one per cent per month, or an annual total for the first year of 10 1/4 per cent and nine per cent per year thereafter.



THIS SCATTERED LUMBER WAS HOME for two horses until a small "twister" touched down briefly in Rich Square during the severe weather last Friday afternoon. The stable, owned by Dr. B. E. Stephenson, a Rich Square physician, was located on Bryantown Road. The two horses were not injured so it is assumed they were outside in the corral when the wind struck. Other minor damage was reported in the area, including a downed antenna and the uprooting of a tree. Tuesday, when this picture was taken workmen were busy cleaning up the damage.