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## Neuse River Pollution Bill Passes; No Untreated Sewage Dumped in River After 1961 Under Its Terms

The house has enacted legislation aimed at cleaning Neuse River of industrial wastes and other pollution by 1962.

In passing the bill Tuesday, the house also approved a technical amendments but defeated two other amendments submitted by representative Tom White of Lenoir in an attempt to remove his county from provisions of the bill.

The lower chamber also killed an amendment by Representative Roy C. Coates of Johnston that would extend the effective date of the legislation from January 1st 1962 to January 1st 1965.

Coates contended that not all the cities, towns and communities along the Neuse River particularly Smithfield in his county would be able to comply with the regulations by the earlier date.

White told the house that Kingston — in his home Lenoir County — "is in a peculiar situation. We get our water from deep wells, and we are far separated on the river" from other pollution centers such as Goldsboro and Smithfield.

White also said the cost of abiding by the bill's provisions would be prohibitive in Kingston.

"We have seven outlets to the river," he said, "and it would cost a million dollars to connect the outlets."

"We also would have to put in storm sewers, pumping stations, and we have other needs that are critical, such as a new city hall and expansion of power and water facilities."

He added the financing of such a project "would triple our water bill."

"We want time," White asserted. "It's not necessary that you require us to do this by 1962, because we're not hurting anybody and nobody's hurting us."

In line with this, White introduced the first of his amendments, to provide that the bill not apply to that portion of the Neuse River flowing by Lenoir County.

When that was defeated, White followed with an amendment that would have provided that the bill not apply to Lenoir County until after January 1st, 1965. That, too, was killed on voice vote.

## Institutions, Towns Facing Problems of Finance in Neuse Bill

Estimates of the cost of ending the dumping of raw sewage by the City of Kingston range from a million and a half to three million dollars. Raleigh recently completed its sewage treatment plant at a cost of a million and a half dollars. In addition to the towns on Neuse River that will have to conform to this law state hospitals at Goldsboro and Kingston and all communities on tributaries of the Neuse who dump raw sewage will also have to scrap up funds to eliminate this practice by January 1, 1962. Trenton on the Trent River, Grifton, Hookerton and Snow Hill on Contentnea Creek are all facing this problem. Present federal aid to such programs is available up to 50 per cent of the cost with a maximum federal grant of \$250,000.

## Deadline Nearing, Availability Limited on GI Crop Insurance

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation has limited the number of policies that can be issued in each county this year, according to H. K. James District Supervisor for the Agency. The limitation is due, James said, to the heavy liability which the corporation already has in what is considered a small relatively small area.

Federal All-Risk Crop Insurance protects the investment necessary in producing a crop of tobacco. The Supervisor pointed out that because of the high cost of producing an acre of tobacco as compared with other crops, and the number of growers participating in the program last year, North Carolina ranked second among the States in the amount of liability on the books of this Corporation.

With all the usual hazards in growing tobacco confronting us, and most farmers planting old varieties that are not resistant to black shank and wilt, greater losses from disease are likely this year. Realizing this situation and the fact that the number of policies available is limited, James

protection to contact the county crop insurance office at once. Applications are now being received and policies are being issued on a first-come first-served basis. The office located at 110 North McLewain Street in Kingston

serves the counties of Lenoir, Jones and Greene.

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is a non-profit organization created by an Act of Congress and is operated as a service to farm people. It supplements without conflict, insurance available through private enterprises.

Since Crop Insurance covers crop investment against all natural unavoidable hazards, it assures a tobacco grower that the dollar spent in producing this year will be a "Round Trip Dollar" and available for the next year's operation.

## Jones Land Sales

Transfers of land registered in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. Darris Koonce for the past week include the following:

From W. Edward Haskins to W. Edward Haskins and wife 60.04 acres in Chinquapin Township.

From Benjamin S. Gooding to Lydia G. Collins one tract in White Oak Township.

From G. S. Sanderson to Rhinoceros Township.

From Abraham Rochlin and others to G. S. and J. R. Palletier three tracts in White Oak Township.

From J. V. Brownell to Wesley Wood two acres in White Oak Township.

From C. B. Foy to Jones County Board of Education eight lots in Maysville.

From R. P. Bender to R. G. Harber two lots in Pollocksville.

From Annie J. Shepherd to Daniel Chapman one lot in Maysville.

## Wyse Fork Hoods Prepare Steer for Show



Above both Tommy Hoods of the Wyse Fork community of Jones County are seen "dressing up" the steer which the Younger Tommy was showing this week in the annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock show in Kingston.

This was one of 69 steers exhibited in the show along with 92 purebred swine from Wayne, Duplin, Caswell, Greene, Jones and Lenoir counties.

This year's show is the first to be held in the show and sale building of the Lenoir County Livestock

Association south of Kingston on the Pink Hill highway. The large and well-planned arena was complimented by all users in this first big sale. The building was constructed from funds raised in annual Harvest Sales conducted by members of the Association.

Association President Ben Scarborough expressed the feeling Wednesday "There's more purebred animals in this show today than were in all of East Carolina twenty years ago." Which was a very slight exaggeration, if it was an exaggeration at all.

Above is a pair of Jones County girls who brought home the "Grand Champion" ribbons with some small help from steers they showed in recent fat stock shows in this area. At left is Elaine Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker, whose steer took Grand Champion honors last year at the show in New Bern.

At right is Lilly Faye Banks daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Banks of Comfort whose steer took top honors Wednesday at the 17th

## Negro Charged With Both Hit-and-Run and Drunken Driving in Sunday Wreck

Trenton Patrolman Bart Mercer has charged Joe Reed Burney of Trenton route two with both drunken and hit-and-run driving following a minor accident Sunday night near Oaley's Crossroads.

Burney was found after the accident passed out in his silver near Brook's Mill in Trenton, something like three miles from the scene of the wreck which involved a Ford

motor car. Burney, who assisted in the investigation, said Burney didn't even remember the next morning after his arrest where his car was located. Burney was alone in his car when he was

caught.

The only other Jones County arrest reported over the past week took place just before the Burney arrest. In that Edward F. Rich, also of Trenton route two, was booked on a drunken driving charge.

Shenit Yates also reminds citizens of the county of the sale of a car confiscated at the March

show. Burney was charged with transporting stump-hole whisky. The car, a 1940 model Plymouth will be sold to the highest bidder at auction which will be held back of the court house at Noon April 22nd.

Other "out-right owners of timberlands among the pulp companies are much smaller than this big two listed above. Cape Fear Pulp Wood Company has 1,442 acres, including 674 acres in Tuckahoe Township, 510 in Pollocksville, 238 in Beaver Creek and 25 acres in White Oak Township.

The Halifax Paper Company in addition to "leasing" the 99-year lease on Hofmann Forest also owns 413 acres of land outright in Tuckahoe Township.

Pollocksville and Beaver Creek Townships run a close race for the dubious honor of being the "most absentee-owned". Beaver Creek wins the race by a nose with 9,962 acres owned by pulp companies and Pollocksville runs a close second with 9,947 acres in the "hands of the yankees".

No other township runs either of these a close third. White Oak is a poor third with 2,948 acres in this "yankee-owned" category. Tuckahoe ranks fourth with 1,067 acres, Chinquapin fifth with 572 acres, Trenton sixth with 448 acres

and Cypress Creek Township.

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## Income Tax Filing Deadline Monday

Federal income tax returns must be made on incomes of \$400 and State returns made on incomes of \$2,000 or over. Monday, April 15th, is the filing deadline.

## Pulp Wood Companies Own 57 Per Cent of the Potential Timber-producing Land in Jones County

A study of the tax listings for Jones County in 1956 reveals that pulp wood companies own 57 per cent of all potential timberlands in the county, a total of 25,183 acres out of 90,665 acres in the county which are classified as woodland, wasteland, cut-over land or home sites.

Jones County has a total land area of 298,880 acres. Of that total 120,425 is classified as farm land, but only 45,698 acres of that total farmland is in harvested crops.

In addition to the actual ownership of those 25,183 acres of Jones County's best timberlands the pulp wood companies also operate the state-owned Hofmann Forest which includes something like 30,000 acres across the southern end of Jones County.

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