

Soil Bank Rules As of Monday; May be Different Now

Mrs. Koonce Wins By Close Vote

In a second primary race Saturday for Register of Deeds of Jones County Mrs. Dorothy Noble Koonce was winner by the extremely thin margin of 14 votes; 848 to 834 over James B. Simmons of Pollocksville.

The vote surprised Jones countyans in a number of ways. First the large turnout of voters on such an extremely hot day, and secondly the strong increase Simmons made over his first primary showing.

In that vote on May 26th Mrs. Koonce lacked only 15 votes of having a majority over both Simmons and the third man in the race, Milan LaRoque. The vote running 854, 590, 279.

A quick glance at the second primary voting indicates that Simmons was able to capture just about all the LaRoque votes, while Mrs. Koonce "held her own".

The vote, which was only 51 short of the first primary total cast for the Register of Deeds post, was even more surprising to most observers than the strong run made by Simmons.

Mrs. Koonce is at present the Assistant Register of Deeds, and will now succeed the present holder of the office, George Noble, when he retires after 28 years on the job at the first Monday in December swearing in of county officials.

New Bernian Held on Multiple Charges

Saturday morning was a bad one all around for Clifton H. Bryant of New Bern. He ground looped through the Lakeview Filling Station on US 70 east of Kinston and did an estimated \$70 damage to a Coke box and its wiring and plumbing.

A call alerted Kinston policemen to the scene and indicated for him to stop and indicated for him to stop and run driving reckless driving and damage to private property.

A search of his fliwer turned up a large quantity of copper wire, over which the local law questioned his right of ownership. New Bern detectives called into the case added a larceny charge against Bryant, alleging that the wire had been stolen from the New Bern Utilities Department.

A lone hen, roosting in the copper wire and a little bedraggled from her "midnight ride" was consigned to a local pot, since no claimants could be found for her and the police lacked storage space of the type specified for poultry.

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Peculiar Tobacco Damage Worries Local Farmers and Puzzles Scientists

This picture shows one of the several types of damage suffered by a goodly percentage of the plants in some 80 to 90 acres of tobacco in the Deep Run area.

Three weeks ago this damage began making itself known in the fields of Leslie Hill, Morris Riggsbee, Louis Smith and others in the same community. Hill says he at first thought the damage was being done by budworms, since it first hit the plant's bud.

But when the bud came back to life, and the leaves began to take on dwarfed, weired shapes such as that pictured here he decided that something had happened to the internal working of the plant and called in Farm Agent Joe Koonce, who called in experts in plant pathology from State College.

Hill and his friends decided that the damage came from a TDE insect killer which all had used and from the same source. They had purchased their TDE from J. R. Davenport who was selling a brand made by the Carter Chemical Company of Wallace. The farmers felt that some sucker control chemical or other plant-killer had gotten into the batch of TDE. The Carter Company representative said this was impossible.



upset the working mechanism of the plant. The Deep Run farmers felt in over two weeks the specialist ought to be able to learn if the TDE sample taken back to Raleigh was at fault, and if not, what was ruining goodly slices of their tobacco.

They expressed the view that something must have been wrong

with the TDE since Davenport had been told NOT to sell any more.

They agreed that there was little if anything that could be done to their crop to revive it into anywhere near an average crop. They felt, however, that other farmers who still might be in possession of the same chemical and had not yet used it ought to be given the benefit of whatever information the State College scientists had obtained on their trouble.

The scientists have not ventured yet beyond saying that "It is an apparent chemical damage".

Hill says he had used TDE from the same company for three or four years in the past and had never experienced any trouble and he discounted the feeling of one of the visiting specialists who suggested that the farmers might have used sprays that had not been sufficiently cleaned after using some plant-killing chemicals.

Hill says, "One or two or three of us might have made the same mistake, but not a dozen. It's got to be the chemical, no matter what the Carter company says".

All interviewed recognized that the chemical company very likely had no liability at stake since each farmer expressly pointed out that the chemical is being used at the user's own risk.

Barrus Company Low Bidder Jones-Lenoir Roads

Bids let in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week included a number of

ing spree and a brief encounter took place between Joyner and the dead man, who later died from pneumonia which Dr. R. J. Jones said had resulted from exposure.

Doris Banks who was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon last week was placed on probation for three years and F. P. Inman who was found guilty last week of passing a worthless check was fined \$50.

Jones-Lenoir paving projects that went to the Barrus Construction Company of Kinston which was low bidder with an aggregate price of \$61,571 for the entire 11.9 miles.

The roads to be surfaced or resurfaced in this letting include the dirt road just below Stanley Robertson's filling station which runs east to the Wyse Fork Road.

The cut-off road from NC 41 to NC 12 that runs past Mark Smith's farm just west of Trenton. A 2.3-mile stretch of the Black

Swamp Road southeast of Maysville.

The dirt road from Sandy Bottom south to Albritton's Crossroads and on across to US 258 near Southwest Creek Brodke.

And resurfacing that section of the by-pass road from US 258 across to NC 11 and NC 55.

Already let and expected to be underway within the next week or so is the re-surfacing of the Kinston - Trenton highway from Leslie White's store to Trenton.

In a Monday afternoon session at the ag building County ASC Secretary Horace Mewborn gave the outlines of the bulky soil bank and acreage reserve programs included in the new farm bill and briefly touched on those parts of the programs which will most likely effect East Carolina farmers.

Mewborn reminded, at the outset, "I didn't make a single one of these rules!" And he added, "Before I get through talking they may be changed again".

Under the program in Lenoir County a maximum of \$293 per acre will be paid to eligible participants who put tobacco into the soil bank program. In the corn, wheat, cotton parts of the program there is no maximum set, but for Lenoir County the cotton price is set at 15 cent per pound of lint cotton that the farm has yielded over the past several years, wheat payments at \$1.33 per bushel and corn is set at \$1 per bushel, all based on past average yields. Specific yields per farm were set up Monday by the ASC Community Committeemen.

Mewborn pointed out that the average yield figures (wheat 20 bushels per acre, corn 28.1 bushels per acre, cotton 324 pounds of lint per acre) had been obtained from the tax list figures given in by the farmers of the county.

"I know they are low average yields", Mewborn admitted, "but that's what the farmers listed and now they are stuck with their own figures".

The tobacco average yield figures of 1,717 pounds per acre was obtained from ASC records.

A few of the basic ground rules that the farmer must comply with to participate in the soil bank program are:

1. Compliance with all ASC acreage allocations.
2. Sign up by June 30 for tobacco to be put into the program.
3. Sign up by July 20 for all other crops to be put into the program.
4. None of the crop put into the program may be harvested and it must not have been grazed after June 22nd of this year if it is a grain crop.
5. A statement must be signed declaring why the farmer did not plant crops which he is putting into the program. This is particularly aimed at unplanted cotton allocations.
6. Tenants and sharecroppers must share equitably in any proceeds from this participation.
7. A person who has leased a farm will receive all the benefits

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Terrible Tragedy Comes Close in Wreck Last Friday

Happily, a bad accident Friday night just north of Kinston proved to be a lot less serious than it could have very easily been.

Mrs. Raymond Phillips of Liberty Hill road with her three small children and her sister, Mrs. Ger-

ald Tripp, with her three small children were stopped for the stop sign where Herritage Street enters the Airbase Road when their car was rammed with terrific force from the rear by a car driven by Marine Charles Trevathan of Camp

Lejeune.

The car being driven by Mrs. Phillips, which belonged to Tripp, was knocked well over 50 feet; all the way across the highway and came to rest with its two right wheels on the shoulder of the road and gasoline pouring from its ruptured tank. The force of the blow had jammed both doors of the Tripp car so that it was difficult to open either. The great stroke of good luck was the lack of the spark that would have possibly burned all of most of the eight occupants of the Tripp car.

Mrs. Phillips suffered a bruise on the leg, and a bump on the head. Her nine year old daughter, Ann, suffered some loosened teeth and a ruptured ear drum. Eight year old Gerald Tripp Jr. suffered shock and a slight lump on the head. Mrs. Tripp, who is an expectant mother, was hospitalized temporarily for shock.

Trevathan suffered a severe blow in the chest from the steering post of his car. FPC George E. White suffered a badly fractured nose

and other less serious cuts and bruises. Privates James Reed and Carl H. Nickerson suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Although, bottles of whisky were broken in the Trevathan car and there was strong reason to believe

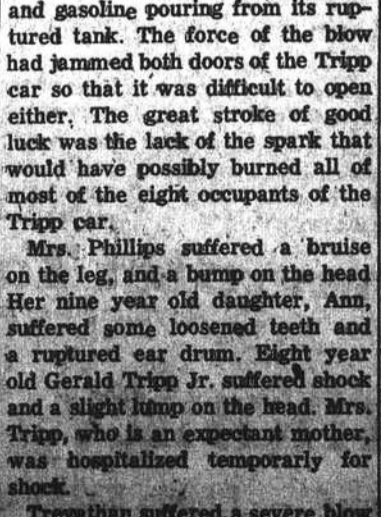
they were all heavily under the influence, Investigating Officer Wesley Parrish felt there was insufficient evidence to convict Trevathan of drunken driving but he has indicted him for reckless driving.



This is the car driven by Marine Trevathan, showing how its front was folded up when it rammed



into a car with two women and six small children last Friday night at an apparent high rate of speed



suffered a badly fractured nose



This is the car driven by Mrs. Phillips, showing what a terrific blow it took when struck from the



rear, and also showing the puddle of gasoline which had collected beneath it from a burst gas tank.