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World War I Vets Widows Eligible for Pension Now

Widows of veterans of World War I whose income is \$1000 or less a year are entitled to a pension of \$42 a month from the Federal Government, Jones County Veterans Service Officer Daris W. Moore at Trenton pointed out today.

Those widows with children under certain ages are entitled to extra compensation provided their income is not over \$2500 per year.

Service by the veteran must have been between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and discharge or release from active duty must have been under other than dishonorable conditions after 90 days or more of military service.

For the purpose of a pension a widow must have been married to a World War I veteran before December 14, 1944 or 10 or more years to the person who served, and must not have remarried.

The District Service Officer of the N. C. Veterans Commission at Kinston, County Veterans Service Officers and Post Service Officers of the various veterans organizations are ready to assist or advise veterans or their dependents on all pension or compensation benefits, and a special campaign is being conducted by the N. C. Veterans Commission and the County Veterans Service Officers and the Post Service Officers of all the various veterans organizations from September 15 to December 15 to locate and help all such eligible widows and orphans to file their claims properly.

Health Notes

Jones County Public Health Officer reports that health conditions are relatively quiet in Jones County health circles. There are minor outbreaks of whooping cough in both the Trenton and Maysville sections but other than that there are no active contagious diseases in the county that have been reported, she says.

MOSS HILL F. H. A. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR COMING YEAR

The election for the year 1950-51 of the Moss Hill F. H. A. was held September 8, 1950 and the following officers elected: President, Grace Haynes, Vice President, Jean Whitfield, Treasurer, Rachel Whitfield, Secretary, Mary Ann Jones, Reporter, Linda Rouse, Parliamentarian, Suzanne Davis, Historian, Grace Colie, and Song Leader, Mary Ellen Rouse.

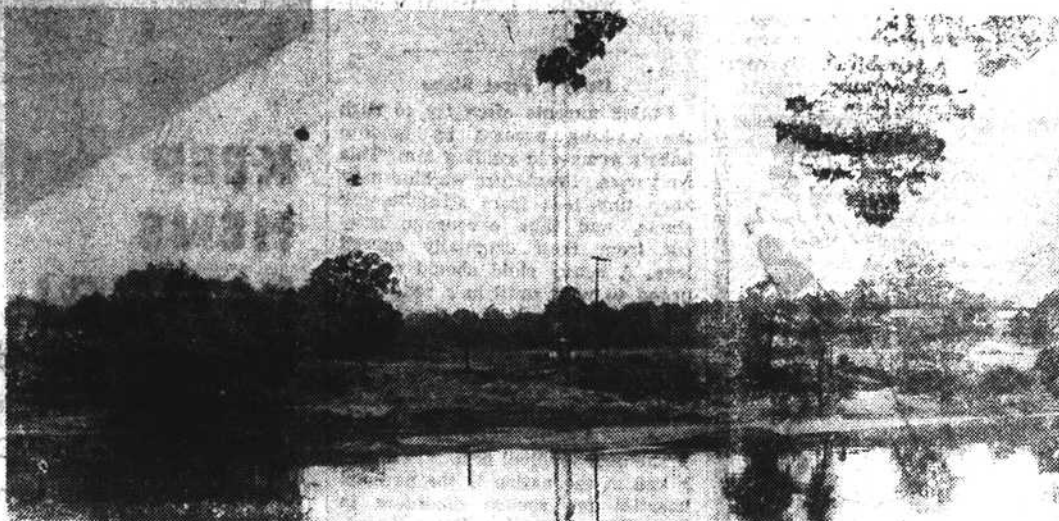
TO SPONSOR SQUARE DANCE

The Senior Class of Wheat Swamp School is sponsoring a Square Dance in the Wheat Swamp School Gymnasium, Friday night, September 22nd, at 8:00. Music will be furnished by the Rhythm Four. A small admission fee will be charged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Publishers' Note

We're a little late this week due to time lost in the addition of a new (to us) press on which we will print our papers in the future. In the future the publication day of this paper will be Thursday instead of Wednesday as in the past. Deadline for news will be noon Wednesday and deadline for advertising will be noon Tuesday. We trust that our delay this week has not caused inconvenience to anyone but ourselves and we were prepared to cope with that in the best way.

The Neuse as it is and could be---an Editorial



Above is pictured a view of Happersville as it appears from the foot of King Street. A State Highway Commission crew has begun clearing away underbrush in preparation for construction of the new bridge that will soon span the river here. Below is a view of the Kinston side of the river, as viewed from Happersville, and strangely enough from these two points of

view it must be admitted that Happersville presents a better appearance than Kinston. These two pictures give concrete evidence of how much difference a little attention can make in the appearance of the banks of the old and abused stream.

---Photos by Bronstein-Johnson



Neuse River Around Kinston Is An Eye-Sore But It Could Be Made Into An Attractive Area With Some Effort

Since that time more than two hundred years ago when European culture first marched up Neuse River, the "Old Ditch" has been used, abused, and neglected in many ways by succeeding generations that have made their homes up and down its great length. Currently there is an effort afoot to offer some small measure of protection not only to the Neuse but to the rest of North Carolina's streams.

As one hand of the State Government busies itself with the problem of stream pollution another hand is busy at Kinston constructing a bigger (if not better) pipeline through which the Caswell Training School will dump even greater quantities of raw sewage. The absurd inconsistency of such a situation needs no elaboration.

Another state project at the same time and in the same section offers a highly contrasting picture to those who will bother to study and evaluate the "what is" with the "what might be".

At the foot of King Street in Kinston a state crew has in the past week cleared away undergrowth in preparation for the new bridge that is soon to be built

across the muddy old Neuse at that site. The picture with this article gives a good idea of just how much improved that few hundred yards of shore line really are with just a little effort.

In and around Kinston Neuse River has meant but one thing for the past generation, since commercial navigation of the stream ended. That one thing has been a dumping ground, a big sewer, a place to throw old tin cans, tree stumps and automobile frames. Everything one can imagine has been tossed into the patient old stream except intelligent appreciation for the things it offers.

Even the unhappy breed of men who brew "smoke" up and down its banks around Kinston represent something cast aside by a careless and brutal society that at one and the same time manages to place emphasis upon material progress and spiritual collapse.

No community is mature in either a material or spiritual sense so long as its appreciation for beauty remains dormant to the degree exhibited in the collective ignorance which contributes to the delinquency of what could be Kinston's most beautiful natural asset.

It is to be hoped that construction of a new and beautiful bridge across the Neuse will do something to awaken an interest among all Kinstonians in this "Thing of possible beauty".

Each civic and social organization in the community should have as a standing project the beautification of the banks of this much-abused stream. Riverside Drive in New York City is known throughout the world for its magnificence and not so many years ago it was the city dump.

Tobacco Markets Close

In a special meeting held in Raleigh Sunday the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association voted unanimously to close sales on all markets for an indefinite period beginning with Thursday of this week. At the close of sales Wednesday there will be a "tobacco sales holiday" that will last at least until processing plants have caught up with the tremendous backlogs of the golden weed that have accumulated from the extremely heavy sales in all markets since the opening of warehouses this summer. Every farmer is urged to handle his tobacco in a manner so as to protect it from any possible damage no matter what weather conditions may be. Another called meeting of the warehouse group will be held Monday to review the situation at that time.

Pollocksville Is Continuing Drive For 'Rec' Center

Last week's collection in Pollocksville Township has been termed a success by leaders who took part in the drive which had as its goal collection for enough funds to complete construction of the Pollocksville Recreation Center. Mrs. H. M. Hines, who is treasurer of the group building the center, reports that more than \$130 has been turned in to her.

Gifts of every kind are accepted by the group but until now the gifts have largely been in cash. Some tobacco and even chickens have been collected, however.

Materials for the roof of the building have already been delivered to the building site and work on the roof is scheduled to get underway this week, Rotarian J. W. Creagh said Tuesday.

New Jones Grand Jury Named; Robert Hay Is Foreman

With the convening of Superior Court Monday by Judge Chester Morris of Elizabeth City, 18 new Grand Jurors for Jones County were sworn in and began their duties of examining county property, offices and deciding upon criminal indictments that were to be brought before the court.

Members of the Grand Jury are Robert Hay, who was named foreman, Tobe Heath, Frank Huggins, Robert Lee, Lee Wilcox, E. H. Faulkner, B. M. Canady, W. J. Jones, Rob Gerock, Marvin Banks, Carlton Arthur, Wayne Haskins, W. E. Phillips, C. M. Small, Elijah Scott, W. R. Booth, Ross F. Johnson and Landis Jones.

CHURCH CONFERENCE TO MEET IN DUDLEY

The North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches will convene at Dudley, N. C. September 21, with the First Congregational Christian Church. Many delegates from the state are expected to attend. Rev. J. T. Stanley is Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Greene, Pastor, and Dr. N. C. Calhoun is Moderator and Presiding Officer of the Conference.

Hereford Sale 22nd At Maple Hill Farm

The second annual sale of Hereford calves by the Green Meadows Stock Farm at Maple Hill is scheduled to begin at 2 p. m. Friday with 30 head of type animals being offered by S. A. Lanier, owner of the farm. Tidewater Power Company Farm Agent Neil Bolton will be the auctioneer at this sale and all farmers interested in acquiring feeder or breeding stock are urged to take advantage of this offering.

There will be 15 heifers, four bulls and 11 steers on sale. These animals represent the production of Lanier's herd from a 60 acre plot of pasture land. They add that Lanier also retains some of the heifers for his own herd in addition to those being offered at the Friday sale.

The number of milk cows on U. S. farms in July was the smallest since 1930.