

## Kinston Little Nearer Settlement In Hyatt Paving Assessment Case

After several years of claims and counter claims it appears that action taken by the Kinston City Council Monday night may lead to an early settlement of the street paving assessments against the property of Miss Della Hyatt on the 100 block of South Heritage Street.

Represented by her brother, Dr. A. L. Hyatt, Miss Hyatt had maintained for several years that she was not morally, or legally liable for the paving assessments since she had title to the street itself and had never dedicated it to the city.

The city refused to accept this claim and Miss Hyatt decided that prolonged litigation was undesirable over the matter. But not until several years of delay, and several hundred dollars of interest had accumulated on the paving assessments.

Several years back the city had accepted the recommendations of City Manager Bill Heard that 342 1-2 feet of the west side of Heritage street be removed from the Hyatt assessments since the depth of the Hyatt land in that area was not of any value because the river runs within a few feet of the street right of way at that point.

Monday night a formal resolution excluding this 342 1-2-foot area from the assessment of Miss Hyatt was passed, dropping her overall account on the west side of that block from \$2,009.84 to \$751.37, a cut of \$1,348.47.

But on the matter of interest rebate which had been asked for Miss Hyatt by her brother, the board stood behind the recommendations of City Attorney George Greene and Mayor Guy Elliott, who both agreed that it would be illegal to rebate the interest, and that if the council did rebate the interest its members would be individually liable

## Kersey Smith Finally Succeeds In Moving E.N. Dickerson's Jersey



Concreteman C. Kersey Smith has proved as hard and consistent as his cement blocks in finally holding the Kinston City council's feet to the fire on the subject of cows inside the city limits. Monday night Smith finally succeeded in getting the council to pass an ordinance forbidding cows to be kept in the city limits after December 1, 1954.

Smith long insisted that the milk cow of E. N. Dickerson, which was kept on a lot back of Smith's home on College Street was a health hazard and nuisance, but the councilmen had been bashful about passing an all-inclusive ordinance, taking the attitude that it might penalize some citizen other than Dickerson. Two letters were written to Dickerson, asking that he remove the cow that was offending Smith and his neighbors in the North Kinston area. Dickerson, however, did not choose to move his source of milk.

Earlier a survey had been made by County Sanitarian Bob Gray which revealed that there were just two cows inside the city limits. This did not include a number of beef cattle owned by Ed Taylor, whose farm on North Heritage Street was annexed to the city in the last city limits extension.

**FAR EAST (FHTNC)**—Marine 1st Lt. Joseph F. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of 502 W. Atlantic ave., Kinston, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Attack Squadron 211 operating in the Far East. Lt. Taylor first joined the Navy in July, 1941. After serving four years with the submarine service, he was selected for flight training in October, 1952, received his wings as a Naval aviator and was commissioned in the U. S. Marine Corps.

for its payment. Miss Hyatt had maintained that the long delay over the assessments was not entirely her fault and, hence, she should not be penalized for the interest that had accumulated during the debate.

The city council, however, did not accept her contention, and meanwhile, the interest still is accumulating.

**VISITS WARM SPRINGS**  
Mrs. Guy Bruton, Mrs. Roy Ferrell and Mrs. Raymond Taylor of Kinston and Guy T. Koonce Jr. of Trenton, registered recently at The Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., where President Franklin D. Roosevelt lived part time and where he died. Thousands visit this national shrine every month.

"Hurricane Hazel", among other things, blew the city's radio aerial off the city hall on West King Street and city officials decided that for several reasons that when the tower used for utilities, police and fire radio was put back into commission it would be relocated.

Safety was a primary factor, but performance also entered into the consideration which led to the relocation of the tower on the highest spot in Kinston. That

was the water tank near Grainger High School.

During installation, however, workers found it difficult to negotiate the heights of the tower and then the aerial ladder of the fire department was called into action and it is seen here as it stabbed into the air and deposited the radio installation worker at first one level and then another to complete the installation. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

## Librarian Gets Sympathetic Ear From Boards, But No Money Now

Librarian Lou Posey Monday appeared before the County Board of Commissioners and the City Council with a plea that funds be made available for the procurement of a lot to build a much-needed library, and permission to retain an architect to design the library.

Both boards, who support the local public library 50-50, were in deep sympathy with Mrs.

Posey's request but in each instance she was told there were no funds available at this time.

Mrs. Posey said that the library had been postponed time and time again because of what had been determined "more pressing public building needs" and the board of trustees had decided that something must be done in the near future about a library building if the city and county are to retain this service.

## Gloria Sullivan Wins Southwood Contest



This is Gloria Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jehunie Sullivan of Kinston route three, who won first prize in the Southwood School Halloween Carnival masquerade contest which

was held last Friday night. The "Aunt Jemima" dress of Gloria won the contest as well as the hearts of the crowd that gathered for this annual event. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

## Jones-Lenoir Road Work Begun

Workers of the McMeekin Construction Co. of Cheraw, S. C. are well along with the bridge work necessary in the widening of the Kinston-Trenton highway from the Jones County line to Trenton and this week Barrus Construction Co. crews began preliminary work on making the roadway two feet wider on each side.

Two box culverts have already been widened by the South Carolina construction workers and all of the heavy steel pilings for a new bridge across Trent River have been driven and work has gotten underway on the farm work preliminary to the pouring of concrete.

The new bridge will be just a few feet south of the old Trent River bridge and its relocation will greatly reduce the sharpness of the curve that now constitutes one of the principal traffic hazards between the two towns.

Pictured here is an agile member of the McMeekin crew, preparing the rig to drive one of the last of the pilings used on the job. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

