

# Election Results

## County Voters Turn Thumbs Down On Liquor-By-The-Drink, Lend Support To School Bonds, Clean Water Amendment

JACKSON — Only 37 per cent of Northampton's registered voters went to the polls Tuesday to vote down the controversial liquor-by-the-drink issue and to lend the county's support in school and clean water bond issues.

A total of 4,192 of the total registered 11,433 turned out for the general election on the three referenda.

Voting in Northampton followed the state pattern with the liquor issue being defeated statewide, carrying only two counties, Wake and Mecklenburg. The \$300 million school bond issue and the clean water bond amendment carried overwhelmingly in the state.

Northampton voted down the liquor-by-the-drink option by nearly a four to one margin. The vote was 816 for and 3,376 against. The issue was defeated decisively in all 17 of the county's precincts.

The exact opposite was true of the clean water bond amendment that was carried by a similar

margin with 3,323 voting for and only 774 casting ballots against. The issue carried in all precincts.

Defeat of the liquor issue means North Carolina will remain the only state east of the Mississippi without liquor-by-the-drink.

Passage of the bond amendment assures the release of \$30 million in 1971 Clean Water Bond Act funds that had been impounded due to a technicality in the law that was cleared up in the election Tuesday.

The record high \$300 million school bond issue, an issue that drew a lot of support from school officials in the county, passed here by a margin of 2,447 to 1,221.

As a result, the county will realize \$1,566,197.55 as its share of the school bonds. The money can be used only on state approved projects for expansion, new construction or improvement of existing buildings.

Two precincts in the county fail to carry the bond issue. They are Seaboard, which voted down

the bonds 227 to 213, and Lasker, which said no to the public school bonds to the tune of 92 to 36. A private school is located at Lasker.

There were no upsets in municipal elections and eight of the county's nine mayors were returned to office.

### Rich Square

Rich Square voters voted in a new mayor, turned down a former mayor seeking a commissioner's seat, supported another former mayor for the town board, elected its current acting mayor as a commissioner and picked three new faces in town government.

Present town Commissioner Jimmy Outland polled 277 votes for mayor. He was unopposed.

Acting Mayor Joe Gordon, the town's first black mayor, polled the highest number of votes for town commissioner at 283. He was followed by Doug Draffin with 268, Claudie Lassiter with 235, Dr. Julian Hall Edwards with 214 and former mayor Grace Lambertson with 170.

Miss Lambertson was trailed by former Mayor Charles Myers, who polled 156 votes.

Others receiving votes in the balloting were Catherine Bolton with 142, John Bowen with 123, Joe Majette with 79 and David Wallace with 33.

The new board members will take office the first Thursday in December.

Rich Square has 521 registered voters.

### Gaston

Mayor Firman Myrick and the three incumbents seeking reelection on the five-man town board here were returned to office in Tuesday's election.

Two newcomers were elected to the board. Ronnie Owens polled 133 votes and David Allen got 121 votes to beat challenger Annette Claiborne, who polled 59.

Incumbent Danny Copeland got 148 votes, Commissioner M. C. Dunlow received 139 and Commissioner Cirven Burnette received 136 votes.

Mayor Myrick was given a 116 vote of confidence. He was unopposed in the balloting.

Gaston's election turn out was smaller than expected. Only 150 of the town's 431 voters cast ballots.

### Jackson

Incumbent Mayor Charlie Bass was reelected to that post in balloting.

Bass polled 113 votes. Tilghman Cooley, a former mayor and write-in candidate, got 64 votes. Hoyt Giles, who was on the ballot, polled 27 votes.

Commissioners Jimmy Wood Boone and J. S. Coker were returned to office with respective votes of 154 and 140. A female, Jeri Gay Boone, secretary in a Jackson law firm, will be a new face on the town board. She tallied 154 votes.

J. D. Carver, the only other announced candidate, got 138 votes.

Write-ins for mayor included 10 for the Rev. Joe McLean, two for Ted Kennedy and one for George Davis.

Cooley had two write-ins for commissioner and Marvin Flythe, who chose not to seek reelection, received six write-ins.

A total of 217 of the town's 310 votes went to the polls.

### LASKER

Two new members were elected to the three-man Lasker Board of Commissioners.

J. V. Wade polled 35 votes and Milton C. Odom got 34. Incumbent Robert Collier tallied 30 votes. Challenger Edward Lane got 17.

Incumbent Mayor Harry Johnson has no opposition. He received 37 votes of confidence.

There are 71 registered voters in the county's smallest municipality.

### WOODLAND

An incumbent mayor, two newcomers and two incumbent commissioners were elected in Woodland.

Dr. John Stanley was unopposed and will continue to serve as the town's mayor. He polled 163 votes.

Incumbents W. C. Reese and John Outland polled 121 and 119 votes respectively.

Newcomers Rev. Kimsey King and John G. Hunsinger got 104 and 94 respective votes.

Others in the running for the four-man board were Mrs. James E. Lee 87, Aubrey R. Smith 12, E. E. Bowen 53, and Thomas E. Whitley 67.

### SEVERN

All incumbents were guaranteed additional terms in Tuesday's election for Severn town officials.

Mayor R. B. Johnson, who was not a declared candidate, took the mayor's seat with 67 write-in votes. Marshall Lassiter, a commissioner, got eight write-ins for mayor, and Richard Railey, another commissioner, received four write-ins.

Two write-ins each were recorded for Stuart Martin, town clerk, and Dudley Barnes. Others getting single votes were Commissioner Richard McGee, George Robert Francis, Commissioner Ralph Britt and Wallace Stephenson.

Ralph Britt, Richard Railey, Hugo Umstead, Richard McGee and Marshall Lassiter, all incumbents, were returned to office. Britt polled 84 votes, Railey 83, Umstead 83, and McGee and Lassiter, 81 each.

### GARYSBURG

Sixty-eight of the town's 103 registered voters cast ballots in the municipal election here, the first town election in the history of Garysburg.

Mayor W. E. Conwell, who has been serving as the town's chief executive, was returned to office, polling 53 votes against only 15 votes for his nephew, William L. Thompson.

A slate of five commissioners candidates faced no opposition and were shoo-ins. They are Arthur Lee Best Sr., W. W. Hughes, Stanley Davis Jr., Wendell Perry and T. G. (Sonny Boy) Joyner.

Three of the new commissioners are black. Receiving the highest number of votes was Joyner with 64. Perry got 58, Davis and Hughes 57 and Best 48.

Arthur Suiter received six write-ins for commissioner. Melvin Lowe had three write-ins for a seat on the board and Leroy Howell had two. Single write-in votes went to C. L. Joyner, J. C.

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### School Board Learns Monday

## School Not Connected To Municipal Sewer System

JACKSON — Conway School is paying for sewage service it is not receiving, the Northampton Board of Education learned Monday.

New board member Lynmore Gay of Conway reported that the school, though in the municipal limits is not hooked up to the town's sewer system. It is receiving water service from the town.

Gay noted that even though the school is not using the service, it is being charged monthly at the rate of one-half the water bill.

Supt. Roy Lowry said he was unaware the school was not tapped on to the public sewer system. The school's sewage is treated in a private septic tank.

A check with town officials revealed that the sewer line was placed to school property but the school has never extended its lines to meet the town's line.

The matter was tabled by the board.

In other action, the board: —Heard a complaint about roaches and mice at Woodland-Olney School.

Jim Clark, president of the Woodland PTA, appeared as spokesman for the group and requested that the board take steps to exterminate the insects and rodents.

Clark said that as many as two dust pans full of dead roaches have been swept up in a single classroom in a day.

Lowry noted that the school

has a contract with a Durham exterminator to service all the school lunchrooms, where the problem is believed to have originated.

Lowry reported that repeatedly the lunchroom supervisor at Woodland has refused to allow the exterminator to work the Woodland facility.

He explained that the service is to be paid out of lunchroom profits. Lowry said he had offered payment by the board, but the exterminator

has still been refused.

The board instructed Lowry to have the buildings properly exterminated to rid the school of the problem.

—Approved payment of a \$16 per month supplement to professional personnel payable Dec. 19 and at the end of the school year.

The supplement is the same as last year's.

—Approved routine employment of 31 custodians and maids, 60 managers and lunchroom personnel, 93 bus

drivers and 53 aides.

—Okayed the employment of Gloria Ann Ward at Garysburg School, Ivan Nelson Wakefield at W. S. Creecy and Pamela Beth Nelson at Rich Square School.

—Authorized Lowry to purchase a gasoline storage tank due to the gas shortage.

Lowry said the system uses 6,500 gallons per month for school buses and maintenance.

—Heard a report that all oil tanks at all schools are filled.

Ten of the members, who are to represent both sexes as well as varying ethnic backgrounds and the youth, will be appointed from the five commissioner districts in the county. One member, the chairperson, will be selected at large and named by the commissioners.

Commissioners are to make recommendations at the Nov. 19 meeting.

The board, though not a budget making body, will serve in an advisory capacity in formulating a recreational program for the county.

Northampton has never attempted a countywide rural recreational program.

Financing for the program will not be handled by the advisory board. The \$50,000 in revenue sharing monies that has been reserved for recreational purposes will be expended by the commissioners on recommendation of the recreation board.

In other matters, the board: —Approved final payment of \$2,719 to the architectural firm that completed the renovation of the building that houses the Social Services Department.

—Instructed the county attorney, Felton Turner, to proceed with the sale of the R. B. Griffin estate in Woodland.

The board also discussed an offer for purchase of the William Langford property at Pleasant Hill which has a \$6,100 welfare lien against it. The county has been offered \$500 for the 150-foot by 150-foot

tract, but commissioners feel the property should be offered to the general public rather than to a private individual.

—Authorized expenditure of \$6,670 on the old county home renovation project.

—Voted to purchase a storage shed to be erected at the jail. The shed will house maintenance equipment and supplies.

—Instructed County Manager Tim Ellen to consult an architect to determine what type sign the county

could erect at the courthouse to properly identify the building.

Commissioner John Henry Liverman also requested that the cornerstone of the courthouse, which is weatherworn and illegible, be reworked.

Ellen was instructed to inquire about the cornerstone work as well.

—Voted to place the position of humane officer or rabies control officer under the control of the Health

Department.

The board discussed the matter with Health Administrator John Ahearn who stated that the department is swamped with sanitation work and can use a parttime rabies officer-sanitary aide.

Ahearn said he will begin interviewing for the job opening.

In the past the dog warden has been under the direct supervision of the commissioners.

## Plans Sewer Extension

CONWAY — The town of Conway is preparing an extension of sewer lines to a street in a new subdivision.

Easement maps of the property involved in the extension were reviewed this week by Conway commissioners.

The town needs to acquire one-half acre before bids can be let, according to town attorney Bruce Johnson.

The extension will tie in an outfall line to Thomas Street.

In other business, the board: —Approved monthly vouchers and statements.

—Heard a report from Town Clerk Sadie Bridgers that the town has \$81,167 total in the general fund and water

and sewer budgets.

A total of \$14,078 remains in the street fund and \$28,313 in the revenue sharing trust fund.

—Authorized a write-off of \$2.10 on a tax bill.

According to Mrs. Bridgers, the write-off will make the town's tax collection per cent for the year 100 per cent.

Total taxes collected on the 1972 levy amount to more than \$50,000.

—Failed to act on a letter for Insurance Commissioner John Ingram that would allow town residents to purchase flood insurance.

—Read a letter from the Division of Highways which stated the highway department has no

responsibility for installation of storm drainage on U. S. 158 at Buck Taylor's property.

—Approved installation of electric service to the new well site on Pine Street and authorized the placement of a street light there.

## Resident Killed At Galatia

GALATIA — A Conway man was pronounced dead on arrival at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids following a one car accident here Sunday.

Earl Linwood Porter, 55, of Rt. 1, Conway, was fatally injured in an 11:45 a.m. accident on rural paved road 1341.

Trooper F. H. Hampton of Rich Square reported Porter was operating a 1966 Chevrolet truck traveling west on SR 1341 at excessive speed when his vehicle ran off the road on the right shoulder, struck a mail box, proceeded back onto the road to the left shoulder and struck an embankment. The impact of the collision crushed Porter inside the cab, Hampton said.

The Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad took Porter to Halifax Memorial where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The Porter vehicle was a total loss.

## Commissioners To Name Recreation Body

JACKSON — A recreation advisory board will be appointed later this month, the Northampton Board of Commissioners announced Monday at its regular meeting.

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## Garysburg Man Remains In Critical Condition

GARYSBURG — A Garysburg man remains in critical condition at Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids following a wreck Sunday afternoon on US 301 west of here.

Joseph Gatling, 77, was taken to the hospital along with two other, Victor Gatling, 12, and Lionel Lewis, 10, following the 4 p.m. mishap.

Charged in the accident for driving under the influence and a safe movement violation is Cleveland Lockhart Jr., 48, of Jackson.

Trooper F. M. Hampton reported the accident occurred at 4:05 p.m. on U.S. Highway 301 near Garysburg. Joseph Gatling, operating a late model Ford truck, had stopped on the shoulder of the road waiting for traffic to clear. He then entered the highway and attempted later to turn into a private driveway.

Lockhart, traveling west on 301, attempted to pass by veering to the left but struck the Gatling vehicle in the driver's side door.

The impact of the collision sent the Gatling vehicle into a yard and the Lockhart vehicle

also skidded off the road and into the yard.

Trooper Hampton stated charges against Gatling are

pending his discharge from the hospital.

Damage was listed at \$2,000 for the 1973 Ford truck and \$400 for the Gatling vehicle.

## 30 Years

JACKSON — A Norfolk man was handed 30 years in prison for robbing rural Conway store. Superior Court Judge Robert D. Rouse Jr. handed down the sentence late last week.

Cornell Sidney Wilkins was convicted in a three-day jury trial for the Aug. 15 robbery of W. F. Davis Store at Rt. 1, Conway.

Defense attorneys for Wilkins filed notice of appeal. Their motion for mistrial was denied.

Bond was set at \$50,000.

Rouse handed down the 30 year active sentence on the charge of armed robbery in which Wilkins was alleged to have taken \$918 from the W. F. Davis store near Conway. The judge gave Wilkins a five year active prison sentence to run concurrently on the charge of

assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Mrs. W. F. Davis testified on the stand identifying Wilkins as the man who had hit her on the head and right forearm with a bottle.

An Ahoskie physician who attended Mrs. Davis when she was taken to Roanoke-Chowan Memorial Hospital testified that in his opinion her condition was serious when he examined her.

Wilkins took the stand in his behalf and testified that he had been to Charleston, S. C. to see relatives and was on his way back to Norfolk. He had stopped in Mrs. Davis' store to buy an orange soda; he stated and then later had felt a call of nature and had stopped his car to go into the woods to

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### Will Affect Over \$4,000 Here

## Increased Allotments In Store For Stamp Recipients

JACKSON — A total of 4,163 persons in 1,159 households will be affected directly by an announced change in the food stamp program that will be enacted Jan. 1.

Low-income people on the food stamp program will be given increases in their allotments beginning Jan. 1, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

The hikes will be made in

accordance with the amendments of the Food Stamp Act in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973. The amendments required that coupon allotments be adjusted semiannually to reflect changes in prices of food as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

At the same time, USDA officials said, most families on the food stamp program will be allowed to earn larger incomes and still qualify for

the food stamp program. They gave as an example the increase in the monthly coupon allotment of a family of four from \$116 to \$142. The amount the household must pay for its stamps varies with its net income.

With the increase in the allotment, the same family would be allowed to earn up to \$473 per month and still qualify for the food stamp program — up to \$86 from the current \$387 maximum.