

# Jones Journal

"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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## Jones Hi School Opening in New Building on 31st

Jones County Superintendent of Schools W. B. Moore said this week that when students return to school on December 31st after the Christmas holidays that it is almost certain that the white central high school will be ready for use and he feels reasonably sure that the Negro school will also be ready for use in a week to ten days after the holidays.

Everything but part of the electrical work is now in readiness for the long-delayed opening of these two much-needed schools and Moore expressed the feeling that the electricians would make this year-end deadline.

The schools are identical in every respect. Each has 10 classrooms, a vocational workshop, home economics laboratory, science laboratory and library. The combination gymnasium and auditoriums which were voted last May in a \$130,000 bond issue by the citizens of the county are not nearly ready and will not be ready until the beginning of the 1952-53 school year.

## Santa Visits Trenton

Well over a thousand young and old well wishers of Santa Claus turned out last Friday afternoon to welcome Santa Claus to Trenton as the jolly old man from the North Pole made his annual pre-Christmas visit to the children who were the good boys and girls. A parade led by the New Bern High School band and including a dozen floats from various organizations in the county took part in the royal welcome extended Saint Nicholas. Prizes were awarded the 4-H Clubs, the Maple Grove Home Demonstration Club and the Jones Negro High School for the best floats in the parade.

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Youth Fellowship of Maple Grove Methodist Church will conduct a candle light service Saturday night, December 22, at 7 to which the public is cordially invited.

## Best Wishes for a Christmas as Happy as This Young Man's



It's not possible for everyone to have a Christmas as happy as this young gentleman who is seen here admiring the toys and baubles on his own Christmas tree. But we do wish the very merriest possible Christmas to everyone of our readers. In this picture above one can see what, aside the Spiritual, is perhaps the most satisfying side of the Christmas season. Parents who often get a little tired or bored or broke from the Christmas-time spending and shopping and party-going find more than ample repayment in just a few minutes of watching the eyes of a little one dance in the merry, happy glow of the beautiful tree, the wonderful little gifts that mean happiness in a way that most adults have all but forgotten. In looking at this little fellow each parent should ask himself

if he has done everything in his power to make a happy holiday time for his own little ones and has he also given of his time or money in helping those little boys and girls who may not have a parent able or willing to provide the tiny, wonderful things so necessary for a truly Merry Christmas. If you have not given help to these less fortunate call the Salvation Army or your church now, before it's too late and spread the happiness of your home into other homes less happy. It will make you feel so much better and will make your Christmas Dinner so much more enjoyable. There are many opportunities left untaken in the Free Press List of the section's neediest families. If you haven't done everything you can call 2920 now and help one of these families.

## City Manager Vetoes Auto Association's Wrecker Plans

There is one side of the ever-growing auto accident toll on the nation's streets and highways that seldom confronts the average motorist—until possibly that motorist is involved in an accident himself. That is the continuing competitive war between automobile dealers and repair men on the expensive subject of whose wrecker is to tow the battered flivvers into whose shop.

Currently this headache has crept into public view in the Kinston section in the form of a letter from the Lenoir County Automobile Dealers Association, addressed to City Manager Bill Heard which followed a meeting with state highway patrol officials on December 5th in which the same complaints were aired and reference to this meeting is made in the letter to Heard.

"It was brought out in the meeting that when a wreck occurs the acting highway patrolman radios the New Bern Highway Patrol Station who then radios the Kinston City Police Station, the Kinston police station immediately calls a wrecker to go to the scene of the accident; therefore the highway patrol does not often do the calling direct

for the wrecker." And further the letter goes on:

"At the present time one concern in Kinston is getting all the wrecker calls from the city police. We would like to put to you in the form of a request that you arrange a fair system in the local police station whereby all wrecker owner will have equal opportunity—"

In reply to this request City Manager Heard addressed an answer which stated in part:

"In reply to your letter of December 14, requesting a system of calling wreckers to the scene of an accident, it is the opinion of this office that it is not a function of the police department."

Heard stated further: "If the owner should ask for a recommendation from the officer, it is a personal matter between the two and he, in all probability, will recommend a firm that has in the past given the most prompt and economical service."

Heard reminds the Dealers Association:

"There are at present 27 officers on the police department and it is hardly expected

that they will all select the same company. It is also noted that your list of dealers does not carry all of the wrecker owners who pay taxes in the City of Kinston."

The letter from the association had asked that a rotating card index system be set up including the following companies: Thompson Motor Company, Carolina Motor Company, Harvey Motor Company, Jenkins-Jones Motor Company, Johnson-Hicks Motor Company and Mathis Motor Company.

This list as proposed by the auto peddlers group would exclude, if the City Manager had accepted this "helpful suggestion," the following people in this same business who offer wrecker service and repair work: Conner's Auto Service, Had-dock Auto Service, Heath's Garage, Clarence's Garage, Richards Body Shop and possibly others not listed in the 1951 directory for the City of Kinston.

For years this problem has plagued every head of a police department and the highway patrol detachment and Kinston is not the only spot that has had the headache of griping fender and body repair men who scream, growl or sullenly

## Lenoir County Placed in Critical Housing Category by GI Board

A Tuesday announcement from Washington confirmed the fact that Lenoir County has been declared a critical housing area and credit restrictions will be lifted to permit building of a specified number of residential units that has not at this time been decided upon. This order will also make it possible for available federal funds to be used to assist with street, sewer, public school and electrical services to the rapidly growing area which embraces nearly the entire county. Expected arrival of several hundred skilled workers and their families to operate the Du Pont Dacron plant in Contentnea Neck, the overflow of many Marines and their families from Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune and the newest shot in the population arm of the county from the air force aviation cadet pilot training school at Stallings Field are

the reasons given for this order placing Lenoir County in a critical housing area. Rent controls are not mandatory with this order but they usually follow not too far behind such action. If local builders do not provide the needed housing decided upon in Washington the Federal Housing Authority will step in and build the homes as has been done around Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg.

## BFBL Program

The annual Better Farming for Better Living banquet will be held at 6:30 Thursday night in the ag building in Trenton with D. W. Colvard head of the animal industry department of State College scheduled as the principal speaker.

Tide Water Power Company Farm Agent Bob Thompson will also be on hand as prizes and awards are passed out to the 17 families who completed their booklets on this BFBL program and turned them in for judging.

whine that they are being discriminated against.