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Merger Final Today

JACKSON — The Bank of Northampton here opens its doors today under the new name of Peoples Bank and Trust Company.

Merger of the two banks became effective last midnight following a 30-day waiting period during which no appeal was filed by the U. S. Justice Department. The waiting period was the last step in the merger which began last summer when the banks' boards of directors approved the union.

The only difference noticeable to customers of the Bank of Northampton will be the name change, and an increase in bank assets (See BANK, Page 12)



AT BOTH ENDS OF THE VAULT IN THE Northampton County Court House basement people are coming by to list their tax for this year. At left Rudolph Pope of Rich Square is attended to by Mrs. Mary Barrett, tax clerk,

while Mrs. R. R. Boyd, 2d from right, aids Randy Garris of Rich Square. According to Turner Bradley, Northampton Tax Supervisor, the deadline for listing is February 15.

March Hearing Maybe County ESEA Personnel Hold Training Session

RALEIGH — Northampton's 38 dove hunters, charged with hunting over baited fields, may finally have their case tried in March.

Originally charged in September for the alleged violation, the hunters went before Federal Magistrate William D. Ethridge in Rocky Mount, Friday, October 13, and at that time they requested a jury trial in U.S. District Court.

This request was honored and the case was reviewed December 4 but it was reported unofficially that they "had no right to a jury trial." At that time it was incorrectly reported that the case was sent back to Magistrate Ethridge.

In a telephone interview with Ethridge last week the Times-News learned that, although possible, it was not a regular procedure to return cases to lower courts.

The Times-News was directed to the U.S. Attorney's office in Raleigh where it was told that the case would probably come up before a

federal judge in March.

"The calendar for March is not ready yet but chances are that case will be on when it is," a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's office said.

Traveler Helped By Local Agencies

RICH SQUARE — At 3 a.m. Tuesday morning, Deputy Sheriff Grover Parker of Rich Square received a phone call from an unidentified woman, who said she was at the outside telephone booth near the Colonial Restaurant.

The woman said she and her four children had stopped about three hours before and had eaten hot dogs at a restaurant somewhere in the western part of the state. She said she now found her arms and legs numb and she felt sick.

Suddenly the call was disconnected, so Deputy Parker jumped in his car and rushed to the Colonial Restaurant. There was no car there, but he saw wet tire marks moving out from the booth and going towards

JACKSON — One hundred and three Northampton County Elementary and

Secondary Education Administration (ESEA) professional and paraprofessional personnel held a full day's training session last Wednesday throughout the county.

The personnel received instruction from some of the best known authorities on reading and early childhood education.

Miss Patsy Montague, consultant Early Childhood Education, Granville County, conducted the workshop for 28 kindergarten personnel at the Eastside School near Jackson. Miss Montague discussed behavioral problems in kindergarten and primary grade children. She pointed out effective methods of dealing with children in this age group.

Mrs. Billie Allen, general supervisor of Education Granville County Schools, conducted the workshop for the 53 tutorial reading aides of the county at Coates School in Seaboard. Mrs. Allen is a recognized authority in reading in the South; she

assisted in developing the reading tutorial program which is now widely used throughout the County.

ESEA Director of Granville County Vance Reese introduced Mrs. Allen and assisted in the tutorial instruction.

Mrs. Peggy Wynne McGhee, reading supervisor of Title I program of Franklin County, gave instruction for 28 reading personnel at the Jackson School. Mrs. McGhee pointed out methods of motivating children who are deficient in reading ability. She also described effective methods of assessing children's reading ability.

Northampton County ESEA Director W. R. King and Superintendent Roy F. Lowry met with the visiting educators during the luncheon break and discussed future training sessions with them.

Regional Officials Study Legislation

ROANOKE RAPIDS — In order to better acquaint county governing bodies with legislative programs, commissioners from the counties in Regions K and L met in Roanoke Rapids Friday in one of six regional meetings held across the state.

Commissioners expressed opposition to legislation for state administration and consolidation of health services.

The county officials also

were against a proposed bill which would establish minimum pay and training standards for law enforcement officers.

Attending the meeting from Northampton County were: Board of Commissioners Chairman Jasper Eley, Commissioners W. W. Grant, W. D. Edwards, John Faison and County Attorney Felton Turner.

John T. Morrissey of Raleigh, executive director of the North Carolina

Association of County Commissioners explained that a bill has been introduced that would provide \$6 for health care improvement. A proviso of the bill, however, is that each department serve a minimum of 75,000 persons.

That legislation would force consolidation of programs in the predominately rural Regions K and L.

The bill also provides an opportunity for counties to contract administration of health services to the state.

In addition it would set standards for local health departments and would alter the composition of county health boards.

The same commissioners expressed discontent with suggested legislation that would require minimum pay for sheriff's deputies and other officers. Training is also proposed as a requirement under the legislation.

County officials expressed sentiment that the state would be stripping the county of authority by passage of the bill.

All participating counties were strongly opposed to the legislation.

Tom Daniel, a Wilson County commissioner, will represent Region L as a nominee for a seat on the association's board of directors. Bobby Strickland, Franklin County commission chairman, was elected Region K nominee.

Jerry Elliott, formerly of Roanoke Rapids and now information director of the NCACC, explained that the meetings are set to inform county commissioners across the state on current legislative matters.

The Roanoke Rapids meeting at Howard Bloom Restaurant is the fourth in a series of six such workshops.

Other participants were from Halifax, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Franklin, (See REGION, Page 12)

Scout Banquet February 7 At Chowan

MURFREESBORO — A District Recognition Banquet will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. in the Chowan College Cafeteria, Levie Dilday, district chairman, announced this week.

Earlier it was incorrectly announced that the dinner would be held February 8 in the President's Dining Room of the college.

Ticket chairman for the banquet is Ray Harrell of Murfreesboro. Tickets may be purchased from any Scout leader.

"We must know by February 5 just how many people are planning to attend this annual event," Harrell said.



MRS. EVA JOHNSON OF MILWAUKEE, left, receives instruction in her new duties as typist in the Food Stamp section of the Northampton County Social Services Department in Jackson from Mrs. Deborah C. Lassiter of Creeksville, whom she is replacing. Mrs. Lassiter has been promoted to the position of eligibility specialist. Social Services Director Jim Clark stated the office has been operating on an appointment basis and is now about one month behind. With the addition of another employee he expects to catch up. He further said that the office is now issuing about \$1,200,000 in food stamps yearly and it is believed that figure will rise to about \$2,000,000 in the not too far distant future.

Four County Servicemen Died In Viet Nam War

JACKSON — The United States' involvement in Viet Nam officially ended at 7 p.m. Saturday. Peace, as we will know it, came quietly in Northampton County with the exception of the pealing of church bells in several communities and the random blowing of automobile horns.

Between 1960 and 1972 377 of the county's men were drafted and many of those served in that war, the longest one in the history of this country. At least four gave their lives. So far as is generally known, no county men are prisoners or are listed as missing.

According to the best information available, records at the office of the Veterans' Service Officer Ola Mae Johnson show that the first county man killed in action in Viet Nam was U. S. Army Specialist Fourth Class George S. Walton Jr. He was killed in March 1967. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Walton Sr. A

Roxobel address is now listed.

Army PFC Rudolph Gorham, 21, of Garysburg was killed August 29, 1967. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Gorham.

On November 13, 1967 Army PFC Lamont G. Epps, 23, was reported killed in action. He was the son of the late Annie Stephenson of Margarettsville.

Last of the county's men killed in the war zone was USMC Willie Lee Broadnax, 21, The son of Mrs. Verline Lewis of Jackson, Private Broadnax was killed November 21, 1967, near Thua Thien Province.

One other serviceman reported killed in Viet Nam was born in Rich Square but moved to Scotland Neck at an early age. He was USMC First Lt. Stephen Albert Dean, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dean. Lieutenant Dean was reported lost at sea December 20, 1972, while on a helicopter mission with the U.S. Seventh Fleet off of the coast of North Viet Nam.

Legislators Voice Their Interests

By JOSEPH COVOLO JR. Managing Editor

AHOSKIE — After 13 days of legislative sessions in 1971 the number of bills introduced totaled 199. This year the number was 300 even — a 50 per cent increase. According to Bertie's Senator J. J.

(Monk) Harrington, "I think we are all moving at a faster pace this year because I'm sure we feel we will be going to annual sessions which could begin next year."

Further comments on annual sessions came from Gates' Sen. Phil Godwin and Hertford's Rep. Roberts

Jernigan. "The state of North Carolina is a \$5 billion a year operation. A two and one-half million dollar legislative cost to run the state is a pretty small operating cost in comparison," Sen. Godwin said.

Rep. Jernigan added the fact that, "Along with the annual sessions legislation, which we all feel will pass this year, is the clause that committee assignments would generally stay permanent. This will give us some much needed uniformity and also a general consistence in committee memberships."

Each of our four representatives from the Roanoke-Chowan area had a different subject to specialize on this past weekend. Sen. Harrington's interests were with the highway commission. Sen. Godwin discussed the kindergarten and the soft drink tax reduction legislation. Rep. Jernigan reported on the appropriations sub-committee in charge of General Government and transportation and Northampton's J. Guy Revelle reported on a possible merger of the state's two schools for the Deaf and Blind.

Merger of Schools Since arriving in Raleigh for this legislative session Rep. Revelle has toured both institutions for the deaf and blind and is now discussing with other committee members the recommendation by the (See OPINIONS, Page 12)

New Long Line Phone Rates Now In Effect

AHOSKIE — The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has filed a new schedule of rates for interstate long distance calls with Federal Communications Commission, which was effective January 22.

This new schedule for out-of-state calls increases charges for: some customer-dialed calls during weekday business hours; some operator-assisted calls; and some person-to-

person calls. New rates for WATS (Wide Area Telecommunications Service) will be applicable starting on March 13, 1973.

These changes will affect subscribers of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, as well as customers of all telephone companies in the nation, according to J. F. Havens, vice president of Carolina Telephone.

Havens emphasized that all rates for interstate long distance calls dialed by the customer without operator assistance in the evenings, at night, and on weekends will remain unchanged.

Increases of five or ten cents for the first three minutes on some person-to-person calls in all time periods will become effective.

The rates for each additional minute on some calls in all time periods will be raised in a range from one cent to five cents.

Rates will remain the same for customer-dialed station-to-station calls without operator assistance during evenings, nights, or weekends.

Some rates for customer-dialed station-to-station calls without operator assistance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays will increase five cents

or ten cents for the first three minutes.

There will be an increase of five cents for the first three minutes on some rates in all time periods for operator-assisted station-to-station calls (including credit card, collect, third number, hotel guests, and coin telephone calls).

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Don't Use Containers As Crypts

JACKSON — Don't put dead animals in the county trash containers. This order came this week from Northampton's Solid Waste Supervisor Horace Guthrie.

"When you have a dead animal all you have to do is carry it out to the land fill north of town and we will take care of disposing of it," Guthrie said.

Anyone with questions on this matter can call Guthrie at 534-5161 for assistance.

Bloodmobile At Conway 11-3 Friday

CONWAY — "Put Friday on your date book to make a date with us to give blood anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Conway Woman's Club building," said Mrs. J. T. Flythe, blood drive chairman.

The Tidewater Bloodmobile will be looking for 75 pints to build up the blood bank and meet emergency needs.

Mrs. E. Frank Outland, Northampton County Volunteer Red Cross Blood drive coordinator, suggested that "each volunteer bring a friend."

Conway has fallen a little below each quota due to the number of people who have to be turned down for various health reasons.



FOLLOWING THE PASSING OF our last surviving former president, Lyndon B. Johnson, the staff in Congressman L. H. Fountain's office found the above photograph. It was taken at a breakfast at the 1960 convention the morning after Senator John F. Kennedy and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson were nominated. At the time Congressman Fountain was serving his fifth term from the Second Congressional District.