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Pulpwood Landowners Loudly Protest What They Term Unequal Valuations

When the Jones County Board of Commissioners puts on its other official cap Monday to sit as a Board of Equalization and Review they will hear, among other things, loud protests from owners of large pulpwood lands on what one owner has described as unequal tax valuations.

This complaint arises from what is called a "new yardstick" of valuation for timber lands. This method used in the total revaluation of taxable property this year goes about like this:

A flat value of from \$5 to \$10 per acre is put on the land itself and then an additional valuation is tacked on of \$1.50 for each estimated cord of pulpwood and \$10 per thousand for each estimated thousand feet of saw timber.

Well over 40,000 acres of the county's best timber land is owned by pulpwood corporations whose attitude is summed up in this fashion: If every other acre of land in Jones County were valued in the same fashion it would be all right, but they (the pulp companies) feel it not only unfair but illegal to feed them out of a different spoon than other smaller landowners.

One private landowner at least, has been hit by this same type weapon. Lenoir County Representative Tom White of Kinston owns a 2,100-acre tract in Pollockville

and now has this upped by 351 per cent to \$26,905. Of that increase \$6,000 is represented as coming from an estimated 4,000 cords of pulpwood on the land.

A review of some over 30 more private owners of timberland in Pollockville Township revealed that no such addition had been made to their basic valuations because of estimated pulpwood or timber on their lands.

This is the basis for the complaint. There is no argument against the county commissioners having the right to levy a tax on property of any kind, but the pulpwood companies and White insist that every piece of property must be valued in the same manner. This they will insist is not the case, and they will cite the valuations of several hundred individual tracts owned by Jones Countians.

One agreed that the pulpwood companies had no vote in Jones County, but reminded that they did have the right to appeal to the State Board of Assessments and Appeals if the commissioners refuse to correct what they term "an inequity".

Chinquapin Chapel is Represented in First Churchwoman's Meet

Mesdames B. A. Koonce, Rosa Tyndall and Everett Harris represented Chinquapin Chapel Christian Church last week in the first Quadrennial Assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship of the Disciples of Christ which was held at Purdue University from June 19th through the 23rd.

This was the first international assembly for women in the 150-year history of the Christian Church.

Over 3,500 women from eight countries attended this gathering.

Refusing Show License After Accident Gets Leo Jones in Trouble

A routine investigation of an accident during the past week involving a car driven by Leo Willie Jones of Pollockville Township led to the indictment of Jones on a rather unusual charge.

When Patrolman Bert Mercer and Sheriff Brown Yates went to the scene of the wreck there was no evidence of any criminal liability for either driver, but as a routine procedure and in order to fill out the prescribed forms Jones was asked to show his drivers license.

Yates says Jones was drinking, not enough to be charged with drunken driving, but just enough to be "lippy", and as one part of that "lippiness" he refused to display his drivers license.

This resulted in Jones being put in the Jones County jug on the seldom used charge: "Failure to surrender driver's license for inspection".

The officers did finally get a look at the license while Jones was "enjoying" the hospitality of the "garden apartment" located in the court house.

Land Transfers

Land transfers recorded in the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following:

On June 21st four lots in Pollockville Township from K. M. Murphy to Otis A. Simmons.

On June 24th one lot in White Oak Township from Paul A. Nunn to J. C. LaRoque.

On June 24th one tract in White Oak Township from John T. Wood to Superior Stone Company.

Unmarked Patrol Cars Now Being Used

Highway Patrol headquarters announced last week for the first time in over two years unmarked police cars are cruising Tar Heel roads.

Patrol Major D. T. Lambert said a number of plain cars is already in service throughout the state. Approximately 120 unmarked cars will eventually be in use, he said. The General Assembly limited the use of plain cars to 21 per cent of the patrol's 581-car fleet, and specified that warning signs be erected along all highways entering the state.

The patrol executive said this had been done by the Highway Commission and that unmarked cars would be on routine patrols from now on. Two of the cars will be equipped with the Markel Traffic Camera, he said. The cameras allow troopers to photograph traffic violations on the road ahead as they occur.

The plain cars will appear in various shades of blue, gray and green, Major Lambert said. Although each will be equipped with a siren and red light, as all other police cars, they will be concealed. No decals will appear on the doors.

Will troopers be in full uniform while driving the plain cars? Absolutely, declared Major Lambert. It's required by statute.

Dr. Lubin F. Bullard Leaves for Shallotte

Dr. Lubin F. Bullard, who has practiced medicine in Trenton for the past several months, moved his office this week to Brunswick County.

Dr. Bullard's new practice will be from Shallotte, an isolated community deep in North Carolina's most southeasterly county.

David R. Jones Gets 3-5 Years for Bigamy

In spite of an eloquent plea for probation again this week by New Bern Attorney Charles Abernathy, Judge Clifton Moore said his sentence last week to David R. Jones of 3 to 5 years in prison would have to stand.

Abernathy, succeeding Kinston Attorney William Allen, who had represented Jones at his trial, based his plea for a new trial upon "new evidence". Judge Moore did not feel there was sufficient evidence of "new evidence" to merit a new trial.

Jones pled guilty to bigamy, expecting a probationary term, but had his mind changed when anybody ever went to prison for bigamy, this man deserves to go.

Prison Commission is Named by Governor

The membership of the new State Prison Commission was announced last Friday by Governor Hodges. This is an agency which was created by recent legislation in the 1957 General Assembly.

Appointed for four-year terms beginning July 1, 1957, and expiring June 30, 1961, are:

Linn D. Garibaldi of Matthews, a telephone company executive, who will serve as Chairman of the Commission.

Mrs. J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh.

Dr. M. B. Davis of High Point, a Negro physician.

W. W. Shope of Weaverville, businessman and mayor.

Appointed for two-year terms beginning July 1, 1957, and expiring June 30, 1959, are:

T. R. Eller of Brevard, attorney and Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Transylvania County.

Dr. William McGehee of Leaksville-Spray, an industrial psychologist and educational director of Fieldcrest Mills.

Edgar Gurganus of Williamston, lawyer and past president of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"I congratulate this group of outstanding citizens for accepting the great responsibility involved in these appointments," the Governor said. "Many changes and improvements are being made in our prison administration and we believe that under the leadership of this new Commission that North Carolina can have the type of modern prison rehabilitation and administration which we must have."

Highway Commission Includes Eastern Carolina 'Out' Largely

Governor Hodges announced last Friday the membership of the new State Highway Commission which was reorganized under legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly of 1957. The new commissioners are:

William T. Joyner of Raleigh, appointed for a term of four years, beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1961. He will serve as Chairman of the Commission. A prominent attorney, Joyner has been active in many civic, governmental and state affairs.

Robert Bunnelle of Asheville, appointed for a term of two years beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1959. A veteran newspaperman, Bunnelle is publisher of the "Asheville Citizen-Times" and has served as Associated Press Correspondent.

Lee White of Concord, appointed for a term of two years beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1959. White is a farmer, a businessman, Chairman of the Cabarrus County Commissioners, and active in the State County Commissioners organization for many years.

Ralph Howland of Elkin, appointed for a term of four years beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1961. A veteran newspaperman, Howland served with the Associated Press for many years, later was Raleigh correspondent for the Charlotte Observer, and is now Director of Public Relations at Chatham Manufacturing Company in Elkin.

Cutler Moore of Lumberton, appointed for a two year term beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1959. Senator Moore is a well-known business leader and farmer, who has been active in civic and governmental affairs for many years.

E. L. White of Wilmington, appointed for a four year term beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1961. He is former mayor and a retired businessman.

Fletcher Gregory of Weldon, appointed for a four year term beginning July 1, 1957 and expiring June 30, 1961. He is Vice President of the Bank of Halifax at Weldon, Chairman of the School Board and active in civic affairs.

"I am genuinely pleased and proud to announce the names of these seven men who will serve on the new State Highway Commission," said the Governor. "They are all outstanding men representing a wide variety of activities in North Carolina. It will be their responsibility to establish and direct

Card Party Friday

The Woman's Club is sponsoring a Card Party Friday night at the club house for the benefit of the Finer Carolina Contest. Bridge, canasta and setback will be played and prizes will be given. Also, refreshments will be served. 50c tickets can be bought from any member of the Woman's Club, or at the door. Everyone is invited.

Only Three Purely Jones Bills Passed in General Assembly

Among the thousands of State and local bills passed in the 1957 session of the General Assembly there were only three that applied to Jones County alone.

These were House Bill 156 authorizing the naming of deputy officials to the several constitutional officers of the county; clerk of court, register of deeds and sheriff.

House Bill 157 which authorized the Jones County of Commissioners to continue sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review for as long as necessary because of the 1957 revaluation of the county's taxable property. Ordinarily the general law authorizes the commissioners to sit in that capacity on the Third Monday in March.

House Bill 1431 named Jeff Conway of White Oak Township to the County Board of Education, replacing John Hughes Pollock who had resigned.

Trenton Sailor on Visit to California

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — William H. Moore, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Moore and husband of Mrs. Hazel M. Moore, all of Trenton, aboard the destroyer USS Preston, visited San Francisco, Calif., June 13-17, following a major Pacific Fleet training exercise with the U. S. First Fleet off the California coast.

Some 18,000 men and 40 ships were involved in the exercise. On arrival in San Francisco Bay, Vice Admiral Robert L. Dennison, Commander of the First Fleet, conducted a Review from his flagship the cruiser USS Rochester, as the ships paraded in column under the famed Golden Gate Bridge.

the policies of our great highway program, and I am confident that they will serve competently, efficiently and in the best interest of all the people in all the counties."

Search for Body of Drowned Boy



This was a spectator's eye-view of the rescue efforts Monday afternoon at the King Street Bridge across Neuse River in Kinston after 16 year-old Herman William Wiggs had drowned.

The young boy, along with two others, had walked away from the Caswell Training School, where they were patients, at about 1:30 p. m. Monday.

One of the boys told police that they had gotten hot and had decided to go swimming under the bridge where nobody could see them. Two got out but Wiggs was drowned. He is a native of Princeton in Johnston County. The water in the area being searched in the picture here just under the east end of the bridge is from 12 to 16 feet deep.