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Open House will be held at 5:30 Sunday afternoon in Kinston's newest church, St. Mark's Methodist, which is pictured here. The new home of worship is located at the corner of Ivy and Lasker roads in the Greenmeade area of Northeast Kinston.

Kinston. Pastor of this new Methodist flock is Don Collins. The public is invited to see the small but handsome new church which was designed by John Rowland and Jim Simpson. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

Biennial Town Meeting Held Tuesday; One Change Made

The biennial Town Meeting which selects the mayor and board of aldermen who conduct the affairs of Trenton was held in the court house Tuesday night and only one change was made in the present set up. Mayor William Henry Hammond was re-elected and Aldermen F. Rogers Pollock and C. C. Jones were re-elected and M. E. Hines was named to replace Fred Foscoe.

Complete Change In Kinston Government After Tuesday Election

An unusual town meeting Tuesday night, a lot of political forecasts in Kinston and swept into office four new aldermen and returned only one of the incumbent board to power.

Just 2,896 voters out of more than 5,000 on the registration books gave top-sided victories to a new slate of four who had run together in an effort for a more progressive city government.

Radio Executive Bill Page topped the voting with 1,424 votes, Grocer Doug Baker was in second place with 1,386, ten votes behind in third place was Jesse P. Wooten with 1,356. Incumbent Frank LaRoque wound up in fourth place with 1,424 votes and Former Alderman Charlie Taylor grabbed the fifth seat on the

council with 1,242 votes.

The next four in the race were the unelected incumbents. Burwell Temple was sixth with 1,205, Ed Johnson was seventh with 1,049, John Rider was eighth with 969 and Charlie Sanders came in ninth with 841 votes.

McKinley Hawkins, the only negro in the race, ran 10th with 639 votes.

From the 10th candidate down through the fifteenth the vote dropped sharply.

Roy Wooten ended the day with just 291 votes, V. A. Abbott had 353, J. C. Dell Jr. got 277, Robert Deal landed 318 and Winston S. Wheeler brought up the rear with just 193 votes.

The new board will be sworn in Monday night (May 9) in ceremonies at the city hall.

Of the new group Wooten with one two-year term (1951-53), Taylor who served from 1947 until August 1954 and LaRoque who has filled out the unexpired term are the experienced members. Page and Baker were taking their first crack at formal politics.

Bill Heard Resigns

City Manager Bill Heard, who is Kinston's first and only manager until this time, Wednesday morning announced his resignation subject to the approval of the newly elected city council.

Community Theatre To Present "Stalag 17" May 11th and 12th

The Kinston Community Theatre will present its final production for this season, "Stalag 17", on Wednesday nights, May 11th and 12th.

This is a comedy-melodrama, the action taking place in a German prison camp during World War II, and it promises to be a perfect climax to a season of successful performances that have been a credit to the Community Theatre and to Kinston.

Leading roles in this production are being played by Bob Kidd, Bob Forney, Leonard Loftin, Dan Bagatelle, and Kenneth Focuse.

In addition to playing one of the leading roles, Bob Forney is directing "Stalag 17".

Advance tickets are in sale for \$1.20 in each of the Standard Drug Stores and Pearson's Department Store. Tickets at the door will be \$1.50.

Jones County Car Owners Still Balk at Listing Them for Taxes

Jones County Tax Collector Zelle Pollock said this week that over 300 of some 70 persons, to whom a letter had recently been mailed by her office have failed to respond in any way to the letter.

That letter said, in part, "According to information from the North Carolina Motor Vehicle Department, it appears that you were the registered owner of the above described vehicle as of January 1, 1955, and that you specified in your application for title that the vehicle was subject to taxation in Jones County. We have checked all listings in this county for this year and have been unable to find this vehicle listed". And, "If this vehicle has been listed in another county, please have the tax supervisor of that county fill in the form below and then bring it to this office. If we have not heard from you within

10 days from the date of this letter, we shall assume that our information is correct and will proceed in listing the property for taxation to you as provided by law".

That first letter of April 16 brought a considerable response but no reply came from more than 300 of the 700 who received such letters. Many were found to be listed in other counties, but on the other hand many were found to have several vehicles that they had "forgotten to list".

Another letter has now been mailed to that 300-plus who ignored the first letter, which says in part, "We have not heard from you regarding this. We are, therefore, listing the vehicle for taxation in your name at a valuation of \$..... Any protest will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting on the 6th day of June, 1955."

Mrs. Mary Brock Offers Her Resignation As Jones Auditor

Brock On Panel

Donald Brock, Jones County Veterans Service Officer, is scheduled to participate, as a member of a panel, at the State-wide Veterans Service Officers School, sponsored by the North Carolina Veterans Commission, to be held at Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem, May 23-24.

which was swept into office in the biennial city elections on Tuesday. Heard said that since almost an entirely new board has been elected he feels the new group should have the opportunity to employ its own city manager. Heard was employed in February of 1948 as the city embarked upon the city manager-council form of government.

Mrs. Jack (Mary) Brock, who has served since 1947 as Jones County Auditor Monday morning tendered her resignation to the Jones County Board of Commissioners to become effective June 30, 1955.

Mrs. Brock has served in that post since the resignation of Swindell Pollock and prior to his resignation she had worked in the office for a six-month period.

The commissioners reluctantly accepted Mrs. Brock's decision to leave the county's service and made no public announcement as to her possible successor.

Other activity of the board included a recommendation addressed to the Highway commission that the road in front of Jones High School be widened to 16 feet.

Oppose Office Move

The Kinston City Council Monday night quickly passed a resolution in opposition to the current plans of the Internal Revenue Department to close its Kinston office and transfer the local personnel to Goldsboro and New Bern. This is part of the so-called economy effort of the Eisenhower Administration and District Congressman L. H. Fountain and Senator Sam Ervin are aiding local citizens in opposing the change.

Bikes Kill 16

There were 16 bicyclists numbered among North Carolina's 991 traffic victims last year. Another 321 suffered injuries according to records of the Motor Vehicles Department. Most of the victims killed were children under 14 and all were men or boys except one. A single girl, rider in the 15-19 age bracket was reported killed. And one oldster in the 65-74 age bracket suffered fatal injuries while riding a two-wheeler.

Lenoir County's Sixth Highway Fatality in '55 Kills Winterville Salesman; Virginian is Indicted



This is the car Robert Fugh Ives was driving when he ran into the car of Herman L. Day of Winterville Saturday night, inflicting injuries which

caused Day's death shortly afterwards in a Greenville hospital. Day was the state highway salesman of the year in Lenoir County.



This is a view of the car in which Herman L. Day suffered injuries from which he died at about 7:30 Saturday night. Day was driving toward Grifton about a half-mile from the entrance to the Du Pont plant when his car was rammed by another driven by Robert Fugh Ives of Portsmouth, Va. who was driving toward Kinston. Investigating officers indicted Ives for drunken and reckless driving

and manslaughter. Day had pulled his car all the way off the road on his right when the Ives car slammed into his. Ives suffered minor cuts and bruises about the head and face and Monday waived preliminary hearing on the charges placed against him and was placed under \$2,000 bond by Vice-Recorder Harvey Turner who was presiding over Recorder's Court. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider)

Wanted In Lenoir



This is Von L. Hales, who was serving a one-year jail term in the Lenoir County jail for forgery and who, as a trustee, walked away recently. Anyone knowing anything about the location of Hales is urged to contact the sheriff's office.