

Jones Journal

"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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School Board Elected by Voters of Jones County is Now Serving

When the new County Board of Education was sworn in there was a great deal of attention paid by a big percentage of the people in the county to just who was sworn in. The feeling was pretty general that the men elected in May were the men who were sworn in. A backward glance at the record of that election reveals that this was not the case. At the voting last May Herbert Tyndall got 1168 votes, J. Charlton West had 1160, Robert Mills 987, E. M. Philyaw 963 and J. P. Davenport with 960 made up the top five high men. In sixth place followed F. P. Noble with 953, seventh place went to C. J. Banks and Austin Koonce was last in the race with 737 votes to his credit.

When the swearing in took place on the first Monday in April the following were sworn in: Herbert Tyndall, J. Charlton West, Robert Mills, C. J. Banks and E. M. Philyaw, which means in simple language that the fifth high man was left off and the number seven man was sworn in instead. Davenport was left off and Banks, who ran seventh, was sworn in.

The only reason given for this refusal to abide by the will of the voters has been that Trenton Township would

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Superior Court to Be Held Next Week

A one-week mixed term of Lenoir County Superior Court is scheduled to be held next week with the principal item on the calendar being the scheduled trial of prominent Greenville Attorney J. Con Lanier on charges of manslaughter and hit-and-run driving.

Nathaniel Smith is also scheduled to be tried for the shotgun slaying of Johnny Miller in South Kinston three months ago.

On the criminal docket and set for trial by Solicitor Walter Britt are eight drunken driving charges, four reckless driving charges, one charge of abduction and one indictment for driving after license had been revoked.

Agriculture Meeting

Jake West, chairman of the agriculture committee of the Kinston chamber of commerce, announced this week that an important meeting is to be held in the court house in Kinston at 2 p. m. April 25th when a panel of speakers from State College will discuss the present farm outlook for Eastern North Carolina during the coming year. West urged that

farm prices and farm costs are part of the program and every phase of profitable farming is touched upon by the discussion. West States.

Town Meeting for Trenton Election Like New England

The communities of New England are noted for the "Town Meeting" system of government but here in Eastern Carolina one has an opportunity to see this same system in action and in a town that is nearly as old as any one can find in the "historically rich" northeast. Trenton is the town and its elections are held every two years on the first Tuesday in May when every citizen of the town past the age of 21 has the right to attend the town meeting and select the mayor and board of aldermen who will conduct the affairs of the community for the coming two years.

This simplified form of government saves money since it eliminates the need for registration books, registrars, printing ballots and all of the other incidental expenses that naturally attach to the usual voting methods known in most communities of this section.

District's Senator John Larkins Voted Most Influential

Newsman who have reported the activities of the North Carolina General Assembly for nearly four months pointed out last week the men they thought most influential in the legislature.

A group of 15 newspaper reporters and radio writers named a list of five top senators and 12 leading representatives.

Jones County Senator R. Grady Rankin of Gastonia with 10, Hampton Price of Rockingham, Rivers D. Johnson of Duplin and J. K. Powell of Columbus with nine each.

Owners of Land Drained By Trent River Urged to Attend Meeting Monday

An effort begun 55 years ago in 1896 to have Trent River cleaned out may finally reach a happy end if success is had at the meeting that is to be held at 8 Monday night in the court house in Trenton. Every land owner in Lenoir or Jones County whose land is drained by this well known river is urged to attend this meeting and hear just what the proposition offered consists of in its entirety.

The Army Corps of Engineers at the request of Congressman Graham Barden, who was petitioned in 1949 by more than 200 Jones County landowners, has completed a survey of the river from Trenton to the Jones-Lenoir County line and reports that the stream can be cleared of obstruction over this distance for \$75,000.

The Corps of Engineers has recommended that \$50,000 of this be included in the 1951-52 budget but it will be necessary for the other \$25,000 to be raised in Jones County. Soil Conservationist D. M. Griffin points out.

The work proposed by the Army Engineers would include removing fallen trees, stumps and trees about to fall in the stream. The engineers estimate that this work would lower the stream a MINIMUM of three feet at its "banks full" stage. Griffin feels that this is an excellent conserving estimate of the good that the work would do.

Already an interested group of Jones County landowners has been at work on this job of raising

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Twenty-one Leave Wednesday for Army From Jones County

Wednesday morning 21 more young Jones County men left for Fort Bragg and induction into the armed forces. Originally 25 were scheduled to make the trip but four have been removed from the lists due to having joined some branch of the armed forces earlier or due to marriage prior to getting their draft notice.

Those who left Wednesday morning were: Stanley Allen Spence, Claude Jones Jr., James Cottle, Saul Efourd Moore, Levi Roberson, Cecil Carl King, Garland Williams Jr., Elijah Hall Jr., Leslie Jenkins, Guy Christopher Loftin, George Williams Jr.

Albert Earl Yates, Albert Lee Killingsworth, Rodolph C. Davis, Matthew Dockford Meadows, Isalah Meadows, Charles Ray Henderson, Monroe Flowers, Henry Howard, William Grant Hill and Melvin Lee Cheston.

Army Recruiting Station Is Moved

The local Army and Air Force Recruiting Station has been moved from the Post Office Building and is now located at 402 East Vernon Avenue. The phone number is 5417.

The local recruiter is able to give any information in regards to Army, Air Force, WAC, WAF, the Army Nurses Corps, and Flight Nurses.

'Intake and Outlet' Departments Both Run by Women

She Collects the Money--



This is Jones County Tax Collector Zelle Pollock, daughter of the late Leroy O. and Maude Pollock, who has been taking care of the "collection plate" of her native county for the past eight years. Miss Pollock is unusually modest and has already served notice that she will retain Attorneys John Larkins and George Hester to sue this paper if this picture appears. (We plead no offense. Editor's note.)

Jones County has a woman at the head of its collecting department and next door in the spending department another woman wields her left hand over the check writing of the county. Tax Collector Zelle Pollock presides over the job of getting the bills mailed out and the money collected and in an adjoining office Mrs. Mary Brock, county auditor, does the check writing.

Mrs. Brock, wife of Jack Brock and a native of Parkton, reminds that it is fortunate that she is a Scot, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCormick and to further her Scot tendencies Mrs. Brock also studied at that well known Scot school Flora Macdonald College at Red Springs.

Miss Pollock is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leroy O. Pollock of Jones County. She has two brothers, Swindell of Norfolk and V. L. Pollock of Trenton. Her twin sister, Mrs. Leon (Zoe) Parker of the Daves Field community, Mrs. Woodrow (Nannie) Brinson of Kenansville, Mrs. George (Julia) Harriett of Belhaven and Mrs. J. T. (Naomi) Sutton Jr. of Kinston make up the family.

Miss Pollock is extremely allergic to publicity and she has warned this paper that she would sue if it ran her picture. The publisher has worried considerably about this, since he has not been able to find out what she was going to sue about, so this picture (which is really a good one) is run here for two purposes: To see what Miss Pollock will sue about and to let the people who read this paper see the Jones County Tax Collector and Auditor.

We doubt that any county can boast a more attractive pair of officials.

--and She Writes the Checks



This is Jones County Auditor Mrs. Mary Brock, who represents the spending end of the female "collecting and spending" departments in the government of Jones County. Mrs. Brock, the wife of Jack Brock, a native Trentonian, is a native of Parkton and has held the important local post since July 1946.