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Jones Revaluation Ups Real Property Values but Personal Listings Low

A preliminary study of the revaluation of Jones County property for tax purposes reveals well over a 100 per cent jump in the real estate listing for the county but only a one per cent increase in personal property listings.

The figures, which are subject to minor revisions upon more thorough checking, boost the tax listed valuation — both real and personal from last year's \$6,550,666 up to \$10,581,972.

Real estate listings climbed in this revaluation from \$4,091,135 to \$8,298,140. Personal property listings edged upward from \$2,250,287 to \$2,283,842.

The biggest boosts in real property valuation came in White Oak Township with an increase of 118 per cent and in Beaver Creek Township with an increase of 117 per cent. Other percentages of increase for real property were 106 per cent in Tuckahoe, 101 per cent in Pollocksville and Chinquapin Townships, 94 per cent in Cypress Creek and 90 per cent in Trenton Township.

The personal property listings showed increases in three townships — seven per cent in Pollocksville and one per cent in Beaver Creek, and decreases in the county's other four townships.

These declines ranged 14 per cent in Tuckahoe, seven per cent in Cypress Creek, six per cent in Chinquapin and three per cent in Trenton Township.

In studying these revaluation figures the board of county commissioners stressed that changes are possible since every property owner will have the right to protest revisions of his listings, but the commissioners also ask property owners to keep in mind that if these valuations listed in this article are put into use the tax rate for the county will drop from its present \$2.40 rate to approximately \$1.50 to \$1.60 on the hundred dollar valuation.

Judgment Gives \$500 For Lost Fingertip

A consent judgment in Jones County Superior Court last week awarded Barbara Jean James \$500 for the loss of a fingertip in a tobacco harvester accident last year on the O. B. Morton farm.

The girl was working on a mechanical harvester when her finger was caught in the mechanism and the end of one finger was cut off.

Westbrook-Royal Suit Reaches Compromise

An action brought by W. G. Westbrook against Mrs. Beulah Westbrook Royal was non-suited in Jones County Superior Court Monday when a compromise agreement was reached between the litigants.

Westbrook had purchased all dower rights of Mrs. Royal in the estate of her late husband, Sheriff J. R. Westbrook, father of the plaintiff. The allegations set forth in the suit included assertions that the farm was not being properly managed under the control of

Township	Old Real Estate	New Real Estate
White Oak	\$ 486,519	\$1,064,374
Pollocksville	1,072,179	2,158,962
Trenton	810,545	1,543,166
Chinquapin	456,687	917,852
Cypress Creek	330,299	638,661
Tuckahoe	426,163	890,156
Beaver Creek	508,803	1,094,799
Totals	\$4,091,135	\$8,298,140

Township	Old Personal	New Personal
White Oak	\$276,240	\$327,447
Pollocksville	593,083	638,913
Trenton	425,701	414,517
Chinquapin	216,394	205,294
Cypress Creek	249,032	233,342
Tuckahoe	257,295	230,366
Beaver Creek	232,542	233,976
Totals	\$2,250,287	\$2,283,842

Township	Total Valuation	Total
White Oak	\$ 762,759	\$1,391,821
Pollocksville	1,665,262	2,797,845
Trenton	1,236,246	1,957,683
Chinquapin	673,071	1,123,091
Cypress Creek	579,271	872,003
Tuckahoe	783,458	1,110,554
Beaver Creek	741,345	1,328,775
Totals	\$6,550,666	\$10,581,972

J. D. Heath Awarded

A civil suit in Jones County Superior Court ended this week with a compromise between J. D. Heath and Keith Williams and Woodrow Alford.

Heath had brought suit for damages against Williams and Alford for injuries he suffered in an accident near Phillips Crossroads last year involving a truck driven by Alford but owned by Williams and a car driven by Heath.

The compromise resulted in a \$2,000 award to Heath who suffered painful but not critical injuries when his car struck the rear of the truck, which according to the complaint, made a sudden left turn without giving a signal just as Heath started to pass the truck.

TRENTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible School will begin at the Baptist Church May 20 and go through the 24. The time will be from 2:00 to 4:30. Rev. D. E. Hill will be the school's superintendent.



This is no barber shop, although from the length of the gash some of the local territorial gentry may have been guilty of inflicting this wound. The "barber" above is Dr. Oscar Crane and he is dry-shaving a customer. The gash is a

Jones Democrats to Have Party Night on Tuesday Night, 21st.

The Jones County Democratic Executive Committee will observe party night Tuesday May 21st. at Jones Central High School at 7:30 p. m. All members of the committee and other leading Democrats are urged to attend. A good program is planned for the rally.

The CBS Radio network is carrying the "Political Quiz" as a public service. A delightful dinner will be served preceding the regular program at \$2 per plate to help defray actual expenses of the Democratic rally.

"Make plans now to attend and have a part in the 'party night' program," R. P. Bender chairman of the Jones County Democratic Executive Committee has urged.

Timber Suit is Set First Case for Trial

Judge Don Phillips, presiding over Jones County Superior Court decided this week that one case had been waiting trial too long.

He ordered that the first jury trial in the next civil term of the court be that of J. T. Taylor, trading as the Taylor Lumber Company, against J. L. and Oliver Cooper. The case involves some alleged wrong cutting of timber.

Benjamin Miller is Given \$300 Damages

A Jones County jury Monday awarded Benjamin Gaston Miller \$300 damages for injuries he suffered in an automobile accident with Raymond Mills.

The accident took place on May 11, 1956 and Miller asked \$5,000 damages but the jury apparently didn't think he was hurt that badly.

Morgan Damage Suit Vetoed by Jurors

A Jones County jury Tuesday assigned contributory negligence as its reason for making no award to Stephen Morgan in an action against Leonard G. Adams.

The suit arose from an automobile accident and although the jury did not deny that Morgan had suffered damage it said that the damage resulted from negligence on the part of Morgan as well as negligence on the part of Adams, hence; no award to Morgan.

Program Listed for Jones Central Finals

Graduation will be held May 17 at 8:00 p. m. at Jones Central High School. The program is as follows:

Invocation by Jo Ann Simmons Salutory "Striving by Carrie-Lee Mills

Valedictory "Giving our Best" by Jeanette Wiggins

Solo by Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Mrs. W. R. Bender, accompanist

Presentation of speaker - Donald Brock

Speaker - John D Larkins

Presentation of awards, Ninrod Carroll, Mrs. V. L. Pollock, W. B. Moore, superintendent

Diplomas presented by J. W. Allen, principal

Benediction by Rev. Robert Moore

Two Annulments and Three Divorces are Granted on Monday

A major part of the abbreviated May term of Jones County Superior Court was centered around two annulments and three divorces which were granted in the day and a half session presided over by Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham.

One of the annulments was most unusual in that the Jones County couple for whom the decree was issued had been living together for 16 years. Eddie L. Murphy of Tuckahoe Township told the court his wife suddenly confessed that she had never divorced a husband she had prior to marrying him 16 years ago. After that confession she packed up and left and has not been found since by the man she lived with for 16 years. She was Jean DeWitt.

The other annulment was more routine and it went to Thelma Grey Bell Coombs from Linwood Franklin Coombs. This was an easy issue to decide since Coombs is currently serving a 5-to-7 year jail term upon conviction for bigamy in the Onslow County Superior Court.

The divorces were all granted on grounds of two years separation and went to Cleve Henderson from Ella Hill Henderson, Sudie Louise Blumberg Hawes from William Walley Hawes and to Irving G. Edwards from Rachel Ann Dowdy Edwards.

Equalization Day

Because of expected complaints resulting from the revaluation which has recently been completed in Jones County a special session of the county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, will be held at 10 a. m. Monday for property owners in Beaver Creek and Chinquapin Townships. Other sessions will be held later as property owners in other townships are notified of their new valuations.

Land Transfers

Real Estate transfers in Jones County recorded in the office of Register of Deeds during the past week include the following:

G. N. Noble to Preston N. Banks one acre in Tuckahoe Township. Jessie Pearl Jarman to Halifax Timber Company and James Burton Ham to Halifax Timber Company one tract each in Trenton Township.

Charlie Gadson to Ernest Chapman two lots in Maysville.

J. C. LaRoque to J. C. Budd Jr. one tract in Maysville.

Solomon Jarman to Jimm J. Taylor 43.43 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

W. T. Howard to Jimmy J. Taylor one tract in Cypress Creek Township.

Child Killed Sunday In Second Auto Death In '57 for Jones County

Eight year-old Mary Helen Buck, daughter of Mrs. James Canady of Dover route two, ran into the path of a car near her home at 7:30 Sunday evening and became the second highway fatality of 1957 in Jones County.

The little girl and several other children were playing beside the road when she darted out — chasing an insect — directly into the path of a car driven by A. B. Williams of Goldsboro route one.

Patrolman L. S. Meiggs, who investigated, said there was no basis for an indictment against Williams, since all witnesses agreed upon the manner in which the tragedy took place.

Trenton Baptist to Have Picnic Sunday

The annual picnic of Trenton Baptist Church will be held Sunday at The Cliffs of the Neuse state park near Seven Springs.

Following the regular worship hour at 11 Sunday the congregation will pack up with picnic baskets and head for that beautiful state park in Wayne County.

Friendship Baptist Having Homecoming

Sunday is to be Homecoming Day at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church just east of Trenton. All past and present members of this well known Jones County congregation are urged and invited to come out and bring along the well-stocked picnic basket.

Church services will be held at 11 a. m. and immediately after this Homecoming Service the picnic dinner will be served on the church grounds.

Student Pastor for Maysville Methodist Church This Summer

The pastor of Maysville Methodist Church, the Rev. R. F. Moore, announced this week that a student pastor, the Rev. Clark Reed, has been appointed as student pastor for ten weeks this summer, beginning June 10th.

Mr. Reed is a member of the Florida Conference, now pursuing his studies in Duke Divinity School. He will be accompanied by his wife, Patsy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark will help in the various activities of the church and church school for the summer months.

Policeman's Ball in Kinston on May 22nd

All "Ducks are in a row" for the annual Policeman's Ball which is to be given by the Kinston Police Department next Wednesday night, May 22nd, in the Central Warehouse in Kinston.

Dancing from 9 'til 1 to the tunes of Charlie Spivak's world famous band will be on tap and the local laws invites everybody to come join in the fun.

Smokey Says:



Join the chorus— STOP FOREST FIRES!