

Bear Found Plentiful in Lower Lenoir by Upstate Hunters

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Ever Wonder Where Taxdollar Comes From, Where It Goes? Here's Answer

Kinston City Manager Bill Heard belongs to that growing group of city officials who believe that the MORE the taxpayers know about their government the more pleased they will be with its operation.

Currently in preparation is a small pamphlet that will be mailed to each Kinston taxpayer, showing graphically where the dollar used by the city comes from and where it goes.

Reminding the taxpayers, Heard points out, "Your City Government Provides More Direct Services to The Individual Than All Other Government Units Combined".

In the current fiscal period

(July 1, 1954-June 30, 1955) Heard's illustrated panel reveals the following income pattern for the City of Kinston:

1. Electricity (\$1,230,000)	\$60
2. Water (\$180,000)	.09
3. Privileges License (\$18,000)	.01
4. Parking Meters (\$30,000)	.01 1-2
5. Recorder's Court (\$20,000)	.01
7. ABC Board (\$40,000)	.02
8. State Refunds (\$24,000)	.01

9. Fees from Utilities (\$35,000)	.02 1-2
10. Previous Surplus (\$55,379.57)	.02 1-2
11. All Other Sources (\$17,074.40)	.01
12. Property Tax (\$363,609.24)	.17 1-2
Total	\$2,030,963.21 \$1.00

That's where the money comes from, and that should be of major interest to those who pay it, since Heard reminds, We each (Continued on page 7)

Here is J. W. Mangum of Monroe with the fifth bear he has killed in his bear hunting experience. This 350 pound fellow was killed last Wednesday morning in Lenoir County's Woodington Township and was one of three killed in a series of hunts last week in that section. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

Those who hunt quail, rabbit, squirrel, dove and other small game in Lenoir County complain long and loudly that "things ain't what they used to be". The shortage of these denizens of the wild is blamed on a dozen different factors and all who prowls the woods agree that these species of wildlife, in Lenoir County at least, are fewer than not-so-many years ago. But for those who are still tough enough to want the biggest game left for the hunter in North Carolina there is no such complaint in Lenoir County at any rate.

The white-tailed deer is the delicate, beautiful prima dona of the North Carolina wildlife world and perhaps outnumbers any other large wildlife in the Tar Heel State. In Lenoir County deer are few and far between.

But for that boss of the swamp and pocosin, the true king of North Carolina wildlife, the story is different. Bear are still



Here at left is J. W. Mangum of Monroe and Joe Murrill of Mount Gilead, a member of the State Highway Patrol, with the 150 pound bear they combined to kill last Tuesday morning in Lenoir County's Woodington Township. Murrill, a brother-in-law of Mrs. John Larkins of Trenton crippled the bruin and

plentiful, still fat, still tough and still plenty hard to kill in Lenoir County.

For the past two-weeks with a few days out for breathing hard and mending the dogs up a bit a group of those hardy souls called "Bear Hunters" has been camping on "Little Jim" Smith's farm in Woodington Township. With them at the outset were 29 hounds—bear hounds, if you please; for as any bear hunter will quickly point out, there is a big difference between hounds and bear hounds.

Bear hounds run bears, and nothing else. That's the very simple way that Archie V. Saunders of Raeford puts it, and he ought to know because he brought 14 of Tar Heel's finest bear hounds to Lenoir County last week to have a go at the local, or garden variety of black

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Option Obtained From Drunkard Is Quickly Tossed Aside by Jury After 3-Day Lenoir County Trial

A trial that consumed three and a half days in Lenoir County's Superior Court last week was wound up in five minutes once it was given to the jury.

The case centered around an option given by Carl Howard of the Nobles Crossroads section of Lower Lenoir County to Currin Howard and B. E. "Bunk" Jones. It was admitted that Howard had given the option for \$400 to sell his farm for \$19,000 to the plaintiffs-in-law. The farm had just over a nine-acre tobacco allotment.

The defense set up by members of the Carl Howard Family was based upon the contention that Howard was an habitual drunkard and had been for many years prior to giving the option on August 27, 1951 and because if that was in no competent condition to legally execute such an option.

The suit had been brought by Currin Howard and Jones for execution of the option, but the admitting by counsel for Carl Howard that he had signed the option placed the burden for proof of his incompetency upon the defense. This reversed the usual pattern of court room procedure since the defendant presented his side first and the

plaintiffs offered their evidence last.

After three days of offering some 30-odd witnesses from both sides, and after speeches by attorneys from both sides had been made to the jury another two hours was consumed with a charge to the jury by Presiding Judge Henry A. Grady of New Bern. Then the jury was handed the issues and in less than five minutes the 12 men agreed upon their verdict and returned the following issues and answers:

1. (This issue was admitted) that Carl Howard has given the option and it was not considered by the jury.

2. If so, at the time of the execution of said option, on August 27, 1951, was Carl Howard of such feeblemind and understanding that he did not know the nature and consequences of his act, as alleged in the answer? The jury said, to this, "YES".

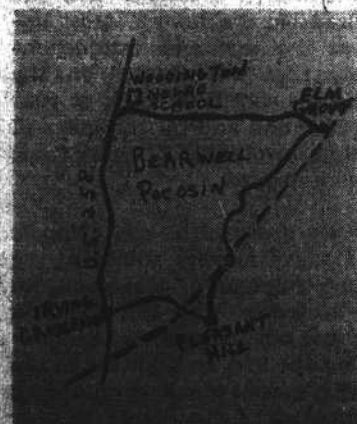
2. If so, at the time of the execution of said paper writing did the plaintiffs, J. C. Howard and B. E. Jones, have knowledge that the said Carl Howard was mentally incompetent to such an extent that he could not execute a valid contract? To this issue the jury said, "YES"



This is part of the party and part of the hounds in a week-long bear hunt last week in the Southeastern section of Lenoir County. Pictured from left to right are Junior Barefoot of

Raeford, Charlie Brown of Pink Hill route one, Dale Tysinger of Lexington, Archie V. Saunders of Raeford (owner of the pack of hounds pictured), Paul Garrison of Mount Olive, Sam Grant

of Monroe, J. W. Mangum of Monroe, J. M. Lottin of Denton, W. C. Daugherty of Fusion and "Doc" Ayres of Marion. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)



This drawn-by-hand map, very roughly, illustrates the location of Bearwell Pocosin in Jones and Lenoir counties. The dotted line represents the county line. The Woodington Negro School is eight miles from Kinston which gives an idea of just how close these berry pickers live to the county seat. (Cartography by Jack Rider)