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THE PROPOSED CONNECTOR road with I-95 through Northampton County is shown above as part of what could be a major route from Norfolk to Charlotte. The proposal, work of Northampton Representative J. Guy Revelle, is basically a rebuilding of U.S. 158 where it goes through the county and offer the possibility for a southern loop through the county seat at Jackson. Representative Revelle is presently massing support for this

project and list, among others, letters of approval and support from eight trucking firms in Norfolk. "If we do not get a good route built up most of that truck traffic will leave Norfolk and go to Emporia or Petersburg before dropping into North Carolina on the interstate system," Representative Revelle said.

TO NORFOLK **Up Over \$100,000**

\$2,422,741 Budget For School Board

JACKSON — Northampton's Board of Education Monday adopted a local school fund budget calling for the expenditure of \$646,490 from county funds and another \$1,766,251 from state and federal funds for a total proposed budget for fiscal year 1973-1974 of \$2,422,741.

The school board's request from county funds is up \$137,580 over last year's \$508,910 and overall has

increased \$101,254 over last year's request of \$2,321,487.

The budget calls for the expenditure of \$375,490 in local funds for current expense and \$271,000 of local funds for capital outlay.

One other action taken by the board was the closing of the agreement to sell the Woodland Graded School property to Daber, Inc., for \$20,548 was authorized.

FCIC Pays \$68,596.88 To Northampton Farmers

JACKSON — Federal Crop Insurance Cooperation paid \$68,596.88 in indemnities to Northampton County for the loss of crops in 1972.

Of the payments made, the highest went to John G. Burgwyn, \$15,868.63, and the lowest to Nannie B. and Thelma Parks, \$67.59.

Farmers pay premiums to FCIC to insure their crops against losses. If they do not

make up to a guaranteed level, they file a claim which is processed.

Losses in 1971 for the county came to \$165,079.28, which is \$96,482.40 more, with most losses coming from peanuts.

A list of the indemnities paid is posted in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service building.

Proposed I-95 Connector Through Northampton Being Sought By Representative J. Guy Revelle

JACKSON — "The backing I have received so far gives me confidence that this road project will be approved and completed." Making this statement was Northampton Rep. J. Guy Revelle as he talked about a suggested interstate connecting road of Highway 258 which would cut

across Northampton County and connect with I-95. One route proposed would go through Jackson and the other would pass it to the north. Addressing the County Board of Commissioners, Representative Revelle said that he had received favorable comments from eight Norfolk

trucking lines saying that they supported the proposal. To gain further support and aid in this project Representative Revelle said that he was planning to meet with Secretary of Transportation Bruce Lenz within the next few weeks.

In other matters before the commissioners at the Monday meeting:

—A bid of \$22,582.80 from Pope Motors of Rich Square was accepted for six police interceptor models for the sheriff's department provided specifications in the contract are fulfilled.

Justification for accepting the next to low bid on the specified 1973 Ford model was the close proximity of Pope Motors to the sheriff's department staff for service and the fact that Pope Motors is the only Ford dealer in the county.

White Motors of Roanoke Rapids submitted a low bid of \$22,338 for the six cars. —The board also approved a motion to appropriate \$1,923 to buy the new type of light and siren to be installed on the new police cars. —Auditor Sidney Ellen

reported Carolina Telephone Company would not do the Extended Area Service toll free telephone service survey in the Rich Square area due to the large number of petitions not in favor of the service. The survey still will be conducted in the other areas of the

county, he said.

—The board approved the appointment of attorney Bruce Johnson of Conway to the Northampton County Memorial Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Don Wilder of (See CONNECTOR, Page 5)

Supreme Court To Decide On Wastewater Bonds

JACKSON — If the Supreme Court rules that it is constitutional for a county to sell bonds for wastewater treatment facilities, then Northampton will issue \$2.5 million in bonds to help clean up the Roanoke River.

Under a new statute an industrial development and

pollution abatement authority was recently formed in Northampton. Its members are appointed by the county commissioners and it has a two-fold purpose: one, to encourage industrial development in distressed areas of the state by construction of industrial projects with proceeds of bond money and leasing the projects to industries; and

two, by helping abate pollution in the same way in all areas of the state. After pollution abatement projects are built, the bonds are paid off by renting the facilities to industry.

"The authority is in contract with the Albermarle Paper Company," said Felton Turner, a member of the Northampton board. "They will rent the facility and the rent will pay off the bonds. It is designed to reduce the biological oxygen demand by 85 percent of the materials dumped in the river. This will virtually eliminate the dumping of solid waste."

The bond issue is currently on appeal to the Court of Appeals and ultimately will go to the Supreme Court. If it approves, the bonds will be

issued and available to be purchased as other municipal bonds.

Northampton plans to sell \$2.5 million while the Halifax authority will issue \$700,000 for water pollution and \$12.5 million for air pollution. The bonds will state that they are not a debt of the authority but to be paid from rent from the Albermarle Paper Company.

Members of the Northampton authority are Felton Turner, John G. Burgwyn, T. W. Cooley, Jackson, Garland D. Barnes, Severn, J. Raynor Woodard, Conway, R. L. Shaw, Gaston, C. G. Parker Jr., Woodland, H. R. Harris, Seaboard.

Bloodmobile

SEABOARD — The Bloodmobile will be at the Lions Club in Seaboard from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday. Chairman for this drive will be R. B. Bullock.

According to County Chairman Mrs. E. Frank Outland, "This is the last Northampton visit of the fiscal year and we should be reminded that we are running behind. We would like to make this last day a very successful one."

Superior Court Jury Selected For 2nd Week

JACKSON — The Northampton County Superior Court is now in the second week of its spring term. Jurors serving for this week are the following:

Richard Baker, Gaston; Sandra P. Beale, Kirby; Anne M. Bell, Occaneechee; C. L. Boone, Rich Square; Floyd Boone, Kirby; Lloyd D. Bowen, Rich Square; Mrs. R. L. Bridgers, Wiccacane; Robert Bynum, Occaneechee; James Archie Conner, Rich Square; Stanley Davis, Occaneechee; James C. DiMizza, Rich Square; Lucille Edwards, Rich Square; Nellie Mae Johnson Faison, PH;

James H. Freeman, Roanoke; Marvin E. Hoggard, Rich Square; Clifton Lewter, Kirby; William E. Little, Seaboard; Willie Lloyd, Wiccacane; C. D. Lynch, Gaston; R. L. Martin, Kirby; Mrs. Ben T. Mills, Gaston; Betty Mae Motley, Seaboard; Mrs. E. Frank Outland, Rich Square; Nancy Porch, Gaston; Bill Robinson, Occaneechee; Pauline Smallwood, Occaneechee; Frank Smith, Rich Square.

Jurors who served for the first week were Bob Arnold, Rich Square; Marshall Avent, Pleasant Hill; Mrs. Helen

Meeting:

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Council Of State Ok's \$74,000 For Black Root Rot Research

RALEIGH — Led by Gov. James E. Holshouser at the meeting of the Council of State April 3, the Council after hearing evidence of the emergency nature of the disease, black root rot, in peanuts voted to supply \$74,000 from the Contingency and Emergency Funds to finance a crash research program to help find the answer to control of black root rot.

President William Friday of the Greater University of North Carolina

and Chancellor John T. Caldwell of North Carolina State University presented to the Council of State the facts pertaining to black root rot, which is a serious threat to the 60 million dollar peanut crop in Eastern North Carolina.

The Council of State, consisting of Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, State Auditor Henry L. Bridgers, Commissioner of Labor W. C. Creel, Secretary of State Thad

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Two Men Sentenced In Superior Court

JACKSON — Superior Court Judge Perry Martin handed down two sentences, one of 28 to 30 years for murder and one of 15 to 20 years for armed robbery.

A 23-year-old Potecasi man, Cola (Rag Mop) Burke, was sentenced to 28 to 30 years in prison on conviction of murder in the second degree.

The verdict was reached at 11:20 p.m. Saturday by a Northampton County Superior Court jury that had weighed the decision for nearly three days. During that time, the jurors and witnesses were sequestered in a Roanoke Rapids motel.

Burke was being tried on murder charges in the fatal shooting of Joseph Colin Myrick, 25, of Murfreesboro, February 2. Burke was arrested the next day and had been held in Northampton County Jail ever since without privilege of bond.

A Texas man was handed a 15 to 20-year active sentence by Judge Martin Tuesday on an armed robbery conviction.

William Horace Martin Jr. of Hillsboro, Tex., pleaded guilty to the January 31 robbery of Cleveland Smith of Gaston.

The \$1831 taken from Smith in the hold up was ordered returned to Smith.

In another case Nellie

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Equalization Board To Meet Twice

JACKSON — The Board of Equalization and Review will hold meetings on the following dates in the Commissioners Room, County Courthouse, Jackson, Monday, April 16 and Monday April 30 at 2 p.m.

Any taxpayer who has complaints concerning tax values, please contact W. T. Bradley, tax supervisor, prior to the above dates.



PREPARING FOR A WEEKEND exercise at Fort Bragg with the North Carolina Army National Guard are 1st Lt. Tom Daughtry of Woodland and SFC Willie L. Davis of Conway, both with B Company, 1st Battalion, 119th Mechanized Infantry. Throughout most of the weekend the troops carried out their mission in a constant drizzle and cold wind.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
 APRIL 8-14



GET AHEAD. READ!

WIDEN YOUR WORLD!

THIS IS THE BULLETINE BOARD in the Northampton Library that reminds every one that next week is National Library Week. As G. Dawson once said, "A great library contains the diary of the human race. It is the consulting room of a wise man."

Bloodmobile At Seaboard Monday 1-5 P.M.