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## Support Is Growing For 'Blue Baby's' Chance To Become Normal Adult

### WAR VETS MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR INSURANCE REFUNDS

The filling out of applications for premium refunds on the easiest life insurance policies ever sold is taking the attention of a lot of people this week. The insurance is that bought by the veterans of World War II from salesmen they couldn't walk away from in service, and under the pressure of the feeling that they had a good chance of collecting despite themselves.

In Kinston, the American Legion Post will have a staff on hand from 7 to 9 p. m. each night through Friday at its Hut to help the vets get back the money paid in. The Veterans of Foreign Wars here is also supplying the same service at its hall on West Gordon Street from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. At both locations the application forms will be available, according to announcements from Legion Commander W. J. Heard and VFW Commander Glenn Hayes.

In Trenton Darris Koonce, Jones County Veterans Service Officer, will be on hand at the court house during the day to render the same service to the World War II veterans of the county.

### Seal Sale Plans

A visitor in Trenton this past week was Miss Sarah Peatross, field secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. She conferred with Miss Myrtle Brock, president of the Jones County unit, and Mrs. W. H. Parker, newly-appointed Christmas Seal Sale chairman, to make

Contributions are rolling in to give Jones County's "blue baby" a chance at a normal life. Mrs. Lurley Hines of the Production Credit Association in the Trenton Courthouse says she has received \$299.15 of the \$700 needed to finance the operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. That operation will correct the defective heart of five-year-old Florence Marie Canady and enable her to reach adulthood.

Without the operation she has no chance. The little girl is now in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern under special care to build up her strength. She is a favorite patient of the physicians and nurses there, and they are making up a special fund to be applied to the cost of the operation at Johns Hopkins by Dr. Alfred Blalock, world-famous surgeon. Little Florence Marie, although "listless", is reported holding her own under the care of Dr. A. F. Hammond, Jr., at the New Bern hospital.

In addition to the contributors to the chance for life for the stricken youngster previously reported there are these: Miss Anna Louise Robertson, Foy's Sunday School, Mrs. James C. Gray, Henry Canady, Mrs. Edith Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Meadows, Maxine Sandlin, Friendship Church, Jennie Lipman, E. L. Morton, R. E. Wilson, donations through E. I. Ellington, W. D. Ballard, G. R. Ballard, R. W. Ballard, G. L. Eubanks, C. R. Oliver, L. R. Simmons, Miss Eleanor Phillips, Mrs. D. T. McDaniel, P. L. Foy, Foy's Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Conway.

plans for the traditional drive to raise funds to fight tuberculosis.



## Jones County's First Brick Home Still In Foscue Family After 200 Years; Hope To Soon Restore It

### Money Makes Trouble

There has been little trouble that required the attention of the law in Jones County during the past week, and what there was could be traced to money, Sheriff Jeter Taylor says. The few persons to run afoul the law were those on charges of simple drunkenness and disorderly conduct, hatched out by the sudden flood of money turned loose by the beginning of the sale of the year's tobacco crop.

The first brick structure in this section, shown in the accompanying photograph on this page, was built by the Foscue family in 1804. It is still owned by the family, Mrs. J. E. Foscue of Jamestown, and is occupied by one of the tenants of her farm. The bricks for the plantation home were brought from England, and the last leg of their journey was up Trent River to the building site just north of Pollocksville on Highway 17.

The imported bricks in the 18-inch solid exterior walls and in the interior partition walls, according to an old bill of sale found in the family's papers, cost the builders \$1,500.

The nails, screws and the unusually large doorlocks, typical of the period, as well as other door and window hardware, were made in England.

The mantels, cornices, wainscoting, other panelling and staircases were made by hand and hand-carved, and most are of walnut wood. The mantel has hand-carved sunburst medallions; fluted, tapered pilasters; serpentine shelf, hand-carved Ogee moldings, dental mold and other typical period decorations.

The old house has four floors, including the basement. The basement has the same floor plan as the other part of the house and was used until about 1920. During the Civil War the house was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers.

During the Civil War when this section was being overrun by the Yankees, the Foscue family together with three slaves moved for safety to Thomasville, N. C. The family at that time consisted of John and Carolyn Foscue, one son, Henry, who was in the Confederate Army, and two daughters.

After the war, the Foscues moved back to their old plantation, and John and Carolyn hired private teachers for their children in a private school on the fourth floor of their home. Several students outside the family attended the school, among whom was the late Claude Foy of New Bern.

Long before the brick house was built, the Foscue family oc-

cupied a frame house located east of where the brick house was built. The earlier generations of Foscues were buried in a vault located back of the original house, and this field is still known to the family as the "Vault-Field". During the war the bodies were disinterred by Yankee soldiers who apparently were looking for treasure of some kind. The family then had the bodies moved to the private cemetery now located in the Southeast corner of the yard on highway No. 17.

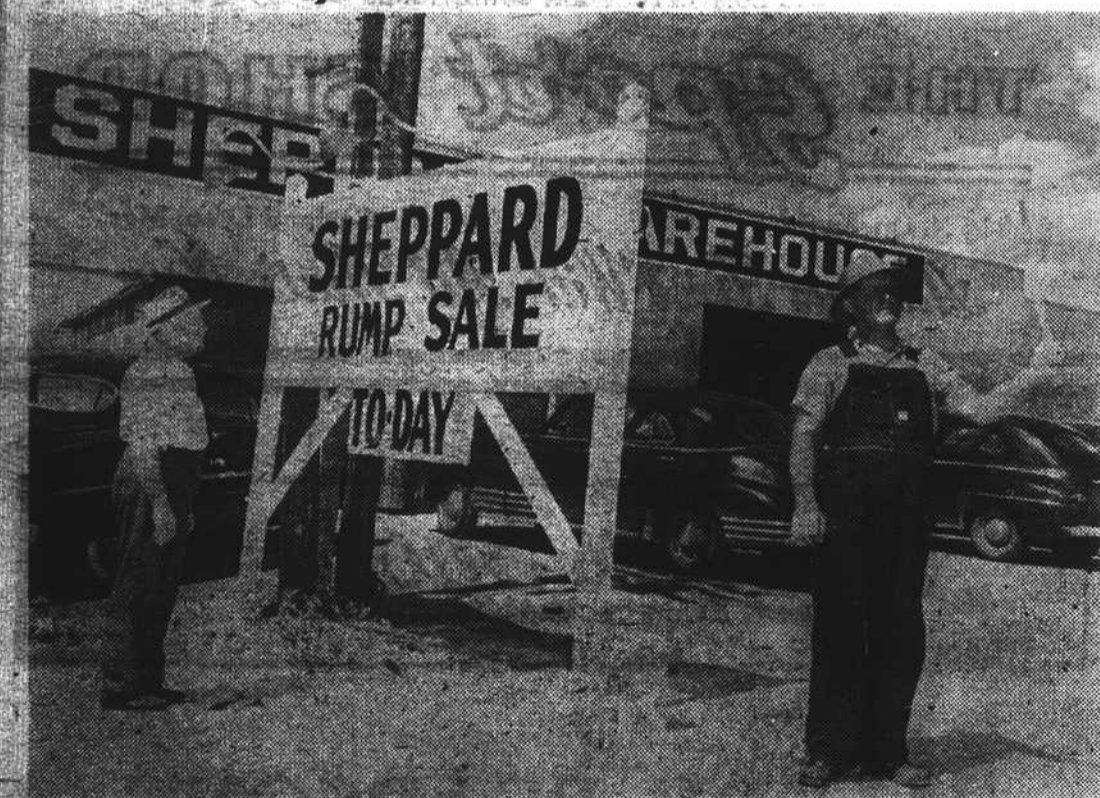
This handsome brick house is typical of the better architecture of its time and shows a definite Eighteenth Century English influence. When the house was finished, John and Carolyn Foscue naturally were very proud of it, for it was at that time the only brick house in Jones County. To celebrate the opening of the house, they invited many friends, and the large folding-doors were opened wide to give plenty of room for dancing and a good time. Refreshments were prepared in New Bern for the occasion and delivered to the plantation.

This old home has been the scene of gaiety and celebration in those days when the South was in her pre-Civil War glory. Later as the South came on evil days in the War and the reconstruction period, it, just as every other home in the South, was the scene of disappointment and disillusionment. While the old house and plantation is valued highly for sentimental reasons by the Foscue family, no member of the Foscue family actually has lived in this home since 1917. They hope, however, to restore the property to its original state of beauty sometime in the future.

The land on which the house is built has been in the Foscue family for more than two hundred years, and this old plantation is in fact the fountainhead of the various branches of the Foscue family in America.

The famous Kitty Hawk Beach in Dare county will be the site of a five-acre pasture demonstration beginning this fall.

### 'RUMP' SALES ADVERTISED



Sales Supervisor R. S. "Dutch" Witherington is seen here admiring evidence that Kinston warehousemen are not trying to fool tobacco growers into selling tobacco on any sale they feel detrimental to their best interest. Further proof was offered on Monday's sale in the 14 Kinston warehouses where the so-called rump set of buyers paid an average of \$44.38 per hundred for 300,000 pounds of tobacco while the other four sets of buyers were buying up 1,683,188 pounds for an average of \$43.55 per hundred. In short, the new fifth set of buyers—call them rump, hump or bump buyers—paid an average of 53 cents per hundred more than the other four sets of buyers. This adds up to the fact that the growers who sold

in the three houses served by the new set of buyers netted \$2,993.21 more than their fellow growers did on the same number of pounds in the other houses. Flaggging tobacco into the floor of Sheppard new number 2 warehouse is R. W. Gray. No turned tags were found following Monday's sale by Kinston's "rump" set of buyers. Supervisor Witherington points out that no one is being forced to sell his tobacco on this sale and the strongest evidence that it is paying as good prices as any other set of buyers is the fact that the farmers have not slowed down in placing their tobacco on this sale. (Whitaker-Laffew Photo)