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## Isler Home, Once One of Finest, Now Slowly Falling Down From Neglect and Many Years Abuse



It is unlikely—extremely unlikely—that Jones County has many homes older than the Isler Place which is pictured with this article. In spite of its age and the ravages of time and man's neglect, the old home, now a ruin, still stands in this part of the state.

In 1782 John Isler was granted a patent for a great tract of land in what today is Beaver Creek Township of Jones County. For 133 years the land remained in the hands of the Isler family a family that has vanished almost completely from this part of the country, with the exception of a number of men and women who still have the Isler blood but have lost the surname.

On February 14, 1797, John Isler transferred the land, the home and all of the property which included five slaves, eight cows and 88 "head of hogs" to his son, John Isler, Jr.

John Isler Jr. in turn deeded the great plantation to his son, William Isler, on February 16, 1811. From William Isler the place went to E. B. Isler and on December 11, 1886, E. B. Isler transferred it to W. B. Isler.

On July 3, 1912 the heirs of W. B. Isler jointly agreed to transfer title to the plantation and home to Bingham Isler, who was the last of that family to own the place and he did not live upon its rich acres.

On January 1, 1915, Bingham Isler, sold the farm to Lovit and Polly Hines for \$27,000, part for cash, with a mortgage on the place securing the balance of the purchase price. This mortgage was later settled from the estate of Lovit Hines by his son, Harvey Hines, who was acting as executor of the holdings of his father.

On January 1, 1919, A. B. Carrington of Danville, Va., E. V. Webb and W. D. Laroque purchased the place from the Hines Estate. Laroque had married one of the daughters of Lovit Hines.

In a later division, Webb acquired full title to the tract occupied by the Isler home and several hundred acres surrounding it. This division took place on August 8, 1919.

On December 15, 1943, Webb and his wife, Mamie, sold the place to the West Construction

Company for \$50,000. Two years later on June 11, 1945 the West Construction Company sold the farm to the Welles-Oates Lumber Company and at a sale held December 4, 1947 Herbert and Edna Jones of Pink Hill bought the place for \$30,000.

Long before the Jones purchase the old home had been allowed to practically rot down. Its beautiful mantels had been ripped out and moved to new if not nicer homes; its staircase had been left to rot and ruin and now, today, its roof is falling away and the sunlight and rain beat down on the great wide planks that were placed for the floor nearly two hundred years ago.

Today the home is beyond repair. It would cost well over \$10,000 to restore it to its former grandeur and this being a practical age, it is most unlikely that any such expenditure will be made. The yard in which the home stands is fenced with a three strand barbed wire fence and on cold, wet days the Hereford cattle pastured around it seek shelter behind these old walls that have loomed down on such a big segment of the history of the New World.

### ABC Income Figures Show Decline in '50

During the past fiscal year (1949-50) the net receipts for all legal liquor outlets in North Carolina, which includes 28 counties and three cities, was \$10,699,032. On this the state of North Carolina collected \$4,029,868 in taxes, \$481,597 was set aside for law enforcement and the participating units had left a total net revenue of \$6,207,562.

Lenoir County's total receipts in this fiscal period were \$330,892. Of this amount \$120,871 was paid to the State Treasury, \$10,541 was set aside for law enforcement and the county's net profit was \$199,480.

In the preceding fiscal year (1948-49) Lenoir County's total sales were \$391,806. Of this amount \$137,068 was paid to the State, \$12,287 was set aside for law enforcement and the net revenue was \$232,541.

## Statistical Report Gives Answer to the Question: Where Tax Dollar Goes

The recently completed taxation survey which was handed to the governor by the department of revenue last month, covering the fiscal year 1949-50 has a multitude of figures in it, the majority of which are beyond the understanding of the average tax payer but there are a few that can be understood by even newspaper folks.

Many people must wonder when they pay their tax just what happens to that tax dollar and this report breaks it down into simple language and gives the answer to just that question.

In Jones County the tax rate is \$1.90 per hundred dollars valuation. That \$1.90 is spent in this manner: Schools 34½ cents, general expense 15 cents, poor relief five cents, health services 14 cents, debt service 72 cents, old age assistance 13½ cents, and to other aspects of the welfare program nine cents, aid to the blind two cents and miscellaneous expenses 18 cents.

In Lenoir County the tax rate is \$1.40 and this is spent in the following manner: Schools \$1.02, poor relief 6.6 cents, debt service seven cents, old age assistance 4.1 cents, aid to dependent children 3.8 cents, welfare department 4.9 cents, aid to the blind 1.4 cents.

In 1949 these figures in dollars and cents were as follows: Jones County, Schools \$19,573, general fund \$8,510, poor relief \$2,837, debt service \$40,849, old age assistance \$7,659, aid to dependent children \$3,971, welfare \$5,106, aid to blind \$1,135 and miscellaneous \$10,212.

Lenoir County, schools \$338,548, general fund \$33,855, poor relief \$10,190, debt service \$23,234, old age assistance \$13,608, aid to dependent children \$12,613, welfare \$16,264, aid to blind \$4,647.

Paste this in your hat so you'll be able to answer the question the next time it's asked: Where does our tax money go?

## Contestants Working Hard For New Ford and \$800 Prizes in Circulation Campaign for Paper

The second period in The Lenoir County News and Jones Journal automobile and cash offer campaign will end Saturday afternoon and all contestants are now busy endeavoring to get as many new and renewal subscriptions before that date as possible since extra votes are offered for this period.

All friends of contestants are urged to cooperate with them and it is still time for new contestants to enter the gigantic contest.

At the present time there are many candidates in the contest to win a brand new 1951 Ford or one of the three grand cash awards—\$500 second prize, \$200 third prize and \$100 fourth prize. This extra cash will come in handy for that "Easter bonnet".

The first vote period ended last Saturday with a bang and published elsewhere in this issue is the standings of the contestants of votes accepted for publication.

Last week most of the contestants went over the top with flying colors and A. M. Alexander, Lenoir County News and Jones Journal circulation campaign manager, was pleased with the splendid work done by the "live wire workers", who are really out to win the new car.

The public is asked to support favorite contestants. Don't wait for them to come to see you. Mail your subscription to them or send them into the Lenoir County News Office, 114 W. King St., Kinston, N. C., with the request that credit be given to your favorite candidate. (See contestants names on front page).

The extra vote offer for this week is as follows: Contestants accumulate extra votes as follows: 142,500 on a \$15 "club"; two clubs, 285,000 votes; four clubs, 570,000 votes; ten clubs, 1,425,000 votes.

Extra votes on subscriptions will take a greater drop than ever before after Saturday, February 24. Campaign manager will be in his office to receive candidates' re-

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## SUBSCRIBE NOW

Mr. Public: SUBSCRIBE this week to The Lenoir County News or Jones Journal from your favorite candidate in the Automobile and "Cash Offer" Campaign at \$3.00 per year, 5 years for \$12.00. SUBSCRIBE NOW and save time and bother coming to the office each year and paying.

Just phone or drop a card to your favorite contestant in the Automobile and "Cash Offer" Campaign and tell that contestant you want to subscribe to The Lenoir County News or Jones Journal through him or her.

Here are the contestants—pick the one you want to win and SUBSCRIBE. It will count your favorite more vote to SUBSCRIBE NOW!

Name	Address	Votes
Mrs. Claude Aldridge, Jr.	La Grange	227,000
Mrs. Herman Wellons	Kinston	100,000
Mrs. Glenn Hayes	Kinston	215,000
Mrs. Carl M. Holt	Kinston	228,000
Mrs. A. R. Bell	Kinston	210,000
Mrs. J. W. Odham	Grifton, Rt. 2	226,000
Mrs. Marjorie C. Ipock	Kinston	200,000
Mrs. Janie Hobgood Turner	Pink Hill, Rt. 1	222,000
Miss Dorothy Garner	Kinston	100,000
Mrs. Ralph Daughety	Kinston, Rt. 1	229,000
Mrs. Melba Sparrow	Deep Run	229,000
Mrs. F. H. Pruitt	Maysville	225,000
Mr. Herndon Newman	Kinston, Rt. 4	224,000
Mrs. Fred Stokes	Grifton	221,000
Mrs. Frank Everett	Kinston	100,000
Mrs. Carey Waters	Pollocksville, Rt. 2	228,000
Mr. Leonard A. Parsons	Kinston	225,000
Mrs. W. M. Thompson	Kinston	226,000
Mrs. Louise Stanley	Kinston	100,000
Mrs. James Barbee	Maysville, Star Rt.	226,000
Mrs. Edna Palmer	Kinston	100,000
Mr. M. L. Ferrell	Kinston	100,000
Mrs. Verna Harris	Kinston	100,000

The list is not closed and new names will be added from time to time. If your name is not on the list and you want to win a new Ford or one of the big cash awards offered, send in your name on the nomination coupon today. Coupon appearing elsewhere in this issue.

### MAKE A CASH REPORT EACH WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

Campaign office is located at 114 W. King St., Kinston, N. C. and the campaign manager will be in his office from 2 to 5 p. m. each Wednesday and Saturday to receive reports from candidates. If unable to come to the office you may mail your subscriptions on report days.

Help your favorite candidate by giving your subscription or renewal at once. Your favorite candidate will appreciate your cooperation.

## Dollar Days Friday and Saturday In Kinston