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Lenoir Commissioners Actions

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners Monday had a long but not too eventful December session in which tax listers for the county's 12 townships were renamed, Rodney B. Goodman was named assistant assessor of new property valuations to work with Max Jones and Howard Farley, W. C. Johnson of Cumberland County was named to the assistant farm agent post vacated December 1st by the departure of Raymond Upchurch to manage a livestock farm in Wake County, agreed to pay \$500 for an option good until July 1, 1951 on a \$30,000 ten-acre tract of land owned by L. B. Jenkins adjacent to the western edge of the country club, agreed to permit County Attorney Tom White to sign a release for funds voted to the Daly-Herring Chemical Company for releasing the city and county from obligations contained in a lease for property at the airport and voted to appropriate \$1250 for another chest X-ray survey of the county next summer. Tax listers are Roland Dawson, Falling Creek; A. H. Kennedy, Moseley Hill; B. M. Pate, Institute; J. Carl Jones, Vance; Joe Gilbert, Contentnea Neck; R. E. L. Johnson, Sand Hill; Walter Pate, Southwest; Oscar Waller, Woodington; Jesse Harper, Trent; J. M. Rouse, Neuse; Cleveland Hill, Pink Hill and Max Jones and Howard Farley for Kinston.

Lenoir and Jones Farms Did Well With Dixie 101 In '51; Weighed, Sold Hi

A lot of Jones and Lenoir County farmers this past growing season were badly fooled when it got around to weighing time for their crop of Dixie Bright 101 tobacco. According to every thing that was known about this new resistant to black shank and resistant to Granville wilt variety, it was supposed to weigh considerably less than the "old line" varieties that farmers had gotten used to through the years. It didn't though.

Yields of 15 to 18 hundred pounds per acre with this long-legged broadleafed variety have been the rule rather than the exception and this heavy production comes in spite of the fact that a big percentage of the farmers lost one of the best curings right in the middle of the stalk due to the pressing shortage of labor at tobacco housing time.

Last year in Jones County nearly 95 per cent of the tobacco was of a resistant variety and by far the big favorite was Dixie Bright 101. In Lenoir County the percentage ran slightly lower but here again this brand new variety was by far the biggest single type of to-

bacco grown in the county.

It grows tall and there are some tricks about pulling it and curing it but it is accepted now as almost a dead certainty that nearly 100 per cent of the crop in 1952 will be of this particular type. In addition to yielding pounds it also yields a good cigarette type tobacco that brought many growers this year well above a 60 cent average for their entire crop. Another fine thing for the tobacco grower to know about Dixie Bright 101 is that it takes less fertilizer than a lot of farmers are used to putting under their tobacco crops.

Farmers over the entire state this year went to the polls and voted their confidence in an increased program of agricultural research by voting by more than a 10 to 1 majority a nickel per ton tax upon fertilizers and feeds which will be used to foot the bills for a broadened research schedule into every phase of North Carolina's agriculture.

A good strong part of this conviction as to the need for research came to farmers from seeing Dixie Bright 101 and other laboratory-developed breeds



The members of the Kinston Executives Club and their guests will be in for an evening of rugged adventure at its best when Sydney R. Montague, former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, philosopher and adventurer, addresses the organization at its next regular meeting at 7 p. m. December 6th in the Southwood School cafeteria.



of tobacco stand up healthy and wealthy in land that had been killing every stalk of tobacco placed in it.

But for this agricultural research tobacco farming would now be gone from North Carolina and the beautiful part about the results is that an even better product is now being produced because the old varieties were run out of Eastern Carolina by disease.

Kinston City Council Activities

The December session of the Kinston Town Council lasted two hours and saw action on a considerable number of propositions. At the request of Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones \$1250 was voted to match county funds for a mass chest X-ray next summer, at the request of Servair Counsel Marion Parrott the board voted to place six 25 KVA transformers at the airport to replace 12 that were allegedly taken away by the city, voted to give a week's salary bonus to all city employees who draw weekly salaries and two per cent—not to exceed \$100—bonus to other employees, voted a three-day holiday for city hall workers (December 24-25-26), turned down the only bid (\$150) made for the 4.3 acres tobacco allotment on the city-owned farm at Westview Cemetery, voted to advertise according to law the zoning change approved by the Zoning Commission for Raymond Jarman's home on East Blount Street, tabled for further consideration an offer of C. R. Brafford to lease part of the city's old trash pile in Happersville for a saw mill site and authorized City Manager Bill Heard to advertise for bids on a street roller, motor grader and storm sewer cleaning machine.

Jones Commisseeoners Name '52 Tax Listers; Act on Minor Matters

In December session Monday the Jones Board of Commissioners passed a routine two hours by handling the items that came to their attention which included naming the tax listers for the seven townships of the county for 1952.

Only one change was made in the list of tax listers and that was the replacement of Ralph Scott in Chinquapin Township by Joe Pittman, Scott had declined to serve another year. Others who will list again this year include John Booth for Pollockville Township, Clarence Matlocks for White Oak Township, Alva B. Howard for Tuckahoe Township, J. P. Davenport for Beaver Creek Township, John C. B. Koonce for Cypress Creek Township and in Trenton Zelle Pollock and Mrs. Mary Brock will do the listing.

The commissioners also heard Farm Agent Wayland Reams and Vocational Ag Teacher John Hughes Pollock on the subject of regular tax listers taking the annual farm census which has not been looked on with too much favor in recent years by many of the listers. It was agreed that an "educational" meeting would be held for the listers along with Reams and

Pollock who would attempt to explain to the listers the importance of getting this job done properly.

The commissioners voted to give court house workers — with the exception of the sheriff's department a full week holiday for Christmas, December 24 through the 29th.

The bond for County Attorney George Hughes was examined and approved.

A road petition asking improvements in a dirt road running west from US 17 to the Hill Simmons farm was approved.

A Christmas check for Caswell Training School of \$25 was voted.

The annual report of the Home Demonstration Club Agent was accepted with thanks.

County Council Meet

Jones Mome Agent Mrs. Madge Jarvis urges every officer of the county council of home clubs to attend the meeting that is to be held at 7:30 Monday night of next week in the Ag Building in Trenton. Important plans for the month will be discussed and Mrs. Jarvis wants every officer of the council to be at this meeting.

This is Not a Nice Story, But It is a Story of Local Folks

If you are one of those who thinks that newspapers ought to print nothing but good news stop right here and look somewhere else. This is not a nice story, but it is a story.

Monday night Marine Corps Sergeant William Johnson returned to Kinston after 15 months of the mud and death of Korea. He brought along a friend to celebrate the return and a nice evening was looked forward to with Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson, however, was not expecting her Sergeant to return so suddenly and she did not have time, or perhaps the inclination, to separate herself from the man she has been living with in the absence of her two husbands that are serving in the armed forces. One result of this sudden return without notice by Sergeant Johnson is the arrest and pending trial of Mrs. Johnson and her "man," Quincy Clark, on charges of prostitution.

Let's look back a few years at this pair.

Mrs. Johnson was born Lealie Vandiford and she came to Kinston from Greenville over in Pitt County. She married a local boy

named Holiday and they had two daughters. He is serving in the Army and up until the summer of 1949 he had regularly been sending an allotment check to the then Mrs. Holiday for the support of herself and the two pretty little girls.

Then one day in the hottest part of the summer of 1949 a telephone call to Percy Bryan, local ABC official stated that Mrs. Holiday had gone off to Canada with Quincy Clark and had left her small daughters, two and four years old, with a crippled Negro man in a shack on the banks of Neuse River over in Sparrowsville.

Welfare Department officials were called in by Bryan and the two deserted little girls were placed in homes immediately. They remain today wards of the county and their support is still carried largely by the taxpayers of the county, although their father, who has now remarried in New Jersey does send the maximum allotment he can from his army pay.

Shortly after the errant mother's return from "Canada" she was arrested in Happersville and charged with prostitution. She

was found guilty and a prayer for judgment was entered in her behalf on the condition that she be of good behavior for 12 months. Less than two months later she was arrested again on the same charge and was sentenced to one month in jail. At first she appealed this sentence but later withdrew the appeal and served the sentence.

On both of these occasions she was arrested with "her man" Quincy Clark and on each occasion he was found guilty in Recorder's Court and promptly took an appeal to Superior Court where he also had another case or two pending trial after appeals from the Recorder's decision and sentence.

After an accumulation of charges against "her man" finally reached trial in Superior Court he was sentenced to six months in jail for these offenses and an earlier suspended sentence.

While Quincy was away catching up with his shoveling and riding in trucks the ex-Mrs. Holiday met and married Sergeant Johnson. In a short while after this marriage this new husband, along with a lot of other Ma-

rines shipped out for Korea. But this new husband had provided well for his new wife and had fixed things so she would get a \$140 per month check to keep the "wolf" away from the door in his absence.

The \$140 per month check, however, must have attracted rather than detracted the wolf away from the door, since for the past five or six months, since Quincy got off the roads he has been helping Mrs. Johnson spend her husband's hard-fought for money.

They were running a "boarding house" in Roger Brooks' apartment at 104 1-2 East Blount Street, which was until lately just across from a convenient cab stand where transportation was always available on "rainy days—or nights."

The "boarding house business" was good to excellent. Less than five months after he was released from the chain gang Quincy and Mrs. Johnson were driving about in a 1951 Mercury. "Business" flourished until Monday night of this week when a very mad young Marine was confronted with some of the more brutal facts of life.

Quincy, who two months ago appeared before the city council and wanted to know "why he couldn't get in jail to see if there was anyone who wanted him to sign their bond," is now undtr \$150 bond himself. His days as a licensed bondsmen were brief.

Since his first arrest on June 15, 1945 for violation of the liquor laws Clark has been in the tolls of the law 14 times on the following charges in the order of the appearance on his record: Violating the liquor laws, gambling, breaking, entering and assault with a deadly weapon, driving without license, vagrancy, passing a worthless check, abandonment and non-support (he was married in 1949), violation of the liquor laws, prostitution, prostitution, public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and affray, speeding and now for the third time with the same woman, prostitution.

Sergeant Johnson has inquired of a lawyer if there is any way that he can get the new 1951 Mercury that his Korean-earned dollars helped buy.

Well, it wasn't a nice story but it was a story.