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Jones Board Wrestling With Revaluation and How It Should Be Done

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met Monday night but without reaching any conclusions on the best way to conduct a revaluation of the real and personal property in the county. Another meeting was scheduled Thursday night with the same subject on the agenda.

Jones County has not had a revaluation since 1949 and with ever-mounting demands for money on the county board they have felt that a broader tax base might provide at least part of the answer to this money problem.

At present the taxable valuation for real and personal property in Jones County is \$8,938,842, which with a tax rate of \$2.40 results in a total levy of \$166,532.21 and this is boosted to \$170,812.42 by poll, dog and privilege license collections.

The problem, of course is that \$170,812.42 is not sufficient to give the people of the county the many services they are demanding.

The board logically assumes that a per capita county taxation of just under \$17 is extremely low, especially when it is set beside the tax rate in other counties. Several taxations have been made in the past, but the preference is to call for a total revaluation that they feel will sufficiently increase the taxable valuations to provide the tax base necessary if the services are to be given that citizens are asking.

The question not yet decided is how to conduct the revaluation: To contract with a group of professional evaluators, to employ home valent working under supervision of an out-of-county real estate expert, or whether simply to do as has been done in the past and have a totally home-grown job done.

Jones Central High To Receive Traveling Science Library

Jones Central High School was chosen as one of 100 schools in the United States to receive during the 1956-57 the Traveling High School Science Library, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, both located in Washington, D. C. This is an experimental program, now in its second year, designed to determine the influence upon the better-than-average high school student of an outstanding collection of science books for his voluntary assigned reading.

"This program," said Mr. J. W. Allen, Principal of the local school "recognizes that most science careers begin in high school. Therefore it is important that the superior students receive every facility and encouragement to broaden their scientific and mathematical knowledge, and to deepen their interest."

The traveling library consists of 200 books chosen by leading scientists, mathematicians, librarians, and science teachers. Twenty-five sets of books are being circulated in different parts of the country. Each school receives 50 books at a time, beginning October 1, which may be used for two months. Then books are exchanged with other schools in the State every two months until the end of the school year when the local school will have had an opportunity to use all 200 books. The program involves no cost to the schools. Transportation charges and other expenses are paid by the sponsoring agencies.

Make Sure Your Home Is Free of Fire Hazards

Every two minutes a home burns. Will yours be next?

Every two minutes, every hour, every day, every week, every month, throughout the year, the disaster of fire visits an American home. The reason? Carelessness, mostly. It seems that where fire is concerned, man is his own worst enemy.

Basements, attics, and closets are prime breeding places for fire. They are crammed with cast-off articles, greasy rags, dusts, and the electrical wiring is usually poorly installed. Internal combustion may start a blaze in any of these spots and gain a headway for hours without being noticed. Keep these places clean and free from rubbish. If rags or waste are to be re-used, keep them tightly sealed in a metal can.

Electrical wiring which has been improperly installed or which has been allowed to deteriorate is often the cause of a serious fire. Be sure the wiring in your home is safe and in good condition. Call in a competent electrician to have it installed or repaired. To have extension cords hung on nails or hidden under carpets where insulation can wear through quickly, is to invite fire into your home.

Remember to turn off all electrical appliances when you are through using them. It not only helps prevent fires but also prolongs the life of the appliance.

Don't fill an open fireplace full of highly combustible material or get into the habit of using it as a trash burner. Never leave a fire burning in the fireplace without first placing a safety screen in front of it.

If your stove burns wood, keep it well away from the wall and the woodpile. See that the floor beneath is properly protected. Don't keep gasoline or kerosene in the home and above all don't use either of these two liquids for starting a fire. They are like dynamite. Keep the surface of your stove clear of all flammable material. See that matches are kept in a metal container and out of the reach of children.

Don't put ashes in a combustible container if you burn coal or wood. If you are using oil or fuel, make sure that the burner is cleaned and inspected regularly. Be sure there is more than ample clearance from furnace to combustible walls and ceiling. If it is overly warm to the touch, or there is the slightest sign of charring you are flirting with a fire. Keep flue stacks in good repair. Have the chimney cleaned at least once a year and inspected for cracks.

Using a lighted match to search for a gas leak is not only silly, it is suicidal. Air out a gas-filled room and don't enter it with an open light. Make sure gas pilot lights are properly safeguarded against faulty operation.

A hand chemical extinguisher

Verna Belle Lowery Named President of State Home Agents



This is Verna Belle Lowery, New Hanover County Agent, and daughter of Mrs. J. R. Lowery and the late Mr. Lowery, of the Phillips Crossroads community in Jones County, who has been elected the 1957 president of the North Carolina State Home Agents Association. Other '57 officers will include Louise Homewood of Caswell County, first vice president; Ainslee Alexander of Lincoln County, second vice president; Rita Preston of Beaufort County, third vice president; Rachel Herring of Wayne County, secretary and Mary Farmer of Buncombe County treasurer.

should be kept in every home with all members of the family instructed in its use. Each member of the family should also be drilled in what to do when fire breaks out. The first action is to place the alarm by phone or through the nearest alarm box. Figure the worst possible situation in your home if a fire should occur and know what to do in each case.

Sunday Beer Sale is Banned in Maysville

Monday night the Maysville Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted an ordinance forbidding the legal sale of beer or wine in the corporate limits between the hours of 11:45 p. m. Saturday and 7:30 a. m. Monday. This beer ban became effective immediately.

Plans were also discussed at some length by the board for expanding the fire house so that it would hold both fire trucks but no decision was made on this project.

A survey called for some months ago by a sub-committee from the board on the repair of streets was not ready, pending conferences with engineers of Barrus Construction Company.

Oil Progress Week is Observed Oct. 13-20th

Rogers Pollock of the Colonial Oil Company in Trenton, chairman of the Oil Industry Information Committee in Jones County, says this year will feature a nationwide salute to more than 200,000 filling station operators and their employees during Oil Progress Week, October 13-20th.

During the coming week Pollock says his job, and that of the other members of the committee, W. F. Hill of Trenton and W. D. "Bill" Parker of Pollocksville, is to make a special effort to tell Jones Countians about the progress of the oil industry and what it means in the everyday life of everybody.

Hill is chairman of Oil Progress Week in the county and Parker is chairman of the school committee.

Maysvillians Working Hard For Finer Carolina Honors

The Finer Carolina Committee met last Monday afternoon with John Covington of the Jacksonville office of the Carolina Light and Power Company, to discuss the progress of the current improvement campaign.

Mrs. Fannie Foscoe, local chairman presided and received the reports of the various projects.

The Rotary Club was represented by Garland Smith. He reported that the community building will be under roof and completed within 60 days. The Rotarians are working personally on this project, raising rafters and roofing the building.

The Home Demonstration Club was represented by Mrs. Joseph Thompson, who reported that the club has shelving and books ready for the library which will be in the community building. The club is now casting a play which will be given later in the fall.

Mrs. Robert Mills represented the Teen-Age Club and announced that they have a juke box, games and various equipment ready for installation. This club had begun putting in forms for a miniature golf course and have money on hand to be used for this phase of their project.

The publicity chairman, Rev. Robert F. Moore announced that this month's report will be the best of this year in community improvement and in actual work done. He had every reason to believe that all projects will be completed by the end of the contest year on December 1.

Chinquapin Chapel to Have Supper, Sale On Saturday from 5 to 7

The annual Harvest Sale and Supper of Chinquapin Chapel near Phillips Crossroads in Jones County will be held on Saturday.

From 5 to 7 a barbecue and chicken salad supper will be on sale at the church and immediately after that an auction sale of farm and home produced articles is to be held with all proceeds going into the church building fund.

Linwood Canady Off On Caribbean Cruise

Linwood N. Canady, personnelman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce M. Canady of Pollocksville, departed from Norfolk, Va., September 24 aboard the landing ship dock USS Casa Grande for a training cruise in the Caribbean.

Enroute the ship, will operate out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is scheduled to visit Miami, Fla.

Before the cruise the Casa Grande was in the Keystone Shipyard two and a half months for reconditioning and repairs.

HURRICANE WORK PLANS

Present plans indicate that some of the stream clearance work ordered by Congress because of hurricane damage in Eastern Carolina may get done before 1960. A lot of correspondence and surveying is being done but up until now nothing but this has been done on the work itself.

Lenoir's 7th '56 Hiway Victim Drove This



This is the almost totally demolished 1955 car in which Joseph Barrow of Wheat Swamp suffered injuries from which he died a few hours later Friday night.

Investigating Officers S. H. Norman and B. A. Baker said Barrow's Buick was out of control about eight miles from Lenoir on Hill Road shortly before 11 Friday night and travelled about 200 feet before it struck a utility pole and finally came to a stopped.

A heavy transformer on the

utilities pole dropped upon the car after the pole was broken into four pieces, plunging Barrow in the mangled car. Some time was required to remove his body from the car and then he was rushed to Duke Hospital but was pronounced dead soon after his arrival there from multiple head injuries.

Barrow, father of three, was riding alone at the time of his fatal crash. His is the seventh highway death of 1956 on the streets and highways of Lenoir County. At the same date last year the Lenoir death toll stood at nine.