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Kinston Booming As The Shopping Center for Eastern North Carolina

Participation in Recreation Program Continues Expansion In Spite of Hurricane Season

Attendance figures given to the members of the Kinston Recreation Commission at its September session by Director Bill Fay surprised the commission in that increases in practically every activity were registered in spite of extremely bad weather during a major part of the summer season which usually sees peak use of the city's various recreational facilities.

Total attendance from January 1 through August 31 at all facilities was 456,265; a boost of 10,457 over the 445,808 attendance for the same period of last year.

Perhaps the single biggest reason for this increase in spite of the bad weather was the addition of the Fairfield Community Center, which skyrocketed attendance at that park to 81,540, making it by far the most popular attraction the department has to offer.

Attendance at both Emma Webb and Hollaway Park pools showed a slight increase over 1954, although paid admissions dropped. Also adult admissions dropped and Director Fay blamed this on fewer really hot nights, which is the time when a vast majority of adults use the pools.

Total attendance at Emma Webb Pool was 43,321 for this year, compared with 40,106 for last year. Hollaway Pool's attendance climbed to 14,900 this year against 12,589 for last year. These figures cover the entire season for both pools.

Paid admissions at Emma Webb Pool included 2,003 adults and 28,007 children for this year, compared with 6,072 and 23,496 for those categories a year ago.

Hollaway Pool adult attendance this year was 386 and children paid for 6,724 visits to See Recreation page 8

Peyton Abbott to Leave Pollockville For Raleigh Position

Peyton B. Abbott who has been a partner in the law firm Hughes and Abbott of Trenton for the past four years has accepted a position as Assistant Attorney General.

Abbott held a similar post, specializing in tax matters, before coming to Jones County in association with County Attorney George Hughes.

He will replace Dr. Beverly Lake, who has resigned an assistant attorney generalship effective October 1 to enter private law practice.

Jack Wooten Showing Steady Improvement

Dr. Payne Dale said Wednesday morning that Jack Wooten is showing a steady improvement in the seriousness of the burns he suffered in a freak explosion late in August at his home at 1006 North Queen Street. Wooten and an employee, Ben Barwick, were spraying beneath the Wooten Home for termites when an automatic water heater ignited the chemicals they were using and both Wooten and Barwick suffered flash burns. Wooten's burns covered a majority of his body and were much more serious than those suffered by Barwick. Still not able to have company, Wooten has responded extremely well to treatment and should be able to go home within another week Dr. Dale said. At this moment, Dr. Dale said there did not appear to be any danger that Wooten would lose the full use of his arms, which were most seriously burned.

Latest sales tax collections reports from the State Department of Revenue indicate what the Kinston Chamber of Commerce has been claiming for Lo! These Many Years: That Kinston IS Eastern Carolina's shopping center.

July collections of sales taxes reveal that Kinston ranked 14th among all the cities of North Carolina in this accurate business index. This in spite of the fact that Kinston ranks 16th in population among the cities of Fair Tar Heels.

Adding grist to the local chamber of commerce claims is the fact that only Wilmington and Rocky Mount topped Kinston's collections and each of these is much larger in population than Kinston. (The latter something that the chamber of commerce will promptly deny, but is still true).

In Eastern Carolina cities of nearly equal population, it was no contest. Kinston was tops by a wide, profitable margin.

Kinston's collections were \$59,304.07. Goldsboro which fancies itself quite a shopping center chipped in just \$55,862.25. Greenville which is doing a lot of bragging on television about its shopping center wasn't even in the running with just \$38,094.57. New Bern was slightly better off with \$46,996.42 and Wilson was a little fatter than the Capital of Craven with a contribution to the sales tax man of \$49,878.89.

Wilmington with practically all of the Southeastern tip of the state to itself and booming July vacation business reported \$177,215.89 and Rocky Mount's donation to the state treasury was \$64,805.77.

Indicating, in spite of all this financial muscle-flexing that Kinston still has its work cut out for it, Charlotte, of course, ranked first in the state with nearly ten times the sales tax payment of Kinston, \$533,492.30. Greensboro was in the No. 2 spot with \$285,059.11.

Winston-Salem ranked third with \$237,607.52. See Shopping Center page 8

Scene of Fatal Accident Tuesday



A freak accident in the area pictured here Tuesday morning claimed the life of 40-year old Adam Pearson of Mebane and seriously injured 44-year old Johnny Malloy of Cheraw, S. C. Both were employees of the James C. Triplett Construction Company of Cheraw. . . .

According to eye-witnesses the tragedy unfolded about like this: Along with other workers Pearson and Malloy were pouring a footing for a new bridge which will span the Adkin Run on Daniels Street between Independent Street and the Old Snow Hill Road. The large crane pic-

tured here was swinging buckets of concrete into place as shown here with two other workers.

In order to reach the north end of the bridge, the boom on the crane had to be lowered and swung under 7200-volt power lines of the City of Kinston.

As the heavy burden of concrete in the bucket pictured here was released it caused the boom to suddenly jump upward and contact the wires, killing Pearson instantly and seriously injuring Malloy, who was burned in the hands and feet when the powerful charge of electricity surged through his body.

Local Effort to Get Presbyterian School Here Gaining Momentum

Habitual Bad Check Passer Given a Year

Arden E. Jones of Pink Hill route one who apparently has a passion for passing worthless checks was given a 12-month term in the county jail Monday by Recorder's Court Judge Albert Cowper after he had admitted passing five worthless checks, and for good measure forging a sixth.

Jones apparently had decided that drug stores were the softest touch for his artful way of getting money illegally. All five of the worthless checks had been foisted off on unsuspecting drug stores. Walgreen-Bissette's got stuck twice for \$10 checks with an extremely high rubber content, Sewell's Pharmacy got stung a \$10-sting. J. E. Hood's got bitten for \$5 and Standard Drug Store No. 3 was bounced lightly for \$1.81.

Jones had forged a \$10 check on A. J. Whaley of the Pink Hill section.

Previous convictions for forgery in June and September of 1954 are also logged against Jones.

An all-out effort to do everything humanly possible to bring the new four-year Presbyterian College to Kinston this week gained momentum under the direction of Overall Chairman Dr. Paul Whittaker.

Five sites of 100 or more acres of land in the Kinston vicinity have already been tendered for study by the site committee which is headed by Tom Hewitt.

More than \$100,000 toward the million-dollar goal has already been pledged and the Kinston Junior Chamber of Commerce, aided by numerous other civic clubs has everything ready for a door-to-door campaign for pledges of both moral and financial assistance.

Minimum requirements mentioned by representatives of the Presbyterian Church are a 100-acre site, a \$1,000,000 cash pledge and continuing moral support for the school through the years.

So far the Harvey Family and an anonymous Presbyterian have each given \$25,000, Kersey Smith has given \$10,000, the Commercial National Bank has given \$10,000, Ray Barbre has given \$5,000, \$1,000 has been given by Johnny Hood of Hood's Drug Store, Dr. Whitaker has given \$2,500, H. C. Wooten Jr. has given \$1,500, Charlie McCullers \$1,000, \$2,500 from Radio Station WELS \$500 from Fred Whitaker, \$500 from A. L. Hogan, \$500 from J. D. Paschall.

Other later donors added to the pledge list include the Kinston Daily Free Press Company \$10,000, Mr. and Mrs. Galt Braxton \$5,000, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Foxman \$5,000, C. W. Howard Wholesale Company \$5,000, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Creech \$600 and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. "Zeke" Creech \$600.

Five sites have been tendered for consideration of the site selection committee. One on the E. W. Canady Farm between the Du Pont plant and Sharon Church, another also in Contentnea Neck Township from Ben F. Scarborough, one from Mrs. Walte Hines on the Richlands Highway, a fourth from Hubert Jones in Beaver Creek Township of Jones County and the fifth has not yet been revealed publicly.



Here are two views of a accident Monday morning which hospitalized the wives of three student pilots at Stallings Air Base. The women, Mrs. Russell McInnes (driving), Mrs. Roger E. Goodwin and Mrs. Charles West were driving south on the Richlands Highway near Smith's near Home Church. Morris E. Hardy of Greenville was



driving the College View Cleaners' truck north at the moment of the wreck. Hardy said he was about to pass a car pulling a trailer load of tobacco, when he found that his brakes had "gone out". Not able to slow down and pull back into his traffic lane, Hardy's trucked slipped head on into the McInnes car, pulling it around



and all but demolishing the front end. The truck continued on across the road and rammed into the ditchbank as seen above. Hardy was indicted for reckless driving. Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. West were the most seriously injured of the group. Mrs. Goodwin suffered a fractured skull, a concussion and other minor bruises



and cuts. Mrs. West suffered concussion and bruises and minor cuts. Both were reported to be resting well Wednesday morning at Parrott Memorial Hospital. Mrs. McInnes suffered shock and minor bruises and was never considered to be in serious condition at Memorial General Hospital where she was taken for treatment.