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New Registration For Jones County Ordered By Election Officials

Jones County will have a new registration of its voters for the spring primaries, with the books to be opened for listings April 15, it has been announced by Chairman John D. Jenkins of Pollockville of the County Board of Elections.

The decision was made by the board following the swearing in of the three members, William N. Lowery of Chaucer, H. M. Mallard of Trenton and Jenkins, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court Murray Whitaker Saturday. In the meeting following Jenkins was elected chairman and Mallard secretary. The board, under the law enacted by the 1949 Legislature, had the choice of transferring the names of all voters from the old books to new ones or the new registration.

Chairman Jenkins said the registrants and places of registration will be announced in the near future, and in accordance with prescribed procedure the registration places will be open for five Saturdays preceding the May 27 voting, with May 20 as challenge day.

The election board chairman reported that no candidates have yet filed for contest in the May 27 Democratic Primary. However, Sheriff Jeter Taylor has already announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

No others of the incumbent officials of the county have yet formally stated that they will be candidates, but it is expected that most will file by the April 15 deadline. It has been reported, however, that L. R. Lowery of Piney Grove has announced his candidacy for the county board of commissioners.

The May Race is an unusual one in Jones County. It is the first time all of the members of the board of commissioners and the board of education have been in the same race. Heretofore the terms of the officials have been staggered. Also, only five of the seven members of the board of education can be re-elected in the primary because of the amendment of the constitution of the board by changes put through the 1949 Legislature.

TWO ARRESTS HOLD LIMELIGHT DURING LAST WEEK IN JONES

Most of the trouble with the law in Jones County last week came from bad check activity of a few citizens, Sheriff Jeter Taylor has reported, with the major offender being Farnell Willis. Willis is alleged to have forged a check in the amount of \$15 on Fred Bryant.

The check was passed at a New Bern loan company and Willis has been charged with the crime. He has been required to post bond of \$500 for appearance in the April 3 term of Jones County Superior Court.

The other major charge of the week was that of drunken driving and knife assault brought against Clifton Lee Jones of Snow Hill Route 1. Jones was arrested in Trenton by Constable Roy Mallard following an altercation at Elmer Boyette's filling station near Friendship Church. Jones was required to post bond of \$350 for Superior Court appearance.

ONE HUNDRED CASES ON DOCKET FOR 4TH APRIL COURT TERM

The docket of Jones County Superior Court on April 3 when it is convened by Judge Walter Bone of Nashville will have an even 100 criminal cases for trial, Clerk of Court Murray Whitaker has announced. The docket is led by one charge of murder, against Eula Jackson, 41-year-old Negro for the logging camp shooting of Willie Bragg, 29, at Pollockville on March 6.

The largest number of cases for trial in a single classification are those for various degrees of assault, with drunken driving and traffic violations in second place with 15 cases each. Liquor law violations will have 13 persons before the court, and those for non-support and other domestic charges total 12.

There is one manslaughter charge stemming from a highway accident death, and one charge of attempted rape was carried over from the term of court passed up in December. The cases charging larceny against as many defendants will be brought before the court.

The docket of the April term of court is unusually heavy for Jones County because of the term of court not held because of the illness of a judge, Whitaker said. However, 49 of the cases to be docketed first require grand jury action. A number of civil actions for divorce are also expected to be presented for the court's attention.

HEAT CONTROL IN TOBACCO CURING



Inventor Sam E. Dixon of Pollockville is shown here demonstrating the swing of the eight flue arms of his circulator for the control of heat in tobacco curing barns to Assistant County Agent George Wiggins in Jones County. Dixon said the device in barn tests in 1949 proved an oil saving of 35 to 40 per cent in 24 to 30 hours less curing time per barn. And there was no red tobacco caused by the usual failure of heat to reach some corners of the barns. Several hundred persons have attended demonstrations of the circulator in the past week. Only 11 of the circulators have been constructed to date. (Whitaker-Lefew Photo)

S. E. Dixon's Invention May Solve Distribution of Heat in Tobacco Barns

The tobacco belt problem of heat distribution in curing barns has been attacked by an eight-armed circulator devised by Sam E. Dixon of Pollockville, on which he says he has patents pending at the Federal Patent Office. The largest size circulator has had demonstrations before several hundred persons in Jones County this week.

The cabinet which can be set over any pot-type oil burner and connected into the existing flue system measures 72 by 26 by 30 inches, and from it lead out eight movable pipes which can direct the heat into any part of the barn. The inventor says the actual use of the device last season in six barns proved that the cool corners of a curing barn could be "killed" to prevent red tobacco coming from the barn, and that a cool wind on one side of the barn could be offset.

Dixon said also that the saving of curing time and oil was also surprising in the 1949 tests. He reported barns cured out 24 to 30 hours quicker with the circulator, and an oil saving in burners of 35 to 40 per cent. In some cases he said the number of burners could be cut down with the use of the circulator. He believes that the oil saving in 75 per cent of the curing barns in the section would be from 25 to 30 per cent.

There were more than 250 persons attending a demonstration of the circulator on the farm of H. A. Parker near Trenton last week, among them a well-known manufacturer of oil burners for curing purposes. Only eleven of the units have been constructed to date at a New Bern tin shop, but Dixon said he hopes enough can be put into use in the coming curing season to make the unit generally known through the tobacco belt.

With the circulator Dixon has originated a saddle-type humidifier to fit around the curing flues with a controlled flow of water from a metered barrel outside the barn. He said the complete unit will sell for \$100, and the circulator alone, large size, for \$75.

PLANS BEING MADE FOR 4-H CAMPS IN THE EARLY SUMMER

Plans are being made for summer camps of Jones County 4-H Clubs, and one major change in the schedule has already been made, it has been announced by Assistant County Agent George Wiggins. The junior group of some 50 to 60 campers this year, as in 1947, will go to Flanner's Beach on lower Neuse River instead of White Lake as in 1949.

Change in the juniors' plans was made because of the advance in cost of the White Lake resort, Wiggins said. Their camping date has been set for May 29.

No date, however, has been set for the camping trip of the senior 4-H group to Manteo in the summer. Wiggins said those from that group who wish to make reservations for the summer camp near the site of the Lost Colony pageant should make their intention known immediately to their clubs. In 1949 some 20 senior 4-H Club members attended the Manteo camp.

MINSTREL FRIDAY AT POLLOCKSVILLE

A local-talent minstrel will be presented in the auditorium of Alex H. White High School in Pollockville at 8 Friday. The public has been urged to attend what is described as one of the most hilarious events of the year.

There will be a nominal admission charge for benefit of the Pollockville Community Building Fund. Enjoy yourself and help a worthy cause along at the same time by attending the show Friday night.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Blue Barton and his famous orchestra will be the featured attraction and providers of rhythm for the annual POLICEMAN'S BALL which is to be held April 12 in the Old Knott Warehouse. Last year's ball when Glen Gray's Casa Loma band came to town was one of the biggest events of the year. Barton and his band are famed for playing music of "yesterday and today". Tickets will go on sale Saturday, April First, and the salesmen are the entire police force.

LUKE COLLINS IS HURT IN ACCIDENT

Luke Collins, 69-year-old resident of the Hopewell community, was seriously injured last Monday afternoon when he was accidentally struck by a car driven by Mrs. James Barbee.

Collins is under treatment in a New Bern hospital where he is reported to be suffering from a broken leg and bruises and cuts about the head.

The nation's farm income during the first quarter of 1950 is estimated to be about 5 per cent under that for the corresponding period last year.

TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF SCHOOL SITE



The gesturing gentleman in the foreground is Jones County School Superintendent W. B. Moore calling directions to stake holders some distance away. Moore is helping Soil Conservationist Mack Griffin do a topographic survey of land recently acquired for a new consolidated high school in the county. The location is on the highway between Trenton and Pollockville near Oliver's Crossroad. Moore and Griffin reported that the land, which has been in cultivation, presents practically no drainage problem. All that is required before the start of construction is the change of the line of a single ditch. (Whitaker-Lefew Photo)