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Local Retail Sales Continue Climbing During August, Sales Tax is Index

In spite of the gap blown in Kinston business by two hurricanes in August one of the most accurate indexes indicates that business was considerably better in August of 1955 than in August of '54. Sales tax collections for the Capital of Lenoir jumped from \$35,294.08 a year ago to \$62,330.91 of this year.

It should be recognized that this 12.7 per cent increase in sales tax collections in Kinston does not represent a flat 12.7 per cent increase in retail sales, since there have been a number of changes — all upward — in the sales tax rates. It is impossible at this early date to tell how much of this 12.7 per cent increase is due to the tax change and how much is due to increased business.

Different merchants give different answers, at this time, to that question.

This collection, however, placed Kinston two notches above its population rank in this category. Since Kinston is the 17th city in rank in population and its sales tax collections ranked 15th.

Again, only Wilmington and Rocky Mount surpassed the Kinston sales tax record in east Carolina, and each of these has a very wide margin over Kinston in population. Neither of these cities was able to better its ranking, since Wilmington, the state's 7th city in population occupied that same rank in the sales tax parade. Rocky Mount, on the other hand, is the state's 11th city in population and it only managed to slide in 13th in the sales tax series.

In Eastern Carolina, Wilson, the state's 14th city in population, was 17th in sales tax collections. Goldsboro, ranking 15th in population was 16th in sales tax payments. Both of these cities being larger, but collecting less sales tax than Kinston.

Greenville and New Bern, respectively 18th and 19th in the population ratings for Tar Heels, were also well below Kinston in this tax collection category. Greenville was 20th in tax collections and New Bern 18th. Of course, Charlotte was first

Hit-And-Run Charge Follows Fine Work By Cops Tuesday Nite

Joseph Michael Mattison of 2216 Hawthorne Road has been indicted for hit and run driving following investigation of a collision in front of George Carter's home late Tuesday night. A truck belonging to Carter was struck by a car that failed to stop at the law provides. Officers Fred Hart and J. H. Griffin found several pieces of broken glass from the missing car and considerable paint scraped off the car onto the truck.

Their search for a car to fit the pieces of glass and the paint they found led them to swear out the warrant against Mattison, whose car they say fitted the bill perfectly.

Racing Charges For Two Weekend Drivers

Camp Lejeune Marine Louis Alexander and Herman Davis of Deep Run route one were charged with racing and speeding over 50 miles per hour by Patrolman S. H. Newman over the past weekend.

Davis was also booked for driving after his license had been revoked. He was placed under \$300 bond and Alexander was released under \$200 bond.

In both population and sales tax collections and by a wide margin in the latter category. Its \$518,315.36 sales tax was a long way ahead of Greensboro, the state's third largest city, which came in second in the sales tax category with \$268,838.03.

Winston-Salem, the state's second city in population, was third in this tax category with \$239,103.81.

Raleigh, the state's fifth city population-wise, ranked fourth in sales tax payments with a booming report of \$235,137.30.

Durham, which ranks in fourth

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Haskins Chapel To Have Homecoming On Sunday At 11 O'clock

The annual Homecoming Service of Haskins Chapel Christian Church will be held at 11 a. m. Sunday and all past, present and potential members of this well known Jones County Congregation are urged to attend this service.

The worship service, beginning at 11 is expected to last for one hour and then there will be spread the usual picnic dinner on the church grounds.

Those who come are reminded to bring a basket of picnic ingredients.

Comfort Man Killed In House Trailer Fire

Thirty-one year old Walter Hardy Shivar, a native of the Comfort section of Jones County, died early last Thursday from suffocation in a fire that partially destroyed a trailer in which he was living near Charlotte.

A highway patrolman first discovered the fire and on investigating found Shivar, either unconscious or already dead in the burning trailer. Efforts to revive Shivar with resuscitator proved futile.

Graveside rites for Shivar were held at three o'clock last Saturday in the Shivar Family cemetery near Comfort.

Dissatisfied Thieves Take W. C. Quinn Safe

Over the past weekend what police are satisfied were "dissatisfied thieves" broke into the East Gordon Street office of W. C. Quinn Plumbing and Heating Co. and hauled away a large, and heavy steel safe.

The disappointment over their hard and risky night's work stemmed from the fact that the safe contained less than \$50.

Saturday afternoon a large sum of cash had been removed from the safe and deposited in a local bank's night depository.

Four Car Collision On West Vernon



At left here three of four vehicles involved in a "chain reaction" Tuesday morning on West Vernon Avenue are shown. The log truck at the rear of the line was the "activator" of this "chain reaction" and its driver, James H. Perry of Williamston was charged with operating a vehicle with improper brakes. Perry's log truck slammed into

the car of George K. Holloman of 209 1-2 West Lenoir Street, and it was damaged an estimated \$900. Holloman's car then bumped into the car of Herbert Hoffman of Kinston route two and it had about \$25 damages. The fourth car, which was propelled a couple of hundred feet further east was not damaged. No one was hurt in the pile up.

Sheriff Yates Has Trouble Finding The Right Hiding Place

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates says he has repeatedly searched the home and premises off William Humphrey between Maysville and Pollockville for stumplehole whisky, but never until last week with any success.

Sheriff Yates says that Humphrey, a sometime preacher, was always the soul of co-operation in these searches. Offering help and lamenting all along that he wished he could find out who kept turning him in, Humphrey would tell the sheriff to search and would help him in every way he could, up to a point.

But last week Sheriff Yates noticed in his latest search of the Humphrey premises that the "preacher" began to sweat a little when they got too near a bed on one corner. So Yates says they moved the bed and under it, hidden under some old rags was a very cleverly hidden trap door and beneath that door was one gallon and nearly a quart of "swamp water" of about 110 proof.

Humphrey will face trial now at the next term of Jones County's Superior Court on a charge of violating the liquor laws.

Other indictments of the past week reported by Sheriff Yates includes those of David Cox of Trenton charged with being drunk and disorderly and Pres-

Routine Session For Jones Commissioners

Selection of a jury list for the next term of Jones County's Superior Court, passing of several road improvement petitions and routine reports were the order of the day in the October meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners.

The highway commission was asked to improve roads leading Mrs. L. B. Jenkins' Rattler Ranch in Beaver Creek Township and the Felix Kings road leading east from US 268 in Tuckahoe Township.

Tommy Chase was employed as buildings and grounds superintendent for the court house.

The board also vetoed a request from the extension department to employ additional help in the county agent's office.

The jury list includes the following:

Joe Becton, Frank Maides, Burton D. Turner, R. L. Daugherty, Lonnie Griffin, Tom Hill, Luby Collins, Ralph Jones, Ray Ballard.

Bruce Foy, George Davenport, C. R. Mallard, R. T. Johnson, Carlton Brown, Bromo Spivey, Earl D. Jones, David Civiles and Jeff Conway.

ton Murphy of Trenton route two, charged with drunken and reckless driving and driving without a driver's license. Cox was arrested Monday and Murphy was booked last Saturday.

Many Beautiful New Kinston Homes in Hardee Heights and Club Pines



This is the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Dalton which is now nearing completion in Kinston's newest subdivision, Hardee Heights. This area lying just west of the Kinston Country Club golf course is one of the

most beautiful home sites recently opened up and already a number of handsome homes have been built or are being built and lots have been sold to many others who plan to build in the near future.

Two off Kinston's newest residential subdivisions are proving to be among the most beautiful in a town that boasts many delightful places to build a home.

And, it might be added, that this is to the considerable surprise of many "oldtimers" who swore it couldn't be done. Their attitude very largely stemmed from the drainage problem that had to be solved before either of these adjoining areas could be classed as a fit place to install a long-term mortgage.

Hardee Heights and Club Pines are rapidly filling up with handsome, well cared for homes. Club Pines which got started considerably before Hardee Heights has over 50 fine homes and Hardee Heights has approximately a dozen completed or under construction and many more lots have been sold to those who are planning to build

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This is the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Geil on Greenbriar Road in the Club Pines subdivision. It is one of the newest and also one of the most attractive homes in this expanding residential development. The home loses much of its unique beauty in a black and

white reproduction, since it is a pretty pink. It has a most distinctive architectural style, featuring twin porches that look out upon the fairway of the golf course of the Country Club. It was built by Contractor George DuBose.