

Railroad Station Without Trains Reminder of Days of Iron Horse



This is not Pepsi-Cola, N. C. It is a freak of another kind, however, for it is a railroad station without a railroad. This is, or was Dawson's Station, once a busy and well known traffic point on the Kinston-Snow Hill Railroad that was built at the turn of the century by the Hines Brothers Lumber Company of

Kinston. Today the former station is used as a barn and the only reminders of a more glamorous day are its style of architecture and the still visible traces of the old roadbed that once bore the "Iron Hopes" back and forth between the county seats of Lenoir and Greene Counties.

Almost forgotten by the present generation are many of the railroads that once served this area before the invention of the automobile and the paved road. One very definite mark still remains of most of these old railroads but to all but the man who flies over in the airplane these old right-of-ways are largely forgotten too.

The road bed that ran from Kinston to Snow Hill is still clearly visible from the air, as is a great part of the old Dover and Southbound that ran across much trackless wilderness from Dover to Richlands.

Surveyors, hunters, pilots and loggers are about the only people left in this section today who pay much or any attention to these old and expensive roadbeds that meant so much to the expansion and development of this area.

The railroad to Pink Hill, the Snow Hill route and the Dover-Richlands are just a memory to a few of the older folks, but they had a great deal to do with the prosperity of this section today.

When properly treated, sap pine posts will last 15 to 20 years.

Thirty More Lenoir Farmers Ask Be Included in Drainage Project

Jones County Soil Conservationist Mack Griffin reports this week that plans are moving swiftly ahead so that 30-odd additional farm owners in Lenoir County may be included in the drainage district that has been set up for the digging and cleaning out of Joshua Creek and lateral ditches in Lenoir and Jones Counties.

The addition of this group of Lenoir County landowners will push the number signed up for this drainage district past the 100 mark, Griffin stated. Every landowner whose land will benefit from the program has resigned up to this point has signed an agreement to share his prorata part of the cost of the project.

The Board of Viewers who will inspect the land included in the project and decide upon the benefits derived includes Thomas Rivers, of a drainage engineering company in Greenville, John M. Hargett of Jones County and Jarman Becton of Lenoir

County. The additional Lenoir County farmers live on the western edge of the Bearwell Pocosin on the road that is locally known as "Lightwood Knot Road."

Before this additional group of landowners were considered the total digging scheduled for this project was just over 10 miles, which includes Joshua Creek and all laterals.

INJURES HAND

Fletcher Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith of the Phillips Crossroad section, was recently painfully injured when his hand was caught in the wringer of the family washing machine.

A tremendous increase in tree plantings by private landowners during fiscal year 1950 brought the total acreage of reforested land in the U. S. to 7,200,000 acres, according to the forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Jones School Board Asks Commissioners To Call \$130,000 Bond Election

Jones Board Has Number of Items Before It Monday

In addition to the request for a bond issue election by the school board which is reported in another story in this issue, the Jones County Board of Commissioners in February session Monday heard reports from Welfa re Superintendent Joe Koontz on current activities in his department, heard a report from County Accountant E. E. Franck and passed the resolution offered by Jimmie Maillard.

Raymond Banks appeared to ask the board to give consideration for a pay increase during the coming year for County Agent A. V. Thomas. Banks pointed out that Thomas had not been given a pay boost by the county since he arrived and he also stated that, in his opinion, Thomas was as good at the job as any man that could be found. The commissioners told Banks that they would keep his request in mind when the 1951-52 budget is compiled.

Franck reported to the board that county funds in the Branch Banking and Trust Company were now insured up to \$110,000, in compliance with a recent request from the board.

County Attorney George Hughes reported to the board that a meeting was to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday of this week for discussion of a Senate bill that would allocate five million dollars to cities and towns of the state for street and roadway maintenance. This five million dollar allocation would come from a current 16 million dollar surplus in the highway department's general fund.

Boy Scouts Have Soil Conservation Exhibition In Trenton

Trenton Boy Scouts have joined in the celebration of National Boy Scout Week by preparing an interesting exhibit in the window of the Trenton Hardware Company. This exhibit, which was prepared with the assistance of Soil Conservationist Mack Griffin, who is also Scout Leader of the Trenton Troop, shows practically all of the known methods of improving soils. Seeding slopes to steep for

The Jones County Board of Commissioners in February session Monday had a hot potato dumped in its lap by the County School Board which asked for a bond issue election to decide whether or not the people of the county wanted to approve issue of \$130,000 in school bonds to finish two consolidated high schools now under construction in the county.

From the \$25,000,000 school bond issue that was voted by the state last year, Jones County's allocation of \$335,000 was not sufficient to complete construction of the two schools which will consolidate all high schools in the county. This \$130,000 now needed by the school board to finish the job would permit completion of the two schools as they were originally designed.

The board of commissioners decided that it would call a public meeting for Monday, February 26th, at 10 a. m., in the court house so that everyone in the county might have a chance to voice an opinion as to whether the bond election should be held or not. It was the attitude of the commissioners that there would be no need to spend money for an election if there was not a fairly good chance of the bond issue being passed.

County Accountant E. E. Franck reported that the present bonded indebtedness of Jones County is \$379,500 and of this amount he said \$91,000 is school bonds. County School Superintendent Ben Moore reported that the Local Government Commission had informed his office that at present Jones County could legally issue up to \$187,000 in school bonds with the consent of the voters.

Jones County's two members of the General Assembly, Senator John D. Larkins and Representative Robert P. Bender, who were present for the discussion of this proposed bond issue election said that at this point it is impossible to register a guess as to whether the legislature will appropriate any more money for school construction for use during the next two years.

cultivation, terracing less steep slopes, permanent pastures for building up the land and the farm income, tile in wet areas, and strip planting of soils that are light and subject to wind erosion all are included in this exhibit.

Paper's Circulation Campaign Starts Officially Feb. 12th

Interest in the Lenoir County News and Jones Journal Subscription campaign, which is now being launched, is mounting daily as contestants, spurred by the Grand Prize Award of a beautiful new 1951 Ford, the generous cash prizes and commissions on each subscription sold, are beginning their canvassing of several sections of the counties.

As previously announced, in addition to the 1951 Ford, which will be on display soon, over \$800.00 is being offered in cash prizes. Winner of second prize in the contest will receive \$500.00,

third place contestant will get \$200.00 and fourth place winner, \$100.00. The management points out, however, that solicitors will receive 20 per cent commission on each dollar collected on both new or renewed subscriptions if they do not win one of the four major prizes, provided they remain active.

Number of Openings

These newspapers would like to have contestants in each section of the county, and there are still communities not represented. Lenoir and Jones Counties, all rural communities, should be represented with an active con-

testant. Those interested in converting their leisure hours into profitable and enjoyable work are urged to send in their name and address to the Lenoir County News and Jones Journal, Kinston, N. C., asking for a receipt book and full campaign supplies. These will be furnished immediately. It is important, however, to enroll in the contest as early as possible. The campaign will be concluded March 24. The management suggests that those who plan to enter the contest, do so without delay to compete under the first and biggest extra vote offer. There is an equal chance for all and the go-

getter will have no trouble securing credits or votes.

The campaign was especially planned for spare time work, extending over a period of six weeks from Monday.

Extra Vote Offer

During the first period of the campaign the following extra vote offer will be in effect: On every \$15 worth of subscriptions turned into campaign headquarters during this time a "Club Coupon" good for 150,000 extra votes will be issued. They may be either new or renewal subscriptions and for any number of years from one to five. Any amount over a \$15 club will carry

proportionate numbers of extra votes. This is positively the biggest extra vote offer that will be made.

There is no limit to the number of Club Coupons a candidate may secure.

Nominate yourself or a friend, and share in some of the cash that will be awarded to The Lenoir County News and Jones Journal readers in the next few weeks. Mail nomination coupon appearing elsewhere in this issue.

All contestants should report to the campaign manager at the Lenoir County News office on Wednesday and Saturday from 2:00 o'clock until 5:00 P. M.

Would You Like to Win A New Ford in Six Weeks? Enter This Paper's Circulation Campaign At Once