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## Lenoir Board Votes To Call School Bond Issue For \$2,000,000 Monday

After a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kinston Graded School District and the Lenoir County Board of Education had agreed upon a figure of \$2,000,000 to be equally divided between the two systems the Board of County Commissioners Monday afternoon quickly voted to call a school bond issue election on October Third for this lowered figure. Originally the city group had asked for \$2,000,000 and the county for \$1,394,000.

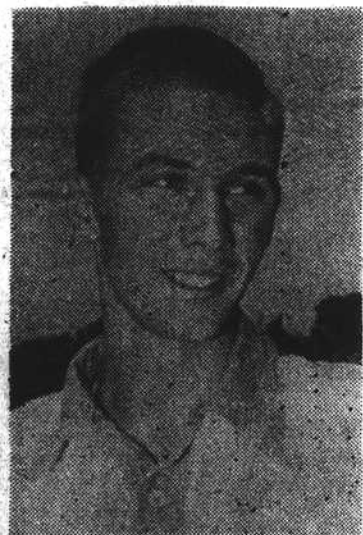
The joint meeting of the school groups followed the reading of a telegram from New York bonding attorneys who informed the county that it could not issue school bonds in excess of \$3,194,000 which was about \$200,000 less than the two boards were asking. Formal adoption of the \$2,000,000 bond order will be made at a special meeting of the board on August 17th to which all persons who are opposed to the size of the bond issue have been urged and invited to be heard.

Neither school board specified what it would do with the monies furnished it under this order, but in previous meetings the two boards have agreed that the pressing need in the city is for a new elementary school in Northeast Kinston which is to cost \$517,000 and in the county the pressing need is for sufficient rooms at LaGrange, Savannah and Woodington schools to complete the consolidation of the county's antiquated and aggravating Negro school system. This additional room space for these three Negro schools is estimated to cost \$474,000.

In previous meetings city school officials had pointed to further needs as 1. A new elementary school in Northwest Kinston. 2. A new elementary school in Lincoln City and 3. A Junior High School.

County school officials had listed gymtoriums for three Negro schools and gymnasiums for the seven rural white schools as the most pressing problems beyond completion of the Negro school consolidation program.

County School Board Chair-



Bobby Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson of Pollockville route one, this week is attending the annual forestry school at Camp Hope in Haywood County. Johnson is a member of the Jones Central High School Senior 4-H Club and as one of his club projects he planted 2,000 red cedar seedlings last year. More than 80 boys from every part of the state are at this special camp devoted to forestry this week. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)



GETS BERIA'S JOB . . . Sergei N. Kruglov, 36, succeeds L. P. Beria as Soviet minister of foreign affairs and head of secret police. Beria faces treason charges.

man Elmer Wooten pointed out that the school situation is a fluid thing, reminding that it was just a few years ago that State school experts had recommended the closing of Southwood High School but that now it is the fastest growing of the seven rural white schools. Wooten pointed out that he could not say what would be done with the funds beyond \$474,000 that his board would get if the bond issue is approved but he did admit that the gyms were still probably next in line after the Negro school consolidation.

County Attorney Tom White pointed out that his earlier opinion had been that the specific use of the school bond money had to be set forth in the ballot but opinions of the New York bonding attorneys varies with his and had pointed out that it is usually deemed better not to specify exact uses of the money due to the fluidity of the overall school situation.

Members of the board of county commissioners said they felt that the two million dollars was "a little high," most of them by about a half million dollars, but they pointed out that nobody had appeared in opposition to the pressure of the two school boards and other school and civic groups. Those who may be opposed to a two million dollar issue and who feel that a smaller amount would be adequate have been urged to attend the August 17th meeting at which time they will be given full opportunity to be heard.

## Grifton Bloodmobile

Thurman Williams, chairman of the "blood bank" activities of the Red Cross in the Grifton area, asks that everybody in that area make note of the fact that the "Bloodmobile" will be in Grifton from 1 until 7 p. m. August 10 at which time it will take blood from volunteers who want to help in this county-wide effort. In order that persons who wish to give blood will not have to wait appointment cards are available in both Grifton drug stores. Williams pointed out that the need for blood in Korea has now ended, if temporarily, but the need for blood in the making of gamma globulin still exists and he urges everybody to come and give a pint of blood that is

## Lowest Of All Criminals Is The Dope Peddler Who Profits From Such Misery

Police officers look with varying sentiments on law breakers; amused at the happy drunk, angered by the nasty traffic offender who thinks the law was meant for "other people," sickened at the pitiful alcoholic, frightened of the insane or near-insane criminals of any type, contempt for the petty racketeer and chisler but for one group of lawbreakers all police share a common and burning emotion — hatred of the dope peddler.

Today, although relative sparseness of Eastern Carolina's population does not provide the happiest climate for this lowest of all criminal types they are far more in evidence today than ever before. And as much as police at every level despise the dope peddler there is very little that can be done to stop this mounting local problem from reaching perhaps even the proportions it has attained in more densely populated areas.

Just a few months ago, as the calendar flies, great national headlines were made by the Kefauver Committee, as it spread before the public view the sordid but immense ramifications of this lucrative, deadly side of crime. Congress with its ears to the radio and its eye on the headlines made a lot of pompous sounds on the overall subject of illicit narcotics. Yet today, after all of these headlines, breast-thumpings and tear-sprinkled oratory North and South Carolina share ONE narcotic agent, a capable man whose job stands close to that of Atlas, who held the world upon his shoulders.

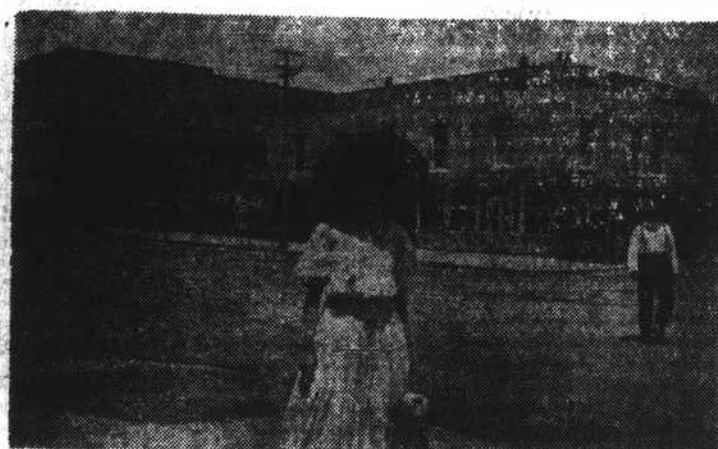
In the immediate Kinston area dope can be obtained, for a price, within minutes by anybody in "need of a fix." The price ranges from two to five dollars. One can choose his "dope" but the most used is heroin, the white, crystalline form of morphine.

Local police know but not to the point of proving in court largely who the "pushers" are. But to convict a "pusher" he must be caught with the loot on his person or premises, or someone who has purchased a "fix" must be willing to go into court and testify to the purchase and usually two such witnesses are required.

The difficulty of getting either of these prerequisites to conviction is easy to understand when it is recognized that enough heroin to put half a hundred people to sleep can be held in a hollow pencil, a shoe heel, rolled up in the hairdo of a woman, hidden in a cigarette pack or, as has been done on many occasions—hidden in the openings of the body.

The only way of catching a "pusher" with the goods is to have an advance tip as to the hiding place and then speed and luck must combine to catch him, or her before the hiding place is changed or the "white stuff" is disposed of.

The most frequent method of convicting the dope peddler is by catching an addict who is badly in "need of a fix" and then bribing him or her with dope and a promise of a cure if they will testify against the person from whom they buy their "fix." Here again the necessity of having at least two persons to testify, or having pictorial evidence of the actual purchase complicate this meth-



The first person to identify the corner in the above photograph which was taken more than 50 years ago in Kinston will be given a one-year subscription free to this paper. Study it closely

for there is a very good indication of which corner it is and it is not too difficult to identify. (Picture courtesy Frank LaRoque.)

od and completely eliminate the local law enforcement officer who cannot obtain dope to "bribe" addicts and who do not have the authority to promise a "cure" to the addict.

Special training, familiarity with every respect of the dope traffic, the ability to recognize an addict, the facility of acquiring the friendship of such sufferers, plenty of time to develop a case or series of cases and access to supplies of the "white stuff" are some of the things that the narcotics agent must have and are things that the local cop does not have due to the degree of specialization need to fight this particular criminal activity.

The immense profits, the relatively light sentences, difficulty of detection and just plain commonness combine to get the non-addict in the business. The addict is there because he needs ready access to relatively easy money in order to afford the terrible price of addiction which runs as high as \$10 to \$50 a day.

In and around Kinston are a known few men and women who are engaging in this awful practice. The supply of customers is not large, fortunately. A few prostitutes are kept "hopped up" by their "gentlemen friends" who occasionally gross as much as \$150 on a weekend from one or two of these pitiful women, some of whom are so doped they hardly know where they are.

A few "regulars" and occasionally a new addict will crop up; usually a person who has had a painful illness or injury and got use to the relief of morphine and upon recovery from his illness or injury finds it almost impossible to forsake the "needle."

The list of known addicts in and around Kinston is relatively small, but it is not due to any shortage of dope. Many of the more prominent characters in the business graduated upward or downward from bootlegging whisky and women into this, the lowest of all the criminal professions.

Perhaps the biggest reason the average cop hates this low breed so badly is because they are the hardest to catch, most difficult to convict and get off the easiest in court and because, all too frequently, the few that are caught are just the riff-raff of the dope traffic and the higher-ups are seldom caught.

It is a pity, indeed that such

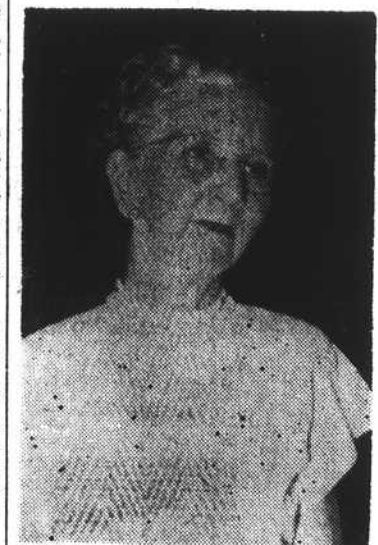
baseless people can walk the earth and breathe the air of freedom. The death penalty for the dope-peddler-for-profit would not be to severe.

## Summer Camp For 41 Jones 4-H'ers

Assistant Farm Agent William Shackelford reported that 41 Jones County 4-H Club members have signed up and will attend the annual summer encampment which is being held for the first time this year at Camp Milstone near Rockingham.

Shackelford says the group will leave by car from Trenton on August 17th and return on the 22nd. A full week of recreation, entertainment and occasional bits of education are planned for the Jones group.

North Carolina will harvest a 1953 rye crop of approximately 270,000 bushels, some 45,000 bushels more than the 1952 harvest, but 33,000 bushels less than the 1942-51 average.



Mrs. Clyde Banks, well known Jones County Home Demonstration Club woman, is scheduled to leave by plane from Raleigh on Sunday for Toronto, Canada, where she will be one of the North Carolina delegates to the international meeting there of Home Demonstration Club women. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)