

THE JONES COUNTY JOURNAL

VOLUME SIX TRENTON, N. C., THURSDAY AUGUST 5, 1964 NUMBER 13

New Bern Firm Awarded Court Flooring Contract

The Jones County Court House will have 7,000 square feet of new floors within the next three months due to the acceptance by the County Board of Commissioners during their meeting Monday morning of a bid by the Scott Tile Company of New Bern.

The Scott bid of \$10,232 for the contract, which calls for the removal of the old asphalt tile and subflooring and the laying of new ceramic and rubber tile, was the lowest of three bids opened at the meeting. The David G. Allen Company of Raleigh submitted a bid of \$16,445 and the George W. Carter Company of Kinston entered an \$11,379.50 bid.

William A. Coleman, Kinston architect, who drew plans for the project, opened the bids in the presence of the Commissioners. A representative of the Scott Company promised to avoid any interference by his workers with the coming session of Superior Court.

During the budget sessions of last month, the Commissioners had set aside \$11,500 for the badly needed floor repairs.

In other major business the Commissioners deferred for at least this year an enlarged State Farm Extension Service for Jones. Mary Harris, eastern district home agent, appeared before the Board to ask for approval by the Board of a plan whereby four more assistants would be added to the Farm and Home Agency. It would have been the jobs of these new assistants to work on a more individual basis with the farmers of the County in helping plan farm and home policies.

Miss Harris said that such things as crop rotation and more diversified farming would be encouraged under the new program. Although much of the cost of the new program would have been covered by federal appropriations through the Extension Service, this County would have had to make an original outlay of \$2400.

In answer to questions by Chairman Creagh and Commissioner Barbee that the present Washington administration may

be taking steps to whittle away at the Soil Conservation program and other farm programs, Miss Harris stated that such was not the intent of the new program and that the Grange, the Farm Bureau, and the Farmers Union were backing the new plan.

After discussion the Commissioners voted to defer action on the program until they could see how well it worked in other counties.

In other business to come before the Board, the Commissioners: accepted the resignation of Constable Roy F. Mallard who is now serving as Deputy under Sheriff "Brown" Yates; voted a supplementary appropriation of \$90 to the Welfare Department; heard reports from Farm Agent Jim Franck and Home Agent Mrs. Marvin Thomas; and voted a supplementary appropriation of \$175 to the Negro Farm Agency for office supplies.

The Board voted to meet at 8:00 p.m. on August 23 to draw jurors names for the coming session of the Jones County Superior Court.

Jones Boys Win

J. W. Gray and Anthony Mallard representing Jones County in the state-wide competition of Soil and Water Conservation demonstrations, placed second last Thursday in Raleigh where the events were given at the annual 4-H Club meeting there.

The demonstration which the Jones County students gave is based on "Raindrop splash, a major factor in farm erosion." Gray and Mallard have given this demonstration before numerous civic clubs and on TV station WNCT in Greenville.

Assistant Farm Agent William Shackelford says that any other civic or farm groups who would like to see this interesting and educational exhibit should contact his office.

The team from Franklin County took first place in this annual competition.

The Jones County team had won in district competitions and came in a close second in the Raleigh competition.

Highlights of The Past Week

Harvey E. Morton, 21, of Pollocksville, is being held under \$1500 bond on a charge of larceny. He's accused of picking the lock to a trunk owned by his father-in-law, Louis Cottle, and stealing \$900. Morton was arrested after he bought a car in Jacksonville using three \$100 bills. Cottle has taken a lien on the car. At various times since his arrest Morton has admitted in unsigned confessions to Sheriff Brown Yates and SBI agent Bob Polk of taking \$500 or \$300 from his father-in-law's home on N. C. Route 12.

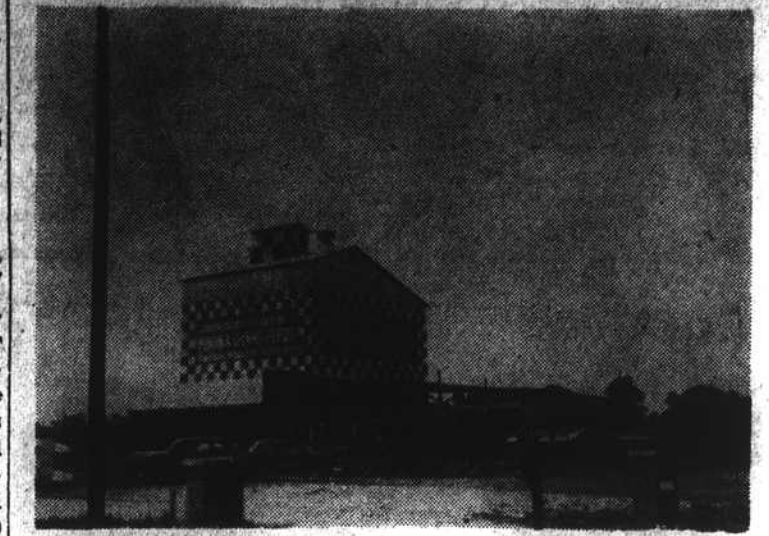
Brenda Hill, 5-year-old daughter of W. F. Hill of Trenton, was rushed to the Parrott Memorial Hospital in Kinston Sunday following a fall from the fender of a car driven by her uncle Preston Mercer. Brenda suffered a broken arm and lacerations but is reported out of danger.

Nelson Barker, PMA agent for Jones County, reported this week that excess tobacco acreage totaling 189 acres has been cut on 459 farms in this county. 47 other farmers who exceeded their allotments will pay the penalty tax and sell their tobacco with red cards. Barker also announced that farmers desiring cards to sell on the Georgia-Florida markets may pick them up at his office. He stated that he would not mail these sellers cards until about a week before the border market opens.

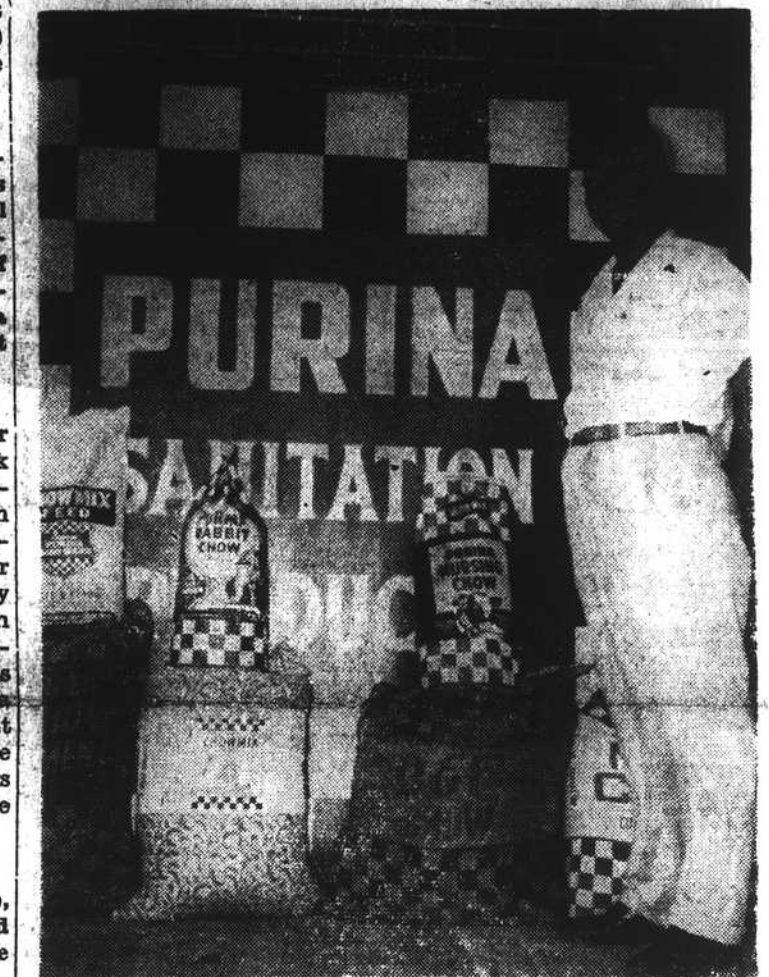
Joe Meadows, 42, of Trenton, was picked up and later released this past weekend on the charge of public drunkenness.

Ruth Glenn Hardy of LaGrange became the bride of Frederick W. Foscoe of Trenton in the Christian Church at LaGrange Saturday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Parrott Mark Hardy and the late Mr. Hardy of LaGrange. The groom's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wooten of Trenton. Following a wedding trip to Virginia Beach and Williamsburg the Foscoes will live in Trenton.

Jones County Purina Mill Grinds Feed for Farmers



Shown here is the recently-opened Jones County Feed Mill which is located at the edge of Trenton. Standing in front of the Purina checkerboard is Jimmie Collier, the general manager of the new mill. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Eider.)



The Jones County Feed Mill under the management of Jimmie Collier is now running full blast following its opening several weeks ago at the edge of Trenton.

This mill, the first Purina feed agency to be opened in Jones County, was located here because of the large number of swine herds and heavy corn acreage in this county.

Collier pointed out that Jones farmers now can bring their corn and other grains to his mill, have them shelled, ground, and mixed with the proper Purina concentrates and drive back to the farms with their livestock feed without ever having to leave the county.

The new mill, housed in a huge three-story building, has a grain grinder capable of grinding five or six tons of corn an hour, a sheller, and two mixers. Each of the mixers can hold a ton of feed.

Jimmie said the mill will trade with Jones and neighboring county farmers on any of three plans:

1. Purina feeds for hogs, cattle, poultry and other livestock can be bought outright.
2. The farmer can bring in his own corn and pay the difference of the Purina supplement and the cost of grinding and mixing, or swap enough corn to pay for the service.
3. Or if the farmer has extra corn he doesn't need, Jimmie will buy it.

Just before the mill's opening Collier took three courses in the care and feeding of livestock in Purina schools located in Durham and Albemarle. These schools and past farm experience make him an authorized livestock and feed consultant.

He plans to go to St. Louis for another course in livestock management in October. Before getting into the Purina business, Collier sold tractors and farm machinery for Harvey's in Kinston, and more recently in Raleigh.

Behind the mill there is an up-to-date chicken house where Jimmie will raise 225 layers for demonstration starting in September. He will have the help of one assistant, Ray Umphrey, in the mill.

There's one principle that Collier intends to stick to closely in the new mill: "That's service to the farmer in any of his problems."

Kinston-Trenton-Pollocksville-Havelock Route to Make Ocean 11 Miles Nearer, Avoid Congestion

State Highway Commission engineers are sweating their way across the Croatan National Forest from Pollocksville to Havelock, surveying the right of way for a roadway that would serve two purposes.

First, at least in the minds of highway department planners, the roadway would shorten the distance from Kinston to Morehead City by at least 11 miles and also take the heavy resort season traffic around two most congested areas: New Bern and the New Bern-Cherry Point Highway.

And secondly, from the viewpoint of the National Forestry folks, this roadway would open the vast Croatan Forest and provide access to practically every part of the forest and further

lead to improved drainage in the central section of the forest.

Because of the need for improved access to the forest the federal government has agreed to foot a large part of the bill for such a roadway. The highway department is seeking to "kill two birds with one stone," by providing a right of way that will suit the needs of the forestry folks and at the same time fit into the patterns of the state highway system.

The proposed re-routing from Kinston to the coast would follow the present Kinston-Trenton Highway which is already in excellent condition but for three bridges (Southwest Creek, Vine Swamp and Trent River) and their accompanying three curves.

From Trenton the roadway would follow the present Trenton-Pollocksville roadway which also has two bridges that need widening and two curves that would need alteration to accept heavy duty traffic.

From Pollocksville the roadway would be on virgin territory and pass across trails that only the hunter and the timber cruiser have used. And after crossing that wild and vast domain the Pollocksville roadway would re-enter the present US 70 just east of Havelock.

Lenoir, Carteret, and Jones County boards of commissioners have endorsed such a shortened route to the coast more than a year ago and it would appear now that the dream road may become a reality and in the not too distant future.

Larkins Party Leader

State Senator John D. Larkins of Trenton has been named Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee by Governor Umstead. The Trenton lawyer and veteran lawmaker, who has stepped down from the State Senate this year, will succeed Everett Jordan in this top Democratic Party post in North Carolina.