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THE NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER of the National Association of Postmasters gathered Tuesday night to honor Leslie B. White (standing seventh from left), Woodland postmaster, at the Quaker House Restaurant. Allen Powell (standing first from right), Ahoskie postmaster, presented him with a quality step increase award

on behalf of Bruce Conyers, Rocky Mount Sectional Center Manager, for White's ability to manage the office within the budget, getting along with employees, customers, and fellow postmasters, and his willingness to perform the extra duties of Sectional Center Facilities Manager.

N'ampton Board Of Education Request Suspension Of Lost School Days

JACKSON — The Northampton County Board of Education, Monday, in response to a resolution by the State Board of Education April 5 granting permission for up to five days of the 1972-73 school term to be suspended because of adverse weather conditions, passed a resolution requesting the State Board of Education to approve the suspension of the Northampton County Schools for the four days lost because of the snow storm on January 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The Calendar of Events which was revised April 16, anticipates that the State Board of Education will approve the request of the County Board of Education. In so far as possible this schedule returns to the one adopted last spring. Therefore, the schools will be closed for the Easter Holiday period as originally

planned April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1973.

Approval was granted for Miss Edna Crumpler to teach during present school month which ends May 3.

Stanley Davis came before the Board and requested that it make an exception to its rule that "no elementary pupil may be solicited for or carried on an out of state trip of more than one hundred miles, one way from the Northampton County line during the time school is in session". The Board had received a request from the Garysburg Elementary School that the patrol unit at the school be allowed to make a trip to Washington, D. C. May 4. He was informed that while in sympathy with the request, the Board believed that to grant permission to violate the rule on one occasion would likely be almost the same as

repealing it. Since as soon as the news was spread that exceptions to the rule would be granted, it is likely that requests for exceptions would in effect nullify the rule.

Some members of the Board suggested that the trip be made during the week of April 23 through 27 when the schools were closed for the Easter Holidays.

At the time the Board of

Wake Forest Scholarship Awarded To David Poston

WINSTON-SALEM — David Ernest Poston, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ernest Poston of Pendleton, has been awarded a George Foster Hanks Scholarship at Wake Forest University.

Poston is among 32 scholarship winners whose names were announced by William M. Mackie, associate director of admissions and financial aid.

The scholarships range in potential four year value from \$1200 to \$13,200. The 20 boys and 12 girls, all North Carolina high school seniors, were chosen for their outstanding records of scholarship and leadership potential.

The Hanks Scholarship Program was established in 1955 through income from an estate of more than \$1 million left to Wake Forest by Col. George Foster Hanks of Lexington.

Poston is a senior at Northampton County High School. He is a district consultant for the North Carolina Task Force on

Education regulations were adopted, there was much criticism because of the pressure which was put upon low income families to raise money for trips when they could not afford to spend the money for long trips. It was found that in some instances, students were staying out of school for several days and working at odd jobs in an attempt to raise money for such trips.

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David E. Poston Student Involvement and district vice president of the Library Club. Last summer he attended the Governor's School of North Carolina, a program for gifted high school students.

Fire Burns 118 Acres

GARYSBURG — Units of the Weldon, Gaston, Seaboard and Northampton County Forest Service fire departments were called to a forest fire at 1:56 p.m. Sunday, three miles north of Garysburg on Highway 301.

Approximately 118 acres of pine and brush were reportedly burned in the two-and-one-half hour blaze which was centered along a section of railroad tracks in the Garysburg vicinity.

There were no reported injuries and the fire area is being observed by units of the Forest Service.

Liquor-By-The-Drink Issue Stirs Main Interest Of Cities

By JOSEPH COVOLO JR.

RALEIGH — A mixture of bourbon and water took over the General Assembly this week with the House spending a good bit of its time on liquor-by-the-drink before finally passing it on to the Senate. Just the same, its going to be a pretty long time before anyone will be able to sit down at the local bar for a scotch-on-the-rocks.

Its reception in the Senate is uncertain (about the only controversial bills to pass the Senate this session toughen the laws against drunk driving).

Even if the bill is finally enacted, the sale of mixed drinks in North Carolina would not be allowed unless a November, 1973, statewide

referendum on the subject approves it.

"Liquor-by-the-drink is an issue which I feel will not have any great effect on our local area," stated Ahoskie's Representative Roberts Jernigan Monday. "It's really a metropolitan interest and that is where the final decision may rest."

The bill, as now written, does not really envision neighborhood bars; rather the sale of drinks would be limited to certain clubs, civic centers and restaurants (seating at least three dozen and in the primary business of selling food).

"Both Representative J. Guy Revelle and I voted against the bill but it got by the house around three to one. I've received very little mail

on the subject and had a few people talk with me on it," Rep. Jernigan said. "Even though there was very little said on it locally the feelings against the measure were in the majority. It's hard to say if it will pass statewide or not but however it goes, it will be the big city influence which is the strongest."

"For example, a lot of convention business has left Charlotte for Atlanta where mixed drinks are available in public places. One way to keep the income in North Carolina or bring it in from other states is through conventions so I feel this thought will be in the minds of the urban legislators when voting time comes."

ECU Medical School "A lot has been written and said on the proposed four-year

medical facility at East Carolina University. The bill introduced last week will remind people all over that the medical school issue at ECU has not been forgotten. However, I do not believe anyone in his right mind in North Carolina has the notion that any of us have forgotten about it. It's as strong as ever but we must do it by the numbers and wait till the five consultants get their report in before we backers of a full time medical school at ECU can make our moves."

"Actually I do not see the report coming out till late November or even December," Rep. Jernigan said.

"The report could go any of a number of ways. First off, let's not forget the fact that the consultants are not studying the feasibility of a four-year medical school at ECU. They are looking into the feasibility of another medical school in North Carolina and could, if they decide it's necessary, recommend it for any location in the state."

"We have found out that one- and two-year medical schools do not work and we feel the four-year program is the only answer. Now, we have the one-year facility at

Former 'Times News' Editor To Head 'Fayetteville Times'

FAYETTEVILLE — Roy Parker Jr., 43, has been named editor of The Fayetteville Times, a new morning newspaper to be launched by Fayetteville Publishing Co., it was announced Sunday by Ramon Yarborough, president and publisher.

The Fayetteville Times will begin publication on July 2, Yarborough said.

"Appointment of Roy Parker Jr. to the editorship and selection of a publication date are major steps in our plans to offer outstanding morning newspaper service to the readers and advertisers of our area. We are most fortunate to have a man of Mr. Parker's ability, experience, and integrity to head this new publication," Yarborough said.

The new editor has been involved in planning for the new publication for several months. He is currently associate editor of The Fayetteville Observer, which is published by Fayetteville Publishing Co. six afternoons a week and on Sunday. The Fayetteville Times will be combined with The Observer on Sunday.

Parker, a native of Ahoskie, has edited weekly newspapers in North Carolina including The Herald, Ahoskie; Bertie Ledger-Advance, Windsor; and Northampton County Times News, Rich Square and Jackson. He was political correspondent and Washington reporter for The Raleigh (NC) News and Observer for 15 years.

"The challenge of offering morning newspaper coverage in a fast-growing area of North Carolina makes the prospect of The Fayetteville Times a really significant step for this company," Parker said. "We intend to make it the best possible institution of service and information for the community and the area."

Parker said there would be further announcements of staff for The Fayetteville Times in the next few weeks.

The new newspaper will occupy separate facilities on the ground floor of the company's building on Hay Street. The Fayetteville Times will have a separate editorial staff, and offer a full range of news services and features, Parker said.

"We will especially stress strong local coverage for the community and area," Parker said.

Parker is a graduate in journalism of the University of North Carolina. He was a 1960 Washington fellow of the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow program. He has won first place awards for editorials while editing the Herald in Ahoskie.

As a political correspondent, Parker covered major conventions in 1964, 1968, 1972. He has had articles on politics and travel in The New York Times and Washington Post, and was a columnist for The Columbia (SC) State.

He is the son of Mrs. Roy Parker Sr. of Seaboard and of the late Mr. Parker, who was a prominent weekly newspaper publisher, professor of journalism at UNC, and member of the

General Assembly from Hertford County.

Parker is married to the former Marie Smithwick of Chester, S.C., former dean of women at Chowan College.

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Board Adopts 50% Assessment Ratio

JACKSON — The Board of County Commissioners met at the Board of Equalization and

Garysburg Youth Faces Charges

WELDON — A Garysburg youth is jailed under a \$500 bond following his arrest Thursday night on charges of assault with intent to commit rape.

Arthur Harrison, 17, was taken into custody at 11:50 p.m. by Weldon officers E. L. Bowser and R. H. Garner.

According to Assistant Police Chief J. R. Vaughan, the youth was arrested after a warrant for private prosecution was filed following the assault incident last night.

A hearing is set for Wednesday in Halifax District Court.

Review Monday at 2 p.m. and moved to adopt a 50 per cent assessment ratio for 1973 for Northampton County.

The commissioners moved to adopt a resolution to consider the use of federal funds to regional libraries and entertained suggestions to have the library open for a few hours on Sunday.

They accepted a letter of resignation from Planning Board member, Thomas E. Foreman Sr.

The board approved a payment of \$2000 to Wood and Peterson for painting and repairs being done on the courthouse. The work is scheduled to be finished by May 21 at a cost of \$6000.

Support cancer research by supporting the American Cancer Society. We want to wipe out cancer in your lifetime says the Society.

Woodland Studying Sewage Bonds, To Issue \$90,000

WOODLAND — Plans are underway by the town council of Woodland to file application to issue \$90,000 in two bond issues for water and sewage.

The application, to be filed with the Local Government Commission in Raleigh, is for the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds to finance the improvement of the water system and \$85,000 for improvement of the sewage system.

The bond issue will be subject to voter approval. Town council passed ordinances recently authorizing the bond election. Funding of the water system project, will be for construction of water wells, water mains, laterals and transmission and distribution lines.

The \$85,000 in bonds for improvement of the sewage system will finance improvement in the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage by the construction of sewage treatment facilities, pumping stations and the construction of sewage trunk, collection and outfall lines.



A FIRE DESTROYED THIS TENANT HOME of a Pendleton grandmother, her son and seven grandchildren Thursday afternoon following a gas stove explosion. The Conway Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call at 5 p.m. but was unable to save the home as gusty winds fanned the flames. Mrs. Ozella Deloatch, her son Melvin and seven grandchildren escaped unharmed but lost all of their belongings. The house was owned by J. C. Edwards Jr. of Pendleton.

Postmaster Vacancy Exists At Potecasi

POTECASI — A postmaster vacancy exists at the Potecasi Fourth-Class Post Office, Regional Postmaster General Carl C. Ulsaker announced today.

appropriate forms may be obtained at the Potecasi post office. No written test is required.

Sectional Center Manager, Bruce N. Conyers, at the Rocky Mount, N. C. Post Office has been designated to accept applications from interested persons for this position.

Sectional Center Manager Conyers said that applications will be accepted from April 19 to April 30, and that the

Conyers said applicants must reside in the postal sectional center area in which the post office is located on the date of his appointment. The appointed postmaster will have to live within a reasonable distance from the post office so that he can adequately discharge the responsibilities of the office and the Postal Service, he added.

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JACKSON Elementary, Grades 5-8

STUDENTS AT JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, grades 5-8, participated in a bookjacket contest. The winners' drawings are on exhibit on the Northampton Library's bulletin board. The five winners are Dianne Garris, grade five, first; John Wilson, grade six, second; Terry Motley, grade eight, third; Brenda Dardin, grade eight, honorable mention; and Henry Gallig, grade seven, honorable mention.