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## Popular Lake Gaston Campsite Closes

HENRICO — Northampton County's most popular recreation area on Lake Gaston closed its gates to business following Labor Day. Tom Tucker's Campgrounds and Marina, owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King of Henrico, closed after 11 years of continuous operation.

The 50 acres of campground situated on the 158-acre King tract opened when the area that is now Lake Gaston was initially flooded in 1962.

The campgrounds with enough sites to handle 200 families at a time has been a favorite stopover for thousands of outdoor enthusiasts from all over North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland, as well as from other points along the eastern seaboard.

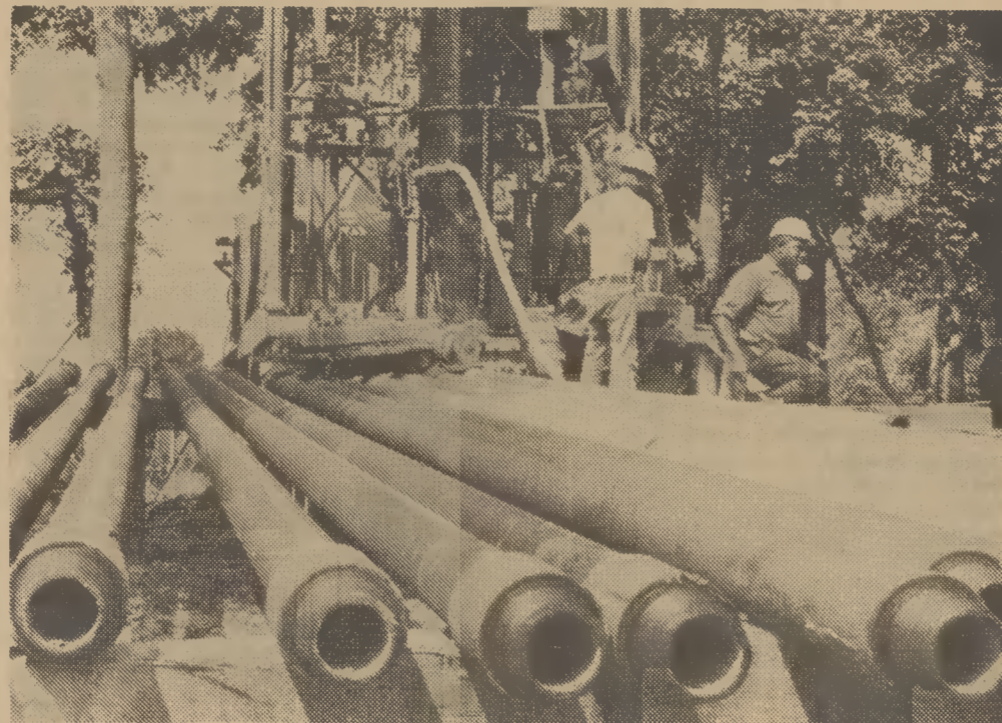
The campgrounds featured 1.25 miles of shoreline along

the main body of the lake. According to Tom King, the property will be placed on the real estate market in the near future.

## G'burg Man On RC Board

ROANOKE RAPIDS — A Garysburg man has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Valley Red Cross Chapter.

Marshal Grant will represent Gaston and Garysburg on the area board. The Roanoke Valley Red Cross Chapter, headquartered in Roanoke Rapids, serves northern Halifax County and western Northampton.



CONWAY WELL — Work is continuing on construction of Conway's new municipal well. The test well was dug at 412 feet, but, Conway Mayor Grady Martin stated this well may not go that far into the ground. Revenue sharing funds will help pay for drilling the well, the town's fourth.

Cost \$175,000

## Building Projects At Squire, Jackson Approved

JACKSON — Expansion projects at Squire School and Jackson School were okayed Tuesday by the Northampton County Board of Education. William J. Boney, Wilmington architect, appeared before the board with preliminary plans for the addition of two kindergarten classrooms at Squire in Gaston and an expanded dining room on the same campus.

Construction of a food storage area for the Jackson School lunchroom was approved.

The two projects are expected to cost the system about \$175,000, according to Boney's estimates.

Plans call for a 1,000 square foot addition to the dining hall at Squire, space that would accommodate seating for 90 additional students. The air conditioned addition would cost an estimated \$34,000. Plans to extend the kitchen at Squire were scratched at this time due to the lack of capital outlay funds to cover the project.

The two kindergarten classrooms would be housed in a single large room containing 2,700 square feet and added to the front of the existing building. Its cost is figured at \$94,500.

The air conditioned Squire kindergarten rooms would feature portable room dividers for flexibility, a climbing tower for recreational purposes, two bathrooms and

a multi-level reading area. The Jackson School addition, costing an estimated \$47,000, calls for installation of a walk-in refrigerator, a walk-in freezer, staff restroom facilities and a can wash area, in addition to the food storage room.

Education board Chairman W. C. Conner noted that the board has at present only \$132,203 in the capital expenditure budget and he pointed to the necessity of completing both the additions at Squire and Jackson.

The board, on a motion by Scott Bowers and a second by Mrs. J. Roy Parker, authorized the architect to proceed with further plans for the three projects on the two school sites.

One board member stated the board may have to seek more capital outlay funds from the county commissioners in order to construct the additions.

In other action, the board: — Approved the appointment of James S. Singleton Jr. as assistant principal at W. S. Creecy School in Rich Square.

Singleton replaces J. W. Whitley, who resigned to accept a teaching position in

Raleigh. — Approved contracts for the following new teachers:

Margaret Gatling, Mrs. Bois B. Cartwright and Richard L. Buynr at Coates; Annie Lee Lanier and Vickie Sue Ellis at Conway; Jane T. Williams and Ann Marie Welch at Eastside; and Steven C. Pierce, Judy W. Franklin, Meldon B. Newton, Janice G. Greeson, Cynthia Gail Clements, Helen L. Miles and Edna Crumpler at Garysburg Elementary.

Annie Bruce Mitchell, Jane Phyllis Walker and Vernie Lee Chavous at Gaston; John Harris Bridges at Jackson; John Anthony Herman and Margaret Lynn Godwin at Northampton High; and Harold W. Potat, Janet H. Dail and Mary Lee Vaughan at Rich Square School.

George C. Gray at Seaboard; Barbara Allen Smith, Elizabeth W. Harrison, Betty Ann O'Daniel, Jane Marce Wynne, Sallie T. Sikes, Faith Eleanor Wash and Dorothy J. Salmons at Squire School; Sarah C. Bell at Willis Hare; John A. Beverly Jr., Rony Bennett and G. Barham Fleetwood at W. S. Creecy; and Alice J. Wesley at Woodland-Olney School.

## Barden Appointed To N'hampton ABC Board

JACKSON — A Garysburg man Tuesday was appointed to the Northampton Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

James F. Barden, operator of Three Scales Truckstop on N.C. 46 at I-95, will fill a seat vacated by the resignation of Malvern C. Vincent, who has served on the board since it was organized in 1965.

Barden was appointed to serve a three-year term by county Commissioner W. W. Grant of Gaston. The appointment was made at a composite meeting of the ABC Board, the education board and the county commissioners.

ABC Board Chairman Part Burgwyn presented a report showing Northampton with an 8.55 per cent profit margin on sales of ABC products in the county's five stores.

He noted that the profit margin compares favorably to the 8.45 per cent in Halifax, 10.35 per cent in Hertford, 7.11 per cent in Bertie and 3.14 in Gates County.

"The fiscal year ended June 30, 1973 has not been a good year, thought not a bad one. Gross sales of \$965,505.00 were down \$22,105.50 from the previous year. Many variable factors contributed to this," Burgwyn said.

"First of all we had a Republican State ABC to take over and one of the first things it did was to cease the operations of Central Warehouse, the source of all our products and it was April 16 before we were able to order again and receive from a State Warehouse. During this draught period whiskey had to be secured any way it could legally be obtained," the chairman said.

"Secondly the high cost of

living, especially food, is leaving less money with which to purchase our products.

"Third there has been a switch from whiskey to vodka and gin, less expensive products, and to half gallons.

"Finally, more wine is being sold through retail outlets today than was sold when it could be purchased only in ABC stores," Burgwyn said.

"Net sales for the current ended year were \$788,488.86 on which a net profit of \$74,881.78 or 9.5 per cent was made. This is a decrease of \$19,711.70. Many factors entered into our

profit decline," Burgwyn noted.

"Salaries had to be raised, rents are up, supplies (other than ABC products), utilities, equipment operation are much higher."

Burgwyn noted that Northampton will collect approximately \$15,000 annually on the new nickel-a-bottle tax on liquor. He said efforts are being made to have the tax placed on wine sold in retail stores as well. Receipts from the tax must be used for rehabilitation purposes.

## ABC Official Ordered To Give Up One Post

RALEIGH — The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board yesterday gave Northampton County ABC Chairman Bart R. Burgwyn 30 days to resign either as chairman or as county ABC supervisor.

ABC policy prohibits a board member from holding another job in the ABC system.

The board stated that if Burgwyn doesn't resign, he will be removed.

Earlier this year the state attorney general's office said it did not see a conflict of interest in the case because Burgwyn is paid only one salary, \$6,000 annually.

Last month, the board asked the attorney general to reconsider the matter and yesterday the attorney general's office agreed with the ABC Board that the dual job holding is a potential conflict of interest and

violates the board's policies. Just Tuesday Burgwyn told the composite ABC, county school board and county commissioners that he intends to stay on in the position.

Burgwyn claims he is carrying out the duties of the ABC Board as its chairman and he fails to see the conflict charged by the state.

"The state board has never discussed this with me," Burgwyn said. "I did make a trip to Raleigh on my own to talk with Dr. Holschouer, chairman of the state board."

"All I could get out of him was he wanted me to resign as chairman and be appointed supervisor. I looked him in the eye and informed him that the composite board in a duly called meeting had selected me as a member of the board, named me chairman, set my salary as required by law, and that I had no idea of resigning."

## Fire Destroys Rural Gaston Dwelling

GASTON — Fire completely destroyed a Gaston Township home last Thursday night, leaving a family of three homeless.

The fire broke out at 9:30 p.m. in the kitchen of the log cabin house on Warner Bridge Road west of the town. Flames quickly spread through the single story structure, destroying all the contents.

The house was owned and occupied by Sarah Moody and her young daughter and son.

Persons wishing to contribute articles of clothing and furniture should contact Mrs. Moody in Gaston.

John Acree, Gaston fire chief, stated that the house was totally engulfed in flames when firemen from his department arrived on the scene.

The occupants of the dwelling escaped injury.

No monetary estimate of damage was given by the fire department.

## Supervisor Named For Waste Program

JACKSON — A waste disposal supervisor for the county landfill was named Tuesday in executive session of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners.

David Woodard, a current landfill employee, was appointed to the position at a salary of \$6,778 annually.

Woodard will assume responsibilities formerly held by Horace Guthrie.

Guthrie was appointed fulltime county building inspector and supervisor of county buildings and grounds.

Prior to Tuesday's announcement, Guthrie, a former county commissioner, served as both landfill supervisor and building inspector.

In August the commissioners discussed the possibility of hiring a fulltime landfill supervisor since the program is being expanded in the near future. At that time the commissioners expressed

concern that perhaps both landfill and inspection programs were suffering since one man had to supervise both programs.

In other matters, the board: — Failed to act on a request by the Town of Gaston that the county pay for approximately \$2,000 in repairs at the municipal owned county health clinic building in Gaston.

Mayor Firman Myrick in a letter to the board stated the building is unsafe for public use in its present state. The county Health Department utilizes the building for satellite clinics.

County Manager Tim Ellen informed the commissioners that when the housing project is completed in Gaston, a community building will be made available for such clinics.

The board authorized a letter stating that the building's limited use would

not warrant expenditure of the funds needed to elevate the standard of the building.

— Heard a plan proposed by John Litchfield of the Soil Conservation Service of a conservation project planned for the county farm. He was given the go ahead as long as the project doesn't exceed the \$1,250 rent the county obtains from the farm.

— Approved a bid letting on a 38-cubic yard garbage compactor and 40 additional eight-cubic yard dumpster containers for the county solid waste disposal system.

The new acquisitions are expected to cost the county \$47,000.

The new truck will be utilized in addition to the present truck which has been in operation since the plan was implemented over two years ago.

Bids will be opened at the (See SUPERVISOR, Page 3)

## Planners Discuss County Soil

JACKSON — County Planning Board members Tuesday night held their first joint meeting with a municipal governing body.

The planners discussed with the Jackson Town Commissioners possible planning avenues the board will take. The purpose of the joint meeting, according to Chairman Bill Spivey, was to solicit support from Jackson commissioners in planning efforts of the board.

Ralph Willoughby of the Division of Planning of the

North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources made a presentation of soil conditions in Northampton County.

Willoughby stated that the study, prepared by the county Soil Conservation Service, illustrates the usefulness and limitations of land area within the county.

The study indicates that the area of the county most suitable for residential and commercial development is

(See PLANNERS, Page 3)

## Youth Killed On Interstate

GARYSBURG — A 19-year-old Garysburg man was the county's only Labor Day fatality.

Earl Dentel Peebles, 19, of Rt. 1, Garysburg died of injuries sustained when he was struck by a car driven by Katie Marie Bell of Columbus, Ohio. The accident occurred Saturday at 5:10 p.m.

According to investigating Trooper F. M. Hampton, the youth walked into the path of the car and apparently did not see the approaching vehicle in the I-95 southbound lane. Peebles was pronounced dead on arrival at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. No charges were preferred.

## Unique Program Underway At Woodland Zipper Plant



WOODLAND — Part of the joys of living are brought about by success, achievement and rewarding accomplishments for any human being.

With knowledge and awareness available, the Eastern Region Vocational Rehabilitation-Mental Health Program has established a unique "home bound" program for VR-MH clients through a cooperative arrangement with Talon-Division of Textron, Inc. at Woodland.

Talon, a manufacturer of high quality zippers, has entered into this "home bound" program in order to reclaim zipper sliders from zippers which have been completed but in which defects are found through inspection.

In the cooperative agreement, Vocational Rehabilitation has recruited, at the present time, 10 clients for the program of reclaiming zipper sliders.

Five clients are assisted by Jerry M. Rawls, counselor for the mentally ill with the VR program, and five are clients of Wayne Peel, counselor for the mentally retarded.

Until now, most of the clients have never been able to perform any gainful employment or to see directly the success or results

of their labors.

"One of the outstanding factors in this home bound program is that it can fit the real needs of so many clients at a time when such a need is desired in the treatment of an individual," said Forrest Teague, Regional Vocational Rehabilitation Director. "It can also be effective in the rehabilitation of recovering alcoholic people, drug abusers and all aspects of mental illness and mental disorders. But without a cooperating interest like Talon, this entire program would be impossible."

Transportation of clients to and from the Talon plant is also essential and a vital part of the entire program. Since these clients do not drive a vehicle, family members and volunteer, interested citizens in the community play an important role in the program's success by providing this transportation.

Talon, which is the largest zipper manufacturer in the United States, foresees the possibility of eventually providing employment for 30 to 40 VR clients. At present, only the zippers which are manufactured at the Talon Woodland Plant are used in the zipper reclamation program.

Talon has a total of six zipper assembly plants. At present, a "feasibility study" is underway by Talon to determine if other plants can ship their zippers to Woodland for recovery of zipper sliders. Under the program, as it is presently functioning, the 10 VR-MH clients come to the Woodland Plant on Thursday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. to pick up zippers to be cut and zipper sliders recovered and to turn in the recovered product as well as the remains of the other materials. One essential element of the program is to make sure the weight of the zipper sliders, plus the other waste materials, equal in weight the same as that which was taken from the plant.

"This is vital because Talon must make sure that no defective zipper reaches the customer since it has such a high standard of quality control," said Tom Daughtry, Talon's Woodland plant manager.

It is at this weigh-in that the client learns what he will actually be paid. The scale for payment for work accomplished is 25 cents per pound for recovered zipper sliders.

Talon in turn sends payment to O'Berry Center, Goldsboro. In turn, O'Berry Center mails each client his correct

payment for his work.

Under the home-bound program, each client works at his own pace. An example of what earnings might be seen in the study of four client's records. One client in 14 weeks earned \$70.50. Another earned \$94.88 in nine weeks. Another earned \$38.75 in 14 weeks and another client received \$54.50 for four weeks work.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the program to date, Rawls and Peel point out, "When you consider that none of these clients had ever earned any money for their work, then it is a real accomplishment for these clients. And their work and monetary rewards has meant a great deal to each one."

"This is the type home bound program which I feel can in some way be implemented all across North Carolina," Teague said. "Through this pilot program, we know it can work. It might not be zipper sliders being recovered, but if we look around and come up with other cooperative arrangements with other industries, I feel we can help a lot of people."

Under the Talon arrangement, the client furnishes nothing but his

transportation and labor. Talon furnishes boxes for the zippers, ammunition cans for putting reclaimed zipper sliders into, and the shears for cutting the zipper to get the zipper slider off the track.

In evaluating the program, Plant Manager Daughtry said, "We are pleased with the results of the program to date. The clients are doing a good job. We are of the opinion that our feasibility study will reveal that we should plan to expand what we are now doing and to ship-in defective zippers from the other five assembly plants."

This home bound program is being implemented through the Roanoke-Chowan Mental Health Center, which serves Northampton, Bertie, Hertford and Gates counties.

Dr. John Stanley of Woodland, acting center director, was the initiator of this program. "It came about by accident or a mistake," Dr. Stanley said. "I asked former Talon Woodland Plant manager Don Wilder if he had something our handicapped people could do."

Work on arranging a cooperative agreement started in May, 1972. It was put into effect with clients on (See PROGRAM, Page 3)

OBSERVING WORK — Officials involved in development of the Roanoke-Chowan VR-MH Home Bound Program, through a cooperative agreement with Talon, Woodland Zipper manufacturer, are (from left, front) Ronald E. Taylor, client Johnny Blanton Jr. and Thomas Daughtry, manager of the Woodland plant. Standing are Jerry Rawls, prime developer of the program, William Walston and Wayne Peel.