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Distress Signal?

A small percentage of downtown Kinston establishments went to the trouble of putting out their flags on Memorial Day last Wednesday. At Quinn-Miller's furniture store, however, the flag was put out upside down, which is supposed to be done only as a distress signal, according to flag etiquette. Johnnie Johnson, who put the flag out in the upside down manner said, "The world's upside down, so the flag might as well be the same way."

Jones Commissioners Study \$423,558 Budget In All-day Meet Monday

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday spent a full day going over the 1951-52 budget along with County Accountant Earl Franck and studying a number of other matters of lesser concern.

The tentative budget which was under study listed a total requirement for the coming year of \$423,228 with \$332,462 of this to come from sources other than taxation and \$110,920 needed from the tax levy. This developed a proposed tax rate of \$2.03 for the coming year compared to the \$1.90 rate of 1950-51. This rate was based on an estimated \$5,500,000 valuation of taxable property in the county.

This \$2.03 tax rate would be divided in this manner: 67½ cents for the county general fund, 80 cents for bond interest and redemption, 15 cents for school current expenses, 20 cents for school capital outlay, 10½ cents for old age assistance, 8½ cents for aid to dependent children, 1½ cents for aid to the permanent and totally disabled.

Other matters discussed by the board included proposed additions to the Agricultural Building in order that enough space might be provided to house all United States Department of Agriculture workers. A plan offered by the County Agent, Wayland Reams, called for an estimated expenditure of \$12,000 and another plan offered by FMA Secretary Nelson Barker called for a \$5,500 expenditure. County Attorney George Hughes was authorized to enter into negotiations, to draw plans and to present these plans to the commissioners at the next regular meeting.

Final action on the budget will be taken at the next regular session also.

A recent survey of 7,000 Southern farms showed that 74 per cent of the storage facilities could not be effectively fumigated for insect control, 96 per cent were not rodent-proof, and less than half offered good protection from the weather.

Aid to Aged, Dependent Children' Disabled Over \$36'000 in Past Month

Two Indicted After Hargett's Accident

Robert Robinson and Henry Harper Lee of Pink Hill were indicted by Highway Patrolman R. H. Nutt of Richlands Tuesday morning after Lee's car, driven by Robinson, tangled with the car of Camp Lejeune Marine Walter S. Stull Jr., at Hargett's Crossroads. Robinson was indicted for driving without license and Lee was indicted for public drunkenness on the highways. Both were locked up in the jail in Trenton pending a hearing before Magistrate J. K. Dixon. About \$100 damage was done to the two cars, Nutt reported.

Chinquapin Revival

The Reverend Z. B. T. Cox, pastor of the Christan Church in Farmville, is to be the speaker at a one week series of revival sermons that will be held from June 11 through June 17 in the Chinquapin Chapel Christian Church. The public has been extended a most cordial invitation to attend these services.

During the past month the Lenoir County Welfare Department issued checks to 759 persons past 65 years of age who were drawing old age assistance allotments from the federal, state and county governments. During the month checks were also issued to 1,321 dependent children from funds from the same source.

The total amount of the checks issued for the aged was \$18,767 with the average check amounting to \$24.73. The aid to dependent children checks totaled \$16,407 with the average check amounting to \$12.42 per child.

For Old Age Assistance the county spent \$2,707 with the remaining \$16,060 coming from the state and federal governments. For aid to children the county's expenditure was \$2,053.50 with the remaining \$14,353.40 coming from state and federal funds.

A new category of state, federal and county assistance to the totally and permanently disabled between the ages of 17 and 65 has alone been used since March of this year and during last month 38 persons in this permanent and totally disabled group received a total of \$1,295 for an average check of \$34.08. The county's part of this expenditure was \$228.75.

Out of a total expenditure of \$6,478 for these three types of public assistance the county spent \$5,000.25 which amounts that each \$16.40 that the county to 16.4 per cent which means that each \$16.40 that the county spends for this program returns a total of \$100 in checks to these needy people who for one reason or another are unable to care for themselves.

Farm output per man-hour reached an all-time high during 1950. It is now about twice what it was 40 years ago, and up 31 per cent since 1941.

Farm Bureau Meeting

The last meeting of the Jones County Farm Bureau until September has been set for Friday night at 8 in the Ag. Building in Trenton by County President Z. A. Koonce. A moving picture on the "Great Story of Corn" will be presented. Koonce urges a full turnout since plans for the annual membership drive will be discussed at this last session of the summer.

Jones Cotton Growers to Compete for \$100 Cash Prize for Top Production

July Seventh has been set as the final day for entrance in the cotton growing contest in Jones County which is sponsored by the Jones County Agricultural Workers Council. This deadline was agreed upon last week in a meeting held by the council in Trenton at which it was decided that the contest should be carried through. First prize in the contest will be \$100.

Any cotton grower in Jones County is eligible to enter the contest, which closes on November 15th. No grower may win a prize unless at least 500 pounds of cotton are produced per acre. The contest will be decided on the following basis: 1. The largest yield of lint cotton produced on one measured acre. 2. The

largest acre yield of lint cotton based on the average yield for an individual farm.

Jones County farmers are offered an opportunity to help out in the nation-wide effort to produce 16 million bales of cotton this year to make up for the shortage brought about by the Korean War and the extremely poor cotton crop last year. County Agent Wayland Reams urges every farmer in the county who is growing cotton this year to enter the contest, since it costs nothing to enter and one may win as much as \$100 for the first prize production of cotton and will at the same time benefit from the increased production of a crop that has a parity price of more than 60 cents per pound.

All Jones County cotton growers interested in entering the cotton growing contest, please clip out and mail the entry blank below to:

Agricultural Workers Council
Box 383
Trenton, N. C.

I wish to enter the cotton growing contest sponsored by the Jones County Agricultural Workers Council:

Name
Address

Ten-Inch Main Bursts Sunday Afternoon



Pictured above is an interesting group—some working—some looking—that gathered Sunday afternoon at the corner of Queen and Gordon streets when either the heat, old age, or heavy traffic caused damage to a valve in a 10-inch water main. After several hours and several thousand gallons of water had cooled the hot pavement a new valve was installed with the aid of the fire department which placed one of its pumps on a nearby fire hydrant to relieve the high pressure on the main so that the work could be done. City Manager Bill Heard and Dr. Branch Moore were among the "lookers."

4-H Encampment To Start on Monday; Still Room For More

On Tuesday of this week 39 Jones County 4-H Club members had signed up to go to the annual 4-H Club Camp which this year is being held at Camp Fisher on Neuse River below New Bern from June 11th through June 15th.

Those who would like to go and have not yet signed up for the trip may put up their \$5 fee and bring the necessary food as late as Monday at 1 p. m. when the group will leave from the Ag. Building in Trenton for the encampment.

An interesting program has been mapped out for the entire week. Leaders for the encampment will be County Agent Wayland J. Reams, Home Agent Mrs. Madge Jarvis, Macy Mallard, Mrs. Rom Mallard, Mrs. J. A. Higgins and Rev. Dallas Hill.

Group leaders will be Alta Ann Mallard, Kathleen Stille, Garland Loftin and Jeter Taylor Jr.

BFBL Visits Set For Next Tuesday

The annual visits made to the Lenoir County entrants in the Better Farming For Better Living Contest which is sponsored by Kinston merchants under the direction of the agricultural agent of the Tidewater Power Company will be made next Tuesday, June 12th. County Agent Joe Koonce says 15 teams of visiting business and professional men will be needed to make the rounds to every corner of the county where the BFBL contestants live. Koonce urges those who can make this trip to be at the Ag Building at 9 a. m. on June 12th.

Ex-Lenoir County Snake-in-the-Grass



This ex-snake-in-the-grass was exhibited in Kinston last week by Joe Smith of Woodington Township after the 13-rattle rascal had been mauled to death by the well known farmer. Smith says it is the fifth rattler he had killed this year but this was by far the largest. The poisonous individual was 4 feet six inches in length.