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## Harvey Reports



Polk Harvey III is seen above as he made the first annual report to the stockholders of the Kinston Industrial Development Corporation last Thursday night at a supper meeting in the Jaycee Youth Center in West Kinston. Harvey reported that the property now owned by the corporation may be sold in the near future to a large company for a plant site, and the major question decided during the evening was whether or not the stockholders wanted to reinvest the sale price of the land into a new site or dissolve the corporation and pay off its shareholders. After considerable debate it was voted to reinvest the money but to pay a small dividend to stockholders if the property were sold at a profit. Six new directors were elected at the meeting, including Harvey C. Hines, Jr., Tom Harris, E. R. Buckner, James E. Taylor, Dr. Perry and O. L. Shaver.

## Appeal Judge's Order in Hospital Action

Attorneys of Dr. Rachel Davis, Braxton Newman and Jack Rider Monday asked that the \$15,000 bond they had been forced to give in the now ended hospital litigation be released. Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville stated that he would sign an order releasing the bond and then County Attorney Tom White stated that he would appeal the judge's decision to the Supreme Court, thus tying up the \$15,000 cash bond until October at least.

In an effort to reach a happier solution to the problem than this appeal decision by Lawyer White, Judge Nimocks then asked if a final judgment could not be signed at the current court term. It was agreed that this could be done and attorneys for the plaintiffs were instructed to draw up a final judgment for the judge's signature.

In the final judgment, the bond will, of course, be released so it appears that if Lawyer White appeals the final judgment he will then throw the entire hospital matter back into courts until next October, thus making impossible any work on the hospital until after that time.

White had argued at the First Monday meeting of the county commissioners that such a delay would probably cause the county to lose federal funds for its hospital construction program, so he is now placed in the paradoxical position of causing a delay that he had earlier this month would cause the county to lose \$387,000.

Blue-cured tobacco is produced in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

## City Political Pot is Quiet Now But Stew is Being Prepared for Election Time on the Fifth of May

Election time is still nearly three months away but there are indications that a little political interest is being taken in Kinston politics even this far in advance. The election this spring will select the mayor and five aldermen who set the policies for this fastest growing town in Eastern North Carolina.

The only announcement of any kind that has been made until this time came from Freshman Alderman Jesse Wooten, who said last fall that he was NOT a candidate to succeed himself and was most certainly not going to run for the office of mayor. This statement from Wooten came after this paper in a column, had "rumored" that he might run for the mayor's job.

Wooten, one of the town's younger and more successful businessmen, admits to having had an eye-filling two years on the city board and admits that "things look a lot different from the inside than they do from the outside". Last fall, when he announced that he was "through with politics" Wooten had just gone down swinging on the issue that arose over the expansion of the city-owned power plant. He had suggested and supported a tie-in arrangement with Carolina Power and Light Company rather than immediate expansion of the plant. His suggestion did not prevail since by nearly a two-to-one vote the power plant was built without outside aid.

There cropped up some thirty disguised threats during the hot campaign over the power plant expansion program but the heat of battle in last October has not carried over too strongly into this late winter period and it is not felt likely that any great op-

position to the incumbent board and mayor will develop from this particular issue.

Since the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was identified with the opposition to power plant expansion, that organization was expected to project some competition. However, there was a sharp slit within Jaycee ranks on the power plant program and although Jaycees, acting as individuals, may get their hat into the political ring it can be safely said that there will be no Jaycee ticket, as such.

The past two years have not been highly controversial in the city government. Everybody has been too busy to get into an argument and, although minor squabbles have developed from time to time over subdivisions and the accompanying sewer, water and electricity problems the majority of these have been short and have ended sweetly.

The aldermen have kept pace with the expansion their city has experienced in practically every sense. In fact there are some critics who charge that they have "gone too far".

The work now underway on a Negro swimming pool and the contemplated construction of a community center at the Fairfield Playground have been shot at by some of the economy-minded taxpayers but these steps in the direction of more recreation have been heralded by the vast majority.

It can be said with reasonable certainty that incumbent Mayor Guy Elliott will seek reelection as will four of the five incumbent aldermen: John W. Rider, Ed P. Johnson, Burwell Temple and Charlie Taylor. And it may not be too far from wrong to say that Wooten may have changed his mind since last fall and may offer himself for an-

other two-year term.

In recent years Mayor Elliott has been under fire on a number of hot-potato issues but during the past two years he has deftly sidestepped any major controversies and is now ending perhaps his most peaceful two-year stint as the town's chief executive.

Expected to be a minor issue in the election this spring will be the question raised by a considerable and growing group of Kinstonians who want the business of "sharing costs on county functions brought to an end". This local group objects, and loudly to paying twice as a taxpayer in the city and in the county for such things as public health, library, recorder's court, fat stock show and other assorted smaller items of that nature.

This problem has stemmed from long years of acceptance but there is growing sentiment in the city to put an end to such double taxation. At present a group will appear before the county commissioners and ask for a specified sum to be granted on the condition that the city match the amount. This sounds so nice and friendly that for years people didn't realize that the "gun was loaded". In effect the 38 per cent of the county's citizens who live in Kinston have been footing 78 per cent of the bill on many projects of this "share and share alike nature".

As one citizen recently put it: "You'd think that the people who live in Kinston don't pay county taxes!"

Some little stiffening of the city board of aldermen has been noticeable in recent months on these 50-50 appropriations. It is likely that even more stiffening will be noticed in the future.

## NC Coach Talks



Above Head Basketball Coach Frank McGuire from the University of North Carolina is seen last Wednesday night as he made a few interesting observations to a meeting of the Catholic Men's League of Holy Trinity Catholic Church at a meeting held in the Jaycee Youth Center in West Kinston. McGuire, a native of Manhattan, explained how he had come to love Chapel Hill. The coach spent more time, however, in outlining his fears on the basketball future of UNC which doesn't have the "tall boys" needed for big time basketball at present. Following McGuire's talk to the group, movies of a recent Carolina-State game were shown to the 100 guests at the gathering.

## Pvt. Steve Weber With 2nd Division

With the 2nd Infantry Div. in Korea, Pvt. Steve Weber, whose wife, Mary, lives in De Witt, Va., is serving in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Private Weber is serving as a medical specialist.

He was formerly stationed at Camp Polk, La., and attended the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

His father, G. R. Weber, lives in Seven Springs.

## Biggest Suit Settled

A consent judgment was signed in Lenoir County Superior Court Monday by Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville bringing to an abrupt end the biggest damage suit ever brought in the county's court. An unspecified amount of money and other "good and valuable considerations" were allowed Bob Sharpe, who was suing Landman Marvin Vick for \$250,000 for the alleged alienation of Mrs. Sharpe's affection. In another suit in which Mrs. Sharpe (nee Myrtilla Harvey) was seeking full title to the home she and her husband had built, settlement was reached when Sharpe granted her fee simple title to the property. The custody of the three Sharpe children was granted to the mother for nine months of each year and to the father for three months on condition that he post \$2,000 bond if he carried the children out of North Carolina. The amount of money paid, Sharpe was a closely guarded secret but it was agreed by court house officials that it must have been "plenty" for a consent judgment to be reached so quickly.

## Better Read This, Now If You Are a Self-Employed Person

About twenty thousand people in the Rocky Mount Social Security Office area who work for themselves will pay a social security tax for the second time, this month and next. If you are self-employed as sole owner or partner in an unincorporated trade or business, you should know this:

1. If your self-employment income is as much as \$400 in a year, you will pay 2 1/4 per cent of your net earnings up to \$3600. That's \$81 maximum. This social security tax payment will be made with your Federal income tax return by March 15, 1953. Payment is not voluntary.

2. You must have a social security number on your return to get social security credit. If you do not have a social security account card, better get one now.

3. Self-employed people who work for themselves in any kind of occupation covered by the law are now building towards old-age and survivors insurance just like employees in commerce and industry. There are about 7500 people in this area now getting social security benefits and payments will approach \$2,000,000 this year.

For more information get in touch with your social security office at Rocky Mount.

## Crop Of Boys Recommended For Farm Labor Shortage

Large crops of farm boys, who stay on the farm, might be the best answer to the labor shortage currently plaguing Tar Heel farmers, but in the absence of these, science offers alternatives.

M. S. Williams, farm management specialist for the State College Extension Service, points out a number of problems and how science offers the farmer means of solving them.

He cites a recent study showing that many Tar Heel farmers are taking from eight to 10 months and from 18 to 20 bushels of corn to put a 200-pound hog on the market. Labor required runs about 10 hours per hog and returns about \$1 an hour over costs.

By using good pasture and balance rations, a 200-pound hog can be put on the market with 12 bushels of corn in six months, with only five hours of labor per hog and a return of \$2.75 per hour.

Williams also points out that it takes very little, if any, extra labor to increase the per acre yields of a crop, especially if you're using mechanical power for harvesting. And the greater

the output for each man-hour of labor, the more you can afford to pay that laborer, thereby keeping him on the farm instead of losing him to the mill in the city.

Soil testing, resulting in ade-



FLEET CHIEF... Pacific fleet commander Admiral Arthur W. Radford leaves White House after Pres. Eisenhower announced recall of U. S. naval blockade of Formosa.

quate fertilization, is a key step in more efficient production. These and many other ways of getting the most from your land are as close to the farmer as his county agent.