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## Slam-Bang Weekend on Jones Highways Results in 5 Accidents

Only one fatality, and happily that was a mule, resulted from five Jones County highway accidents over the past weekend, according to reports made by Trenton Patrolman Marvin Thomas.

The first in this series of accidents interrupted Thomas at 1 a. m. Saturday morning when Herbert Hill Willis of 314 Broad Street in New Bern managed to wreck two cars. About a mile and a half north of Pollocksville on US 17 Willis lost control of the car he was driving, wrecking it and another car he was towing. About \$1600 damage was suffered by the cars but Willis escaped without material bodily injuries.

At 8 Saturday morning Thomas was called a half mile south of Pollocksville where William Houston Grissett of Trent Courts in New Bern had rammed into the rear of a pickup truck being driven by Walter Willis Scott, also of New Bern. Grissett, a cab driver, and his 11-year-old sister, Shirley, suffered painful but not serious facial cuts and bruises. Grissett was indicted for following too closely. Both cars were headed north.

At 4:15 Saturday afternoon 3 1-2 miles west of Trenton on the Kinston highway Jerry Edward Gooding of Trenton route one was side-swiped as he started to turn left by Hardy Pittman Loftin of Kinston route five. About \$250 damage was done to the Gooding car and some \$125 damage was done to Loftin's truck. Loftin was indicted for improper passing.

At 8 Sunday morning Pt. L. S. Meiggs of Maysville investigated a tangle that involved the car of Jason Arthur of Trenton and another person. Driver of the

## Jones Home Clubbers Cop Attendance Gavel At District HDC Meet

Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs were represented by 56 women who brought back the gavel for attendance and travel from the meeting of District 20 of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. This meeting was held in the courthouse in Bayboro on Thursday, April 8. Mrs. Charles Graham, pres-

ident of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was guest speaker for the day. "The Home Demonstration Program," said Mrs. Graham, "is designed to teach women to serve better. It is a program of service. Service is the price we pay for the space we occupy."

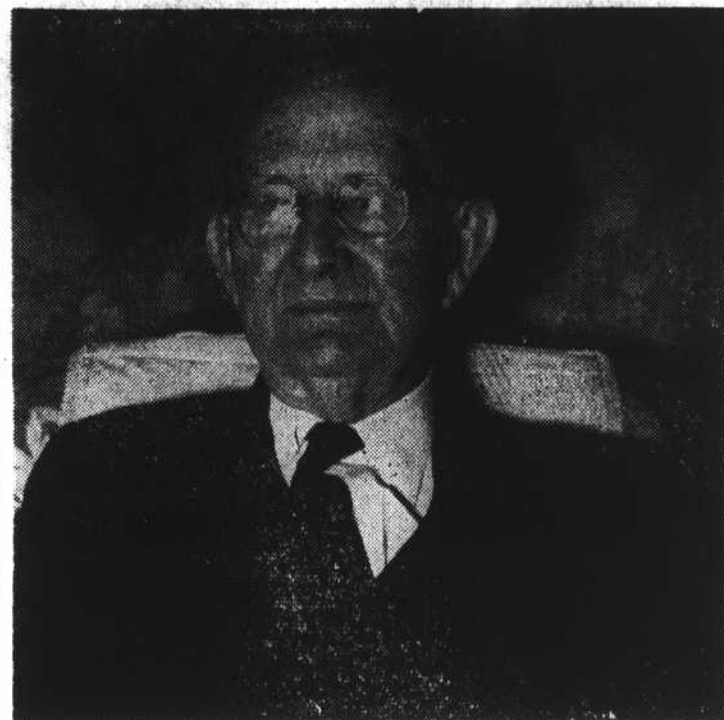
Mrs. Graham also said that club women, by giving their help, are not helping the home agents but are helping themselves; that the program is the women's—their responsibility—the home agent's job is to help the women to carry out the program.

"No matter how large or small the job, that job is important. When you don't do the job you're supposed to, you miss an opportunity to grow," remarked Mrs. Graham. In her closing remarks Mrs. Graham said "Homemaking is the most important job in the world. Nobody can do the job in your home as well as you. Anyone can be a housewife, but you are a homemaker."

Mrs. Sam Swindell, presiding officer from Pamlico County, gave a report on the National Council meeting which she attended in Boston last fall. Mrs. Clyde Banks of Jones County, eastern district delegate to the triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, which met in Toronto, (Continued on page 3)

other car was indicted for driving without a license. At 1 a. m. Monday morning Thomas was routed out of the sacks again when Cherry Point Marine F. N Lutz struck a mule belonging to Paul Taylor in the Wyse Fork section, killing the mule and damaging Lutz's car about \$200 worth. About 15 minutes after Lutz's car struck and killed the mule another car came upon the scene, and rammed into the mule, scattering the "farhead" over the countryside in a most messy fashion and doing about \$300 damage to the car of Carl Allen Johnson of Mount Gilpead.

At 1:30 a. m. Tuesday Thomas again was called out to the Black Swamp Road between Maysville and Stella where Gerald Meadows of that section had flipped over his flyver and suffered considerable personal injuries for which he is under treatment in New Bern's Good Shepherd Hospital. Meadows was alone in the car at the time of the accident.



## Robert B. Dunn, Dean of Kinston Masons

Robert Brown Dunn is Dean of Many Things in Lenoir County. There are three that he is most proud of, however: Dean of the Congregation of Gordon Street Church of Christ. Dean of Masons of St. John's Lodge No 4 in Kinston and Dean of Post Masters.

This is Dunn's 70th year as a member of his church. In June he celebrates 57 years as a member of the Masonic Lodge. Although in retirement since 1935 from the Post Master position, he still considers himself "one of the boys," having served for 14 years as Assistant Kinston Postmaster and 15 years as Post Master.

Dunn was born on the family farm, which he still owns just north of Kinston, on November 17, 1867, which means that his next birthday anniversary will be his 87th.

His parents were William Walter and Susan Rountree Dunn. His father was a native of Lenoir County and his mother came from Pitt County.

He remained with his parents on the family farm until 1882 when his father was named Clerk of the Lenoir County Superior Court. His schooling had begun

while still on the farm at a two-month-to-the-year school called the "Albritton School" which was located on Tower Hill Road on the Bruton Farm. In Kinston he continued his studies under Joseph Kinsey, Dr. R. H. Lewis and P. P. Claxton, the latter he recalls as his "boyhood ideal."

After absorbing the education available then in Kinston Dunn attended Davis' Military School at LaGrange and from that went on to Bingham's Military School at Mebane, where in June 1889 he finished his formal education and returned to Kinston.

A desire to become a doctor caused Young Dunn to study anatomy under Dr. Henry Tull for about a year with a view to extending his studies later but on December 3, 1890 other events changed his plans for the future. On that date he married Carrie Isler, a member of one of Jones County's most prominent families.

The Isler's owned a tremendous acreage in Beaver Creek Township of Jones County and Dunn and his bride took up residence there and they busied themselves with the family which grew into seven children.

For 12 years the Dunns remained on the Isler Plantation and the first four of their children were born there: Paul W. Dunn, Lillian (Mrs. A. Street Lee of Kinston), Robert I. Dunn and Maude Dunn (The Late Mrs. Henry DeWitt of York, Pa.)

Dunn took an active part in the affairs of Jones County, serving on the County Board of Education, serving as a magistrate and also as a member of the County Board of Commissioners for part of one term. He served part of the unexpired term of his brother-in-law, W. B. Isler.

In 1902 two things arose that caused him to return to Kinston. The handsome old 12-room house they lived in was destroyed by fire and they owned another home in Kinston. Secondly, the lack of adequate school facilities in that end of Jones County for their children that were then reaching school age.

Dunn before moving back to Kinston had resigned from the Board of County Commissioners to accept a civil service appointment as "Storekeeper and Gauger." A job that Dunn says he never bragged much about, but one that proved to be most rewarding to him some 35 years later.

That "Storekeeper and Gauger" job called for him to make See DEAN Page 5

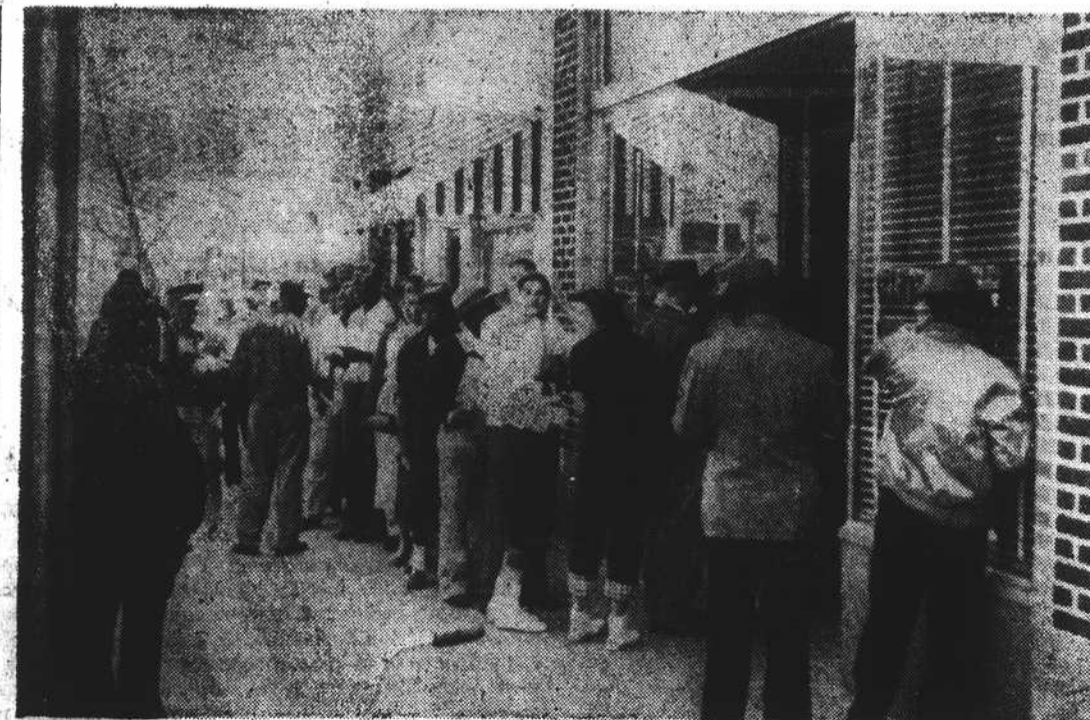
## This Is An Absurd Monthly Kinston Event

This is an extremely absurd monthly occurrence in Kinston. This was taken Saturday morning in front of the City Clerk's office in Kinston as swarms of people stood in line, waiting to pay their light and water bills. Saturday was the 10th of April and all bills not paid by closing time Saturday would automatically get a 10 per cent boost.

Back, not so many years, when Kinston was a much smaller place than it is today and when the City Utilities department only had a few thousand customers it may have been practical to send all bills out on the same day of the month and have them come due on the same day, but now with nearly 8,000 customers receiving bills each month that practice is absurd to the point of insanity.

No private company with so many accounts would have a once-a-month billing and Kinston ought to change its way of doing in this matter too, and quickly.

In addition to the penalty of standing in line, in any kind of weather that might be available, there are other penalties, perhaps not as irksome but far



more expensive to the city's taxpayers and utilities users.

Because of this once-a-month billing and collecting system the city must employ far larger staffs in both the meter reading and billing departments. This is necessary because the meter reading must

be done in a two week period, and all of the billing must be done in a two week period.

The obviously intelligent thing to do, and this we urgently recommend to the Board of Aldermen is start billing at least three times per month. Then the pressure of reading

meters can be distributed over the entire month, the pressures of billing can be distributed over the entire month and the pressures of standing in lines such as this pictured here will be cut by at least one third. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)