

Kinston Banker Admits Shortage Then Commits Suicide

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Jones County Budget Cut Over \$7000 for 1956-57

The tentative 1956-57 budget for Jones County is \$7,199 less than the budget of the present fiscal period. However, in the budget estimates the \$150,000 school bond issue is included which boosts the total proposed county expenditure for the coming year by \$142,801.

Total asking as tentatively approved by the board of commissioners is \$384,199, which includes the \$150,000 bond proposal yet to be voted on by the people of the county. Last year the budget total was \$441,379.

Of that total approved for the various operations of all county functions the county will seek to supply \$181,095 from taxes, securing the other \$445,993 from sources, other than taxation such as state and federal grants, court fines and

fees and collections by other county departments.

The biggest single change in the budget for the coming year was in the current expense allocation to the schools which was dropped from \$108,513 to \$89,946.

County Accountant G. C. Heritage says this was made possible because the school fund ended the year with a surplus which resulted from more revenues coming from some sources than had been anticipated in last year's budget, particularly from fines in the courts of the county.

The general fund allocation for '56-57 was \$56,092 and for the coming year it was increased slightly to \$58,930.

For a glance at the comparative allocations consult the accompanying table:

Department	1955-56	1956-57
Aid to Blind	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,005
Welfare Aid	4,450	5,005
Aid to Aged	82,368	84,480
Aid to Children	79,200	75,600
Aid to Disabled	19,200	21,000
Welfare Admn.	11,810	12,177
County Agents	6,242	8,445
County Account	3,182	3,243
Forest Fire Work	2,425	3,150
Health Department	13,232	14,524
Bond Fund	34,045	34,180
School Operation	108,513	89,946
School Capl. Outlay	10,700	158,250
General Fund	56,092	58,930
Total	\$ 441,379	\$ 584,199
From County taxes	181,079	138,187
Other Sources	336,500	445,993
Tax Rate	\$200	\$2.70

Moyock Girl New Jones Home Agent



This is Jones County's new Home Demonstration Agent, Faytie Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Cox of Moyock in Currituck County. She succeeds Mrs. Marvin Thomas, who filled the post temporarily after the marriage of Hilda Lee of Pink Hill, the last holder of the post.

Miss Cox is a 1956 graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Although this Jones County assignment is her first formal connection with the Extension Service she has worked three summers as

Maysville Boy Graduates From M. P. Training School



Army Pvt. Billy L. Cannon, 21, son of George L. Cannon, Maysville, N. C., recently was graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. Cannon entered the Army last January and received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is a 1953 graduate of White Oak High School. His wife, Betty Jane, also lives in Maysville. Cannon is a former employee of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours & Co. Inc. in Kinston.

Cholera Outbreak Costs Jones Countians Plenty

An outbreak of hog cholera in Jones County has cost Jones County farmers thousands of dollars, Farm Agent Jimmy Franck reports.

Franck and veterinarians are urging all farmers in the county to vaccinate their hogs against cholera to stop the spread of this disease.

G. B. Foy of Cypress Creek and Franck carried five sick hogs from four farms to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Raleigh. These hogs were autopsied and found to have cholera. This confirmed the earlier diagnosis of local veterinarians.

This outbreak started about the first of May in the Pleasant Hill — Comfort area. Since then, the cholera has spread through Cypress Creek, Tuckahoe and Bever Creek townships and is now moving onto Trenton township. According to Dr. C. B. Randall, the disease is spreading fast.

Franck says farmers whose hogs have been properly immunized against cholera are escaping the



Joseph E. Peterson

Joseph E. Peterson, vice-president of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, committed suicide at about 8:30 Monday afternoon in his office in the downtown branch of that bank at Queen and Gordon streets.

Peterson, whose home address was 1205 1/2 Virginia Avenue, was officer in charge of both banks operated by his company in Kinston and supervised the credit management of the branches in

Peterson had shot himself directly through the heart with a .38 caliber revolver. The bullet had completely passed through Peterson and the chair in which he was seated and was found on the floor back of the chair. He was rushed to Parrott Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Kennedy said sealed notes addressed to Mrs. Peterson and to Robert Holding, president of the bank, were found in the desk and

Monday afternoon Bank president Holding released the following statement to the Press: "In a letter written by Peterson to me, president of the bank, and delivered after Peterson's death, he admitted a shortage and assumed full responsibility for the same, saying it was incurred without the knowledge of his associates. The shortage is fully covered by surety bond and the bank will not sustain any loss. Further details will be available as soon as they can be verified".

They were delivered unopened to the addressees.

Peterson, a native of Smithfield in Johnson County, had been manager of the bank's local operation since early in 1934.

Board-Bill Fuss Leads to Owen's Second Murder

Willie Owens has been indicted on an open charge of murder following the Tuesday night shotgun playing of Arlena Walker of 126 Broadway Street.

Investigating officers say the 50-year-old woman was shot directly through the heart with a 12 gauge shotgun allegedly in the hands of Owens, who fled the scene.

Police say it appeared from the physical appearance of the home in Southeast Kinston that a fight had been in progress between the pair.

The dead woman was indicted last week and was under bond for her appearance in federal court on a liquor law violation charge.

shooting after his arrest at 503 Adkin Street by Detectives Wheeler Kennedy, Boyd and Police Captain Bernard Dail at about 11 a. m. Wednesday. Owens says an argument preceded the shooting.

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Here, at right, Kinston identification officer Fred Boyd is seen fingerprinting 25-year-old Willie Owens, who was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with the shotgun playing of Arlena Walker Tuesday night. Owens was released September 6, 1955 from the local prison camp after serving 10 years of a 15 to 20 year term for murder committed in Lum

Maysville RA's Win

The Royal Ambassadors Softball team of the First Baptist Church played Spring Garden Church last Saturday, and won 15-13, which makes their fourth straight win. Saturday, June 30, they will play Ft. Barnwell there.

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disease. He suggests that farmers whose hogs are not vaccinated against cholera get it done right away.

"This costs but the loss of one 200 pound hog can cost the farmer as much as the cost of vaccinating 15 to 30 hogs depending on their size," the County Agent reminded.

Farmers who lose hogs should bury the hogs deep or burn them, Franck states. He says that the practice of throwing the hogs in the river or into the woods, as in many cases is being done, just spreads the disease.

The agent stated that outbreaks of this kind can be stopped if all farmers would follow a sound vaccination program.