

## Gilbert Gets 10-Acre Leaf Crop Cut 1950 For 1949 Violations

A registered letter in the mail on Wednesday gave one Jones County tobacco grower a 10-acre allotment out from his 24.4 acre quota because of admitted and purposeful overplanting in the 1949 season. The action taken against Paul D. Gilbert of Chincuspia Township was the final decision made by the Production and Marketing Administration county committee following a six-hour inquiry meeting here last week.

The original overplanting by Gilbert was set at 35.3 acres after some difficulty by the committee in obtaining a correct measurement. According to tape-recorded testimony at the hearing Gilbert admitted the offer of a \$800 bribe to County PMA Chairman Milton Gilbert, Secretary Nelson Barker and Community Committeeman Wallace Banks as a "joke" when the measurement was finally made. He also admitted misrepresentation of the facts of his crop at that time.

An adjustment of 5.8 acres was allowed to Gilbert later for tobacco supposedly cut down, although it was the information of the committee that all leaves had been harvested from it except "under leaves". But based on the adjusted acreage of 35.3 the quota violator could not plant the tobacco of the crop of the year set by a 1,020

...pounds community average. However, a field check by the committee early in the season set the probable production of 15 fields of tobacco on his two farms at 1,150 pounds per acre. The committee—Chairman Gilbert, John M. Hargett and Jeff J. Conway—adjusted that figure arbitrarily to the community average of adjacent farms in setting the penalty. With the 10-acre quota cut for the coming year also went a cash penalty of \$491.64.

The sore problem facing the Jones County PMA Committee is one that had repercussions in the election of community committeemen and delegates to the county convention for the election of the county committee in the fall. Gilbert is reported to have engaged in considerable political activity in an attempt to elect delegates favorable to him.

## PMA HEARINGS

Nineteen more persons were called before the Lenoir County Production and Marketing Association Committee Monday because of rule infractions during the past tobacco growing and selling season. The majority of the offenders were persons who had failed to turn in their marketing cards. Three of the group were fined for selling tobacco on other persons' cards. Largest among these was Woodrow Turnage of Vance Township, who sold some over 2,000 pounds of tobacco on another's card. He had to pay the penalty on every pound that he sold.

## JONES SCHOOL BOARD OPTIMISTIC NOW IN SEARCH FOR SITE

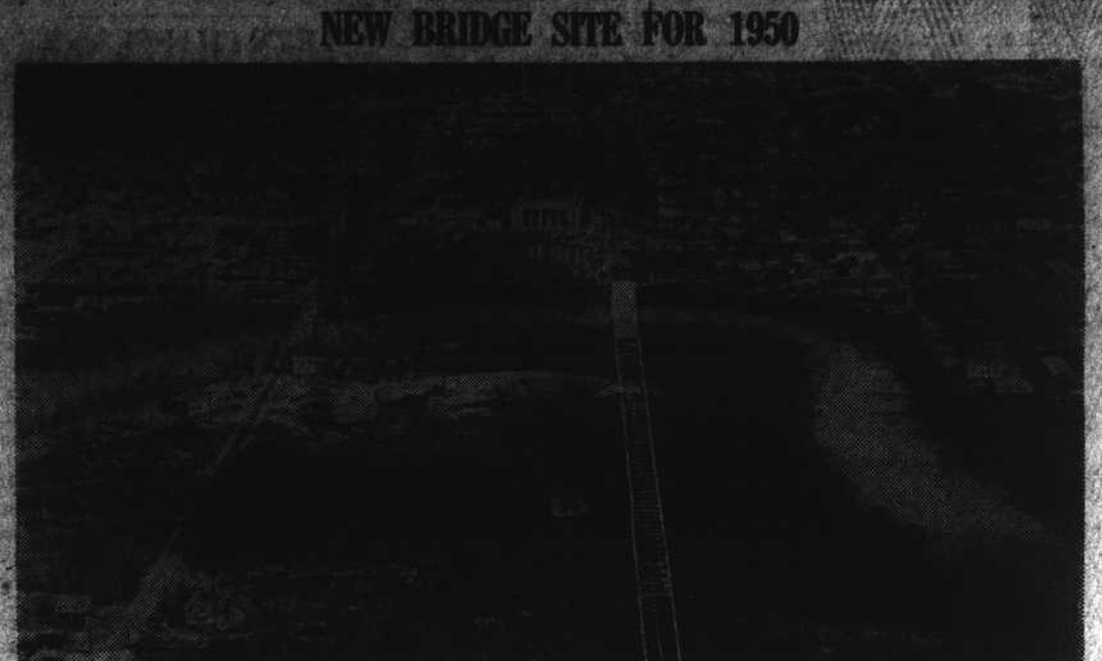
The seven members of the Jones County board of education spent most of the day of their regular February meeting traveling in search of a site for their new proposed consolidated high school. They looked at four sites under the leadership of Chairman E. M. Philyow and School Superintendent W. G. Moore.

The board has had to start the search for a site for the new high school building. The board expressed optimism following the travel this week, however, and the general opinion was that a site would be obtained at a reasonable cost considering location and condition for immediate building.

But in the convention four of the seven delegates formed a solid front for the incumbent committee.

The action taken by the county committee passes the problem up to the PMA state level, and it was taken with the knowledge and advice of state officials. Present at the inquiry was John Bryan of Greenville, field officer of the state office, and L. H. Bowling, state tobacco warehouse auditor. Bryan was in telephone consultation with the Raleigh headquarters during the hearing.

## RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION



### NEW BRIDGE SITE FOR 1950

Kinston will have a new entry sometime during 1950—a new bridge at the foot of West King Street to replace the worn structure at West Caswell Street. The location of the new bridge which will join Kinston to Happersville anew is indicated in the above aerial photograph. Bids for the new bridge are now scheduled to be let in April, and the cost of the construction is various-

ly estimated up to \$100,000. Funds outside of the state's road bond issue money are reported to be available for the work. However, there are not funds available now to bring the approach to the new bridge straight across the Happersville dumps. An auxiliary road may have to be built to connect with the existing road on the riverbank. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

## SHERIFF TAYLOR IS FIRST CANDIDATE FOR 1950 PRIMARY

The political waters began to simmer slowly in Jones County this week with the announcement of the first candidacy for the 1950 Democratic Primary on May 27. That candidate is Sheriff Jeter Taylor, who seeks to exceed himself.

Sheriff Taylor has held the of-

## Spontaneous Move After Official Refusal Brings Extension Salary Boost

An official "No" with deep regret was given Monday to a group of Jones County citizens by its board of commissioners in reply to the request for a general raise for the Extension Service officials. But a ball was started rolling at the February

month more to the farm agent and home agent and \$10 each to the assistant agent and secretary.

The question brought a thorough review of the County's financial condition, and no surplus could be found in the balanced

## County Farm Bureau President

R. P. Bender of Pollockville, which promised solution to the problem for the last of this fiscal year.

Following the hearing of Jones citizens, District Farm Agent C. S. Mintz and District Home Agent Verona J. Langford the board was faced with a red ink solution in order to comply. Chairman Mallard said he would give two days' pay as a county commissioner—ten dollars—to satisfy the justified request. His fellow commissioners, Cephus Foscue, P. D. Westbrook, John Creagh, Jr., and Eugene Hood, voiced the same sentiment.

Within minutes subscriptions from Bender, State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., County Attorney George Hughes, Claude P. Banks, Rom W. Mallard and County Auditor Earl E. Francks had boosted the total to \$150 of the needed \$600. Farm Bureau President Bender offered the service of his organization in the handling of the supplementary salary fund for County Agent A. V. Thomas, Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin, Assistant Farm Agent George Wiggins and Secretary Hilda Flowers Pollock.

The salary increases, which seemed assured by the spontaneous response of Jones County citizens, will mean \$40 per

as "not rich" with salaries for its county officials ranging up to only \$2,400 per year. It was also pointed out in the hearing that state funds amounted to \$9,224 in the support of the county's Extension Service, while the county's share was only \$2,750.

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## COPTON DEADLINE

Jones County Production and Marketing Association Secretary Nelson Barker has announced that February 15 is the deadline for filing application for new cotton quotas under the new acreage allotments that have been set up. Farmers who were not given a cotton quota under recently issued acreage allocations must file an application with Barker before the 15th. His office in the Agriculture Building is open every day except Saturday.

## CONTOUR PROJECT BEGINS IN LENOIR



The contour project in Lenoir County is well on its way as the work of his fertilizer into the soil. The plowman setting the marking line is Robert Joyner. Five acres of land in the project will be planted in corn in the 1950 season, and the project will be expanded to 100 acres in the 1951 season, says Landlord Taylor says. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

## LENOIR MAY GET SWINE STATION

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners quickly authorized a survey of Dobbs Farm property Monday when County Representative Marion Parrott informed them of the excellent chance the county has of getting a swine station there. The survey is necessary so the State Highway and Public Works Department can transfer unused farm land at the farm to the Agriculture Department. Parrott says he has been given assurance by officials of both departments in Raleigh that the swine station would be set up if the transfer was made. Parrott pointed out that there are no state funds to draw on for the survey and it was necessary that local sources be tapped. The commissioners quickly answered this problem. This was the principle action of the board during the day. Seven applications for road improvement were approved and a number of other minor matters were acted upon. Among these was a go-ahead signal to election board chairman W. A. Allen, Jr., with plans for transferring registration on all county books. Either a completely new registration or a revised transferal are mandatory under the law and Allen was told to go ahead with the task in the way he thought best for all concerned.