

## Nine Municipal Elections Set Same Day

# County Voters To Voice Opinions On Three Statewide Issues Tuesday

Balloting in Tuesday's general election will determine how Northamptonians stand on school and clean water bonds and on liquor-by-the-drink. Municipal voters will elect nine mayors and 38 town commissioners the same day. Polling places in the county will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Voting machines will not be utilized in Northampton for this election since there are only three statewide issues on the ballot — the \$300 million school bond issue, liquor-by-the-drink option and an amendment to the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971.

**Town Elections**  
 Municipal elections are being held for the first time this year in conjunction with the general election by decree of the state General Assembly.

The only mayoral races in the county are in Garysburg, which is holding the first town election in its history, and in Jackson.

Incumbent Garysburg Mayor W. E. Conwell is being challenged by political newcomer William L. Thompson. Jackson's incumbent Charlie Bass is faced with opposition from Hoyt Giles.

Incumbents are running without opposition in Gaston, Conway, Seaboard, Woodland and Lasker. The respective mayors are Firman Myrick, Grady Martin, H. M. Eastwood, John Stanley and Harry Johnson.

Incumbent Mayor R. D. Johnson did not file for reelection in Severn and neither did anyone else. That seat will be determined by write-in.

The Rich Square mayoral race is uncontested with Commissioner Jimmy Outland seeking that post.

Former Mayor Grace Lambertson resigned recently to run for a commissioner's seat and acting mayor is Joe Gordon, who, too, is running for reelection to the town board.

Others running for commissioner in Rich Square are former Mayor Charles Myers, Dr. Julian Hall Edwards, Doug Draffin, Claude Lassiter, John Bowen III, Joseph Majette, Catherine Bolton and David Wallace.

Five of the 10 will be elected in Rich Square. Five commissioners will also be chosen in Conway, Gaston, Severn and Garysburg. Four will be elected in Woodland and three each in Jackson, Seaboard and Lasker.

Vying for commission seats in Conway are incumbents William M. Garris, James G. Taylor, William D. Johnson and Sidney M. Edwards. They are opposed by J. Raynor Woodard, B. Hailie Bridgers, W. Jennings (Bill) Lassiter, Leo W. Barnes and L. G. Britt Jr.

In Gaston present board members Danny Copeland, M. C. Dunlow and Cirven S. Burnette are running for office again while newcomers there are Annette Claiborne, James David Allen and Ronnie Owens.

The full slate of incumbents is unopposed in Severn. They are commissioners Ralph W. Britt, Richard McGee, M. E. Lassiter, J. R. Railey and Hugo Umstead.

Seeking the five seats on the commission in Garysburg are W. W. Hughes, Arthur Lee Best Sr., Stanley Davis Jr., Wendell Perry and T. G. (Sonny Boy) Joyner.

In Woodland eight are running for the four seats. Those in the race are Aubrey R. Smith, Kimsey King, W. C. Reese, Mrs. James E. Lee, E. E. Bowen, John G. Hunsinger, Thomas E. Whitley and Sam Lassiter.

Four are going after three seats on the board in the county seat. They are incumbents Jimmy Wood Boone and J. S. Cocke and newcomers Jeri Gay Boone and J. D. Carver.

Melvin F. Broadnax, Reid V. Harris II, Robert L. Wilson, I. B. White, S. Y. Daniel and W. T. Briscoe are running for

the three town board seats in Seaboard.

In Lasker incumbent Robert Collier is joined by Edward Lane, Milton C. Odom and J. V. Wade in the commission race. One will be eliminated.

### Polling Places

There are 11,433 eligible voters in the county, but a meager turnout is expected by election officials due to lack of interest in the three major state issues.

Polling places are as follows: Jackson, courthouse; Rehobeth, community building; Lasker, Smith's Shop; Creeksville, Lassiter's Store; Galatia, Piland's Store; Severn, fire house; Pendleton, Stephenson's Store; Conway, school gym; Milwaukie, community

building; Newtown, Parker's Store; Potecasi, Jenkins' Store; Woodland, armory; Rich Square, community building; Gaston, high school lobby; Seaboard, Town Hall; Pleasant Hill, Little's Store; and Garysburg, school gym.

The county is conducting all municipal elections with the exception of those in Severn, Rich Square and Gaston. Voters in Rich Square must vote for town officials at City Hall and the county issues will be voted on at the county polling place. In Gaston, the municipal election will be handled at Town Hall.

All races in Northampton are non-partisan.

Voting will be on printed ballots and separate ballot boxes will be provided for each ballot.

## Seaboard Store Taken Off Stamp Program

SEABOARD — A Northampton grocery store — Broadnax Brothers Store of Seaboard — has been disqualified from the federal food stamp program for violations, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) reports.

The store, which is owned by Melvin F. Broadnax, was disqualified for one year, starting Oct. 21, after being charged with selling ineligible items for USDA food coupons.

Among the items were cigarettes and other tobacco products, paper products, cleaning products and insect spray.

Shepherd L. Schulz, in charge of the Raleigh office of the Food and Nutrition Service, explained that the store will not be allowed to accept food coupons during its

disqualification period. With the exception of garden seed and plants to be used to

produce food, Shepherd added, food stamps, by law, can be used only to buy food.

## Postmaster At Conway Dies

CONWAY — The funeral for Conway Postmaster J. Ivey Bridgers, who died Monday at his home was held Tuesday.

Bridgers, former Northampton County auditor and tax supervisor, was 64. Bridgers has served as postmaster at the Conway Post Office for over 13 years. Bridgers was county accountant and fax supervisor from August of 1953 and until June 1959.

He three times ran for the office of clerk of superior court but was never elected to the post.

A World War II Veteran, he was active in the Red Cross blood program in the county.

In addition he was active in the Rotary Club, the Ritarian Club, the Masonic Lodge of Pendleton and he served as secretary of the Conway Little League. He was a member of Zion Methodist Church.



J. Ivey Bridgers

Gilbert S. Sauls of Conway is officer in charge at the Post Office until a new postmaster is named.

## CADA Seeks Nominations

MURFREESBORO — Meetings for the nomination of electors to select representatives of the poor from Bertie, Halifax, Hertford and Northampton Counties for the Board of Directors, Choanoke Area Development Association, are set for Nov. 12 and 13 for all neighborhood organizations.

### Northampton County

Polling places and time for voting in Northampton County for November 12, are as follows: Galatia — Zoar Community Building, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Woodland — Deloatch' Place, 5:00-6:00

p.m.; Garysburg — Community Building, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Occ. Neck — Community Building, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Potecasi — Community Building, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; and Conway — Community Building, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Polling places and time for voting in Northampton County for November 13, are as follows: Crebo — Community Building, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Rich Square — CADA Office, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Jonesboro — Jonesboro School, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Allen Chapel —

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Randy Burnette

## Woodland Youth Dies In Wake County Wreck

WENDELL — A Rt. 1, Woodland youth was killed in a truck-car collision on US 64 bypass here early Tuesday. William L. Timberlake died as the result of injuries sustained in the 12:30 a.m. accident.

Timberlake's companion, Clinton W. Holloway, 18, of Jarrett, was admitted to Wake Memorial Hospital where he is listed in fair condition.

Timberlake was a student at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and was believed to be traveling from Chapel Hill to Wilson when the accident occurred.

The car, the driver of which has not yet been determined by the Highway Patrol, was apparently headed east on the wrong side of the road when it was struck by the truck. The collision occurred just east of Hepzibah Church.

The truck was carrying 46,000 pounds of cabbage and was operated by George Taylor of Orland, Fla.

Trooper J. E. Broughton, investigating officer, said he put out a fire in the car before Wendell Rescue Squad arrived to free Holloway from the wreckage.

No charges were filed in the accident.

The funeral for the victim was held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Woodland Baptist Church. Burial was at Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Timberlake Jr., and three brothers, E. L. III, Charles Brown, and John Franklin Timberlake, all of Woodland.

## Gaston 4-H'er Takes State Award

GASTON — Winner of state competition in the National Junior Horticulture Association Experimental Horticulture project is Randy Burnette of Gaston.

Randy, a Northeast Academy sophomore, is son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Burnette of Gaston.

By virtue of winning on the state level, he will represent

North Carolina in southeast regional competition in Oklahoma City this weekend.

Burnette is a member of the (See 4-H, Page 16)

## Mayors Endorse Bonds

Eight Northampton County mayors have endorsed the proposed \$300 million school bond issue that faces voters Tuesday.

Mayors Grady Martin of Conway, F. C. Myrick of Gaston, Joe Gordon of Rich Square, Charlie Bass of Jackson, H. M. Eastwood of Seaboard, John Stanley of Woodland, Rufus D. Johnson of Severn and W. E. Conwell of Garysburg signed a joint resolution this week.

The resolution reads in part: "The citizens of North Carolina are called upon to vote upon the question of the issuance of \$300 million in school bonds to defray in part \$1.2 billion of school building needs in the state.

"It is the duty of counties to levy taxes to raise the additional \$900 million."

The bond issue, the first school construction issue in 10 years, would guarantee Northampton County \$1,566,197.

The funds can be used to construct new facilities or improve existing physical plants.

Some county school officials have hinted that if the bond issue does not pass, the county will be faced with the total financial burden of providing

adequate school facilities, thereby causing property taxes to increase.

### SITE Chairman Seeks Vote

CONWAY — Dr. J. A. Fleetwood Jr., chairman of the Northampton County Sound Investment in Tomorrow's Education, today urged the citizens of the county to vote for the state school bond issue Tuesday.

Providing the issue carries, according to Dr. Fleetwood, Northampton County will receive \$1,566,197.55 to use in the construction of new school buildings and the renovation of old ones.

He points out that the voters should vote yes for the following reasons:

— In the event the issue does not pass the \$1,566,197.55 will probably have to be raised in the next few years locally from property taxes.

— A vote for the issue is a vote to have some of the money paid in state sales and other taxes returned to the county.

— The money is greatly needed to construct new buildings and renovate or replace old ones, he said.

State Treasurer Edwin Gill has stated that the bonds can be issued without a state income tax increase.

The county board of education has prepared a list of 19 building projects proposed for the county at this time.



NEW QUARTERS — Social Services Director Jim Clark of Woodland discusses a record with Social Services secretary Linda Moody of Seaboard in the reception area of the renovated county home, now home of the welfare department. The department Tuesday moved 21 offices from two buildings in Jackson to the new headquarters north of Jackson.



COMING DOWN — Willie Duke, general plant manager, of Georgia-Pacific in Conway gestures towards the plant's tee pee or conical waste burner that has been the source of a pollution problem at the plant. The burner will be replaced eventually with a modern boiler that will be fired from the plant's waste matter. In the interim the plant will operate a sanitary landfill to handle the solid waste.

### Controversial Burner Dismantled

## Georgia-Pacific Meets Anti-Pollution Deadline

CONWAY — The Conway plant of Georgia-Pacific Corp. has met the Nov. 1 deadline on eliminating an air pollution problem at the plant.

Willie Duke, plant manager, announced Wednesday that the conical or tee-pee burner that was ordered closed by today was used for the last time at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Crewmen from Howell Metal Works in Murfreesboro began dismantling the structure Wednesday and the project was one-third complete late in the day.

The Division of Air Quality Control of the state Office of Water and Air Resources over a month ago ordered the cone-shaped waste burner be retired from service by today.

All conical burners across the state are being phased out of operation.

Duke stated that the company has opened a sanitary landfill southeast of the plant and it will be daily burying solid waste that

heretofore has been burned in the tee-pee.

The landfill, however, will only be a temporary solution to the plant's problem, Duke stated. The company is working in consultation with four experts on developing a new boiler that would be fired by the waste that is now being buried.

Rich Good, public relations director for the southeast G-P region, stated the company has perfected the boiler at other plants, but problems have developed at the hardwood plant in Conway. He noted that the type waste being burned in the boiler is the source of the problem. He is confident the problem can be ironed out and the boiler, which has already been constructed, be put to use in Conway.

"We do not know what to expect from the new boiler," Good said. "To date we cannot predict the effects on the effluent."

The plant, which operates around the clock seven days a week, has been subjected to criticism from Conway residents who complained of the emission from the burner. Duke said the company "is one step toward completing the project."

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Gaston and Garysburg, those two sister towns that respectively stare Roanoke Rapids and Weldon right square in the face on the opposite side of the Roanoke, may in the future be part of a single municipality formed from the consolidation of the four governmental units.

The Town of Weldon is having a great deal of difficulty with federal environmental people concerning a current annexation proposal. Out of talks with federal representatives, Weldon officials were informed that the government is thinking in terms of at least a single water and sewer district serving the four towns.

Gaston boasts at three-year-old municipal water supply and Garysburg is in the process of expanding its water district. Weldon provides for its own water and sewer and Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District serves all of Roanoke Rapids and some outlying areas of that city.

The government is interested in conducting a study which would weigh the pros and cons of merging all the water and sewer works into a single unit, creating a regional sanitary district serving the four towns and, no doubt, blazing the trail for eventual consolidation of the governmental units as well.

There are 11 state historical highway markers in Northampton, according to a publication of the state Department of Art, Culture and History.

Thomas Bragg, confederate attorney general, governor and U. S. senator, is remembered in a marker on U.S. 158 in Jackson and Matt W. Ransom, confederate general, U. S. senator and minister to Mexico, is memorialized on U.S. 158 five miles west of the county seat.

On U.S. 301 at the state line a marker points out the end of Cornwallis' campaign through North Carolina in the American Revolution.

Again on 158 between Garysburg and Jackson, Brigadier General Allen Jones, a member of the Provincial Congress and the Continental Congress, is honored and another marker laying claim to the state's first railroad is on U.S. 301 at the Roanoke River bridge.

Lemuel Burkitt, founder of the Kehukee

Baptist Association, has his grave marked by a state marker on N.C. 308 near the Bertie line and Col. George V. Holloman, a pioneer in developing automatic devices for airplane control, is remembered in a marker on U.S. 258 in Rich Square.

Two markers briefing the significance of the Roanoke are located on U.S. 258 and on U.S. 301 where the roadways cross the historic river.

Boone's Mill near Jackson is also the subject of a historic marker. It was the site of a famed Civil War battle. Henry K. Burgwyn, "boy colonel" of the 26th State Regiment, killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, is remembered in a special marker on US 158 west of Jackson.

A great deal of history is kept alive by the state highway markers which bridge the time span between then and now.

Creecy Coach John Beverly is the happiest coach this side the river following his team's 34-0 victory Friday night in Rich Square over Eastman of Halifax.

The victory was perfectly timed. It was homecoming and the Creecy Panthers had not won a game in the six season tries. Beverly has his fingers crossed for this week's contest against cross-county rival Gaston.

The hot rods and the music of the 50's are back as well as some of the era's fashion trends. Accompanying this revival of the fizzled-out 50's is the appearance of so-called unidentified flying objects, UFO's, so common in the 50's.

Northampton County is right in there with its share of sky-watchers reporting strange things under the cover of darkness.

Agatha Ellen of Jackson, daughter of County Manager Tim Ellen, reports seeing UFO's on numerous occasions. She says she has at least four or five friends who can vouch for her unusual sightings.

Agatha has seen odd combinations of light patterns in the sky which she proclaims cannot be aircraft lights as we know them.

"Something or somebody is trying to communicate with us," Agatha predicts. "I think we should do something about trying to communicate with these things and find out why they're coming down here."