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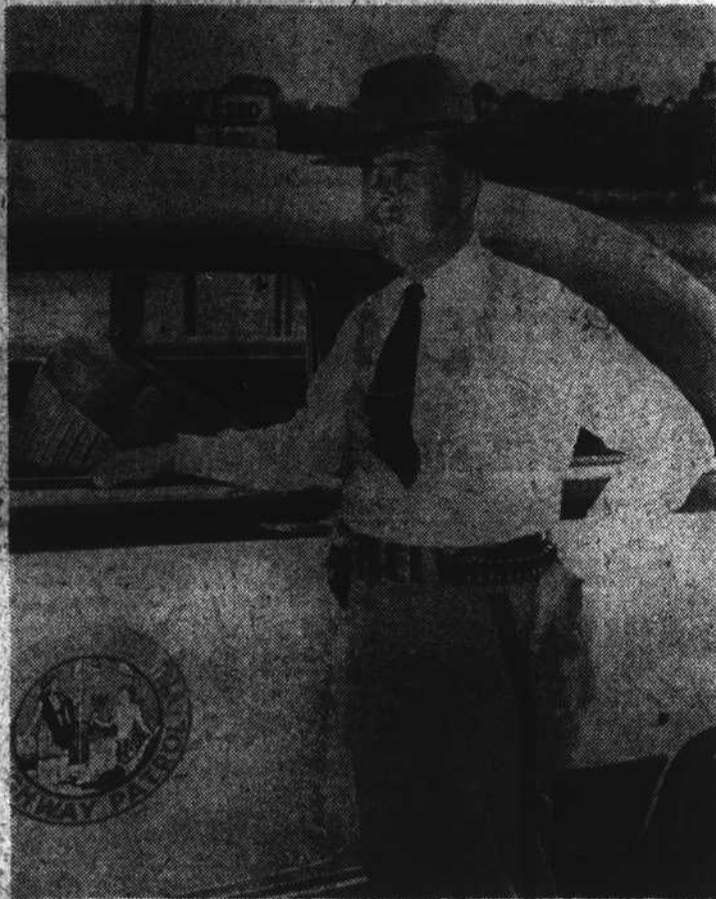
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## Like Spring, Kinston Is Now 'Busting Out All Over'

### New Summer Hat Fashion



This is Patrolman Walter Parish of the Kinston Unit of the Highway Patrol "sporting" the new summer headgear which was recently issued to members of the state constabulary. This fancy fedora replaces the old "Trader Horn" sun helmet which was hot and heavy. The best information available on the new chapeau is that it is light and hot.

### Building Permit Denied Lenoir Hospital Project

In a three-page letter which is printed here Kinston Building Inspector Deyo Southerland Monday refused to issue a building permit to the T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro for the construction of additions to Memorial General Hospital.

In simplified language Southerland's refusal boils down to this: The present hospital which was already in existence at the time the zoning ordinance was passed in May 1950 was not in conformity with that law but since it predated the law there was nothing that could be done about it. But a very specific provision of that law forbids any alterations or additions to buildings that are already "non-conforming."

In addition to the original nonconformity which was due to the fact that the hospital building was too close to the sidewalk, the plans for the additions as drawn by the Charlotte architect also proposed to build the front of the new part too close to the front property line.

City officials who are much-concerned about the situation point out that they did NOT see the full plans for the hospital until May 8, 1953 and so they feel there is no way in which they can be charged with any responsibility for this awkward situation. One city official pointed out that every Kinston architect is familiar with the zoning ordinance and in the past when other out-of-town architects have done work in Kinston they have also studied the local laws that regard building and zoning. The J. N. Pease Co. of Charlotte, which drew the renovation plans for the local hospital has never made any kind of inquiry to the city building officials and so the major-

ity of Kinston's official opinion is that the architect has been most derelict in his obligation to the county for having attempted to erect a million dollar addition to a building without studying the local building laws.

The next step in this controversy will be an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustments, which has the right, in some instances, to overrule the building inspector. But in the past the adjustment board has forced other local property owners to adhere to the "letter of the law" and have not relaxed to permit infractions of the very plainly written law such as this hospital case is apparently is.

Recently the Holy Trinity Catholic Church was refused permission to complete additions to the front of its parsonage because it brought the building too close to the front property line. Similar refusals were repeatedly heaped upon the head of Johnnie Ervin who in all good faith started to add a few feet to the back of his electric motor repair shop just three blocks from the hospital site.

The letter from Southerland follows here:

Kinston, N. C.  
May 11, 1953

Mr. D. C. Rouse,  
General Superintendent,  
T. A. Loving & Company,  
Goldsboro, N. C.

In re: Building permit  
for Lenoir County  
Hospital.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your appli-

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Like spring, Kinston is busting out all over . . .

In the east, the north, the south and the west—on all sides as well as blossoming in the middle, Kinston is truly and literally busting out all over, much like spring in the song of not too distant vintage.

To the south, the Jenkins Tractor Company has a large new home for its Ford Tractor dealership that is now nearing completion. Which makes one more tractor dealer that will soon be doing business on what might be called "Tractor Alley," since Keith Williams and his Kinston Tractor Company which peddles Ferguson Tractors and Equipment and the Turner Tractor & Equipment Company which does its best to sell everybody Allis-Chalmers Tractors and Jake West with his International Harvester dealership were already out on U. S. 258 south doing their best to put the mule out of business.

Also, on the South side, R. A. Bradshaw has recently completed and moved into his woodworking shop and a half mile further south the Sun Gas Company has its new home, having been routed out of its old place at the intersection of 258 and 70. A little further south the county's newest drive-in theatre, the Nu-Pont is now in business.

To the east Kersey Smith has added to and changed the name of an old part of his Concrete Products Company, having dropped the rather final sounding Smith Vault Company name for a more modern sounding tag line.

Still to the East, but a little near town, Bill King has opened his Neuse Sports Shop next door to Robert Taylor and Wilbur King Filling Station and Cafe. Taylor and King are also members of this expanding family in the east and have recently added a full-line grocery store to their already considerable establishment.

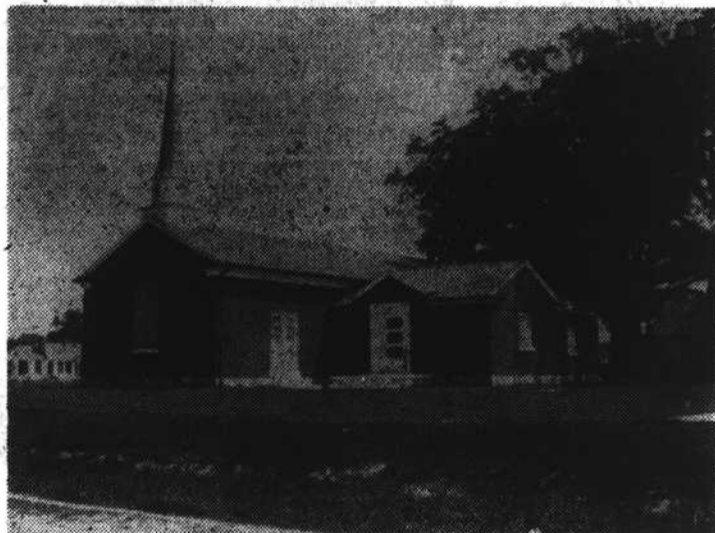
To the North, Harvey Motor Company, Chevrolet Dealer in the Kinston area, is also rushing to completion its new home at the intersection of Highland Avenue extended and the Greenville Highway. On the same highway but still in the planning stage is the Motel which "Brownie" Heath and his brother Hunter, plus a little extra outside capital are scheduled to build in the near future.

Also on the "schedule to be built soon" list is the "Big Apple" cafe which a Murphreesboro and Norfolk group hope to soon have going adjacent to the Harvey Motor Company.

Even later rumors on the "Big Apple" cafe say that this deal has fallen through and that the area about where this new eating place was supposed to go has been leased or is about to be leased for another Drive-In Theatre, and to think, it's right in front of Buddy Hill's Brightleaf Drive-In—It's just a rumor "Buddy."

Still in the general northerly direction C. B. "Shorty" Long, Kinston's leading man in a very "crummy" business, is already at work on the big new home for his "Dainty Maid" bakery. Long, like many others, has decided to leave the heavily traveled downtown areas where rents are high and parking is almost non-existent. Long's modern bakery is to be on the Snow Hill highway, less than a mile from the city limits and across the road from Kleber Denmark's new florist shop which is the first pretty commercial building to go up on that highway which has been depressed in the past by having

### Kinston's Newest Church



All of the building in and around Kinston is not commercial, residential and industrial. Above is seen the prettiest church in Kinston at present which was recently completed on the western end of Vernon Avenue by the local congregation of The Church of the Latter-Day Saints, who are more

usually called by their shorter name, Mormons. This church was built largely by artisan members of the congregation and in a remarkably brief period. It is the first of a number of new churches scheduled to be built in the immediate future to serve the expanding spiritual needs of the community.

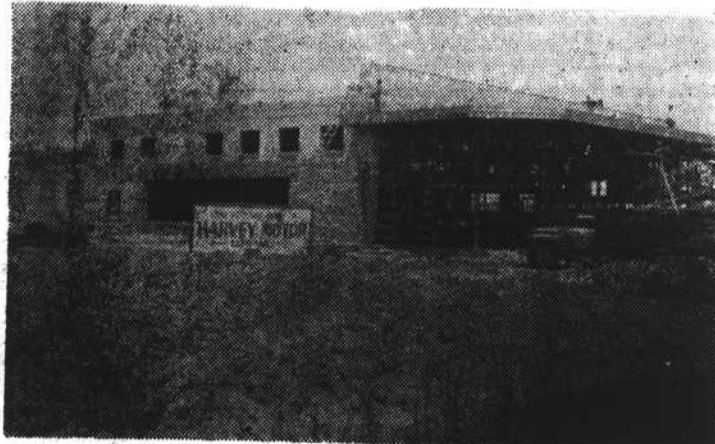
### New Ford Tractor Home



As the sign says, this building above, is to be the New Home of Jenkins Tractor Company and it is about a mile south of Kinston on US 258 on "Tractor Alley" where it joins with its Ford

line of "mule erasers" the Ferguson, Allis-Chalmers and International Harvester tractor outfits which are already doing business in the southeastern edge of Kinston.

### New Chevrolet Home



This handsome and large new building less than a mile north of Kinston, at the intersection of Highland Avenue and the Greenville Highway will soon be the new home of Harvey Motor Com-

pany, the Chevrolet dealer for the Kinston area. Upon completion this will be the finest and largest "peddling place" for gasoline buggies in this neck of the woods.

a number of very sorry looking buildings stuck up by people who had more money than they had taste. With the move of Long's bakery in that direction it now appears that the area between the Adkin Run and the Airport Road will now become another commercial area similar to that west of Kinston where the Pepsi Cola company is now building beside the Coca Cola plant a large modern and beautiful plant to serve the Kinston area better.

Of course, it looks as if the city limits of Snow Hill and Kin-

ston will soon be growing together the way houses are popping up across the road from Raymond Cunningham's property. It is safe to bet, however, that this particular part of the housing boom will come to a sudden stop when it gets to Cunningham's well-manicured acreage.

To the west of Kinston in addition to the "Pepsi Plant" other smaller businesses are still coming. Neither Garner this week has just about got into his new "TV and Radio" shop in the

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