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**THIRD TRENCH** — A drag line trenches another ditch at the county landfill north of Jackson. The 15,000 cubic yard ditch is the largest of the three trenches dug to date. Landfill employees cover daily refuse deposits at left.

Totals \$547,209

## Plans For 1973-74 Revenue Sharing Announced By County

JACKSON — Plans for expenditure of \$547,209 in revenue sharing funds were approved yesterday at a special meeting of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners.

The commissioners were required by the federal government to file a report on what the board plans to do with the money when it is received. The first quarter payment of the 1973-74 fiscal revenue sharing payment is anticipated Oct. 1.

County Manager Tim Ellen stated that \$411,209 of the total will be used for capital expenditures for public schools, multi-purpose government, and in the broad fields of health and economic development.

The remaining \$136,000 will

be used for operation and maintenance of programs in public safety, environmental protection and recreation.

A total of \$200,000 is being reserved for health programs. Ellen stated the funds could be used any particular project that would raise the health standard of the county. The funds can be used for Health Department programs for health facilities and for emergency medical services. He noted that none of the funds is earmarked for a specific project at this time, however, half is for equipment and half for construction.

Another \$100,000 has been reserved for educational building programs. Ellen said the money is strictly for construction and all projects must be approved specifically and must meet all revenue sharing guidelines before the county board can approve a proposal.

Multi-purpose and general government will have a \$86,209 reserve to draw from, Ellen said. The money can be used for such projects as purchasing equipment for county offices and renovation of the courthouse and county offices.

A total of \$25,000 was set aside for economic development projects. Ellen said the funds would be used if an industry needed to have water lines extended to a new plant locating in the county.

In the area of operation and maintenance, commissioners chose to allot \$36,000 for public safety for fire departments and rescue squads.

The county manager noted that the county's seven volunteer fire departments now receiving an annual contribution of \$1,500 from the county will be eligible for

\$3,000 in additional funds each, provided the departments' requests meet federal guidelines.

The three rescue squads serving the county — Rich Square, Woodland and Roanoke Valley in Roanoke Rapids — will be eligible for \$5,000 in additional funds as a result of yesterday's action.

Rescue units, too, must apply for specific funds for specific projects meeting revenue sharing guidelines.

Another \$50,000 has been allotted to environmental protection programs such as the county landfill program. The remaining \$50,000 is for recreational purposes with no specific proposal prepared at this time.

## Rich Square Pays For Trash Collection Error

RICH SQUARE — The Town of Rich Square last week paid one of its taxpayers \$218.57 for picking up the wrong garbage.

Town commissioners voted to reimburse service station operator David Wallace on a complaint by Wallace that municipal sanitation men mistakenly discarded a number of auto parts not intended for refuse collection. Wallace presented the town with a bill.

The sanitation crew collected trash as usual from Triangle Service Center. Refuse was picked up on the inside of the business, as requested by Wallace, but garbage men apparently ridded the establishment of more material than was intended.

The town will no longer offer inside collection at Triangle Service, which has since moved to another town.

The incident prompted a policy statement by the town board in the form of a motion made by Commissioner James O. Outland. The town will no longer be responsible for any losses or damage to any property left for refuse collection.

In other matters, the board: — Voted to give Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Storey a 10-day notice that water service to their house trailer would be discontinued since they have not complied with an agreement made with the town.

The Storeys were allowed to park their mobile home in a residential area on Bryantown Road with the understanding

that construction on a permanent dwelling would be started within six months and completed in 18 months.

No construction has begun and the town's new mobile home ordinance prohibits location of house trailers in non-conforming residential areas. The ordinance requires that all mobile homes be situated in designated trailer parks.

After hearing a discussion of the situation, Mayor Grace Lambertson suggested that immediate action be taken to cut off water service to the trailer.

Discussed door-to-door solicitations by Jehovah's Witnesses, who have not obtained town solicitation permits as required by town ordinance. The town attorney

will be consulted in the matter.

— Voted not to exempt T. C. Draper Jr. from a late listing penalty as requested by Joynes.

— Agreed to consult Howard Simmons, operator of The Patio, concerning noise reported coming from the establishment late at night.

Mayor Lambertson stated that numerous complaints about the drive-in restaurant had been filed with the town and with her personally by residents in the area.

Miss Lambertson said if the situation is not improved, the town will have to consider a court order closing the business after midnight.

— Authorized payment of a \$668 water and sewer equipment bill.

## Fireman's Pension Plan Initiated

RICH SQUARE — A fireman's pension plan was approved last week by the Rich Square Board of Commissioners.

The board agreed to pay \$60 per year per fireman, a figure totaling \$1,200, to initiate the pension plan set up by the North Carolina Fireman's Association.

The pension plans provides retirement benefits of \$50 monthly for firemen after age 60. The benefits can be drawn on a prorated scale after age 55.

The town will pay the insurance for a maximum of 20 years per fireman. The town has 20 volunteer firemen.

Commissioner Billy Ivey stated, "I feel it is a very nice gesture to give this to volunteer firemen of Rich Square, who get no compensation and ask for nothing in return for their service."

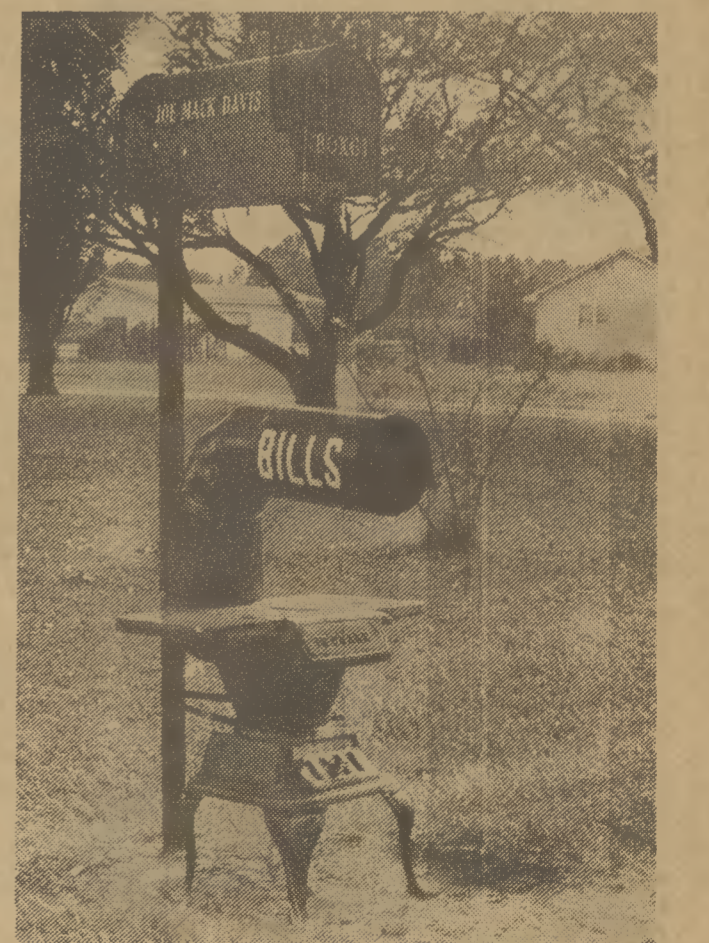
For the first year, the funds will be taken out of the fire and rescue squad allocation of \$2,896 for the current fiscal year.

## Preacher Takes Post In RR

ROANOKE RAPIDS — A deal of pleasure in announcing the appointment of Rev. Coker as supervisor of the city's mission. The mission has had trouble finding a man to fit its

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**FORGIVE HIM HIS DEBTS** — Joe Mack Davis has a special place for those brown colored monthly statements from creditors. He wants the mailman to sort the legitimate mail for the legitimate mailbox. What he considers burdensome correspondence is meant to go the alternate route he has provided at this roadside box between Conway and Jackson on U.S. 158.

## Gaston Contracts New Municipal Town Hall

GASTON — A \$24,490 contract for construction of a new Town Hall in Gaston has been signed. Finance Commissioner Elton Odom informed fellow Gaston commissioners Tuesday night.

Odom stated that some errors were detected in the contract and others were found in the actual construction but he assured the board the agreement with Rufus B. Hux and Son Construction Co. in Roanoke Rapids is sound.

Construction on the Town Hall, which will replace a small frame building on the same site on Craig Street, is underway. Sidewalls are up and cross beams are to be installed this week.

The building will contain about 2,000 square feet and will house a large meeting room for the board, a police chief's office, mayor's office, spacious clerk's and tax office and public and private rest rooms.

Gaston residents have been paying a 10-cent tax per \$100 valuation for the past decade to build up a reserve fund making construction possible. The fund totals over \$12,000. Revenue sharing funds will be used to cover the remaining half of the building's cost.

The town hopes to occupy the building by mid-fall.

In other action, commissioners: — Appointed Mabel Coker, Clifton Pearson and Ashley Dixon to the town elections board and set a \$10 filing fee for mayor and commissioners.

— Agreed to have Davie Street, leading to park land recently acquired by the town, surveyed by an authorized surveyor prior to paving the street.

— Amended an August motion that called for elimination of all parking on Reid Street to establish one-hour limited parking on the street with a space marked in front of each dwelling.

Mayor Firman Myrick said the no parking order was causing an inconvenience for people who live on Reid Street. — Gave street and sanitation Supt. Chester Vann the authority to employ a heavy equipment company to pack refuse at the town

## New Trooper On Duty

LASKER — Highway Patrolman Fred Hampton, a new state trooper assigned to Northampton, is on the job.

The Currituck County native, who joined the state patrol April 1, is filling a vacancy left following the transfer of John Lucas of Rich Square.

Hampton and his wife, the former Mollie Griggs of Point Harbor, and their son, Fred Jr., are residing in Lasker.

landfill and dig another trench to be used for burying waste.

— Accepted a bid submitted by Eddie W. Warwick of Gaston to remove junked autos from the corporate limits. Warwick will be responsible for finding a suitable place for the cars he is authorized to move by the police chief. His fee is \$5 per vehicle.

— Voted to reimburse Cornelius Pittman, provided he submits an appropriate bill, for farm machine parts and tobacco chemicals mistakenly taken from his property by town sanitation men.

— Failed to act on a request by James Lyerly that the town construct a driveway on his property at Lyerly's expense. One board member said the work would create a drainage problem for other residents.

## New Aging Council's Executives To Meet

RICH SQUARE — A meeting of the executive committee of the newly formed Northampton Council on Aging will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at the Multi-Services office in Rich Square.

Objectives of the aging council will be discussed at this first meeting of the executive body that was elected at an organizational meeting in Jackson this week.

Rev. Harold Rumpfheldt of Rich Square is chairman of the council that will attempt to study the housing, medical and recreational needs of Northampton elderly.

Fannie T. Newsome of Rt. 1, Rich Square was elected vice chairman and John H. Foriest of Pendleton was chosen secretary. Dr. W. R. Parker of Woodland was elected treasurer and elected members at large are Rev. Ludy Edwards of Rt. 1, Woodland and Shirley Edwards of Potecasi.

Twenty persons attended the organizational meeting at the county Agricultural Building Monday night.

W. R. Collins of the Governor's Council on Aging addressed the group and encouraged it to get involved in activities for the aged. He cited an example of a multi-purpose senior citizens complex, Pinecrest Manor, in Henderson.

Pinecrest includes living quarters for senior citizens, as well as recreational facilities and medical treatment facilities.

Rumpfheldt stated that the Northampton council does not have a direction and is not sure the senior citizens complex discussed for Henderson is the answer to Northampton's needs.

He stated that the council could construct such a center to accommodate 100 people for about \$250,000 with the authority borrowing money to construct the facility which

— Gave former Police Chief Charlie Ball notice to remove his personal effects from a municipal garage to allow room for parking the town police car.

— Appointed Commissioners Danny Copeland and Odom to study compensation for the street superintendent for supervision of extra summer employees.

— Agreed to place a drainage pipe on Grant Street to prevent further washing of the street.

— Referred to town attorney Nick Long of Roanoke Rapids a complaint about livestock in the corporate limits on the property of C. H. Jordan on Lawrenceville Road.

Town ordinance prohibits livestock within 200 feet of a dwelling.

— Approved the tentative purchase of a typewriter and calculator for the clerk's office.

## Double Fatality Occurs On I-95 At County Line

GARYSBURG — Northampton County recorded its 12th highway death of the year in a double fatality Friday one mile south of the Garysburg exit on I-95.

Two teenagers, identified as Michael Perkins, 18, and Duane Ford, 15, both of Hampton, were killed about 3:30 p.m. in the fiery wreck.

Dr. S. J. Cochran of Weldon, area medical examiner, said the two died when their station wagon ran out of control on the Roanoke River bridge just yards north of the Northampton-Halifax county line. The vehicle burst into flames and smoke from the burning wreckage was seen one-half mile from the scene of the wreck.

The Gaston Volunteer Fire Department and the Weldon Fire Department extinguished the fire after which the bodies were removed from the smoldering car.

Both bodies were reportedly

badly charred and were taken to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill for identification.

Dr. John Daly, associate state medical examiner, said identification was made through dental records.

## File Friday

Friday is the first day candidates for municipal elections can file for office.

Persons seeking offices for commissioner and mayoral seats in Northampton towns may file for election after noon tomorrow. All filing must be complete by noon Oct. 12.

No county offices will be decided in the Nov. 6 election; however, Northampton voters will be asked to express favor or opposition to liquor-by-the-drink and for a record \$300 million public school bond issue.

## Hal Tech Gets Accreditation

HALIFAX — Halifax County Technical Institute, serving Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties, last week received notification of full accreditation by the State Board of Education.

Of the 57 community colleges and technical institutes in North Carolina, only 29 are accredited by the state.

Dr. Phil Taylor, president of Hal Tech, said today,

"Needless to say, we are delighted that Halifax Tech has received this recognition."

Taylor noted that the school is not resting with state accreditation. Work is underway on receiving the same distinction from the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, an association that has standards stricter than state guidelines. Thirty-three institutes in the state system now boast the regional accreditation.

Taylor, who pointed to the school's proposed \$1 million expansion project on a new 100-acre campus on U. S. 158 in Weldon, added that the greatest drawback in attaining the regional accreditation is the present inadequate facilities.

The institute is located in a former motel-restaurant-gas station complex three miles north of Halifax on U. S. 301. Plans are to abandon the temporary campus over a five-year period.

Dr. Taylor stated that Dr. Ben Fountain, president of the state Department of Community Colleges, in a letter to Hal Tech congratulated the two-year school on its most recent achievement.

## Midget Footballers To Organize In RS

RICH SQUARE — There will be a meeting in Rich Square Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing a midget league football team in the town.

The meeting will include plans for acquiring team uniforms, coaches, equipment and making plans to play teams from neighboring towns.

All boys in grades five and six as well as all parents and interested adults are asked to attend the organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Rich Square School.

According to Dave Eberle of the Scotland Neck Recreation Club, the meeting is being sponsored by the Scotland Neck group which is attempting to expand the midget league now composed of teams from Williamston, Enfield and Scotland Neck.

Eberle said he feels the interest is in Rich Square and he is sure the town will support the midget league effort.

He encouraged boys and parents to attend the Tuesday meeting.