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Jones County's First Polio in '56 Hits Stephen Thigpen; Vaccination Urged

District Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones says 40-year-old Stephen Thigpen is under treatment at Duke Hospital with a serious attack of infantile paralysis.

Dr. Jones says the diagnosis of Dr. Linwood Williams of Kinston was confirmed when the tenant farmer was sent to Duke Hospital early this week.

Dr. Jones says reports from the family indicate that Thigpen, who lives near Leslie White's Store, is paralyzed from the waist down and is having difficulty breathing.

In confirming this first infantile paralysis case in Jones County in five years Dr. Jones reminds of the importance of all persons under 20 years of age, and all expectant mothers getting the proven protection of the Salk Vaccine.

These shots are available free at the health department clinics in Trenton or Kinston or may be obtained from family doctors at any time.

Doctors who purchase the vaccine they are using may immunize anybody, regardless of age, but those who use the serum supplied by the health department are restricted to administering it to those under 20 and to expectant mothers.

Dr. Jones adds that State Health Officer Dr. J. W. R. Norton is trying to have the age limit eliminated, making the vaccine available to everybody, but so far has not been able to get the state board of health to agree. Dr. Norton says there is plenty of Salk Vaccine and he wants to use it. Dr. Jones is

Man Killed In Bulldozer Accident



A freak accident early Tuesday involving the huge bulldozer pictured here claimed the life of 54-year-old Dennis Franklin Benton of Jacksonville. The accident took place on the Burton Turner Farm in the western edge of Jones County at just after 7 Tuesday morning. Benton was standing on the right-hand track of the bulldozer while he started the engine. When the engine started it caused the tractor to lunge forward since the gears were engaged. Benton was thrown forward, falling under the heavy steel tread and before Clin-

ton Jones, also of Jacksonville, could jump on the machine and bring it to a stop it had crawled completely over Benton, killing him instantly. The tractor was stopped by Jones just before the 3,000 pound disc in the rear reached the pulverized body of Benton. Jim Quinn of Hubert was working with Benton and Jones and they were tightening the track before going to work on the Turner farm where they were enlarging a pasture. The bulldozer belongs to Jennison Brown of Jacksonville, employer of the three men involved in the tragedy.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds George Noble reports the issue of two marriage license in the past

Farm Bureau Membership Drive in High Gear This Week as Members Fan Out

This week if anyone — resident or visitor — to Jones County didn't get dummed for a Farm Bureau Membership fee he was well hidden or travelling fast.

Spurred on by a speech Monday night by Former Federation President Alonza Edwards the workers under the direction of Membership Drive Chairman Z. A. Koonce, were determined to beat the county's 800 goal by a wide margin.

Speaking in the Ag Building Monday Night Edwards reminded the drive workers of the things the Farm Bureau has done in the past and plans to do in the future to help the farmer get a fairer share of the nation's food and fiber dollar.

Bureau President Alva Howard had charge of the meeting and Chairman Koonce spoke briefly, urging a full effort on the part of every membership salesman.

Apparently the speeches by Edwards and Koonce were most effective since dust was flying in every part of the county this week as folks were being signed up.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers recorded with Register of Deeds George Noble last week were for four pieces of property: D. D. Henderson to John E. Taylor, Maysville land; Z. H. Marshburn to Walter Ives, Cypress Creek land; E. M. Jones to Annie M. Campbell, Maysville land; and Jason Arthur to John Yates, Trenton land.

On the 15th to William Carl Beaman, 24, of Trenton made two and Gloria Jean Pierce, 18, of Pink Hill.

On the 15th to Carl Skinner Jr., 26, of Dover to Shelley Jean Killingsworth, 18, of Pollockville.

Three Arrests for Past Week in Jones

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports three indictments during the past week in Jones County, including one minor liquor law infraction, one drunken driving charge and one assault indictment.

Durant M. Eubanks of Trenton route one was charged with drunken driving by Patrolman Bert Mercer after his arrest on Saturday.

Tilghman Lewis of Trenton route one was charged with violating the liquor laws after one pint and two-thirds of a jar of stump-hole whiskey were found on his premises Saturday night.

Connor Kornegay of Pink Hill Route Two was charged with assault on a female in a warrant issued at the request of his sister on Monday of this week.

Double Damage Suit Against Dr. Hyatt in Timber Cutting Suit

A \$7,500 suit has been filed in Jones County Superior Court against Dr. A. L. Hyatt of Kinston and two groups of loggers working under contract with Dr. Hyatt.

The suit was filed by Johnson and Wimsatt, Inc., of Washington, D. C., and names Roy Casey, W. M. Hill and Harold Mitchell, all of Lenoir County and Horace Lake of Greene County as defendants with Dr. Hyatt.

The plaintiff obtained a restraining order from Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens. The order bars the defendants from taking pulp wood and saw timber from lands adjacent to Dr. Hyatt land in the Beaver Creek Township near Dover.

The damage suit says the loggers cut some 125,000 feet of lumber and pulp timber (valued at \$30 to a 1,000 feet) from land not in See Damage Suit page 12

Spectacular Fire Hits KLOC Friday; Highlights Rural Fire Protection Needs

Fire which broke out in the tire recapping department of the KLOC filling station just north of Kinston Friday afternoon at about 3:30 caused damage that will run well past the \$20,000-mark and pointed up the pressing need for a broadened rural fire protection system in the county.

Kirby W. Loftin Jr., owner of the business which went up in such a spectacular display of "fireworks", said only a small fraction of the loss was covered

by insurance because of the prohibitive cost of insurance.

Two Kinston fire trucks and one from Stallings Air Base fought the blaze for several hours and with the help of favorable winds — or lack of wind — were able to save the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wooten, just north of the filling station, and a general store also belonging to Loftin just South of the blaze.

The Kinston firemen remained with the blaze until 1:05 a. m.

Saturday as a precautionary measure since the large stock of motor oil was still blazing fiercely away as late as Sunday morning.

The lack of water was the most pressing concern of the firemen who were trying to keep the blaze confined to the KLOC station alone. One city truck was kept busy chasing back to town to refill its booster tanks and in that way enough water was kept at the fire to prevent the spread of the fire.

The discussion which has gone

on fitfully for several months on rural fire protection got into high gear long before the Loftin fire had quit burning.

The Kinston Daily Free Press editorialized Monday asking for prompt action by the board of county commissioners toward providing more adequate rural fire protection.

Numbers of citizens expressed individual opinions, the majority of which could be summed up with:

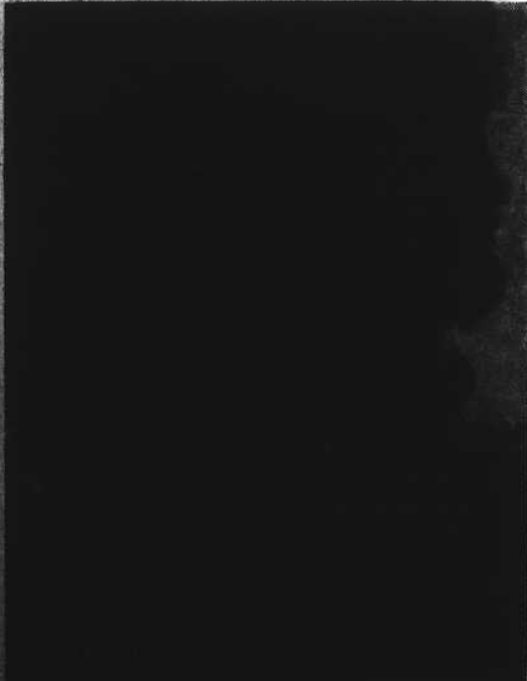
"I'm willing to pay more taxes

to get better fire protection".

There was no criticism of the Kinston Fire Department for the part it has played in fighting rural fires, but most who expressed themselves felt that the present arrangement between the city and county was "not enough".

Former County Commissioner Cameron Langston had earlier recommended setting up fire districts over the county in which property owners could tax them-

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These are three pictures taken of the spectacular fire which destroyed the KLOC station last Friday afternoon. One shows the fire shortly after it got started, another taken shortly afterwards shows how rapidly the fire spread to the entire building and the third shows the towering column of smoke which was visible for 25 to 30 miles.

New Bern City Wide Dollar Days This Week