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## Jones County's Biggest Tobacco Farmer Gets 'Caught'

### Herbert Jones Over-Plants Tobacco Allocation By 30.3 Acres; Now Must Pay \$7,726.50 Penalty on Overage

If Jones County's Biggest tobacco farmer this year had managed to get away with what he was trying to do, he would perhaps have done a good bit toward holding the per-acre tobacco yield of the county up to its past high levels in spite of the July drought.

Herbert Jones, Pink Hill businessman and Kinston auto dealer, who is Jones County's holder of the largest single tobacco allocation, tried but he failed and as one consequence of his effort he'll have to pay the Federal Government a \$7,726.50 fine.

On the several farms that Jones owns in Jones County there was a total tobacco allocation of the 1953 crop year of 190.3 acres and early this year when Raeford Blizzard made the first check of these plantings he reported a total of 195.1 acres, which was not viewed as a very large over-planting on such a large allotment and Jones agreed readily to cut down the 4.8 acres which that first measurement indicated him to be over planted. This was only a scattering tenth of an acre or a little more on the various tenants that tend the Jones Farms in Tuckahoe and Beaver Creek Townships—the old Goldsboro Lumber Company Farms, the Lowery and Webb Farms.

Recently, however, Jones County PMA officials had some reason to believe that those first check figures were a little off and so a spot checker, with an official of the State PMA office along with a representative of Jones went back over the Jones holdings and on this second going-over they found that in spite of Jones having cut down 4.8 acres he still had housed 220.6 acres of the golden leaf, which made him 30.3 acres overplanted, even after the token cutting down of 4.8 acres earlier in the year.

Caught "with the goods" and with practically all of the tobacco housed Jones was faced with two alternatives: To destroy the

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## Crowded Docket Awaits Civil Term Of Superior Court In Jones County

Judge Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill will convene a one-week civil term of Jones County's Superior Court Monday, August 17th and although there is more than enough work on the long-neglected civil calendar to occupy a full week of court it is not considered likely that all cause; docketed will be tried.

Nine divorces and 20 other civil actions are listed on the calendar. The divorces will be tried on the opening day of the court and the couples seeking to be legally split asunder are Catherine P. Humphrey from Earl Humphrey, Minnie Berry Frimage from George R. Brimage, Willie Hill from Mary Lee Hill, Margaret Lane Pigott from Thomas Pigott, William Jarman from Kathleen Jarman, Veiven Banks from Lenwood Banks, Bett Brown Lasiter from Alvin

Earl Lassiter, J. L. Murphy from Josephine Jordan Murphy and Eunice Mills Pore from John A. Pore.

Jurors summoned to serve during the week include Sam Phillips, Bromo Spivey, Harper Andrews, Jesse Thomas, B. C. Gray, Arthur Mallard, C. M. Gray, Jr., Wayne Haskins, Earl Faulkner, Charlie R. Stillely, Clem Jenkins, Robert Gerock.

Randolph Pelletier, Hugh Oliver, L. L. Ogden, Raymond Harrison, Luby Collins, Luther Cox, Jr., W. G. Mallard, C. A. Battle, Alva B. Howard, Preston Mercer, Carl Arthur, D. E. Taylor, Randolph Ballard, Preston Banks.

Jack Blizzard, Ralph Hadnot, Elza Smith, George Dixon, B. C. Brown, Burch Smith, L. T. Mallard, Ray Boyette, Williams Simpson and Eddie Andrews.

## Week In Review

The city council is still having trouble trying to find enough members to fill out the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. Last Monday night Hardware Man Bob Grady was named to a twice refused vacancy on the board and later in week Grady jerked his hat out of the ring and decided to have no part of this extremely hot seat that was warmed for him by some other folks who stepped out and left the seat still smoking. Grady said, "No Thanks."

Already Hardware Dealer Bill Dixon and Real Estate man Russell Foster had declined the seat.

Friday afternoon Bob Gibbs, a linesman working with the

N. H. Hanes Company of Asheville, was coming down from a pole in Pink Hill where his company is installing high voltage lines for Carolina Power and Light Company when he accidentally struck a 110 volt line and the jolt was enough to knock him off the line and to the ground some 20 feet below. He is under treatment for a fractured wrist and possible internal injuries.

On August 16th formal dedication ceremonies will be conducted at Holloway Memorial Park's new swimming pool. The pool, of course, has been open for more than a month but in the rush to get it open, the formalities were skipped in or-

## This Big Tobacco Crop Was Legal



The 1953 crop year in many parts of the Kinston trading area has not been a good one, but on Troy Foscoe's farm in Jones County, aside from a little hail early in the year, this picture is pretty good evidence that a good tobacco crop was enjoyed there.

The stalk which Mr. and Mrs. Foscoe hold above is nearly 12

feet tall and 22 leaves had been pulled from it with the scattering tip leaves still left. The Foscoe farm is part of the Old Stanley farm in the Haskins Chapel section of Jones County. Foscoe says he had a three-acre tract in which every stalk would average as high as the one pictured above. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

der to get the folks into the pool and splashing about but Recreation Commission officials announced this week that a formal program would be held on August 16th after which the pool and its facilities will be opened to the public for an inspection tour. This long awaited and long needed Negro pool is the nicest swimming pool in the state at present, since it has the very latest equipment of the most modern design and has the best filtering equipment that money could buy.

Vice Recorder, Harvey Turner

of Pink Hill, presiding over Recorder's Court while Judge Albert Cowper is on vacation, passed out a two year prison sentence Thursday to Frank Foscoe for stealing several auto radios and a quantity of tools from Dick Parker's garage in Sparrowsville, handed another 90 day road sentence to Florine Blackman Brooks for cutting Guy Dixon up pretty badly one afternoon last week and Alfred Green drew another of those 90 days sentences for violation of of the driver's license act.

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## Kinston 'Cooler' Water-Conditioned; Rooms no Higher



At left above Captain Joe Hailey and Fireman Sammy Manning stand on the parapet

of the city jail while their "water-conditioning" system cools off the local cooler. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

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In recent months there has been considerable air-conditioning around the city hall in Kinston. For some years now the sleeping quarters of the fire department have been fanned by a big exhaust fan which makes the slumbers of the firemen easier in the hotter part of the year.

The police station also has enjoyed for a number of years the benefits of an exhaust fan that sucks a lot of air through the station house and makes life more comfortable during the stinky, sweaty summer days.

This spring the utilities department broke out in the first cooling system and in short order the city clerk's office followed suit with cooling instead of fanning. Also this summer the court room of the city hall has been made more habitable with the addition of two exhaust fans in the ceiling and shortly on the heels of this installation, which did Court Clerk Nell Warren little good, she broke out with an individual air-conditioning unit, out of her own pocket for her office.

Captain Joe Hailey, of the fire department and Fireman Sammy Manning noticed, however, that in all of this "fanning, fooling and cooling" nobody had made a move toward the "cooler," the name sometimes applied to the city jail, but not a name of very appropriate nature in the summer months when the low, flat roof of the jail makes it anything but a "cooler."

With the approval of some of the higher echelons around the city hall, Hailey and Manning set about cooling the "cooler." The village drunks and other occasional visitors to the city jail owe a debt to those two enterprising firemen, who thought, "It's bad enough to be in jail without smothering from the heat too."

A half-inch water line long enough to go around three sides of the flat jail roof was obtained, or "accumulated" as the firemen say, and tiny holes were drilled in it at about two-foot intervals. With these holes drilled the pipe was installed and connected to the reg-

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