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Important Hospital Meeting to be Held 7:30 Monday

Dr. Ferrell Speaks to Officials



Above Dr. John A. Ferrell, executive director of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, is seen speaking to the meeting held last Friday night in Kinston when discussion was held on the future hospital building program in Lenoir County. Dr. Ferrell told the gathering which included the county board of commissioners, the county hospital's board of trustees and the new hospital building committee, that \$138,000 worth could be trimmed from the plans to conform with a recent Supreme Court decision and still give Kinston a "standard hospital." He said that state and federal monies allocated to this Lenoir County project must be implemented by July 1, 1953. The Medical Care Commission Architect, Bruce Jones, who is also pictured above stated that the county's part of a brand new hospital on a new site would be a maximum of \$700,000.

attempting to spend on the renovation and expansion of the present county hospital property. The Supreme Court, however, has limited this "remodeling and expansion" expenditure to the \$465,000 voted in a bond election in 1950 unless the people vote on additions to that amount. The decision on which direction the hospital construction will take will be made within the next months by the commissioners. Left to right in the picture are Galt Braxton, Kersey Smith, Architect Jones, Leo Harvey, Dr. Ferrell and Charles Templeton, hospital administrator of the Medical Care Commission.

Land 21 Pound, 6-year old Bass



In this picture, from left to right, "Hub" Sutton and Harry Killingsworth are displaying the man-sized bass Sutton landed last Thursday in Trent River just above New Bern in the Trent Pines vicinity. Libby Rider stares at a fish almost as long as she happens to be. Sutton landed the 21 pound "rock" while trolling with a silver spoon and pork rind and Killingsworth was along to verify the minute fight it took to boat this prime fish stew ingredient. Killingsworth says the "rock" was six years old, but if you want to know how he knew the fish was that old you'll have to inquire of him and his address is Trenton, Route One.

A meeting has been called for Monday night, January 19, in the court house in Kinston at which time everyone interested in future hospital construction in Lenoir County is urged to attend and be heard on which ever side they feel best for the county. This meeting is a result of suggestions made last Friday night when the Lenoir County Commissioners, the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and the hospital building committee met to discuss the next step facing the county on this vital decision in view of the recent decision by the Supreme Court.

In this meeting those who have fought for a New Hospital on a New Site were asked what they specifically wanted done and their answer was in substance this:

Let the people of the county, who will pay the bill, vote on two propositions: 1. To provide adequate funds up to at least \$1,000,000 for a completely new hospital on a new and expandable site or 2. To provide adequate monies by vote of the people to complete the renovation of Memorial General Hospital as originally planned.

An architect for the Medical Care Commission told the group last Friday night that some over \$600,000 would be needed to renovate the present site and expand it to a standard 125-bed hospital. The same Medical Care Commission architect said that Lenoir County's part of a new hospital of 125 beds approx-

\$700,000. In order that every one interested in this important step be given an opportunity to "say his piece" and hear both sides of the argument which they have been denied since the local semi-daily Free Press has consistently refused to print all of the facts and has twisted and lied even with the few facts that it felt the public "ought to have" this Monday night meeting is being held.

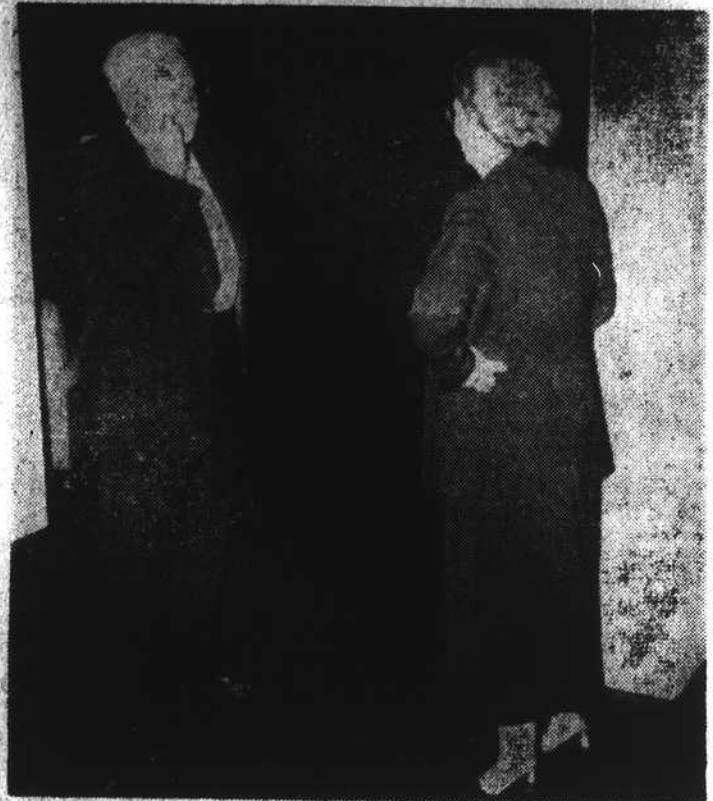
It has been pointed out wrongfully by this alleged "Free" Press that there is only one step possible and "only one step under consideration." This is not the truth as voiced by County Attorney Tom White at the Friday night meeting who read from the Supreme Court's decision and advised the gathering that there were three possibilities and that it was to the county commissioners to choose between these three: 1. To drop the entire matter of county-financed hospital construction. 2. To go ahead and build as much as possible with the \$465,000 authorized by the voters of the county and judged proper to spend by the Supreme Court. 3. To offer "another or other" bond issue to the people so that they might complete the Memorial General renovation or issue bonds sufficient to build a completely new hospital on a completely new site.

This view, that there were three alternatives open to the county commissioners, was shared and voiced by Leo Harvey, who was present at this meeting also and expressed himself in that manner.

The "Free" Press refused to report with integrity this meeting, as it has refused to treat with integrity other facts connected to this all-important hospital matter and at a price of \$164.64 per page those who want Lenoir to have a decent and expandable hospital have had to pay this exorbitant "tax" as the only manner in which both sides could be heard in this

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'This is not a public meeting-----'



Above Dr. A. L. "Bud" Hyatt, a member of one of Lenoir County's largest property owning families, is pictured as he was told that the last Friday night meeting of the county commissioners, the county hospital board of trustees and the hospital building committee was "not a public meeting." Doing the telling is Mrs. Maysie Petteway, business manager of the county-owned hospital. After some argument, but after Dr. Hyatt had departed, others were invited to attend "part" of this meeting of "public officials" who were holding a "non-public" meeting.

Control To Be Put On All Rental Property In Grifton

A comprehensive rent stabilization program covering virtually all rental housing accommodations will be established in Grifton effective Thursday, January 15, 1953.

Extension of rent stabilization to cover Grifton resulted from inclusion of town of Grifton in redefinition made December 23, 1952, of Kinston critical defense housing area under public law 96.

Public law 96 provides for establishment of comprehensive federal rent stabilization in crit-

ical defense housing areas. At present Grifton is not under federal rent stabilization and has not had federal rent control since December 1, 1949.

Maximum rent date for newly controlled rental units in Grifton will be August 1, 1952.

Total acreage of rye seeded in the United States for 1953 is estimated at 3,334,000 acres—about 7 per cent above the 1952 crop but nearly 24 per cent below the 10-year average.

A Very Bad Case of Sore Throat



This is an emergency-room-table-view of Robert Taylor, Jr., of the Jason section of Greene County as he waited for some "sewing" on his neck which had been slashed in a LaGrange disagreement at about 10 Saturday night with A. J. Speight another Greene County of the same neighborhood. Taylor suffered a five inch gash on the left side of his neck which missed his jugular vein by about a half to three quarters of an inch, attending physicians said as they sewed Taylor up and sent him on his way with an arm full of tetanus preventative vaccine and a lot less blood than he left home with Saturday night.