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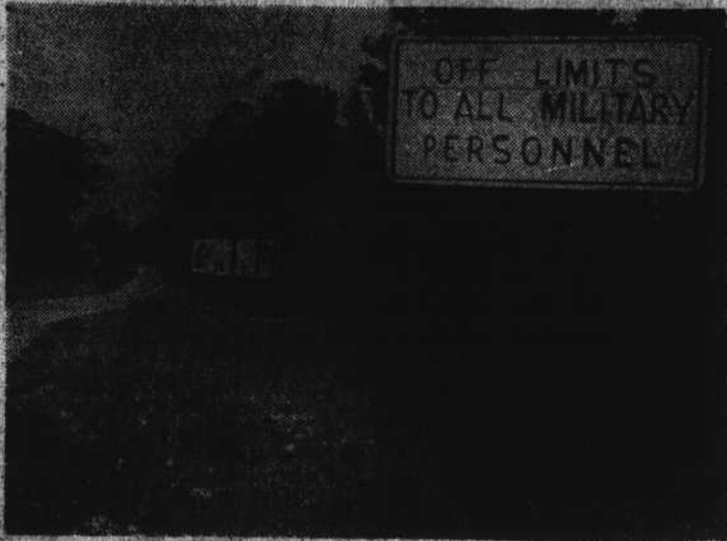
"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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'Off Limits To All Military Personnel'



That's what the sign on the pole at the left in the picture above says and it is located at the entrance of "Sparrowsville" just south of Kinston and just across Neuse River.

The sign means many things: Firstly, it means just what it says, "Off Limits to All Military Personnel." Secondly, it means that there is a good and sufficient reason to the military authorities for hanging such a sign on a neighborhood.

Frequently, individual places such as tap rooms will request military police to place a sign on their places to keep armed forces men out because of their tendencies to boisterous conduct. But in an instance in which an entire neighborhood is tagged with a sign such as that above there is generally only one meaning: The presence of organized prostitution.

Sparrowsville was originally settled back in the late 1800's.

Being known as "Little Sparrow" but finally became "Sparrowsville" due to the fact that its principal owner was named Sparrow.

Murders, organized vice, and whisky were a part of that riverside settlement and still a number of unsolved murder cases are on the Lenoir County police books that probably got their start in one of the brothels that was doing business in this location.

For a brief period during the late 1940's the prostitutes, pimps and bootleggers departed and the once naughty bawdy houses became dwellings for people who were pushed into such an area by the press of the housing shortage and the shortness of money.

But, now, again, that community-indicting sign is hanging

on the entrance to this settlement. There is one tacked to a power line pole at each end of this small community. No recent indictments for prostitutions have been made in this area. But apparently the military authorities must have some reason for placing this community "Off Limits To All Military Personnel."

At any rate it is a disgusting sight for visitors, or even natives to see such degrading signs tacked up at the entrance to what most of us like to refer to as a decent place and a fine place to settle and rear a family.

The stigma that these signs attaches goes far beyond the tiny gathering of riverside dwellings that is known as "Sparrowsville." It reflects on the morality of the entire community and in particular has no good word to say for those county law enforcement officers whose

Jones Farmers Are Urged to Order Labor Immediately

Jones County PMA Secretary Nelson Barker this week urged those Jones Countians who feel that they will need extra farm labor at tobacco-housing time this summer to place orders now rather than waiting until the last minute. The deadline for placing orders for this labor is May 1st.

Every farmers in the county has been given ample time to study the plan and to make arrangements in his neighborhood for housing and using this labor to the maximum possible advantage of everybody concerned and there is no need to delay placing these orders, Barker reminded.

Week In Review

The Kinston Board of Aldermen in a called session Monday morning voted to issue \$400,000 in bond anticipation notes to take care of current expenditures in the program authorized by voters last October. At the suggestion of the Local Government Commission it has been decided not to sell the bonds until in the fall when a better market is expected. The issue authorized Monday includes \$200,000 light plant bonds, \$150,000 recreation bonds and \$50,000 water system bonds.

The eighth traffic death of 1953 came early Sunday morning to Lenoir County when a car driven by Allen Jones of Seven Springs route one struck 30-year-old Henry Hargrove who was lying partially on the road between Jackson's Forks and Sandy Bottom. Hargrove was all but decapitated by the blow and died instantly. No further investigation of the accident was deemed necessary by Coroner Raymond Jarmon after a study of the evidence was made.

Bids for paving 232 miles of road in the state were asked for Tuesday in Raleigh and included among this was 19.65 miles between Pleasant Hill and Phillip's Crossroads and other shorter sections connection into this longer stretch. A 4.2 mile stretch in the Wheat Swamp and Arba sections of Greene and Lenoir Counties and another 5.2 miles in Lenoir County's Sandhill Township and adjoining Craven

Judge Quincy Nimocks of Fayetteville wrote what is very likely to be "Final" to the lengthy hospital litigation brought in Lenoir County by Dr. Rachel Davis, Braxton Neuman and Jack Rider in an effort to get a new hospital for the county on a new site. Judge Nimocks approved the \$465,000 bond issue as directed by the Supreme Court, released the \$15,000 bond placed by the three plaintiffs and awarded the plaintiffs \$4,500 attorney's fees. The county still has the right to appeal from Nimock's judgment but since it would have to appeal the entire judgment and perhaps delay work on the hospital until late this fall, it is considered most unlikely that the county would cause this further delay because a

Serve on Korean Airlift



Airman Second Class Thomas W. Herring, (seated), LaGrange, checks a weather report at the radio operator's table of a U. S. Air Force C-47 Commando, while the aircraft engineer, Robert Robert A. Branch, of Chicago, looks on. Both are mem-

bers of the 315th Troop Carrier Wing which daily flies combat cargo between Japan and Korea, supplying the UN forces with ammunition, supplies, mail and rations. Combat Cargo aircraft also airlift UN patients from Korea to hospitals in Japan.

major part of the action in the hospital matter has stemmed from what its representatives have termed the necessity of spending the state and federal monies before June 30, 1953.

Registration books opened Saturday in Kinston and 732 persons placed their names on and became eligible to vote in the May 5th city election which selects a mayor and five aldermen to conduct the city's affairs for two years. This is a completely new registration and everybody has to put their name on the books between now and 6 p. m. April 26th if they want to vote. Registrars are Herbert Bradshaw for everyone living South of Gordon Street, Mrs. J. W. Shute for those east of Queen and

north of Gordon, Lewis Paylor for those west of Queen, north of Gordon and South of Vernon and Sidney Laws for those who live west of Queen and north of Vernon Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carey and their three children were all injured in a freakish accident between New Bern and Cherry Point Sunday afternoon. Carey was the most seriously injured of the family with fractures to three vertebrae. Mrs. Carey suffered a broken arm and cuts about the face. The children escaped with minor cuts and bruises. The accident came when Carey swerved his car to avoid being hit by a dangling car that was being pulled behind a wrecker.

Telephone Service Finally Reaches Moss Hill Section

Last Thursday at noon the first long-distance call was made through the new exchange recently installed by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to serve the Moss Hill section of Lenoir County. Moss Hill Miller Isler Davis called Kinston Mayor Guy Elliott and invited him to the Moss Hill High School cafeteria for a barbecue luncheon that was being served in celebration of the occasion.

Davis, serving as toastmaster for the occasion, due to his persistent efforts to get telephone service for the southwestern end of Lenoir County, introduced CT&T President L. W. Hill, who spoke briefly on what his company has done and hopes to do in the immediate future in helping develop Eastern North Carolina by giving even better service than it now gives.



E. J. Nobles Isler Davis CT&T Vice-President Jack Havens was the beaming recipient of a genuine, home-cured Lenoir County Ham as evidenced in the picture here, which was given by the Moss Hill Barbecue

L. H. Hill Club in recognition of Haven's efforts to bring their community telephone service. Also on hand for the occasion were a number of county dignitaries and many officials of the

Isler Davis Edward Davis Ike Whitfield "The Ham" Jack Havens telephone company along with Kinston Lawyer Fred I. Sutton, a member of the board of directors of CT&T. E. J. Nobles, veteran manager of the Kinston branch of the

company, who is perhaps best known by his nickname, "Hexie" was also on tap for the eating and congratulating. Nobles made no speeches but did take part in the eating.