

## September 14 Filing Date

JACKSON — Sept. 14 is the earliest possible filing date for candidates in Northampton's municipal and county elections.

R. L. Grant, chairman of the Northampton County Board of Elections, noted this week that registration is currently underway for the Nov. 6 general election and announced that books in the county will close Oct. 8 in preparation for the election. Grant stated that commissioners seats now held by Jasper Eley of Jackson, Jack Faison of Seaboard and W. W. Grant of Gaston will be at stake in the election as well as a host of mayoral and town commissioners' posts. County commissioners serve two-year staggered terms and most town officials serve straight two-year terms.

For the first time this year, the elections board is managing the balloting for several municipalities. Conway, Woodland, Garysburg, Lasker, Seaboard and Jackson municipal elections will be directed by the county.

Gaston, Rich Square and Severn will exercise the option of running their own elections. All precinct registrars and judges will be appointed by Sept. 24, the elections chief reported.

## School Will Open Next Monday

JACKSON — School kids in Northampton will get back to the business of the three R's next week as school doors open to pupils Monday.

County Supt. Roy F. Lowry states that all students should report to school for a half-day session Monday for class assignments which will be followed Tuesday by a regular full day of school.

Teachers, under the state's new 10-month school term, have been at work over a week in preparation for the student influx Monday.

Sept. 3, Labor Day, will be observed as a school holiday. Students attending private school at Lasker should report to classes Tuesday. Teachers will report Monday at Northeast.

## BNC's Top Woman Officer Named Seaboard Manager

SEABOARD — Miss Elizabeth Harris, vice president and highest ranking woman executive of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., has been named manager of the Seaboard office replacing Bobby Jeffords who has become loan officer for BNC in Wilmington.

In announcing Miss Harris' appointment, BNC President J. Hugh Rich also announced that Jerry E. Gardner has transferred from the bank's Lillington Office to become assistant to the manager at Seaboard.

Miss Harris began her banking career in 1944 when the bank was known as the Farmers Bank of Seaboard. In 1953, after the death of her father who was a founder and then president of the bank, she was named executive vice president. She held that position until the bank merged with Bank of North Carolina, N.A. in October 1972.

Through the years Miss Harris has gained extensive experience in every phase of banking — and she still enjoys waiting on customers at the teller window.

"My work is gratifying. I have watched our bank grow with emphasis on serving the customer, as was the goal of the founders of this bank," she said.

Her advice to women considering a banking career: "Equip yourself with the best possible education and cultivate an expertise in the public relations field. A banker must communicate well with the public as well as with the employees," she added.

Jerry Gardner brings varied experience to his position as assistant to the manager. He has been assigned to BNC offices in Dunn and Lillington where he



FOOTBALL COACHES Dave Davis and Joe Jernigan observe football candidates at Northeast Academy as the boys go through an agility exercise on the school's practice field. The team's first game is at home Sept. 8 with NEW Academy.

## Northeast Fields First Football Team At Lasker

LASKER — Northeast Academy is fielding its first football team this fall with seven games on its schedule and two open dates.

Thirty boys in the school's top four grades are undergoing daily morning practice sessions under the direction of Coaches Dave Davis and Joe Jernigan.

The boys are practicing from 7 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and next week night practice sessions will be added. Coach Davis reports. The team's first game is Sept. 8 with Nash-Edgecombe-Wilson Academy at 2 p.m. on a field adjacent to the school in Lasker.

Other games scheduled are with Wilson Christian School, Hobgood Academy, Halifax Academy and Bertie Academy, all away games, and with Enfield Academy and Albemarle Academy, home games.

Coach Davis, who successfully coached the Viking basketball team to second place in state

independent school play last year, said, "We have a very inexperienced group of young boys. Their enthusiasm is tremendous; I couldn't ask for a more cooperative group."

"If desire can help win football games, we will have a very respectable season," Davis speculated. "I don't want to make any wild prediction, but the boys are enthusiastic."

Davis played football, basketball and baseball at Forest Glenn High School near Suffolk, Va. He is a graduate of Elon College and teaches physical education at Northeast.

Jernigan, Davis' assistant, coached the girls and the J. V. basketball teams last season. He teaches eighth grade.

Seniors going out for the team are Joey Davis, Pat Bolton, Jerry Vick, Stuart Hall and Tommy Massey.

Johnny Sykes, Gary Britt, Parker Barnes, Ralph Knowles, Mike Wood, Keith Dickerson, Moochie Joyner,

Skip Rickey, Neil Vaughan and Tommy Vaughan are junior candidates.

Sophomores trying out are Kent Kickerson, Charles Timberlake, Britt Lassiter, Ray Woods, Stevie Rose, Drew Carver and Terry Coppedge.

Freshmen footballers are Johnny Brown, Keith Britt, L. K. Burnette, Ricky Collier, Bentley Stephenson, Paul Harrell, Edward Barnes and Perry Martin.

The team will play all home games at 2 p.m. on an unlighted field behind the school. The school's booster club is preparing the field surface for marking and is attempting to locate bleachers for the field.

## Commissioners Discuss Fulltime Sanitation Employee

JACKSON — County commissioners this week discussed the possibility of employing fulltime men to supervise the building inspection operations and the county sanitation program. Horace Guthrie, county building inspector, is currently shouldering the responsibility of both operations. County Manager Tim Ellen stated that Guthrie feels a better job can be done in both departments if fulltime supervision is provided. Commissioners took no action on the matter. It was tabled until the September meeting. Commission Chairman Jasper Eley asked Guthrie if his building inspection job suffers because of his responsibilities at the landfill.

Guthrie stated that on occasions both operations can be supervised smoothly by one man, but, he noted, during periods of breakdowns and other unusual circumstances at the landfill, the landfill is demanding of the supervisor's time. Guthrie stated that site maintenance needs to be improved at dumpster locations and an additional garbage truck is needed, he added.

In other matters, the board: —Adopted a resolution changing the name of the county Civil Defense organization to the office of Civil Preparedness. The change is underway nationwide. —Authorized a \$300 annual salary increase for county Register of Deeds Wilson Bridgers, for serving as secretary to the commissioners.

—Heard plans presented by

County Manager Ellen on proposed internal renovations at the courthouse.

The commissioners instructed Ellen to seek approval of the state courts system prior to proceeding with the plans. Ellen's plan calls for

moving the office of the Clerk of Court into an expanded space now occupied by the Register of Deeds office. The register of deeds will move into the old clerk's office.

The move is necessitated by cramped conditions in the clerk's office, Ellen said.

## N'ampton Child Services Needed

DURHAM — There are apparently 595 children under six years of age in Northampton County who need child-care services but are not receiving them.

This is one of the major conclusions of a county survey conducted as part of a statewide child-care services assessment by the Learning Institute of North Carolina (LINC), Durham.

The county survey was coordinated by Mrs. Goldie Eley of Northampton County, chairman, with the assistance of Mrs. Doris L. Stephenson.

Reports for each county are being issued by LINC as they are completed, and a state report will be published in November.

The survey covered day-care centers, day-care homes, nursery schools, and kindergartens. A total of 425 children under six in the county are enrolled in these services, the survey report indicates.

Eleven of the 13 child-care services identified were selected for the survey. Totals in the county report, however, are projections for all known child-care services.

The LINC report indicates that there are 2,388 children five years of age or younger in the county, and 458 women in the labor force with children under six.

U. S. Census information shows that the average North Carolina woman in the labor force with a preschool child, or children, has 1.3 children under six. Therefore, LINC estimates that the 458 women in the labor force with children under six have a total of 595

preschool children. Since only 425 children under six actually are enrolled in child-care services, the report states, more than 170 others are:

—uncared for while their mothers work. —cared for in places not known to the volunteers in the county who helped identify child-care services. —left with relatives during the day.

—cared for by their mothers because there is no place to enroll the children —though the mothers are trained for employment.

The number of children needing child-care services is greater than 170, the report notes, because all of the child-care services enroll children whose mothers do not work.

Other highlights of the report: —All of the child-care services report that they provide comprehensive care (health, educational, or social services in addition to safety and food), and most use services provided by the county departments of social services, mental health, and public health.

—Zero per cent of the child-care services have a waiting list because they are at maximum capacity.

—Sixty-seven per cent of the services reporting costs indicate they rely on fees from parents. Also, 67 per cent receive some financial support from government purchase of child-care, zero per cent from churches, and zero per cent from industry.

The LINC survey, first of its kind in the nation, was conducted with the help of more than 600 unpaid volunteers across the state.

Sponsored by grants from the Mary Reynolds Babcock and Z. Smith Reynolds foundations, the survey will provide information that can be used to expand and improve child-care services.



POTECASI POSTMASTER — Aubrey S. Vinson of Conway was sworn in Friday as the new postmaster for Potecasi. This is his first appointment.

## Health Board Approves Landfill

JACKSON — The Sanitary Division of the North Carolina State Board of Health has again given its stamp of approval on the operation and procedures employed at the county sanitary landfill north of here.

County Manager Tim Ellen reported Wednesday that for the second time in less than a month the landfill has been evaluated by the state and found to be operating according to state health and environmental laws.

Ellen noted that the checks are routine and unannounced. The report came two days on the heels of discussion by county commissioners on possible changes in supervision and management of the sanitation operation.

## Man Handed Probation In Assault Case

JACKSON — A Garysburg man was handed a probationary judgment in an assault with a deadly weapon case heard yesterday by Judge Joseph D. Blythe.

David Clark pleaded not guilty to the felonious assault charge and was convicted and handed 90 days suspended and fined \$50 and costs.

He was placed on probation for a year and was ordered to pay \$300 in restitution to Tom Alston of Garysburg, the injured victim.

Alston pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and he was acquitted.

Other cases heard Wednesday and their dispositions: Elmer Vinson Lassiter of Jackson had a former suspended sentence evoked for a probation violation.

Morris Turner of Rt. 1, Garysburg had charges of transporting liquor with a broken seal and speeding 65 in a 55 zone nol proessed with leave.

Ned Parker of Seaboard was found not guilty of a trespass violation.

Junie Jim Lee of Garysburg had a charge of assault by pointing a gun nol proessed with leave.

Carolyn Hill Barbour of Raleigh had no probable cause found in a manslaughter charge filed against her following the death of Mildred E. Caudle near Rich Square July 15. She was taxed with court costs for driving left of center.

Richard Douglas Bennett of Roanoke Rapids was handed prayer for judgment continued on costs for speeding 70 in a 55 zone.

Thomas Fields of Garysburg was fined \$10 and costs for speeding 70 in a 55 zone.

Ronald Sessoms of Garysburg was acquitted of assault and threat charges.

Elizabeth Quay of Gaston was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon charges.

Lee Otis Artis of Milwaukee was taxed with court costs for assault on a female.

Claude DeLoatch of Pendleton was fined \$25 and costs for assault on a female.

In a companion case, James Parker of Pendleton was handed 90 days suspended on a \$25 fine and costs and \$65 in restitution.

Hugo Moore Jr. of Gaston, charged with assault on a female, had the case nol proessed with leave. Ida Hall of Roanoke Rapids, in a companion case, had a charge of assault with a deadly weapon nol proessed with leave.

## REMCO Business Meeting Set For Saturday

RICH SQUARE — Scores of co-op members of the Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation (REMCO) will convene at the arena here Saturday for the 34th annual business meeting.

Three directors will be elected to the corporation's 11-man board during the business session Saturday. The meeting begins with a barbeque dinner at noon which will be followed by entertainment and the business session.

Willie Lee Harris of Rich Square was handed six months suspended on \$25 weekly support in a nonsupport case.

Charlie Weaver of Garysburg had frivolous prosecution declared in an assault on a female case. Gloria Weaver was taxed with costs.

## Teacher Named

GUMBERRY — A distributive education teacher at Gumberry High School has been appointed to the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

Robert L. Moore of Rich Square was notified by the office of Gov. Jim Holshouser last week of the appointment.

The 12-member board serves at the pleasure of the governor rather than for established fixed terms.

The council will render advice to the governor concerning the vocational aspect of public education as it relates to matters of statewide importance.

Moore, 64, has made public education a lifelong career. He has taught at Severn Elementary School, Willie Hare School and at Creech High School and he was principal of the old Garysburg Elementary School before it closed.

Moore has also spent time working in the federal ESEA office in Jackson. He has been at Gumberry for the past three years.

He is a Mason and Elk and an member of the National Education Association, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the North Carolina Vocational Education Association.

He received his B. S. in business administration from Virginia Union University in Richmond and Moore earned his masters in education and history at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

## Conway Well Contracted

CONWAY — A well that will greatly improve Conway's water supply has been contracted by the town, Mayor Grady Martin announced today.

The well, engineered to produce 1,000 gallons of water per minute, will be the fourth well maintained by the town. The combined capacity of the municipality's existing wells is 1,400 gallons per minute.

Mayor Martin stated that a contract has been awarded a Smithfield, Va., drilling company and work on the project is scheduled to begin as soon as equipment is delivered to the site.

"Tests have been run and the water is there," the mayor stated. The well site is located on a street that runs by the town's mobile home park.

Mayor Martin said the town anticipates completion of the 412-foot well by October.

He stated that the method of financing the water expansion project has not been finalized. The town has not ruled out use of federal revenue sharing money for the project, Martin said.

## CADA Meeting Cancelled

MURFREESBORO — The regularly scheduled meeting of the Choanoke Area Development Association (CADA) Board of Directors Tuesday evening was postponed because of a large number of board members being out of town it was reported Wednesday.

According to Jim Barnett, CADA Associate Director, the majority of the board members were out of the area for numerous reasons.

Board President Mrs. Doris Cochran is expected to announce shortly the new meeting date and time.

## Roanoke Rapids Man Killed Near Gaston

GASTON — A Roanoke Rapids man became Northampton's ninth fatality when he sustained fatal injuries following a motorcycle accident Sunday.

Julian Grant Lashley, 38, was pronounced dead on arrival at Halifax Memorial Hospital following injuries sustained in a car and motorcycle accident Sunday around 7:15 p.m.

companion Theodore Porch of Garysburg on a 1972 Honda on NC 46, over I-95, three miles east of Gaston.

Corey stated his investigation indicated Lashley lost control of his motorcycle and ran into the rear of the motorcycle operated by Porch and Lashley fell into the path of an oncoming 1968 Plymouth operated by Daniel Epps of Emporia.

The Epps car was unable to avoid striking Lashley. No charges were filed by the Highway Patrol.



WATERMELONS FOR SALE — it's not the biggest or the newest business venture in Northampton County. It's just one of the oldest and one of the friendliest.