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Kinston Aldermen Riding Big and Hungry Tiger and Finding it Hard to Get Off

The Kinston Board of Aldermen Monday night climbed onto the back of the same exceedingly hungry tiger that has been carrying them and the city treasury for an extremely expensive ride for the past six years. After six years and hundreds of thousands of dollars expenditure there seems to be some indication that the council is getting a trifle saddle-weary and is now giving some little consideration to the perilous job of dismounting from the tiger who has worked up even a more voracious appetite during this long and exciting gallop through the city's eroded funds.

Some six years ago with the end of World War II Kinston was faced, like most other towns, with minor housing shortage.

Hesitancy in many things, in addition to government, has brought the city council to the situation it now confronts: The time to say "no" and stick to it.

Need for more housing caused the city to enter a peculiar, if expedient contract with a group of realtors in which the city contracted to reimburse this group for monies they spent on sewer and water line extensions when and if the particular area was ever annexed to the city limits. The total of that first contract was something over \$9,000 and was considered by everyone concerned a good way to handle a difficult problem.

But then along came Du Pont and the Air Base was reactivated at the same time that the Marines were called back to Cherry Point and Camp Le Jeune by the 10,000's. The housing shortage that had confronted Kinston at the war's end now seemed to be a mole hill when set beside the mountainous obligations forced upon the city from three sides: Du Pont, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Pressed by real estate men, professional and amateur, the city council then embarked up-

on a number of these "reimbursement agreements," since it was argued that the same medicine that was good for a minor pain was bound to cure a serious ailment.

In the Hardee project just west of the old city limits, some \$48,000 has been spent in an effort to make home sites available and now only eight homes have been built, which makes the cost per house to the city something like \$6,000 per each which comes back slowly when taxes are about \$50 per year.

The Roy Poole development back of the country club is costing immediately some \$12,000 and may eventually cost another \$25,000. The Stadium Development north of East Highland Avenue extended is another \$12,000 proposition. The Jones sub-division is a lesser one of \$6,000. The Brody-Curtis "Green-acres" development is a \$12,000 outlay. The Lenoir Housing Development Corporation, a "non-profit" outfit put the bite on the city for what ultimately may be \$41,900 Monday night and added to these larger outlays are the \$202,000 for a three and a half miles sewer serving this new area and another \$24,000 sewer to complete the too-long neglected Lincoln City area which has been paying taxes for many years and getting precious little in return.

In all nearly a half-million dollars has been spent or is hooked up in reimbursement contracts due to the building boom that is banging Kinston over the head so solidly. The only hitch to this proposition, as has been pointed out with no bashfulness by some citizens of Kinston, is that the taxpayers of Kinston are footing the utilities bills for these real estate developments and it will be a long time before the city is able to get its money back either from taxes or electricity bills.



STEPS DOWN . . . White House military aide Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughn has applied for inactive service, saying he is sorry to disappoint Senator Nixon who promised to get rid of him.

Hines Company Is Studying Moving Its Ice Cream Plant

The Harvey C. Hines Company, which operates an ice cream plant at the corner of Gordon and Heritage Streets, and until two years ago also had its Coca Cola Bottling plant at the same location, is now considering moving its ice cream plant to the area just east of the spot where its modern Coke plant is now doing business.

The crowded condition of the streets and the forced arrival and departure of so many large trucks to the ice cream plant plus the need for more space for the machinery and storage of the plant itself have caused this study to be made.

At the time the site on the Goldsboro Highway was purchased for the Coca Cola plant enough land was secured to also provide ample space for the ice cream plant but building costs delayed until now the possibility of the entire Hines organization moving a little closer to "Hines Junction."

Moving the ice cream plant would mean the closing of the ice plant since it has largely been used for the past 15 years to provide refrigeration for the ice cream plant with its ice sales hardly amounting to enough to pay the taxes and insurance on the operation.

Gals Want To Play?

All women in the Kinston area who would like to take part in the formation of a woman's basketball league under the sponsorship of the Recreation Department are urged to contact the department at once. Any women who is not at present in school is eligible to take part in this league's activities. Plans are in the making for a schedule of games between teams from various local organizations. Full details are available to all interested women if they will call the recreation department's office at Emma Webb Park.

Catholic Bazaar

The Catholic Women's Club of Holy Trinity Catholic Church is sponsoring a Bazaar that will be held Thursday and Friday, December 4-5, in the Church Parish House just back of the church. All kinds of holiday gadgets, goodies and novelties will be offered for sale at this bazaar and the general public is invited to come and join in this effort to raise funds for the enlargement and modernization of the Catholic School.

Effort Being Made To Get Sub - Post Office To Ease Kinston Pains

Considerable conversation and a little undercover politicking are going on all aimed in the general direction of securing for Kinston a sub-post office station to relieve the almost intolerably inadequate conditions at the old post office which was built when Kinston was a village of some 7,000 souls.

It is admitted by those interested in such a step that there is very little chance at any time in the near future of Kinston getting a new and adequate post office since the policy of the government does not permit broad scale building programs when there is already such an unprecedented building boom going on.

In view of the small chance there is of getting a new post office, effort is now being concentrated toward renting a sub-station so that some of the more than 300 applications for box service may be filled as well as providing better post office service of every nature.

Specifically, this conversation and politicking is aimed at renting the northwestern corner of the Parkview project on West Highland Avenue which is available from the Stadium Family at a reported rental of \$350 per month with some indications that a ten or more year contract might see that price shaved just a little in the right places.

Adequate parking, one of the biggest problems at the present post office, would also be one of the posers answered by rental of this specific building.

There seems to be considerable logic in favor of such a substation post office since, many towns of similar size already have out-lying stations of this kind and there can be absolutely no argument against the fact that Kinston does need more post office facilities.

Jones Board Has Quiet Session As New Oaths Taken

The re-elected Jones County Board of Commissioners was sworn in Monday and a quiet session was the principal present of the new administration.

George F. Morrison was named Constable of White Oak Township at the request of the Maysville Mayor and Board of Aldermen. No constable had been elected for that township in the recent elections.

Tax listers were named for the coming year and they include Harry C. Mallard for Pollocksville Township, Clarence Matlocks for White Oak Township, Joe Pittman for Chinquapin Township, Alva Howard for Tuckahoe Township, John C. B. Koonce for Cypress Creek Township, J. P. Davenport for Beaver Creek Township and in Trenton Township Accountant Mrs. Mary E. Brock and Tax Collector Zelle Pollock will do the listing.

Mrs. Brock and Miss Pollock were reappointed by the commissioners for two year terms to their respective positions and George Hughes was reappointed County Attorney.

County Had 3,598 Acres Of Idle Cropland In 1951

The 1952 North Carolina Farm Census Summary (by counties) just released by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh shows that there was a total of 146,490 acres in Jones County farms during 1951 and that 3,598 acres of this land was classified as idle.

The idle land was defined as open, cleared ungrazed land from which no crops were saved—including land on which crops failed. This land, according to farm leaders, might do wonders toward better farming and increased farm income if put to the proper use.

The remainder of Jones County's farm land usage was distributed as follows: harvested cropland, 42,538 acres; improved pasture, 3,688 acres; all other pasture (except woodland pasture), 1,112 acres; and other land (woods, waste, cutover, home-sites, etc.), 95,554 acres.

The Summary noted that of 21,283,078 acres of farm land in North Carolina there were 6,161,504 acres of harvested cropland, 1,185,059 acres of idle cropland, 808,947 acres of improved pasture, 1,211,954 acres of other pasture, and 11,915,614 woods, waste, cutover, and home-sites of other land including sites.

All of the figures in the Sum-

mary for this county are based on the 1952 farm census taken by townships last January under direction of the County Board of Commissioners.

Commercial Bank Opening New Branch

On Thursday of this week the Commercial National Bank, which advertises itself as "Kinston's Only Home-Owned Bank," opened its first branch in the Parkview Building on West Highland Avenue.

Officers of the bank announced that Roland Faulkner would be in charge of the Parkview Branch and would be assisted by Mrs. Murray Koonce and Mrs. Marie Jenkins Abbott.

Opening of the branch in an area where plenty of parking area is available is a part of the bank's continuing effort to extend a more complete banking service to its patrons in this section.

The 1952 average Irish potato yield is estimated at 120 bushels per acre, compared to 141 bushels in 1951 and a 10 year average of 126 bushels.

Southwood PTA To Sponsor Auction Sale

The Parent-Teachers Association of Southwood School will conduct an Auction Sale at Southwood School on December 13 at 10 o'clock in the morning.

A small commission will be collected on each item put up for auction and the proceeds from this commission will go to the association. Every effort will be made to secure the "top dollar" for items sold.

Items to be auctioned will be received at the school on Friday, December 12.

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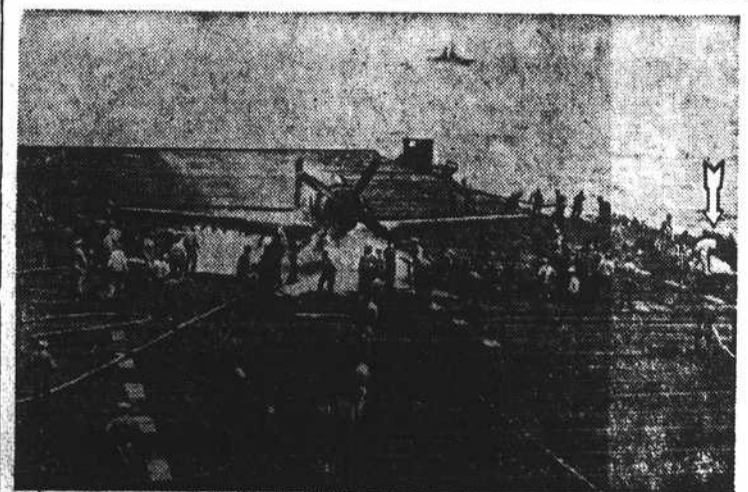
subject to confirmation of the owner.

No real estate will be sold.

All persons are invited to bring for sale, farm produce, stock, farm machinery, household items, and farm equipment and/or other items desiring to be sold.

In addition to the auction, turkey shoots will be held, and barbecue will be available.

Antibiotics in Swine rations result in feed savings up to \$2.28 per hundred pounds gain, according to Iowa State College researchers.



PLANE BURNS ON LANDING . . . Alert firefighting crewmen aboard the "Essex," somewhere off Korea, extinguish flames which enveloped skyraider when it landed on carrier. Arrow points to airman in asbestos suit smothering ammunition he removed from plane.