

Jones Journal

"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

VOLUME FOUR

TRENTON, N. C. Thursday, January 22, 1953

Number 37

Mass Meeting Calls For New Hospital

Which Is Joan? Or Joyce?



Pictured above are Joan and Joyce Baldree a pair of the prettiest twins anybody ever saw. Your guess as to which is Joyce and which is Joan is as good as ours and sometimes we wonder if they know. This picture was not taken for any particular reason. They had not received any orders for had they won any prizes—just out shopping but we thought they would make the paper look better.

Dacron Plant Opening May Be Postponed

A critical shortage of a basic chemical necessary for the production of "Dacron" has made it necessary to delay scheduling of February shipments of "Dacron" staple and tow to the textile trade, Du Pont officials have announced.

Production of the intermediate required for "Dacron" has been cut because of recent oper-

ation difficulties at one unit of the Repauno Works, Gibbstown, N. J., and delay in construction of another unit.

The combination of events might delay the opening of the new plant for producing "Dacron" now being built at Kinston. It was to have started up in February.

Present production of "Dacron" is in a small unit now operating at the company's Seaford, Del., Nylon Plant.

The largest Lenoir County crowd ever to attend a meeting on an important public subject Monday night filled the seats of the Lenoir County courthouse and all but unanimously voted for a resolution which asks that the county commissioners call a hospital bond election for some \$950,000 to build a new hospital on a new site. Estimates of from 300 to five hundred were placed on the number of people in the audience. Only 11 of the entire group voted against the resolution.

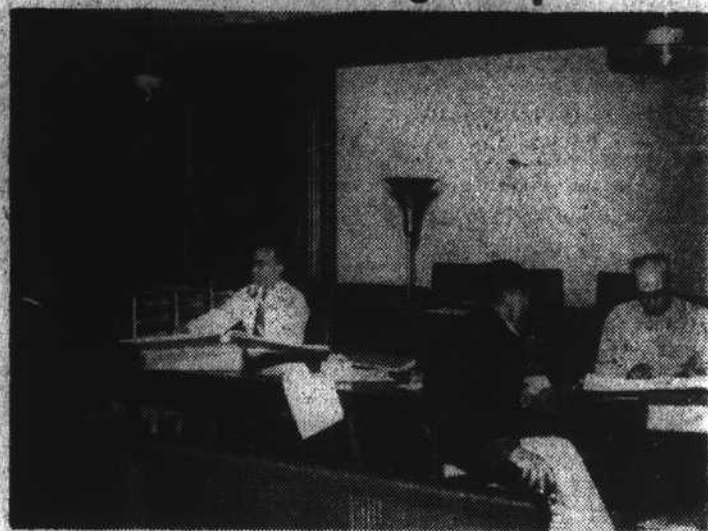
The meeting which was opened with a brief devotional reading and prayer by Mrs. Herman Johnson of Southwest Township, who asked the gathering to "think" deeply on this issue in controversy. On motion of Blackledge Harper of Woodington Township, Kinston Attorney Paul LaRoque was named chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Susan Perry of LaGrange was named secretary to the fathering.

Jack Rider, one of the plaintiffs in the suit brought in the courts in the attempt to get the county a new hospital on a new site, explained to the group that the meeting had been called at the suggestion of County Attorney Tom White and Hospital Building Committee Member Leo Harvey, who had asked that a "specific proposition be agreed upon and then presented to the county commissioners." This request was made by White and Harvey at the meeting earlier this month of the commissioners, the hospital board of trustees and the building committee of the hospital which met in the nurses' home of the hospital.

Attorneys John Dawson and Major Matt Allen summarized the attitude of the plaintiffs in the hospital suit which sought a new hospital on a new site and Dr. Rachel Davis, another of the plaintiffs, spoke briefly on the possibility of the county still getting something more than a remade hospital that has already been remodeled twice.

Mrs. Richard Moss spoke in opposition to a new bond election, asking "how long does it take an election to 'take'". Mrs. Jessie Moseley also oppos-

Tax Listing Time



Above from left to right facing the camera Kinston Township Tax Listers Max Jones and Howard Farley are seen hard at work as the first day of tax listing came around for the taxpayers of their township. Other townships had been at work for some time on the listing, but due to the great volume of work in Kinston where the revaluation made a lot of paper work necessary before the actual listing could begin the "opening day" had to be postponed.

ed the effort to get a completely new hospital. She also took the lawyers to task for speaking so long and she differed with their estimate of the crowd present by arguing that there were more nearly 300 persons present than the 500 referred to in passing by one of the lawyer speakers.

Another attorney, Ely J. Perry, spoke pointedly but briefly in summarizing his reasons for favoring a new hospital on a new site in spite of the fact that he supported the 1950 renovation of Memorial General Hospital because he says the sudden rapid growth of the county has outdistanced the 1950 plans even before they are put to work. He reminded the audience that leaders of the 1950 effort promised to seek a new hospital and a larger hospital if Du Pont decided to come to Kinston and now those leaders have failed to keep their promise and are attempting to pressure the county commissioners into letting them go ahead with the plans that they admit are inadequate.

Mrs. Ed Pollock spoke in opposition to further delay and asked "what can the commissioners do with this ABC money that the Supreme Court had said they cannot spend on this hospital renovation." Major Allen replied briefly, "They can do anything with it if the people vote them the privilege of spending it."

Mrs. Dan Parrott also objected to inferences that had been made by some of the speakers in which it was stated that they had no right to hold closed door sessions, or no right to deny the people of the county the right to vote on this vital question. Mrs. Parrott reminded that the people had elected these commissioners and she thought that they should deal with them a little more gently.

Mrs. Marvin Baker illustrated her objections to "behind closed doors planning for public buildings" by pointing to the inadequate auditorium of Lewis School which seats only 300 pupils while the school has more than 600 students. This, Mrs. Baker, reminded is not only trying to those who present talks to the student body, since they have to make the same speech twice but is also uneconomical in that it wastes a lot of valuable school time.

Mrs. J. C. Hood did not ex-

Lenoir Welfare Aid Totals \$40,410 For Month of December

Checks totalling \$40,410 were mailed out to public assistance recipients of the Lenoir County Welfare Department during the month of December and of this total the county's appropriation was \$4,629.75.

The largest group of checks in total amount went to the 323 families which included 1,175 children under the Aid For Dependent Children Program. In that category \$17,964 was paid out with average family checks of \$54.77 and the average allocation per child at \$15.29.

Old Age Assistance was next in line with a total of \$17,782 paid out to the 594 persons on the lists at an average of \$29.94 per person.

Under the Aid to the Totally and Permanently Disabled category a total of \$4,744 was paid out to the 124 recipients at an average of \$38.26 per person.

The Morning After



This is Robert Lewis, Norfolk salesman, pictured the day after he had been beaten and robbed by a North Dakota Marine from Camp Lejeune on New Year's Eve Night in front of Hotel Kinston. Lewis was robbed of about \$600 and some \$417 of this was recovered by Kinston Detective Wheeler Kennedy on the arrest of the Marine at Camp Lejeune. The Marine, William DeLorce, was scheduled to be tried during this week of Lenoir County's Superior court. DeLorce was convicted Tuesday of the beating and robbery and was sentenced to 12 months in prison by Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh.

Conducted Livestock School in Jones and Lenoir



Pictured above with Assistant Lenoir Farm Agent L. B. Outlaw in the center are four of the livestock specialists who last week conducted school in production and marketing of both swine and beef animals for Jones and Lenoir County farm groups. From left to right the group includes Jim Butler, swine specialist, Guy Castle, marketing specialist, Outlaw, A. B. Allen, beef cattle specialist and A. T. Lassiter, specialist from the State Department of Agriculture.

Continued on Page 3