

Jones Tax Rate Revamped at Last Minute Because of Tax Valuation of Timber Protests

The attractive appearing tax rate of \$1.55 on the \$100 valuation which Jones County's Board of Commissioners had tentatively set evaporated last Friday in a called session of the board in which the 1957-58 county budget was formally adopted.

When the meeting went into the record books the tax rate was set at \$1.80 on the \$100 valuation. The 25 cent boost in the rate was forced upon the board by its decision to remove some \$415,000 from the tax books that had been added as the valuation of pulp wood and timber on large landholdings in the county.

Large squawks from those landowners resulted in the board's change of mind. The pulp and timber owners pointed out that it was inequitable, and illegal to put a \$1.50 per cord value on pulp wood and a \$10 per thousand value on saw timber for large landowners and not feed every landowner in the county from the same spoon.

The commissioners agreed after much discussion. But pointed out that they had not been trying to "pick on" the corporations and large landowners who live outside the county since over \$100,000 of that \$415,000 valuation had been against the timber lands of Jones Countians.

Paradoxically, one court house official points out, with the elimination of this pulp and saw timber valuations these out-of-county landowners now pay less taxes than they did before this year's revaluation; which certainly is not a situation to gladden the heart of any native son.

The final tax rate of \$1.80 is based on an 80 per cent collection against a \$100 valuation.

FHA Workers at State Meeting

Bill Davenport, County Supervisor, and Mrs. Sandra Hathaway, County Office Clerk, will be attending a state FHA meeting July 17 and 18 in Morehead City.

At this meeting Horace J. Isenhower, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, will explain the new FHA policies for the new fiscal year. The Farmers

Jones County's First Polio Case for '57 Diagnosed and Lenoir Case is Recuperating

Detailed examination of the Soles Child at the University Hospital in Chapel Hill has led to the belief that it is not suffering from polio, but has either synovitis or osteomyelitis. Synovitis is an inflammation of the sheath around the joints, causing stiffness, and osteomyelitis is an inflammation of the bone marrow. The first of these is most likely and far less serious than the latter. The child is expected to be able to return home this weekend, causing Dr. Jones to reach the conclusion that its illness must be synovitis.

Jones County's first case of infantile paralysis for 1957 has been diagnosed and the patient, two and a half year-old Bobby Soles of Dover route two is under treatment in a Raleigh hospital.

District Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones says the child, son of Mrs. Bessie Soles, is suffering an apparently mild case of paralytic polio in the right leg and it is believed that it will not be permanently crippling.

Dr. Jones also reports that Mrs. Jack Hogarth, Lenoir County's only reported polio sufferer so far this year, is also recuperating rapidly from a mild case of the same type polio. She was taken ill

Child from Hargett's Crossroads is Taking Precautionary Shots

Four year-old Anthony Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eathen Mills of the Hargett's Crossroad section of Jones County is taking the Pasteur treatment as a precautionary measure after having been bitten by a pet dog which subsequently died.

Dr. R. J. Jones says the child was first treated after it was bitten by Dr. R. G. Tyndall, who advised the family to confine the dog for 14 day's observation. The dog apparently was confined in too close quarters and died.

The parents buried the dog but later became concerned after having seen dead foxes in the neighborhood and brought the child back to Dr. Tyndall, who advised them to consult Dr. Jones for his evaluation of the situation.

Since the dog was decomposed, making it impossible to examine it for rabies Dr. Jones said he simply could not run the risk and has begun the painful series of shots which are the only protection against the inception of the dreaded and always fatal disease.

Dr. Jones says there has been only one report of rabies east of Greensboro this year and that was in an animal in Sampson County. He says geographically it might have been safe to not give the child the shots, since in his opinion the dead foxes are being poisoned from water containing tobacco

point of view he felt it best to give the shots.

Home Administration is a governmental agency that provides agricultural credit and farm plans.

The FHA makes loans for buying family-sized farms, developing farms, repairing farm buildings, building new homes and for farm operating expenses.

The FHA office in Kinston is located at 114 East King Street.

while visiting out of the county. It is also believed in Mrs. Hogarth's case that there will be no permanent crippling.

In reporting on these two cases Dr. Jones emphasized two points: Firstly the availability of free Salk vaccine for all children under 19 years of age and all expectant mothers of any age and secondly, that a large supply of this proven polio preventative on hand in the Lenoir and Jones county health department would go "out of date" this month if not used.

The Soles child had not received the vaccine, but since it was stricken two other children and all other members of the family have begun the series of three shots recommended for this protection.

Dr. Jones also reminds that the Salk vaccine is available from any private doctor if individuals prefer to receive it from their own physician rather than receiving it free from their county health department.

So far this year the reported cases of polio are running slightly less than half of what they did a year ago and public health authorities are giving the Salk vaccine full credit for this dramatic curtailment of the dreadedcrippler.

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Final Jones County Budget for 1957-58 Totals \$589,935

In a special session last Friday night the Jones County Board of Commission approved formally the budget for the coming year at \$589,935, which places the budget in the usual "All-Time-High" category.

Roughly \$400,000 of the total authorized expenditure in all county departments will come from state and federal matching funds in the schools, welfare, health and forestry departments. Something near \$190,000 will be supplied directly by the taxpayers of the county from a \$1.80 tax rate on the \$100 valuation. This rate is based upon an expected 80 per cent collection rate and a \$3,898,000 valuation.

This rate and its expected percentage of collection would yield \$140,576.40 and the other \$50,000 would come from collection of back taxes, privilege license, and other non-ad valorem tax sources.

A detailed breakdown of the income sources for each department was not completed this week, but the total county, state and federal allocations to all departments add up to the \$589,935 figure which is broken down among the various departments as follows:

Board of Commissioners	\$1,110
Tax Collector Office	2,885
Sheriff Department	8,080
Board of Elections	550
Court House & Grounds	12,535
Register of Deeds	6,069
Coroner	125
Jail expenses	800
Superior Court	3,500
Clerk of Court	6,415
County Attorney	1,820
Miscellaneous	5,810
Aid to the Blind	1,600
Aid to Poor	5,850
Welfare Administration	12,833
County Accountant	3,236
Extension Department	8,985
Forestry Department	2,750
Health Department	14,680
Bond Retirement	34,250
School Current cost	80,990
*School Capital cost	162,850
School Debt cost	15,125
Old Age Assistance	73,440
Aid to Children	92,820
Aid to Disabled	26,640
Total	\$589,935

*Includes \$150,000 school bond issue.

Half of Dacron Plant Workers Participating DuPont Saving Idea

This week the Du Pont Company announced that the first stock had been purchased for company employees under a savings program instituted in September of 1955. Management of the Kinston Dacron Plant of the company revealed along with this release that half of the 2200 employees at the local plant are taking part in this unique program and that 400 will have stock purchased in their name during July and August.

Under this plan any person who has been with DuPont for two years may earmark part of his salary for this stock-purchase fund — not less than \$12.50 per month nor more than \$37.50 a month or \$9 per week.

For each dollar participating

Legion Auxiliary to Be Headed Two Years By Macy Mallard

The Glen Newton Smith Unit No. 154 of the American Legion Auxiliary met recently with Macy Mallard, first vice president, presiding. Eighteen members were present. Officers were installed by Mrs. Hilda Flowers, past president of the unit. Reports were heard from various committees. Report on State Convention held in Durham in June, was given by Miss Mallard, delegate. The group voted to meet Second Monday night in August. Officers, to serve two year term are: president, Macy Mallard; First Vice President, Mrs. Jeanette Lowery; Second Vice President, Mrs. Phoebe Becton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Johnson; Chaplain, Mrs. Lucy Flowers; Historian, Mrs. Mable McDaniel; and Sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Smith Moore. Out going president is Mrs. Eliza Johnson.

After adjournment, refreshments were served by Mrs. Norma Cox and Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong.

Fred Sutton Attends Law Meeting in New York City Last Week

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, representing the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico held its 66th annual meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria last week (July 8-13) when 11 uniform and four model acts were considered for submission to state legislatures.

Established in 1892, as a result of a resolution adopted by the American Bar Association, the Conference is composed of commissioners, usually three in number from each of the states, the territories of Alaska and Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Former President Woodrow Wilson, Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School and Justices Rutledge and Brandeis of the U. S. Supreme Court are a few of the Commissioners who have contributed in drafting uniform and model acts.

The roster of the present Commission employees allocate to this fund the DuPont company adds 25 cents. The trustee in charge of the fund then uses this money to purchase DuPont stock on the open market, all dividends are used to purchase additional stock.

When an individual becomes entitled to a whole share it is registered in his name, and last week this was done for the first 10,000 employees. The money deposited in the fund by the employees is used to purchase Series E Savings Bonds.

Because the purpose of the program is to encourage sustained savings the bonds purchased with the employees money must be held four years and are delivered to him as they reach four years of age, and the DuPont stock is also held for a four-year period. Of DuPont's 90,000 employees 60,000 are taking part in this plan.

All operating costs of this unique savings program are paid by the company.

Six Land Transfers Reported in Jones

Real estate transfers reported during the past week in the office of Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following six: On July 10th two lots in White Oak Township from Wardie Collins White to Lollie C. Dudley.

On July 13th one acre in White Oak Township from Lillie C. Higgins to Jessie T. Whitley.

On July 13th 29 acres in Beaver Creek Township from Max Greenstein and wife to Roy E. White.

On July 16th 8 lots in White Oak from Van H. Harriett to R. S. Pridden.

On July 16th one acre from R. D. Thompson II to C. D. Hodges.

On July 16th two Pollocksville lots from Joseph C. and Betty Cole Williams to Milton H. Askow Jr.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of only two marriage license in the past week. These went to:

William F. Little Jr., 20, and Helen Louise West, 18, both of Pollocksville, on July 9th and to: Dempsey Parker, 19, of Kinston and Angeline Burkette, 17, of Beaver Creek Township on the 11th.

Kinston Landmark is Hit by Fire Tuesday

The old Wooten Home located at the foot of the 300-block of King Street in Kinston was badly hit by a fire of undetermined origin late Tuesday.

The old home presently owned by Negro Undertaker E. K. Best and divided into numerous apartments caught fire at about 5:30 Tuesday afternoon and stubbornly resisted efforts of the firemen to bring it under control. They were not able to call it quits until two hours later. A full assessment of the damage had not been completed.

Dr. Jones is Found Guilty of Reckless Driving on Thursday

District Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones who earlier this year was indicted on a drunken driving charge by Kinston police was found guilty last Thursday in Recorder's Court of reckless driving.

In presentation of the evidence for the defense it was contended that Dr. Jones had one or two drinks and had also taken a dose of a non-narcotic medicine, which combined had resulted in his erratic driving rather than his being "appreciably under the influence". He was fined \$25 and the court costs.

reference includes, Attorney General Louis C. Wyman of New Hampshire, the deans of 18 Law Schools, 12 judges from State and Federal Courts and 12 professors of law. The other members are outstanding attorneys from their respective states.

Commissioners from North Carolina are John N. Shuford of Asheville and Fred I. Sutton of Kinston. In addition, F. Kent Burns, Revisor of Statutes, Raleigh, is an associate member of the Conference.