

# County Commissioners Calling \$150,000 School Bond Vote

The principal action Monday by the Jones County Board of Commissioners was the unanimous passing of a resolution calling for a \$150,000 school bond issue election. Date of the election was not set at the Monday meeting.

The \$150,000 secured from this bond issue, if it were approved by the voters of the county, would be added to available funds from the 1955 state school bond issue to build elementary school facilities in Trenton to ease the burden of the present elementary buildings.

Other activities of the board in its regular February session included approval of \$117.50 payment to James F. Harriett for blueprints of proposed expansion and renovation of the agriculture building, extension of tax listing time to February 15th without penalty, approval of a road improvement petition for the Maple Grove loop road and instructions to Tax Collector Zelle Pollock to check again this year the tax list against a master list of automobile registrations for Jones County. Last year several hundred cars were added to the county's tax list when such a check was made.

## Maysville Shooting Principal Arrested

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of Chesline Godley over the past weekend in Norfolk, Va. on a warrant charging the former Maysville with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Godley is charged with a shotgun assault upon Swindell Matlocks, also of Maysville, on June 19th of last year.

Godley fled the scene of the shooting, Yates says, and his location was not learned until last week. He is now held in the Jones County jail without privilege of bond pending trial of the charge. Matlocks has recovered from the wounds he suffered in the shooting.

## Jurors Chosen for Jones Superior Court

Among the chores of the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday was the drawing of jurors for the March term of the county's Superior Court. The list includes the following:

Z. A. Koonce, Dan Oxley, Robert Riggs, C. R. Jarman, Nelson Banks, Austin Koonce, Durwood A. Green, Allen Mooring, James Mallard.

Francis Swinson, Elmer Wilson, William J. Jones, C. B. Arthur, Horace King, Eugene Hood, C. M. Small, Jerry M. Bass, Ned.

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## Kinston Threatened With Loss of Busses

Alderman Jesse Pugh Wooten Monday night pointed out that Kinston is facing the possible loss of its city transit system unless some method can be found of bolstering the financial position of the operating company which now has the franchise.

Wooten and other members of the board were unanimous in the opinion that the city bus system is a very real need in the community and further hoped that some relief might be found to better the position of the operating company so the service might survive.

Increased fares for school children curtailed schedules during those hours when bus use was lowest were among the suggestions studied by the board. No action was taken.

Members of the council report that considerable study has been given to various methods of bolstering the bus company's position. One of these was a payment by the school system for hauling children to and from school. This plan is in effect in Goldsboro and is apparently meeting with fair results.

The lump sum paid by the school system to the bus company, to make the bus operations profitable but it is a fair-sized nucleus from which a plan of operation can be made that has a better chance of success than the present situation in Kinston.

Carl Wooten, S. E. Dixon, R. D. Howard, Alex Higgins, William Bynum, C. M. Blizzard, Criss Franks, Robert Beaman Jr., Bill Spencer.

Raymond Harris, Nolan Jones, J. D. Philyaw, Floyd M. Hughes, G. F. Turner, J. H. Spence, Ben Killingsworth, Milan LaRoque and Adrian Skinner.

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## Double Murder Claims Jones Native and British Born Wife

James B. Askew, native Jones Countian, and his British born wife were murdered near Barnesville, California by Donald Wyciskala, 22 year - old Bismarck, North Dakotan.

Askew, son of the late Ben Askew and brother of Mrs. Milton Oroom of Kinston, had recently sold a business in Seattle, Washington because of poor health and was moving to Los Angeles.

Because of his poor health he placed an advertisement for someone to help with the driving on the long trip. The North Dakota youth answered the ad and all went well, apparently, until about 50 miles from San Francisco where the murder took place.

The youth freely admitted the double murder when apprehended by FBI agents in New Orleans Tuesday morning. He said he hit Askew with an axe because Askew was nagging him about the way he was driving. Then the young man blandly said he killed Mrs. Askew to cover up the first killing.

## Boston Burney Held on Murder Charge

Boston Burney, 51 year - old resident of 510 South Tiffany Avenue, is held on an open charge of murder following the death of Charlotte Underwood of the same address last Friday.

Burney at first denied any knowledge of the woman's death when questioned but later admitted that he had struck her in self defense as she attempted to throw lye-water onto him.

The woman died from a blow on the head believed to have been inflicted by an axe handle. She was badly beaten over the head and body and in addition to the supposed murder weapon a broken bed slat was also found in the room with her body. Both Burney and the 49 year-old woman were reportedly drinking prior to the fracas which led to her death. She was found shortly after 8 p. m. last Friday but medical examination placed her death at something

## City-County Allocate Another \$2,000 For Caswell Grave Site

In a joint session Monday afternoon the Kinston City Council and Lenoir County Board of Commissioners each voted to boost their total donations toward the purchase of the governor Richard Caswell grave site to \$5,000 each.

Previously the city and county governing units had appropriated \$5,000 each to be added to a \$25,000 appropriation from the state for the purchase.

The balance of \$8,000 toward the \$43,000 purchase price was to be raised by public subscription and \$5,000 was raised in that fashion but leaders in the effort to make a state park of the site just west of Kinston said that \$5,000 was the apparent limit of public subscriptions, and Monday asked the two boards to furnish the final \$2,000.

The county commissioners present (J. R. Davenport, Ralph Daugherty, Whitford Hill and Harry Sutton) voted unanimously to put up the county's half. But Alderman Frank LaRogue and Bill Page balked at the additional grant and Mayor Guy Elliott exercised one of his seldom enjoyed votes to break the tie when Alderman Jesse Pugh Wooten and Doug Baker voted to make the grant. Alderman Charlie Taylor was absent from the session.

## Funds Voted to Buy Land for Air Base Expansion Program

### Brooks Announces

James Hardee "Jimmy" Brooks announced his candidacy for Judge of the Kinston-Lenoir County Recorder's Court last Saturday. Incumbent Judge Albert Cowper announced in January that he would not be a candidate for re-election and shortly afterward Emmett R. Wooten tossed his hat into the ring for the post. Brooks' announcement Saturday assured competition for the job which calls for presiding over the county's busiest court.

Brooks is a son of Mrs. Roger Brooks and the late Mr. Brooks. He is a graduate of Grainger High School, the University of North Carolina, and the Wake Forest Law School.

near 5 p. m.

Burney has an old and varied record with the Kinston Police Department.

In a joint meeting Monday afternoon the Kinston Board of Aldermen and Lenoir County Board of Commissioners voted up to \$30,000 (\$15,000 each) for purchase of 114.77 additional acres of land to permit expansion of living, academic and recreational facilities at Stallings Air Base.

Airport Commission Chairman Linwood Scott outlined the land needs for the expansion program and pointed out that he had finally been able to negotiate verbal sale agreements with the owners of the property. Last year an effort to secure additional land had fallen through when a number of the property owners refused to sell their land.

Scott said Ely Perry and John Burton had agreed to sell 87.38 acres for \$22,792, Lettice Chaoman had agreed to sell 14.26 acres for \$2,500, Grover Isler had agreed to sell 12.18 acres for \$4,000 and an additional .95 acres belonging to the A. Z. Edwards Estate would be available at a price comparable to the others listed.

Bill Reynolds, general manager of Serv-Air, which operates the base as a contract pilot training base for the Air Force, pointed out that the area purchased would include 26 permanent type barracks, a large academic training building, a nine hole golf course and a larger drill field and recreational area. The land is immediately east of the present base and extends on both sides of the entrance highway.

Reynolds pointed out that the base currently employs 712 civilian personnel, has from 430 to 500 student pilots and 34 permanent party military personnel. The base payroll, Reynolds reminded, amounts to between seven and eight million dollars per year.

These pictures represent two of the newest Lenoir County schools.

At left is recently completed Savannah School which has 30 rooms and a large cafeteria and

cost the county \$382,000, including the site and the water and sewer system.

At right is Teachers Memorial School, also recently completed, which includes 24 classrooms, a

cafeteria and auditorium and cost the county \$570,000.

Enrollment as of this week at Teachers Memorial is 600 pupils and enrollment at Savannah School, in the new section, was 1,049 as of January 27th.

At Savannah School four classes are still being held in an old wooden building, and their enrollment brings the total school pupil load to 1,200, all of which use the cafeteria in the new school.