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Past Half-way Mark

County-wide estimates indicate that the housing of the 1955 Jones County tobacco crop is now well past the half-way mark. In many spots, however, only one or two light "croppings" have been taken from the crop which is generally agreed to be one of the biggest in the county's history. The big crop, with huge leaves and unusually high numbers of leaves to the stalk is also reported to be curing up very well.

Jones School Bells

Ring Out August 29

Jones County school children will be climbing aboard their busses and getting at least partial relief from farm duties on August 29th, Superintendent W. B. Moore has announced.

Moore says that the Jones County Board of Education has decided to continue operation of the county schools exactly as they were last year, insofar as mixing races is concerned.

Moore says that the Jones Board so far has had no complaint from school patrons on the manner in which the schools are being conducted and although he admits the possibility that petitions may be forthcoming for integration of the white and colored races in the county's school he does not expect any of these in time to have any bearing upon the 1955-56 school year.

One Jones Arrest

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports one arrest during the past week by Constable Frank Griffin who arrested Frank B. Murphy of Trenton route two on charge of disorderly conduct and simple assault. The warrant for his arrest was signed by Eugene Taylor. Murphy is free under \$300 bond.

\$1,000 Still Available

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reminded this week that the \$1,000 cash reward is still available for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the man or men guilty of robbing and assaulting Mr. and Mrs. Leslie White in a brutal attack earlier this year. Several suspects have been briefly held for questioning and for checking of alibis but so far the perpetrator of the crime remains free. Some over \$600 in cash was stolen from the Whites in the assault, which still has White on crutches from a broken leg he suffered in the attack.

Stella Area Students

Returning to Jones

A recent decision of the Carteret County Board of Education has reassigned some 50-odd students in the Stella section of that county to the Maysville elementary school and to Jones Central High School.

Prolonged litigation over the assignment of these pupils was at least temporarily stopped by a recent Supreme Court decision which said that the litigation had no point since the 1955 session of the General Assembly had given county school board the complete authority to assign students to whatever school they desire.

The litigation had been brought late last summer against the State Board of Education which had supported the Carteret school's earlier decision to send the children to Jones County schools.

Triple Tragedy Hits Kinston Family

On July 16 Lt. Larry French Jr. was drowned on the west coast where he was stationed with the Air Force. Funeral services for Young French, a State College graduate, were held at 3 Sunday afternoon.

Following the funeral rites Mrs. French, in the company of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Downs of Norfolk, with a younger brother, was returning to her Norfolk Home.

Near Stokes in Pitt County Downs failed to stop at a crossroads and ran into the path of another car. Mrs. French was almost instantly killed, dying of head and internal injuries. Shortly afterwards an emergency operation delivered her child, that was not due until October. The child lived for about a half hour.

The entire Downs family was hospitalized but none suffered serious injury except the fatal injuries of Mrs. French.

Downs was indicted for failure to yield the right of way and for manslaughter.

Attorney General of Lebanon Visits Friends and Relatives in This Area



Sgt. Winfred Green Now at Yokohama

YOKOHAMA — Sgt. Winfred O. Green, son of E. G. Green, Route 1, Trenton, is assigned to the Yokohama Engineer Depot in Japan.

Sergeant Green, assistant warehouse forman in storage division of the 8056th Army Unit, entered the Army in 1948. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived in the Far East in May of this year.

District VFW Meet

W. N. Knight, State Director of Public Relations for the North Carolina Department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has announced that the Second V. F. W. district will meet in LaGrange, Sunday, July 31, at 2 P. M. The Second District includes the counties of Hyde, Beaufort, Pitt, Greene, Lenoir and Wayne. Elvy Forrest of Greenville is commander of the district and will preside over the business session.

On Monday of this week Kinston had a most distinguished visitor in the person of Chafie Hatem, Attorney General of Lebanon, (at right above) who in the company of several Eastern Carolina relatives came to Kinston to visit, Raymond Farris, left above, a friend of Hatem's father, who came to America in 1912 from Lebanon.

Hatem, whose title is "Directeur General de La Justice", has been in the United States for the past two weeks, negotiating with officials of the World Bank in Washington for a loan of 27 million dollars to his country.

Hatem reported that the negotiations had been successfully completed but for the "formalities" and that the loan had been approved. Upon this successful completion of his official business, he then took a few days to visit relatives and close family friends, among whom were Fred Maroon, a cousin of Wilson, and Nassef Cannon of Farmville, another cousin. These cousins, along with Hatem's uncle, John Joseph of Decatur, Indiana, made the trip to Kinston so that Hatem could visit Farris, a very close friend of his father's.

The 27 million dollar loan, Hatem pointed out, is to be used to build a TVA-like hydro-electric and irrigation project on the Litan River which runs through almost the entire length of his native land.

In addition to adding materially to the electrical energy supply of Lebanon, Hatem pointed out that the project would also make possible the irrigation of approximately 72,000 hectares of now arid land. (This is roughly 175,000 acres.)

How much this irrigation means to the country is indicated by the fact that the entire Republic of Lebanon is only 3,475 square miles, which is only 2,224,000 acres.

This gives a fairly good idea of the size of Lebanon, since North Carolina has an area of 52,426 square miles, which makes it about 45 times larger than Lebanon.

Latest population figures for Lebanon were 1,238,000, or about one third the population of North Carolina, which indicates that it is far more thickly populated than the Tar Heel State.

Lebanon was formed in 1920 from five former Turkish districts: North Lebanon, Mount Lebanon, South Lebanon, Beirut and Bekan. Until 1946 it was administered under French Mandate but since that time it has enjoyed full freedom and operates under a parliamentary system in which the members of the parliament elect the president for a six year term. The present, and first president of Free Lebanon is Beshara al-Khoury.

Lebanon is primarily an agricultural nation in which the

Lenoir County's Oldest Mill Being Renovated

What is almost certainly Lenoir County's oldest water mill, now the property of Herman R. King of Southwest Township is undergoing considerable repair and renovation. Concrete spillways are being installed at two places in the 200-year old dam which usually impounds the waters of Southwest Creek into the county's largest millpond, some 312 acres of water that has an average depth of from five to seven feet.

The huge pond has now been drained, for the first time in more than 20 years in order to permit workmen to make the changes planned by King, who is being advised by Isler Davis, another mill owner of Lenoir County.

The exact age of King's mill and millpond property is not

known. For most of the modern era it has been called Kelly's Millpond, and in other days in the Twenties, when it was a favorite recreation area for the Kinston section, it was named Lakeside, the name King still retains for his milling operation.

But the "Kelly" got into the millpond name long, long after the millpond and its half-mile long dam were created.

King, naturally interested in the history of his property, has gone to some trouble and expense to determine all that local records afford on the subject.

The earliest recorded mention of the pond and mill was in a deed, dated October 26, 1765, when the owner at that time, one Thomas Box, sold the mill and surrounding plantation to Kittrell Mundine and Benjamin



This is a seldom-seen-view of Lenoir County's oldest and largest millpond, now owned and operated by Herman R. King, and perhaps best known as Kelly's Millpond. The 312-acre lake

which normally furnishes power for the mill has been drained to permit renovation and modernization of the mill dam and spillways. King says he hopes to be ready to start "catching water" within another three weeks. . .

Doty. All three of these are family names that have disappeared from this section, with the possible exception of "Doty" which might have been a misapplication of the "Daughety" family name which is still well-represented in this part of the state.

The next mention of the mill was made December 12, 1768, when Mundine and Doty sold a three-fourths interest in the land and mill to Major Croom. Croom was one of the county's most important early settlers and scion of one of its most numerous and best known families of today.

Croom, who was one of the county's largest landowners, disposed of the mill and plantation on March 23, 1772 to Richard

Caswell, soon to become the county's most illustrious citizen.

Caswell didn't keep the property long either. On January 13, 1783, he deeded the mill and plantation to Jesse Cobb. Cobb was the great-great-grandfather of County Auditor Katie Cobb.

In March of 1800 Jesse Cobb deeded the mill and land to his son John Cobb. John Cobb died without leaving a will and Commissioners P. Hardee, B. Coleman, N. G. Blount, Louis Desmond and S. B. Carraway were appointed by the court to divide his holdings. Part of that division included the mill which went to John Cobb's son, Jesse.

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This is also a rare view of the two water wheels which furnish power for two of the millstones that grind a goodly portion of

the meal consumed in the Kinston section. Soon they will be re-enclosed in a new box and ready for the whirl of water against the turbine blades.