

Meet The Dean



### Matthew H. Allen, Dean of Lenoir Lawyers

Major Matthew Hicks Allen says he hates to admit it, but he is Dean of the Lenoir County Bar, but he hastens to point out that his brother lawyers, John G. Dawson and J. Frank Wooten, are both his seniors in years. He accounts for the fact that his law license is one year ahead of Dawson's and two years ahead of Wooten's by pointing out that he had the late Professor Richard H. Lewis to push him along in his schooling and, Allen adds, "Professor Lewis was the greatest teacher I've ever known".

"Matt" Allen, as he is best and almost universally known, is one of a great family of lawyers and nothing he has done in his 48 years at the bar has detracted from the high honor and general esteem that the Allen Family of lawyers has won in the courts of North Carolina.

His father, the late Oliver Hicks Allen, served for 33 years on the Superior Court Bench of North Carolina, and was a member of that powerful group until his death in 1925.

His grandfather Colonel Will

Ham A. Allen, who moved from Wake County to Duplin County just prior to the War Between The States, not only earned himself a great name as a leader in War but also covered himself with distinction as a lawyer and legislator in some of the most trying hours of North Carolina history.

Born in Kenansville on November 29, 1884 Major Allen now approaches his 70th birthday anniversary, still active in his large and varied law practice and still much-concerned and participating in the general civic life of the community to which he moved at the age of two, when his family moved to Kinston from Kenansville.

At that time, in 1886, Judge Allen was solicitor for the sixth judicial district and moved to Kinston in order to better serve the district's largest town. His father served in that capacity until the "Fusionist" managed to evict him in their brief stand on the Tar Heel political scene. Then in 1892 Governor Elias

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## Incumbents in Jones Are Keeping Quiet Except Sheriff Taylor, Who Has His Hat in Ring for Re-election

So far as official announcing is concerned Sheriff Jeter Taylor has the arena all to himself in Jones County political circles, since he is the only one of the many county officials to be elected who have announced their willingness to serve another term.

Other Jones County officials to be nominated in the May 29th Democratic Primary include the Board of County Commissioners, the County Board of Education (which is nominated in the voting but later appointed by the General Assembly which may, as it has in the past, ignore the vote of the people and elect any group selected by the county representative), the Clerk of Superior Court, the township constables, magistrates and the county representative in the General Assembly.

Other voting to be done by Jones Countians will include selection of a United States Senator (The Scott-Lennon race) election of a United States Representative (Graham Barden, likely unopposed) and District State Senators (Carl Hicks of Walstonburg in Greene County and John Larkins of Trenton are the incumbents to this office).

The incumbent Board of Education in Jones County includes Edgar M. Philyaw of Comfort, Clyde Banks of Pollocksville, J. C. West, Jr., of Trenton Township, Herbert Tyndall of Chinquapin Township and Eugene T. Simpson of White Oak Township. This board was unopposed for election in the 1952 Democratic Primary.

The incumbent of board of county commissioners include Chairman John W. Creagh, Jr., Pollocksville and

## Extension Possible On Any ASC Practice If Request Is In Before Deadline Day; Barker Reminds

### Polio Benefit Games

Two basketball games, guaranteed to be exciting and entertaining, are on tap for Friday night in the Jones Central High School gym with all proceeds of the two games going to the annual March of Dimes drive in Jones County. The first game will be between an All-Star girls' team and the Jones Central girl sextet and this gets underway at 7:30. The final game of the evening will be between an All-Star boys' team and the Jones Central Varsity five.

Jones County ASC Secretary Nelson Barker (the same Nelson Barker who was PMA Secretary—the Republicans changed the name from PMA to ASC) announced this week that any farmer who is signed up for participation in any ASC soil improvement practice may be granted extension, IF they apply for extensions before the time they are allocated has expired.

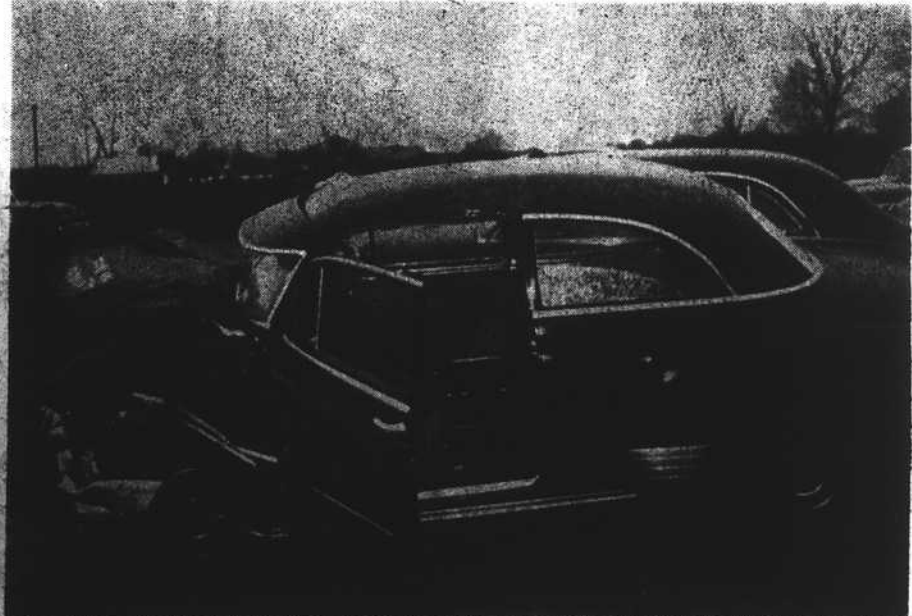
Barker reminds that any ASC soil practice may be carried out at any time during the year of 1954, but that a 30-day performance period is given after prior approval has been given to a specific project.

His Tuesday announcement was aimed primarily at informing those whose 30-day periods are about to run out that they can get extensions BUT THEY MUST APPLY FOR THESE EXTENSIONS BEFORE THEIR PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE HAS PASSED.

Barker says a good many prior approvals expire on February 28th and some farmers have found it impossible to complete the project by that time. Any farmer caught in such a pinch for time will be granted an extension if he asks for it before February 28th, but not if he waits until after that date.

The 1954 United States soybean crop will be supported at a national average price of \$2.22 per bushel, 80 per cent of the mid-December soybean parity.

## First Fatal '54 Jones Road Accident Kills Three Instantly



Jones County had managed to pass through the first 51 days of 1954 without a fatal accident on its highways but death caught up after this long holiday and with a terrible vengeance at shortly after 4 a. m.

last Saturday morning when the two cars pictured here rammed head-on about one mile north of Hargett's Crossroads on US 258. Killed instantly were Mrs. Fred Wilson and her three-months old infant who were riding in the car on the

left which was headed toward Kinston. Marine Private First Class Lewis A. Stone of Camp Lejeune who was driver of the car on the right which was headed south was also instantly killed. Sgt. Wilson suffered critical injuries in this crash

and two other Marines riding in the Stone car also suffered multiple serious injuries. Patrolman R. H. Nutt of Richlands who investigated the accident says the marks on the highway indicated that PFC Stone was driving on the wrong side of

the road when this tragedy took place. Sgt. Wilson's car skidded 57 feet before the death-dealing impact came but there was no evidence that the Stone car ever had its brakes applied. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).