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Local Law Offered By Representative Hargett For Maysville Board

Recently introduced local legislation for La Grange in Lenoir County and Maysville in Jones County is aimed at broadening the powers of the Maysville Board of Aldermen and limiting the powers of the voters of La Grange.

House Bill 416, introduced by Jones County Representative John Hargett at the request of Maysville's ruling board, would extend the board's power by permitting it to force the repair, closing or demolition of unfit dwellings. A number of dangerous and unsightly buildings in Maysville prompted the board to ask this authority, although a General Statute limits this power to governing boards in towns of 5,000 or more population by the last federal census.

House Bill 425, introduced by Lenoir County Representative Tom White at the request of the La Grange Town Council, would force all voters in La Grange elections to vote for six aldermen, causing each ballot on which less than six aldermen are voted for to be declared null and void.

This is aimed at eliminating what politicians call "single file" voting, a practice that Mosely Hall Township and La Grange have long been notorious for.

Jones Farm Bureau Honors County's Most Important Product

The 4-H Clubs of the county were honored last Friday night by the Jones County Farm Bureau at its regular monthly meeting. The program was centered around the 4-H Clubs, their objectives, and their accomplishments.

Lyman Dixon, Assistant State 4-H Club leader, spoke briefly on the importance of proper training of young boys and girls so that they will be able to meet the challenges of life which will confront them.

Dixon stated that the most important crop grown in the world today is our crop of growing boys and girls. He stated that if we expected them to

grow into useful citizens and great leaders, we must provide the tools, facilities, and training necessary to develop them into useful citizens and leaders.

4-H members on the program were Daphne Smith who read the scripture and conducted the devotional, Donald Mallard, who led the club members in saying the 4-H Club pledge, Norris Jenkins, who told of the purpose and activities of the County Council, and Nancy Carol Mallard, who played the piano. William R. Shackelford, Assistant County Agent, reviewed the 4-H Club program and activities in the county.

It is hoped that the sign can be completed and put up within a week.

Pre-School Clinics Being Held In Jones

The yearly pre-school clinics providing free examination to all those children who enter school for the first time next fall started this week in Jones County.

On Tuesday of this week the clinic for those starting at Trenton Elementary School were held. Following here is the schedule for the other schools during the next two weeks. All clinics are at 10 a. m.

Pollocksville white Tuesday, March 22.

Pollocksville colored Friday, March 25.

Maysville white Tuesday, March 29.

Maysville Colored Friday, April 1.

Comfort Tuesday, April 5.

Parents who have failed to get their starting students to these clinics may bring them to the Health Department office in the court house in Trenton at a later date that has not yet been announced.

No Time For Sleep

Camp Lejeune Corporal Richard Reynolds early Monday morning suffered a deep cut in the left leg when his car left the road and finally wrecked itself against a tree about 10 miles north of Kinston on the Snow Hill Highway. Investigating Officer S. H. Newman says the car went 126 feet down the right shoulder of the road, jumped a four foot ditch, banged into a tree and careened off another 10 feet before it quit. Reynolds was given emergency treatment in a Kinston hospital and soon afterwards moved to the base hospital at Camp Lejeune.

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Fifty people attended the meeting.

This scene shows the rather unusual situation that a City Utilities truck found itself in last week when it visited the Eagle Warehouse to install temporary lighting for the annual County School Art Exhibit. Quite innocently the truck ventured

into the aging warehouse and then suddenly, it dropped completely through to the ground. Local observers say they have seen one wheel of a truck drop through a rotted plank in a warehouse on numerous occasions in the past but this is the

first recorded instance of an entire truck flopping rather elegantly to the ground. After about a half day of jacking and shoring-up the truck was returned to duty only slightly the worse for its drop and the art exhibit got its lights for the rest of this week.

Site for Lenoir Health Center Still Uncertain

This week it appeared that the location of the authorized Lenoir County Health Department Building was still "up in the air".

For the past two months negotiations have been underway between county officials and owners of several sites in the city vicinity. Three of these sites have been approved by the United States Public Health Service and the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, whose only stipulations are 1. that the site must contain at least one acre, 2. that the site be paid for entirely from county funds and 3. that the site be accessible to city water and sewer services.

The three sites approved by the two health services meet these basic requirements. They are plots owned by C. W. Howard just north of the Adkin Branch on US 258, across the street from Kleber's Florist Shop and two lots at the corner of Vernon Avenue and Carey Road owned by Alex Gross and Louis Pearson.

Some over a month ago county officials expressed their preference for the Pearson-Gross plot, but opposition immediately developed to that location from surrounding owners. That caused negotiations between the county and those parties to be dropped.

On March 7 when the county commissioners held their regular meeting considerable discussion centered around that opposition, but it was finally decided that the Pearson-Gross tract was most suitable and that the opposition was not fierce enough to merit dropping that site. Only Board Member Harry Sutton voted against choosing that site. Members J. R. Davenport, Whitford Hill, Ralph Daughety and Willie Measley voted in favor of that site but decided that it would be far better, insofar as price negotiations were concerned, if the choice were not published.

But in a very few days this

decision became generally known and again opposition in the Carey Road-Vernon Avenue area developed and this time with much more force, and apparent effect than the first time.

On March 7th County Attorney Tom White had been instructed to obtain agreements to sell for each of these three sites. The original price mentioned for the Pearson-Gross tract was \$25,000 but it contained 1.4 acres. The Hart price was \$20,000 and the Howard acre was priced at \$12,500.

The opposition that has developed since the March 7th meeting now has obtained at least oral commitments from a majority of the commissioners and all of the members of the county board of health that this West Vernon Avenue site will be vetoed when the next meeting rolls around.

The commissioners had proposed to use the additional four tenths of an acre for a library site, and this had also drummed up considerable opposition.

Dangerous Habits

Kinston firemen say that smoking in bed is an extremely dangerous habit for anyone to indulge in but when a fellow combines drinking and smoking in bed he is really flirting with the undertaker. A call Saturday night answered by the firemen to the home of Herbert Jennings of 516 Cotton Lane uncovered a combination of these two habits which very nearly put an end to all of the habits, good or bad of James Battle, a roomer in the Jennings home. Firemen say the mattress on which Battle was lying was afire and Battle was so drunk he couldn't get off the bed, but he had managed to crawl over to a cooler corner and wait for the arrival of the firemen.

Wyse Fork 4-H'ers Have New Projects

The 4-H members and Adult leaders of the Wyse Fork 4-H Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sasser last Wednesday night.

The meeting was called to order by the club president, Margaret Ann Burkett, after which followed the regular business session.

William R. Shackelford, Jones County Assistant Farm Agent, announced that 4-H Club Camp would be held August 15-20 at Camp Schaub located in the mountains near Waynesville.

After the business session, the girls with the assistance of Hilda Lee, Jones County Home Agent, Mrs. Sasser, and Mrs. Thomas Hood, community 4-H Adult leaders started making pillow cases. Plans are to make these and present them to an orphanage as a gift from the club.

While the girls were in the house making pillow cases, the boys were busy in a work shop making a 4-H Welcome sign to be put up at the Jones-Lenoir County Line. The sign when completed will be painted in



These two pictures show the badly mangled car from which 16-year old Helen Boyette was thrown to her death last Tuesday night. In the other picture Earl Peede, driver of the car, is seen shortly before attendants

removed him from an ambulance into the emergency room at Memorial General Hospital. The accident took place at about 8:45 p. m. March 8th on the rural road between US 70 and Hull Road, about a mile north



of Hillcrest Farms. Peede remains on the critical list suffering from a severe back and internal injuries. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)