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Kinston's First Motor Driven Fire Truck is Still Doing Duty At Holly Ridge After 32 Years

Thirty-two years ago the first self-propelled piece of fire equipment to be owned by the City of Kinston was unveiled with mixed emotions by city officials and firemen who had cut their teeth on horse-drawn equipment. That old American La France pumper served nobly for a long time and finally growth of the community and the passing of time saw it pass into the hands of a local junk dealer.

Something akin to sentiment must have kept the junk dealer from scrapping the old and faithful servant and for a considerable period it stood parked in the shade of one of Kinston's towering oak trees exposed to the weather and the passing of more time.

Then Mike Waller who operates a saw mill in Woodington Township, purchased the old truck and loaded it up with chemicals for fighting fires. He did this to lower the insurance rates around his establishment.

The pump that had come with the old truck had been removed and was stored along with other "accumulated bits-a-brac" at the headquarters of Kinston's present fire department.

The community of Kinston and the fire department



Standing by just before Kinston's first self-propelled fire truck was cranked up and sent off for what may very likely be its last drive on the streets of Kinston are Fire Captain Joe Halley and that well-known man-about-town Bill Cheney—Halley is the larger of the pair. The old truck, still clucking like a contented hen in spite of its 32 years is now serving as the equipment of the Holly Ridge fire department.

and purchase the old truck that had been put out to pasture many years before.

After a session with Kinston City Manager Bill Heard and Fire Chief J. J. Gray the Holly Ridge officials secured the old pump from the truck and Fire Captain Joe Halley and Sergeant

One cold day this month it was driven off by a much-bundled up young man from Holly Ridge who hoped to make the trip in four or five hours. The rumble of the old solid rubber tires as the truck turned the corner at King and Queen streets must have caused a memory or two to develop in the minds of many

Week In Review

Since both parties involved are residents of Pitt County the civil suit that has been brought against Greenville Attorney J. Con Lanier by the heirs of William Henry Tripp has been transferred to Pitt County. Attorneys for both sides in the cases have agreed to this transfer. Tripp was killed by a hit and run driver on the night of November 25 at Graingers Station. Lanier is under indictment and his trial on charges of manslaughter and hit and run driving is scheduled to be held this week in Lenoir County Superior Court.

Judge Henry Stevens sentenced Harold Hawkins, Kinston bricklayer, to five to seven years in prison Tuesday after conviction on a number of counts. Stevens told Hawkins that he was giving him the sentence for three reasons: to "let you dry out, to get you away from your mother and to get you away from Kinston."

All aliens in the United States, which at the last report includes East Carolina, have to register under the law passed last year by Congress. Registration blanks are available at any post office and the deadline for this registration was January 10th. Any alien who has not registered should do so at once to avoid possible return to his native land or jail sentences.

Lenoir County's second serviceman to be reported missing by the Department of Defense is Army Private William S. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Cunningham of Deep Run route one. No further details about Private Cunningham were made available beyond the fact that he was missing in action.

of the F. Purser of La Grange

suffered a fractured skull Sunday afternoon at about 2 when a car driven by her husband collided with a city bus at the corner of College Street and Highland Avenue. Fred Ipock was driver of the bus. Purser also suffered minor injuries but was not hospitalized. Mrs. Purser is under treatment at Memorial General Hospital.

Former Kinston Patrol Commandant Sergeant Jimmy Merritt came to town this week prepared to spend a while as one of the investigating officers to offer evidence in the trial of J. Con Lanier of Greenville on charges of involuntary manslaughter and hit and run driving. Prepared to spend the week, Merritt was faced with an unhappy surprise when the case was continued Monday until the April term of court.

At the annual meeting of the Lenoir County Livestock Development Association, Inc., last Thursday night in the Agriculture Building all officers of the group were reelected for another one year term. These reelected officers are President Preston Harper of La Grange, Vice-Presidents Graham Hodges and Earl Tyndall, Secretary Raymond Upchurch and Treasurer Forrest Waller.

Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens Monday ordered the prosecution in the case against Greenville Attorney J. Con Lanier to reveal the contents of several affidavits that have been obtained by officers who investigated the highway death of 62-year-old William Henry Tripp of Grifton. Lanier was indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter and hit and run driving as a result of this investigation. The case was also continued until the April term of court since Ma-

rien Parrott, one of the lawyers retained for the prosecution, will be in the General Assembly as Lenoir County's representative until that time.

Claro Smith was released from the prison system Thursday, January 11th, by January 18th he had four new charges of public drunkenness beside his name on the police records, bringing his total number of arrests up to 135. Judge Albert Cowper gave Smith two months on the roads Thursday afternoon.

After considerable record searching Special Master E. W. Price, who was named to decide ownership and price of property being acquired by the Kinston Housing Authority in Southeast Kinston, announced that the city and the heirs of William Heritage have no legal claims upon that part of the city that was originally the Town Common. Several local persons had raised the question but Price says the property was disposed of legally and no blemish exists on present records because of this earlier beginning of the property.

Jack E. Alexander, Kinston newspaperman, has been named secretary of the North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation. The annual convention of the group was held last week in Rocky Mount in the Ricks Hotel. H. S. Hogan of Chapel Hill was named president of the group, replacing Cap Eagles of Macesfield.

Superintendent Emeritus Rev. G. B. Hanrahan of the Lenoir County Welfare Department was honored in this month's issue of the North Carolina Welfare News. A front page article about the 91 year-old Kinstonian contrasted the welfare department activities of today with those at the time in 1919 when Hanrahan first entered the work.

Special Committees Are Named to Expand 1951 Cotton Planting Locally

A special committee has been named to accelerate cotton production in Lenoir County during the coming year in a nationwide effort that is being made to fill the gap in the cotton supply caused by the extremely short crop of 1950. Production and Marketing Administration County Chairman Whitford Hill of Pink Hill is to head this group and he will be aided by County Agent Joe Koonce Jr. and PMA Secretary Horace Mewborn.

Following the meeting in which this committee was elected the goal for Lenoir County was set at 6,500 acres. The parity price for cotton has been raised recently and the acreage limitations that were set up last year have now been thrown into the ash can and the government is begging the farmers to plant more and more cotton.

John M. Hargett has been named chairman, County Agent Virgil Thomas, vice-chairman and Nelson Barker will be secretary to a group organized last week that will attempt to double for 1951 the cotton acreage that was planted in Jones County during 1950, when only 814 acres were grown in the county.

In line with the nationwide effort that is being made to grow enough cotton to fill the gap caused by the extremely short 1950 crop the Jones County group will push an all out effort to interest every landowner in the county in this program.

A special technical committee composed of Mack Griffin, County Agent Thomas, John Hughes Pollock, Vernon Woodard and Charlie Davis has been named to assist in seeing that plenty of cotton seed and insecticides are available to take care of the demand in every part of the county.

Blood Tests Will Be Given February 13th At Maysville Office

All Jones Countians in the southeastern tip of the county in White Oak Township and the adjoining areas have been invited and urged by County Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones to take advantage of a free blood testing clinic that is to be held Tuesday, February 13th, in the office of Dr. J. C. Bell in Maysville.

The health officer has pointed out that measles can be detected by early blood tests that will make possible treatment and cures of ailments that might prove fatal or at the least crippling.

Jones County Measles Outbreak

Jones County Public Health Nurse Mrs. Alma Vassey says that measles are being scratched in every part of the county. No part of the county seems to have a monopoly on the disease, she said, since cases have been reported from every part of the county.

Mrs. Vassey also pointed out that there is a list which requires all contagious diseases to be reported to the health department. So far there has been little cooperation in this outbreak of measles, she admitted.

First Fiber V Suits Sell For \$75, But Du Pont's Cut For Fiber Just \$3.70

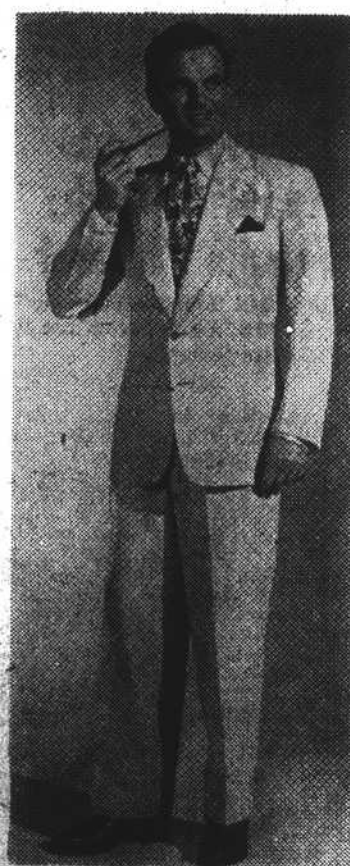
This dapper young man pictured here is wearing one of the first suits made from Du Pont's newest synthetic material, Fiber V. This is one of the few suits that have been made and sold for test purposes. At present the only Fiber V is being produced in a small "pilot plant" at du Pont's first nylon plant in Seaford, Delaware.

So far the new fiber has been used by a chosen group of textile manufacturers to make these test-run suits, shirts and other wearing apparel. The first mass production of this new miracle material is scheduled to take place in 1952 in the world's first Fiber V plant which is to be built six miles from Kinston between NC 11 and Neuse River. The plant is expected to employ 1,400 people when it begins operation and from six to eight hundred men are expected to be working on its construction.

Actual erection of the many buildings that will house the Fiber V producing machinery is scheduled to begin about April 1.

The material in the suit that the young man above is wearing was sold by the du Pont company for \$3.70 but the suit retails for \$75.

The du Pont company has this to say about its new material. "Like nylon and orlon acrylic fiber, Fiber V appears to have many properties which the company feels will make the fiber an outstanding contribution to the textile industry. It has high tensile strength and high resistance to stretching—both wet and dry. It has good resistance to de-



gradation by chemical bleaching and to abrasion. Most of the fiber's properties are equally good under wet or dry conditions. Fabrics made from Fiber V have excellent resilience and resistance to wrinkling, launder easily, dry quickly and can be heat set."