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Story With Moral

There is one young man in Jones County who has learned an expensive lesson during the Christmas holidays. He had procured some contraband fire crackers in some manner and his sister found out about the noise-makers being in his possession. It seems that he was in debt to said sister for the sum of 25 cents, payment upon said 25 cents was somewhat in arrears and sister threatened to confiscate the illegal materials unless payment was made immediately. The young man proposed to have his cake and eat it too. He stowed the firecrackers in his radio. After seeing a thrilling movie one night just before Christmas the young man returned home, to bed and went off to dreamland with the radio still playing soft and low. Not too much later the family was awakened by a considerable explosion from this young man's bed room. No firecrackers for Christmas, no radio by the bed and sister is still reminding this sad young man that the 25 cent debt is due and drawing interest.

Hospital Note

Another step in the direction of renovation and expansion of Memorial General Hospital was made Monday by the county board of commissioners in Lenoir County when they appointed a five man committee to supervise the task. Named to the committee were Kersey Smith, Leo Harvey, Jesse Oglesby and Redding Thompson of Kinston and Thomas Mitchell of La Grange. The estimated expenditure of \$1,985,000 in the renovation of the hospital and expanding it to a 125 bed capacity have been ready for contractors to bid upon for more than a year.

Foscue Home Built Just After War Between The States Still One of County's Most Beautiful



The home pictured here is one of the most beautiful in this part of the state. It is located about five miles from Trenton on the New Bern Road and is in that part of Jones County which is best known as the Foscue home. It remains today in the same family that has owned it since it was built some 75 years ago for Edgar Macon Foscue by the late James Prescott Tucker, who was the father of a well known Kinstonian, Miss Myrtle Tucker.

Today the home is owned by E. M. Foscue of Raleigh and Trenton, a grandson of the man who had it built just after the War Between the States.

When Foscue, the builder of the home, returned from service in the Civil War, he found the old family home, which was located about a mile nearer Trenton in front of the home pictured here, all he found was the ashes left by the Yankees who had burned the house during their sojourn in the neighborhood.

Six generations of Foscues have owned and lived upon the land where the old home is located.

Of the children born to the builder of this home and his wife, Mrs. Foscue, three lived to be well known to the citizens of this part of the state. They were the late Fred Wooten and Macon Wayne Foscue and the only surviving child, Mrs. Furnifold (Myrtle) Brock, who still lives in Trenton.

Condition of Polio Sufferer Improved

Ann Hughes, 14 year-old daughter of Jones County Attorney and Mrs. George Hughes, who is being treated for infantile paralysis in a Greensboro center, continues to improve, her father said this week.

This week for the first time since she was admitted to the polio treatment center the high school student was able to get about in a wheel chair. Hughes said she told him in a telephone conversation Saturday night that conversation Saturday night that she fully believes that she will recover the use of her legs, which were at one time completely paralyzed by the dread disease which still baffles medical science.

Holidays Over

Kinston schools reopened today (Thursday) after the Christmas holidays. Lenoir and Jones County's rural schools reopened Monday after taking a shorter period to celebrate. In lower Jones County scattered cases of measles caused a small drop in post holiday enrollments but aside from that the "reading, writing and arithmetic" business was back in high gear.

Invitation Extended

The following invitation has been extended through the Jones Journal: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vance Scott request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Preston Harper Banks on Saturday the Sixth of January at six o'clock in Oak Grove Methodist Church, Pollocksville, and afterwards at the reception which will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Killingsworth.

First Audit Since 1946 Finds Jones County Now Best Shape in History

A most pleasing preliminary report on the first audit Jones County's official books have had in the past four years was read Tuesday to the board of county commissioners by Accountant E. E. Franck. At the time of the last audit which covered a period ending June 30, 1946 the county had a deficit of just over \$22,000, Franck said and the current audit which ends with June 30, 1950 the county had \$64,062.16 of cash on hand.

Franck credited the \$86,000-plus change in the county's financial condition to the generally better times and to a much more efficient system of conducting the affairs of the county. He was high in his praise of the commissioners during the past four years and also pointed out that each department head in the county government was cooperating with the bookkeeping system that he had installed when he first began supervising the fiscal affairs of the county under the directions of the board of commissioners.

Franck made several recommendations to the commissioners: Firstly, suggesting that the Branch Banking and Trust Company be asked to add \$50,000 to the depository fund it now has covering Jones County funds. At present, Franck pointed out, the county funds are covered by the \$10,000 guarantee of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and an additional \$40,000 in securities on deposit with a New York bank. The county never before had above \$50,000 in cash on

hand at one time, so until now the depository fund has been sufficient, but with the improved status of the county's financial affairs, Franck said he felt the higher bond was necessary and reasonable, he asserted.

Franck also recommended that all taxes more than 10 years old, in which suits had not been instituted, be charged off under provision of a special statute of limitations that had been passed by the General Assembly for Jones County. He also recommended that a charge of \$1,293.54 against the estate of the late Sheriff John S. Hargett be cancelled as uncollectable and another of \$1,398 against the estate of former Superior Court Clerk A. E. Hammond be studied with a view toward cancellation, since nothing had been paid on it since 1932. He did point out, however, that there were notes against the Hammond estate in the hands of County Attorney George Hughes.

Franck also suggested to the commissioners that some final settlement should be made of the \$4,921.06 that is owed to the estate of Jules K. Warren, former county attorney. The auditor reminded the board that a settlement had been reached last year between the county and the Warren estate in which after much study and debate the figure quoted above was recognized as due the estate.

The auditor also recommended that a \$977.26 item that is now being carried on the books, representing notes assigned to the county from the receivership of the defunct Bank of Jones, be cancelled as uncollectable.

Publication Still Available For N. C. Farm Program

Copies of "A Farm Program for North Carolina," compiled in 1948 by a special committee appointed by former Governor R. Gregg Cherry, are still available for distribution.

The 44-page illustrated publication contains a brief analysis of Tar Heel agriculture, a suggested program for the future, and practical ideas on how the program should be carried out. The first few pages contain a summary of the most important facts presented, for ready reference. Supplemental charts show the State's rank in farm population, cash farm receipts from various sources, and cash farm income per capita.

The farm program was prepared by a committee of specialists headed by Dr. James H. Hilton, dean of agriculture at N. C. State College. Their assignment was to diagnose the ailments of North Carolina's agriculture and recommend a long-term corrective program.

Persons desiring a copy of the publication should write to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and ask for "A Farm Program for North Carolina." There is no charge.

representing notes assigned to the county from the receivership of the defunct Bank of Jones, be cancelled as uncollectable.

The cancellations recommended by Franck were for accounts termed uncollectable in one way or another and their removal from the books would make for a much easier handling of the various accounts.

Jones Commissioners Reach Agreement for Settling Whaley Taxes

After a one-day delay due to New Years Day the Jones County Board of Commissioners held a rather lengthy session during which it heard a report on the audit recently completed by E. E. Franck and reached an agreement for settlement of tax liens against the estate of Nancy Whaley and heard reports from County Superintendent of Welfare Joe Koonce. The Franck report is given in greater detail in another story in this issue.

In settling the tax charges against the Whaley estate the board voted to accept the principal due from 1923 until 1940 plus \$100 to cover expenses the county might have incurred in trying to collect the taxes from 1940 until present the principal, interest and penalties were charged against the estate.

Superintendent Koonce reported that some 240 persons were drawing Old Age Assistance through his department, over pendent Children and that at present those receiving general assistance has dropped to the lowest point since he has been connected with the department with only three regular recipients among these between 16 and 65 years of age. Koonce reminded that this general relief list had at one time run as high as 98 persons in the county.

The board was informed that Lee Fordham would be unable to serve as tax lister for Tuckahoe Township and Alva E. Howard was named to replace him in this post. A committee from the

board, composed of Harold Mallard and Thomas Stille, was named to meet with all tax listers and Tax Collector Zelle Pollock later this week in order that a uniform policy for listing in every part of the county might be outlined.

Other listers in the county include J. P. Davenport, Beaver Creek; E. L. Mattocks, White Oak; John Booth, Pollocksville; J. C. B. Koonce, Cypress Creek; Miss Pollock in Trenton, and Ralph Scott in Chinquapin Township.

Briefs of Interest

The increasing use of various forms of fertilizers in the United States has caused fertilizer equipment to become the most diversified of any type of farm machinery now on the market, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

A study of the production and marketing of tobacco and tobacco products in southern and southeastern Asia has been started by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under the Research and Marketing Act.

Two North Carolina turkey producers — John Lockhart, Route 1, Durham, and Lane Price, Route 2, Monroe — will attend the annual convention of the National Turkey Federation at Long Beach, Calif., in January.