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NOW IT IS OFFICIAL FOR THE WOODLAND-POTECASI LIONS CLUB. Here the 30 members of the club surround President, John Galloway, right, and Secretary-treasurer, Cola Harrell Parker, as they hold the club's charter, which

was officially presented to them at a Charter Night banquet in the Woodland Armory Monday night. The new club was formed under the sponsorship of the Ahoskie Lions Club.

## Charter Night Held For Woodland-Potecasi Lions

WOODLAND — Nearly 150 members of Lions clubs and their wives from Eastern North Carolina gathered at the National Guard Armory Monday night to be with the members of the Woodland-Potecasi Lions club as they observed their Charter Night.

The highlights of the program included presentation of the charter to

the newly organized club by District Governor J. Russell Lee; presentation of the flag, bell and gavel by Marshall Hughes, president of the Ahoskie Lions Club, which sponsored the new club; introduction of Charter members of the new club by Marshall Matheny, state secretary and treasurer; an acceptance speech by John

Galloway, president of the Woodland-Potecasi Lions club; and an address by C. Ray Pruette, past district governor.

In his address, C. Ray Pruette informed the new Lions that the First Lions Club was organized in 1917 in Chicago, Ill., by Melvin Jones, who had an idea.

For the intervening 55 years, Lions clubs have been taking ideas and putting them into action for the benefit of mankind and their communities.

Pruette stated there are now 26,000 clubs and nearly one million members. He stated that, although the Lions have taken up several causes on a national basis, the main cause is still assisting the blind and preventing blindness. The White Cane program is the vehicle for this service.

In closing, he urged all Lions to live the Lions creed, which requires them to put God first, their fellowmen second, and themselves third.

In his acceptance speech, President John Galloway said:

"We, the officers and members of the Woodland-Potecasi Lions club, acknowledge with sincere appreciation the interest, cooperation and the presence

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## Rich Square Baby Found Dead In Bed

RICH SQUARE — Carolyn Lassiter, seven-week-old daughter of Hazel Lassiter, was found dead in bed Monday in the home of Glennie Lassiter here where the child and her mother live.

Cause of death was not apparent so an autopsy has been ordered to determine how the child died.

Northampton Deputy Otis Wheeler reported that the mother said the child had been sick with a cold for a week and had not been taken to a doctor.

An assistant state medical examiner at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill ordered the autopsy to determine exact cause of death.

## Acting Superintendent Named For Odom Prison

RALEIGH — Donald E. Batten, who joined the N. C. Prison Department in 1957, has been named acting superintendent of Odom Correctional Institute near Jackson replacing Robert L. Turner, who had been superintendent since August 1, 1969.

Turner was relieved as superintendent on Friday by Lee Bounds, commissioner of corrections and David Jones, secretary of social rehabilitation and control.

Although Turner is no longer superintendent, he still continues to report for work at the prison farm it was reported. He says he is still working, but has lost his supervisory position.

At the same time, Bounds and Jones announced they had suspended all outside leave programs for prison inmates except for the work release program. The suspension is pending a study of rules and security for the programs.

The action is a result of the case of a prison inmate who escaped last week and now is charged with murder, kidnaping and rape.

Henry Jarrette, 22, was president of the Jaycees prison unit at Odom and escaped while attending a state Jaycee function in Raleigh.

Police charged that after Jarrette's escape, he abducted

and raped a 16-year-old Charlotte girl and murdered David Parker, also 16, of Waxhaw. Jarrette was arrested Thursday night in Memphis, Tenn.

"The part Mr. Turner played in approving the participation of inmate Henry Jarrette in a Jaycee meeting in Raleigh contributed to the decision to effect the change in command at Odom Prison," Jones and Bounds said in a news release.

"But this action was the result of a judgment by Mr. Bounds that desired changes in the management of Odom Prison could be more readily achieved if unit command responsibility passed from Mr. Turner to a person who would work more cooperatively with the regional and area administrators and their staff personnel."

Jones said he "fully supports the action taken by Mr. Bounds" and that "Mr. Turner will be separated from the state correctional service, but the type and date of separation have not finally decided."

The statement said that Jones and Bounds "agree that recent events related to activities outside prison confines for inmates of the state prison system require suspension all home leaves, community leaves with

enthusiasm in our problems. He seems to be a man who wants to get to the field and see what's going on," Representative Jernigan said.

"Next Monday, while he is here, we plan to look at the stretch of U.S. 158 between Murfreesboro and Winton and look over the new bridge and bypass there.

"One thing which he knew nothing about was the proposed Ahoskie bypass. I showed him the proposed plans and he also expressed interest in looking into it further," Representative Jernigan added.

"We have a couple of very nice new bridges costing between four and five million dollars but the roads between them are nothing to brag about. We need a good road connecting them," the Ahoskie legislator said.

Representative Jernigan reported that Secretary Lentz had heard a lot about the U.S. 64 project but did not know, at that time, how it was going to affect the Roanoke-Chowan, specifically the four-lane portion between Rocky Mount and Williamston.

"He (Lentz) wants to build roads where they are needed not just because politics are being played. If he does that then I think it's worthy."

Senator Harrington Lewiston's Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington also commented on the road picture this week.

"My first priority in the Albemarle Region is a four lane highway between Elizabeth City and the Virginia state line. My first priority for the whole First Senate District is to complete that four-lane highway (U.S.

64) between here and Rocky Mount during this administration. Parts of it are done in the form of bypasses. But, it seems to have taken a very long time.

Senator Harrington also met with Lentz this week. In addition to requesting an investigation of the four-lane U.S. 17, they discussed streets in an Elizabeth City urban redevelopment area and the possibility of a bridge over the Pamlico River in Beaufort County.

The Lewiston senator reports that he found Lentz very cooperative.

Gates' Sen. Phil Godwin's comments on roads was, "I'd like to see some kind of formula worked out so every county could get some secondary road work done in proportion. In the last four (See TALK, Page 14)

## Burke Is Bound Over For Murder

JACKSON — Based on erroneous information, this newspaper reported last week that the preliminary hearing for Cola (Ragmop) Burke, 23, of Potecasi, who was being held on murder charges, had been postponed.

In fact, probable cause was found in Northampton District Court here on February 14 in the preliminary hearing in the fatal shooting of Joseph Colin Myrick, 25, of Murfreesboro on February 2. Burke was bound over to the Superior Court without privilege of bond.

He remains in Northampton County jail following his arrest on February 3.

In other dispositions by Judge J. T. Maddrey:

Roaland Voil Tann of Rich Square, leaving scene of accident causing property damage and failure to drive on right half of highway; 90 days suspended sentence, \$75 fine, costs of court.

Therman Powell of Jackson, driving while license revoked; 90 days suspended sentence, \$200 fine, costs of court.

John Britt Branch of Severn, speeding 75 mph in 55

mph zone; \$10 fine, costs of court.

Norman Branch Jr. of Severn, assault; costs of court.

Cornelius Ingram of Gaston, assault by pointing a gun, 60 days suspended sentence, costs of court.

George Grant of Severn, assault; 30 days suspended sentence, \$25 fine, costs of court, pistol confiscated.

Andrew Fields of Rt. 1 Garysburg, larceny (\$20); not prosed.

The divorce of Gaston couple, Kathleen Copeland Moody from Elvin Lee Moody, was granted.

## Tax Forms Have New Questions

JACKSON — Sidney T. Ellen, County Accountant, urges all citizens of

Northampton County and Incorporated Towns who have not yet filed their Federal Tax Return 1040 to carefully complete portions of their 1972 Federal Income Tax Forms dealing with the recently instituted federal revenue sharing program. Under the program, state and local governments are given a share of U. S. individual income tax.

Geographical information taken from these forms will be used to provide annual population and income data that will be employed in the allocation formula used to compute entitlements for all eligible governments. Northampton County has received \$439,465.

The sections of the income tax forms involved are lines 26 and 27 of the Short Form 1040A (used by taxpayers who do not itemize deductions) and lines 33 and 34 of the longer Form 1040.

It is extremely important that accurate information be furnished so that each eligible jurisdiction receives its fair share of the entitlement money. If taxpayers fail to list the correct information, it may result that their true jurisdiction loses funds while some other locality may receive an increase. In addition, there is a penalty (in the form of a fine) for taxpayers who fail to provide the information without reasonable cause.

If citizens have questions about jurisdictions that they should list in specified boxes of the return, they should contact the Northampton County Tax Office, Phone 534-4461, Jackson.

## 9 Homeless In Jackson Blaze

JACKSON — Fire completely destroyed the home of a family of nine here at midnight on Saturday, but no one was injured in the blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Jordan and their seven children, spotting fire in the ceiling of a room, fled their home on School St.

Jackson Volunteer Fire

Department responded to the alarm, but spokesman said the fire was out of control and they had to concentrate on saving adjacent buildings.

There was no estimate of damage nor a determination of the fire's origin.

The Baptist and Methodist churches here are collecting clothing and furnishings for the displaced Jordan family.

## George Resident Fatally Injured

WOODLAND — Waverly Lassiter, 35 year-old George man, was fatally injured when allegedly run over by a car driven by his uncle about a mile south of Woodland Saturday night.

Waverly Lassiter was struck by a car driven by Eddie Lassiter, 79, also of George, while walking along U.S. 258 south of here. The pedestrian was taken to Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in

Ahoskie where he died hours later.

According to Trooper John Wood of the Halifax-Northampton Highway Patrol, the incident was a hit and run.

The elder Lassiter was arrested early yesterday and charged with hit and run involving personal injury resulting in death. He has been released under \$1,000 bond pending a March trial.

## Examiner-Coroner Plan Is Approved

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Commissioners went on

record at its meeting in the courthouse Monday afternoon as approving a dual system of medical examiner and coroner for the county.

The board voted its approval after Dr. John Stanley and Dr. C. B. Robertson explained the new statute which requires a medical examiner for the county.

In speaking before the board, Dr. Stanley stated there was no reflection on the capability of Joe Edwards of Pendleton, who is now the coroner for the county.

He explained the State Board of Health would appoint individuals to act as medical examiner. These individuals would be recommended by the Northampton County Medical Society. The medical examiner has the authority to authorize the immediate removal of a body to a funeral home from the scene.

An elected official below state level is not allowed to act as a medical examiner, thus removing Dr. Stanley from consideration at this point since he serves as mayor of Woodland.

In other matters before the board of commissioners:

—Planning Board Chairman William Spivey requested the board to reactivate the

Planning Board. The present board members terms have expired.

—CADA Project Director Billy Herbert appeared before the group to request \$1,580 for the purchase of seeds and fertilizer for the annual vegetable garden project involving 110 families, who in 1971 canned 9,000 quarts of food. He explained that CADA had lost its federal funds for the project. The commissioners agreed to give him an answer at the next board meeting in March.

—Scott Bowers, chairman of the Industrial Development Commission and members, C. C. Howell, Grady Martin and Joseph Motzino, appeared before the group to discuss their status. The commissioners asked them to continue to seek new industry for the county.

—County Auditor Sidney Ellen told the commissioners the Rural Development Panel had requested to be considered an ex-officio advisory board to the Planning Board as well as resource personnel for the commissioners. They include B. H. Harrell, chairman; Ben Mann, secretary; John Litchfield, Marvin Coleman, Floyd Price, James P. Clark and

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## Rich Square Town Records Destroyed

RICH SQUARE — The Town of Rich Square lost some of its old town records, mostly tax abstracts and paid bills, in a fire which broke out in the storage area behind the town office about 11 a.m. Wednesday. Some minor damage was done to the building. The Masonic Hall, which was over the town offices, was filled with smoke.

Police Chief Willie Wayne Connor reports that he found a trash can on fire in the storage area about 9 a.m. He quickly removed the can from the building and then returned and swept the immediate area. He saw no sign of any other fire at that time.

Just before 11 o'clock, Town Clerk Gladys Tutrell was working in the town office

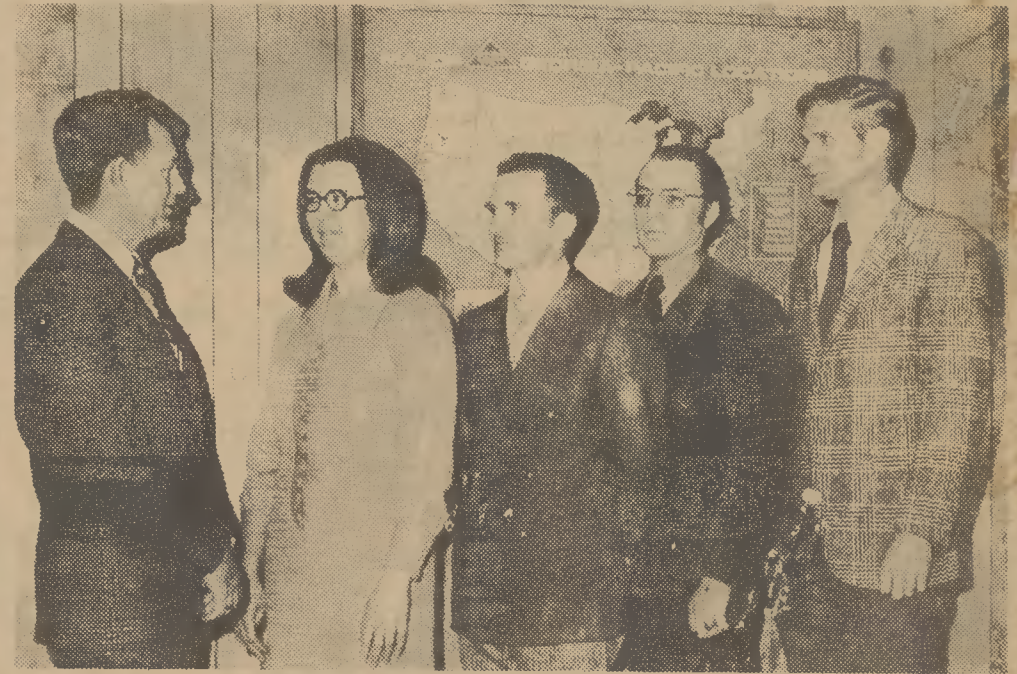
when she smelled smoke. She opened the back door leading into the storage area and found the place ablaze.

She called the Volunteer Fire Department, whose members, led by Chief Billy Ivey, quickly extinguished the blaze and removed the smoldering records from the building.

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REP. J. GUY REVELLE, SR., OF CONWAY has been appointed to the House Agriculture Committee. Rep. Revelle, right, attended the committee's first meeting at the Raleigh Farmer's Market with Jim Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, left, and Rep. J. A. Everett, Committee Chairman.



FOUR NEWLY PROMOTED EMPLOYEES of Georgia-Pacific Conway Hardboard Plant receive general instructions in their new assignments from Plant Manager Willie Dukes. From the left are Dukes; Miss Celeste Spence, new sales coordinator; A. C. Piland, new production superintendent; Russell Coggins, new purchasing and personnel chief; and James Vinson, Jr., new plant superintendent.