

"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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Nick Nobles of Trenton, chairman of the committee which has been attempting to collect the \$15,000 that Jones County landowners pledged last year as their part of the expense in cleaning out Trent River from Trenton to the Lenoir County line Tuesday issued a last call appeal to those men and women who said they would give but now have refused to keep their word.

Something between nine and ten thousand dollars of the pledged \$15,000 has been collected, Nobles said, but the army engineers refuse to touch the job and spend the \$50,000 it has allocated for the job unless the Jones County landowners kick in their \$15,000.

A meeting is to be held in the ag building in Trenton at 7:30 Friday night to which every person interested in this important work is urged to come and bring their friends and Nobles urges them to bring their money or checkbook along when they come.

The proposed work, according to competent engineers, would lower the high water level of the river at least three feet, and this is, as Nobles reminds, much more than enough to prevent the tens of thousands of dollars damage that a flooding of the river can cause, as it did in 1950 when more than \$50,000 worth of tobacco was drowned in this area which is now a levee. Nobles promises to give the necessary money.

Nobles said that no one section is any worse than the other and that every where from Trenton to the Lenoir County line there are landowners who have backed down on their word. Aside from a man not being honorable enough to back up his word there is the pressing further fact that failure to accept this offer of the army at this time jeopardizes the farming operation of everyone on this stretch of Jones County's main drainage system.

According to figures presented to county officials Monday by a tax agent of the Du Pont Company of Wilmington, Del., more than nine million dollars have been spent through the end of 1951 on the Daeron plant now under construction in Lenoir County's Contentnea Neck Township.

The plant is scheduled to begin turning out Dacron, the synthetic fiber that is hoped to do to the wool business what nylon did to the silk industry, during the first quarter of 1953. When completed the huge Delaware company expects to have over \$3 million dollars invested on the 635 acres that it bought a year and a half ago from Henry B. W. Canady.

As this is written work on the county's biggest job is at a standstill due to a strike called by the Painter Local No. 678 of Durham which objects to non-union painters being employed on this job. When the painters placed a picket line on the job last Thursday all other craftsmen on the job also refused to work. The strike was still in progress Tuesday.

Local observers of the labor situation recognize the peculiarities of the picture confronting

At Christmas time Trenton Attorney Darris Koonce received a pocket-size alarm clock that also looks pretty sitting on a desk. John Larkins, who is the senior barrister in that particular law office, had a snide remark or two to make about Koonce being given an alarm clock to remind him it was time to stop talking. Recently Larkins received an alarm wrist watch in the mail. For days he wondered when it came from. Then he received a note from the Jacksonville Junior Chamber of Commerce which explained that this "alarming" wrist watch had been sent to him because he abused the time limits of that organization when he spoke before it some weeks ago.

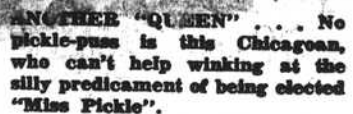
Questioned Monday by the County Commissioners who were seeking funds to build school, agricultural centers and other expensive items, County Auditor Katie Cobb revealed that so far during the current fiscal year (July 1, 1951-June 30, 1952) whiskey profits to the county from the four county-owned stores have far exceeded the allocations incorporated in the budget of this year.

In the budget \$158,300 was included as the hoped for profits from the stores but through December 31 the county had already received as its part from the package stores over \$134,000. At that rate something near \$75,000 more will be received by the county than was estimated for the current year.

Prices farmers were receiving in mid-December averaged 7 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners Monday voted to grant \$270,000 for the construction of a physical education building, a vocational workshop and eight additional class rooms for Adkin High School. This grant was made after City Schools Superintendent Jean Booth outlined the pressing need for these additional facilities.

Booth expressed the view that this addition to the crowded school might be made ready for use within 18 months if a little luck and a lot of hard work could be put into the thing immediately, of course, along with the \$270,000.



Recently District Health Officer R. J. Jones and Public Health Nurse Alma Vassey were conducting a clinic among students in a Jones County school. Jokingly Dr. Jones asked one of the students, "Who is the President of the United States?" Without batting an eye the kid quickly replied, "Jeter Taylor." Some promotion, huh?

The Jones County Board of Commissioners had a rather uneventful session Monday as it convened in February session.

The board voted \$55 to Jennings Moore for turkeys killed on his farm in October by stragglers. It approved the spending of a small amount of money for repairs on the Negro County Agent's office and approved the licensing of Mrs. Albert Hardy's home as a boarding home for children.

A five cent increase was granted to tax listers for each tax list and each farm census that the respective list takers complete.

Sheriff Jeter Taylor was named County Civil Defense Director.

Agents in the area for the North Carolina Department of Revenue this week reminded everyone of the necessity of filing a state income tax return as well as a federal return as well as a federal return had a gross income of as much as \$1,000, all married women who earned as much as \$1,000 and all married men who earned as much as \$2,000 must, under North Carolina law file an income tax return. Returns must be filed by March 15th. Every person engaged in merchandising, farming or any other kind of business who had a gross income in excess of the figures listed above must file a return. To assist those who must file agents of the Department of Revenue will be in the courthouse in Kinston March 1st through the 15th, and in the courthouse in Trenton on February 18th. If you have any doubts about whether you should file or how much you should pay be sure to contact these agents and possibly save yourself heavy penalties.

During the past 25 years, some 850 new varieties of field crops have been developed and made available to American farmers by state and federal agricultural scientists.

For the past year and a half—since Du Pont lightning struck Kinston and Lenoir County—much talk and not a great deal of public action has been taken on the pressing problem of extending the city limits. Monday night in a "bull session" which followed the regular monthly aldermen's meeting, Planning Board Chairman George Greene pointed out that a great deal behind the scenes has been accomplished and that the belief at extension of the city limits as now in the mind

Continuing the effort to reach the goal assigned to Jones County in the annual March of Dimes a benefit square dance will be held at 7:30 Saturday night in the Pollocksville School gym with music provided by Ray Hardison and his Dixie String Band of Station WHIT in New Bern. B. L. Hadnott will call the figures.

All proceeds from this dance will be donated to the March of Dimes fund.

Next Thursday night, February 14, a Valentine Night Talent Show will be held in the Pollocksville School for the same purpose. Amateur acts from all of the county's schools will participate in the program and a feature of the night's entertainment will be presentations by The Rose School of Dance from New Bern.

Everyone is urged by County March of Dimes Director George Hughes to attend either or both of these gatherings and to make liberal donations in this fight against the crippling and frequently killing disease: Infantile Paralysis.

The Glen Newton Smith American Legion Post and its Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 Monday night at the Legion Hut on the Fair Grounds in Trenton.

Greene says he realizes that this has been a tedious and long drawn out process but in view of the cost, which is estimated at just under one million dollars, he reminds that it isn't the kind of thing that could be rushed into in any headlong manner.

The enthusiastic manner in which civic groups, business and professional men and women, commercial and industrial enterprises in both Kinston and Lenoir County have responded most liberally to the announcement of The News' plans to publish within the immediate future, a Rotogravure publication, picturing the progress and development of this community.

Already more than a score of representative business and professional men, firms and interests have pledged their cooperation and full support toward making the edition one of the most comprehensive and informative publications ever published in this section of Eastern Carolina.

The Rotogravure edition will be largely pictorial, with brief descriptive matter, printed in a handy, tabloid size in concise form, so constructed that it will be a memorial to every citizen; the farmer, the laborer; to industry, agriculture, business, finance, to the churches, schools, and all those forces which have worked for the upbuilding and progress of the community.

This edition entails much work and time, the searching of old files and records, interviews with countless citizens in

all walks of life, in fact, a complete agricultural, industrial, social and economic survey of the community's resources and opportunity for further development.

The edition is being further created as a deserved salute to the entire community, a publication which may be retained as a permanent treasure of the development of this section, along with biographical sketches of those men and women, past and present, who have been responsible for the county's progress.

In connection with this Rotogravure edition The News would like to have any early pictures of Kinston or Lenoir County, its pioneers, or other pictures that might prove of interest, if you have any such pictures, bring them or send to the Rotogravure Editor of The News. They will be well cared for and returned later.

The News solicits the co-operation of all those citizens in Kinston or Lenoir County in helping to make this edition a faithful and accurate record of this community, and when its representative calls upon you, lend him your ear, for he is working with and for The News and the best interests of the entire community.