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When Albert Cowper, Lenoir County manager for Senator Frank Graham, started looking last week for a well known farmer to speak on Radio Station WFIC in behalf of his candidate he ran across Roland Davis, for six years member and three years chairman of the Lenoir PMA committee. Davis agreed to talk on the radio if Cowper would get someone to run his tractor while he was gone to town. Davis said, "I'm strongly in favor of Graham but the grass is after my corn and I have to keep the tractor going. Dr. Rachel Davis, sister of Roland, and also a strong Graham supporter, offered to knock off her practice for an hour and a half to take over her brother's tractor. In the picture above Roland is giving Rachel last minute instructions on "how not to plow my corn up" before he left for Kinston. Questioned about her tractor driving ability, Dr. Davis said she had to learn to drive a tractor before the family would let her drive a car. The Davises said, in a joint statement, that they were supporting Senator Graham because they knew that the charges being made against him were false and because they knew he stood for an intelligent farm program and was strongly opposed to socialized medicine. Taking care of any emergency calls while Dr. Davis was "out plowing" were four other Kinston doctors who are supporting Senator Graham: Doctors Glenn Tyndall, B. C. West, Fountain and Tom Parrott. (Photo by Jack Rider)

Plan For Negro Pool Is Ok'd by Board Subject to Recreation Group Check

In a special meeting of the Town Council Monday night City Manager Bill Heard presented proposed plans for the new Negro swimming pool and after some discussion the board unanimously approved the plans subject to their presentation to the City Recreation Commission. The plans call for a 100 by 80 foot pool and it will differ considerably from the type pool now used at Emma Webb playground.

The pool will have a "wading pool" in one corner and a deep "diving pool" in the opposite corner. The larger part of the pool will be shallow enough for bathing and swimming but not over the average child's head. The diving pool will have a maximum depth of 9 feet and will be graded gradually up on its long side to the bathing depth. On the deep side of the diving pool a protective rail will be constructed to keep non-swimmers out of the deeper water.

The board also approved the charging off of approximately \$8,000 in uncollectable personal property and poll taxes due from persons who were exempted during the war and from others who had here for brief periods and then moved away.

Heath Trial Begins

The trial in Florida of Lee Heath, former Lenoir Countian, who is charged with the murder of his wife in a tourist camp there some months ago, is scheduled to begin Thursday. Attorney Guy Elliott is going from Kinston to be among the defense counsel for the former Vance Township farmer. Heath attempted to commit suicide following the death of his wife and has only recently recovered sufficiently to stand trial. He will be tried for first degree murder.

Registration Much Larger In Jones For Coming Elections

Latest available figures in the new registration of Jones County voters just completed indicates that the vote on Saturday may even exceed the 1,324 ballots cast in the first gubernatorial primary in 1948. Board of Elections chairman John Jenkins has reported 2,563 voters registered by noon on the last registration day.

Further reports indicate that the Saturday afternoon registration on May 13 was heavy and may take that total above 3,000 eligible voters.

The largest number reported by Jenkins in a single precinct was Pollockville's 550, followed by Trenton's 462. The smallest precinct tally in the report was Piney Grove's 90.

Suggs Catering Service at Ball Park Now

Anything can happen at a baseball game and usually does. Kinston is not the most conservative town in the world when the national sport is under consideration and that is more than being borne out by current activities down on the third base line in the local grandstand.

That section of the stands ruled over by Tobacconist Sam Loftin and which includes such third base managers as Jack and Ernest Skinner, Howard Farley, Percy Bryan, Arthur Stroud and Alton Pittman has developed a catering service all to itself under the management of Suggs. Last Thursday night Caterer Suggs was a little late for the game and his "customers" were getting more and more restless until he finally arrived.

Sheepshead Note

Professional Sheepshead Fisherman Dr. Paul Whitaker and two students from Kinston have filed a recent report stating that these elusive barnacle munchers are now biting in big numbers in the Morehead City neighborhood. On a recent trip 39 sheepshead were removed from their natural habitat by the expert attention of Dr. Whitaker and his "learners." Herman Laws, one of these novices, says that Dr. Whitaker can tell the right time, right hook, right bait and right time to jerk the line. According to Laws the line is supposed to be jerked when the fish sniffs the bait, takes a deep breath and says, "Ah." Laws further states that lessons are available to all who'd like to learn this subtle art, including such amateurs as Henry Walker.

Tidewater District Letter Carriers Meet

The semi-annual dinner meeting of the Tidewater District of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association was held in the Trenton American Legion Building on Friday night. Twenty members represented Craven, Onslow, Lenoir, Jones and Carteret County post offices at the gathering, and the attendance was swelled to more than twice that number by the wives of the members and guests.

District President Paul Arnold of Dover presided and welcomed the guests. The speaker of the evening was State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, who reviewed in his talk the history of the Rural Free Delivery service in this country.

Senator Larkins pointed out that the RFD system was a dubious experiment at that time in 1896 from the China Grove post office in Rowan County. He told the letter carriers that the now vital and nationwide system began on horseback over an 18 mile route with two customers.

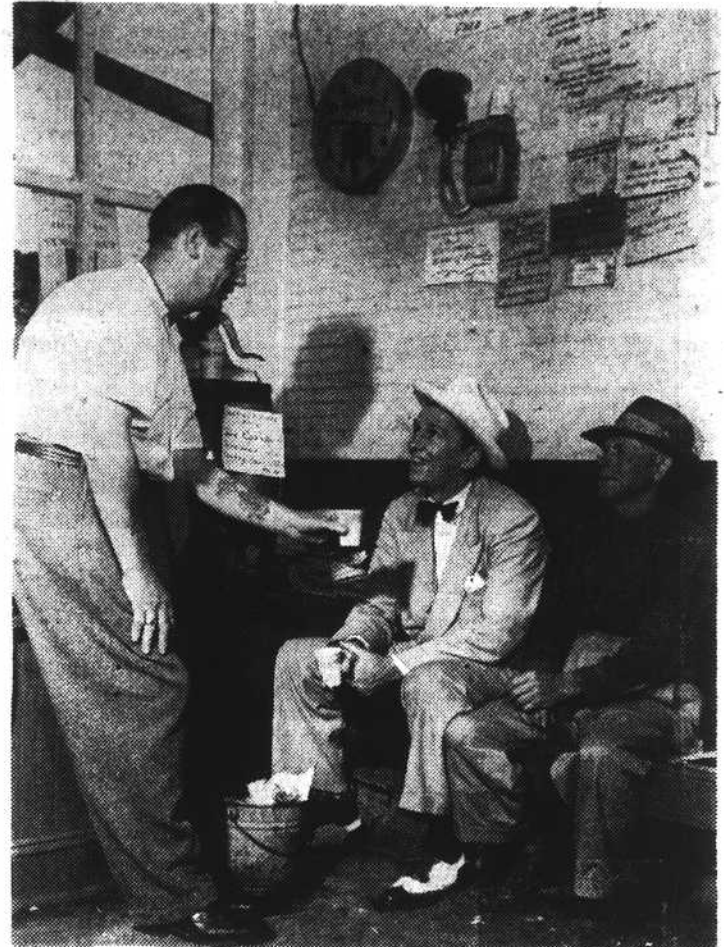
Since that time, he said, the thousands of rural letter carriers have cut the number of small post offices to one-third of an original 3,000 in North Carolina alone, and as well have opened up the roads of the state.

In a business session following the letter carriers had high commendation for 4-H Club and Veteran Farmer student groups who had done so much to improve the work by individuals as well as by groups.

Post offices represented by the gathering were La-Grange, Kinston, Deep Run, Pink Hill, Trenton, Pollockville, Maysville, Richlands, New Bern, Vanceboro, Dover and Cove City.

Memorial Service

The Glen Newton Smith Post of The American Legion in Trenton will participate in a Memorial Day Service Sunday, May 28th, in the Trenton Methodist Church at 11 a. m. Senator John D. Larkins Jr. will make the principal address at this service. The public has been extended a cordial invitation by Rev. C. B. Long to attend and take part in this service.



There are no thirsty citizens in Jones County who cannot remedy that condition with political lemonade without cost in the barber shop of Floyd Huggins in Trenton. The barrel shown here has been full since May 1st and will stay that way until Sunday, May 28, the day after the Democratic Primary voting, with the compliments of the 28 candidates from Jones County. Each one is assuming responsibility for at least one day during the period. The signs on the wall here show the hosts until now. Proprietor Huggins, himself a candidate for county coroner, is drawing a cooling cup for oldtimer Hub Rouse at right, as incumbent State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, pauses for refreshment from his political travels over the six-county senatorial district.—(Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

Former Jones and Lenoir Schoolman Seriously Sick

M. V. Wilkinson, who was at one time principal of schools in Jones and Lenoir counties, is reportedly seriously ill at the home of his sister at 1365 Nicholasville Road, Lexington 33, Ky. He was recently moved there after having been hospitalized for a hemorrhage of the right eye.

4-H Camp Preview

Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin is getting a preview of the 1950 senior 4-H club camp at Manteo this week. She is attending a special training school for home agents from 50 counties there until Friday. The information she gathers from the instructions by Extension Service experts will be passed on to the Jones County Home Clubs in later meetings, she said.



Selected to rule Jones County 4-H clubs health circles for the coming year is the couple shown here at the coronation exercise in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building in Trenton. They are Queen Nancy Carol Mallard and King Virgil Mallard. Doing the crowning and reaching is assistant County Agent George Wiggins, and standing by is Marie Thomas, runner-up to the queen, who was her special attendant.