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## Jones County Officials Still Hoping Stream Clearance of Hurricane Litter Will Be Extended to Other Areas

Jones County officials this week were still working, and hoping that high level efforts would bring some positive results in expanding and improving the work of clearing the hurricane-choked streams of the county under a special federal grant for disaster relief.

Jones County was allocated \$114,000 out of a total of \$256,000 that was requested as its part of the \$5,000,000 specially appropriated by congress for this work in North Carolina.

Jones Countians admit that the allocations to their county was more liberal, and from a technical point of view was perhaps better distributed than in many other counties hard hit by the 1954 and '55 hurricanes.

The feeling was that the Army Corps of Engineers was in charge of the allocations and the feeling is pretty general that the Army fellows didn't want to mess with a rather messy, and to them trivial kind of job. Hence the engineer corps did not allocate more than \$100,000 of the \$5,000,000 congress has put up for this work.

Jones Countians say they are not just trying to see that all of a given appropriation is spent, but are simply seeking to get the streams cleared that were worst hit by the series of hurricanes.

Beaver Creek is one of the most badly choked streams in the county but the one-day survey of the engineering corps didn't allocate any funds for any work on this major water shed. They also completely ignored the lower reaches of Trent River, which is the key to the entire drainage system of all but a small part of Jones County. Jones Countians stress that they had just spent \$50,000 of their own funds in 1954 to clean out Trent River from the Lenoir County line to Trenton when the hurricanes swooped down and undid practically all that was done.

Another criticism of the engineers' recommendations is that they do not include any allocation for preventative work, such as clearing the banks of the water ways back to a sufficient distance to eliminate falling of trees into streams in the next 20 to 30 years.

### Marines Get 15 Years For Assault on Woman

Two Camp Lejeune Negro Marines James C. Hamlett and Lonnie C. Johnson were each given 15-year prison terms Wednesday morning after they had pled guilty to assault with intent to commit rape.

Originally the pair was charged with rape but after conferences between court officials and prosecution and defense witnesses the lesser charge was accepted by the court.

### Jones Board May Decide Monday on Revaluation

#### Boisterous Brew is Jones Law Trouble In The Past Week

All three indictments reported during the past week in Jones County were against men accused of imbibing a little too freely and then making a trifle more noise than the law generally permits.

Arrested were Buddy W. Hadcock of Trenton route two, Haywood Philyaw of Comfort and Gus Harris of Kinston. All were arrested Friday and each was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

#### Mooring Jail Term is Stayed Pending New Motion for Re-trial

Tuesday Judge Joseph Parker signed an order staying the 12-month prison term of Benny Mooring of Kinston route four. The young man drew the sentence in the March term of the Lenoir County Superior Court after a jury found him guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in the shooting of a Camp Lejeune Marine at his father's filling station south of Kinston on the Pink Hill highway.

Mooring appealed that March verdict to the State Supreme Court which dismissed the appeal. The dismissal was received by Lenoir County Court Clerk John Davis on Tuesday of this week.

The prison term would have begun soon as the local courts had certified the findings of the supreme court but for the "stay of execution" which was signed Tuesday by Judge Parker.

Basis for this postponement is the allegation set forth as follows in the motion: "that at least two of the jurors empanelled to try the defendant were disqualified and gave false and fraudulent answers" when they were selected for the jury.

Arguments for a new trial on this basis will be presented at the next term of court in December, at which time affidavits from one or more members of that jury will be tendered in support of the motion for a new trial.

Members of the jury which convicted were John B. Wiggins Jr., T. W. Orr, R. C. Hunt, Ralph Keith, Julius Pate, William W. Rouse, Jesse C. Sandlin, Charles F. Livick, John Costen, Clay Croom Jr. Harvey Grady and G. Laurie Worthington.

#### Heavy Fines Affirmed

Fines imposed by Judge Albert Cowper were affirmed in judgments by Judge Joseph Parker Monday morning as appellants from the lower court pled guilty before the Bertie County jurist. Bert Mooring was fined \$200 and court costs and Jerry Glenn Barnett drew the same sentence. Each was charged with driving during the period when their license was revoked.

More than a month of intensive study by the Jones County Board of Commissioners on the problem of a general revaluation of taxable property in the county may result in a decision next Monday in the regular November session of the board.

There has not been disagreement on the fact that the county badly needs a thorough evaluation of real and personal property but the discussion has centered around the best possible method of doing this big job.

Some sentiment was heard for having an outside professional group of evaluators come into the county, but the cost of this method has been the major argument against it.

Other feeling centered around having an outside real estate expert come into the county and do the job with some help given by local folks.

Still another view is that Jones Countians know more about the true value of Jones County property than anyone else, so why not have the entire job done by people selected in the county.

### Comfort Soldier in Hawaii in 25th Div.

25TH DIV., HAWAII — Army Opl. Jeremiah Morgan, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Morgan of Comfort, is a member of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Corporal Morgan is an assistant squad leader in Company G of the division's 35th Regiment. He entered the Army in March 1954, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived overseas last August.

The corporal is a 1952 graduate of Jones High School in Trenton.

### Prison Term Given Confessed Forger

W. R. Freeman of 105 North Independent Street Monday pled guilty to 25 check forgeries between May 1955 and January 1956 against his employer Kirby Hawkins, Kinston contractor.

The checks amounting to \$2,764, ranged from \$25 up to \$300 and were detected by Hawkins' accountant in the year-end audit.

Presiding Judge Joseph Parker gave Freeman 3 to 7 years in prison.

### Four Un-spliced

First order of business as the last four consecutive weeks of Lenoir County's Superior Court was convened Monday was legally separating two couples, Mary Bryant Arnold from Jesse James Arnold and Harry Lee Pearson from Esther Lee Pearson. Each divorce was granted on grounds of two year's separation.

### Utility Department Comes to Rescue in Trenton

A crew of nine men with full equipment from the City of Kinston Utilities Department, moved into Trenton Wednesday morning to help the county seat of Jones County out of a tremendous difficulty.

Sometimes recently a major cave-in occurred in the main sanitary sewer line which serves a vast majority of Trenton homes and businesses. Efforts on the part of the one-man Trenton sewer maintenance department to correct this cave-in proved all but impossible.

The continuing rains of the past week caused more and more sand to wash into the already badly choked main sewer line.

Lacking a water system to flush the sewer line — which may or may not have solved the problem — Trenton officials had to seek help from the outside.

Kinston officials quickly agreed to lend the men and equipment needed to quickly clear out this key block of sewer line and it was believed that the work would be completed by mid-day Thursday and the difficulties of the past two weeks would be eliminated.

Quicksand that had flooded the sewer line at the cave-in point is blamed for the inconvenience.

### Darris Koonce Named Secretary Bar Group

At the annual meeting of the Fourth District Bar Association on which was held last Thursday night in Jacksonville Trenton Attorney Darris Koonce was named secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

Grady Mercer of Kenansville was named president of the group for the new year.

Members of the Jones County Bar who attended the Jacksonville meeting said it was the finest of its kind they have yet visited and added that the food was beyond description of the average lawyer's vocabulary.

Koonce also admitted that no funds have yet been turned over to his care. They're still auditing the accounts of the outgoing treasurer.

### Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds George Noble reports the issue of two marriage licenses in the past week to:

Henry Clarence Brown, 22, of Swansboro and Dorothy Marie Bell, 19, of Pollockville on October 26th.

Isiah Simmons, 32, and Viola Williams, 19, both of Kinston.

## Jones Central Girls Highlight Fair in Annual Fashion Show

Fall fashions for the young and the "young at heart" were on parade last Thursday night, as Fabare Homemakers and Cooperating members of the second and third year home economics classes presented the Jones County Fair.

The some seventy-odd participants, arrayed in creations of their own, demonstrated that "more than ever its fun to sew, to create better fashions from better fabrics."

Dresses displayed the new look, some full and some slim-skirted but all soft and supple. The Empire look was the newest displayed, however, the natural waistline could be easily determined. Blousing drapery, panels, buttons, belts, and pleats showed up as important features of the dresses on parade.

An array of colors and fabrics were much in the limelight too. Many bright colors such as reds, blues, and greens held important places in the revue, while beige, browns and blacks were the number-one neutrals.

As for fabrics, tweed of all kinds hit a key note, as well as wools in a variety of weights, corduroy, synthetic fibers, and winter cottons in stripes, plaids and prints.

Skirts, blouses, suits, pocketbooks and even a hat showed that this is a year of variety and of beautiful clothes for Jones Central girls as they displayed their ability, imagination and creativeness in sewing fashions for the young and young at heart.

### Jail Term Suspended

Judge Joseph Parker Monday gave Mrs. Loma H. Harmon a 12-month prison term but suspended it upon the following conditions: Payment of a \$300 fine and the court costs, that the defendant not drink any alcoholic beverage for one year period and any Lenoir County officer was given power to arrest her at any time alcohol was detected on her breath in a pub-

### Prison Terms for Trio For Larceny Charge; Mistrial for Fourth

Three of four men charged with committing burglaries in the Kinston area during the summer months were sentenced to prison terms Wednesday morning by Judge Joseph Parker in Lenoir County Superior Court. The fourth man involved in the crimes remained under indictment after a mistrial was declared in the trial of his case.

John Valente, charged with stealing a safe from "Rock" Bland, stealing a car, breaking in the office of Mitchell Wooten Courts and possession of burglary tools, drew a five to seven year term.

George Clement, charged with aiding in the theft of the same car, also possessing burglary tools and breaking in the Wooten Courts office also drew a five to seven year prison term.

Roy C. Flanagan who was charged with aiding in the theft of the safe from the Bland home was given a three to five year term in prison. Flanagan also faces a 12-year prison term in Florida for burglary which will begin at the expiration of his North Carolina sentence.

Robert Bruce Rider, the only one of the quartet to pled not guilty to the charges, remains under indictment after a jury could not agree on his innocence or guilt. Rider was implicated in the Bland robbery by Valente and Flanagan who swore he helped. Six witnesses, including Rider, took the stand to swear that at the time the Bland robbery was taking place Rider was eating supper and watching TV in the home of a neighbor. Four hours of deliberation, however, left the Rider jury in angry disagreement, forcing the case to be heard again at the December term of court.