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Petition Signed by 721 Voters Asks Whisky Referendum in Jones County

For the first time in 20 years Jones Countians may soon have an opportunity to vote on whether or not they desire to have county-operated whisky stores. On Monday of this week a petition signed by 721 voters of the county was handed to Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill asking that an election be called, as prescribed by law, within 60 days on this question.

Joe Becton, well known farmer of Chinquapin Township, presented the petition to the election official. The last vote on this question of county owned and operated liquor stores was in July of 1937 and it was defeated by a 125 margin in a very light vote.

The total vote 20 years ago was 1,033 and 579 persons voted "No" to legal whisky for Jones County and 454 voted "Yes".

Only two of the county's eight polling places voted in favor of the county going in the whisky business but there was a tie in one other and all but a tie in a fourth.

The vote was as follows:

Township	For	Against
White Oak	41	162
Pollockville	67	145
Piney Grove	24	25
Trenton	134	69
Beaver Creek	71	21
Chinquapin	35	55
Suckahoe	34	34
Cypress Creek	40	68
Totals	454	579

At present Jones County is the only legally dry county in the seventh senatorial district which includes Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Lenoir, Greene and Jones counties. And the only legally dry county joining Jones is Duplin.

concealing a child birth against Joyce Harris Holloway.

The petition includes names from every part of the county and has been circulated for several weeks. The election board will first have to certify that the signers were voters in the last election for governor, and that there are 15 per cent or more of the voters in that election last year whose names are on the petitions.

Bloodmobile Returns August 19th for More Lenoir County Blood

The second visit of the area bloodmobile from Norfolk will be made August 19 and 20th to Lenoir County for another mass donation of blood to the area blood bank. Volunteer donors should call 4528 for appointments.

Wanted on this trip are 150 pints of blood as Lenoir County's part of the blood service which serves a large part of Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina. Since July 1st when Lenoir County became a part of the program 20 pints of blood have been furnished to Memorial General Hospital; 13 pints to Parrott Memorial Hospital; 10 pints to Duke and 16 pints to the University hospital at Chapel Hill for Lenoir Countians in need of transfusions. In addition to this seven more pints were directed for use in Scotland Neck, New Bern and Willsboro for relatives of Lenoir Countians. The blood letting, or giving will be done August 19th at Stallings Air Base and August 20th in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

Jeff Conway Resigns From Jones County's Board of Elections

Jeff Conway, one of the two Democratic Party members of the three-man Jones County Board of Elections, has resigned and State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman John Larkins has asked Jones County Democratic Executive Committee Chairman R. P. Bender for a list of four qualified Democrats from which Conway's successor may be chosen.

Other members of the board include Chairman W. F. Hill and Republican Member Wardell Mallard.

Jones County Community Wins Finer Farm Contest

Winners were announced last week, in the fifth annual "Finer Farms" soil and water conservation contest.

Cash awards totaling \$2,800 are being made to 24 communities, three county boards of Soil Conservation district supervisors and seven individual Soil Conservation district supervisors who directed the contest on the local level.

Conservation practices on more than half a million acres of farmland in nearly 100 North and South Carolina communities were judged by J. Frank Doggett, N. C. extension conservationist, and Jesse A. Jordan, S. C. soil conservationist.

Winner of a \$350 top cash prize is the Chinquapin community of Jones County, where 86 farm families have undertaken a \$75,000 drainage program that solves their

Murder-Suicide Ruled In Tuesday Shooting

Lenoir County Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled murder and suicide in the Tuesday afternoon deaths of Kermit R. Ellis and Estelle Franklin, employees of the Caswell Training School at Kinston.

The bodies of the pair were found at about 6 Tuesday afternoon in the room of Miss Franklin, a nurse's aide, and Jarman says they had been dead for about two hours.

Ellis, a dormitory attendant at the home for feeble minded, held a .22 caliber pistol in his hand.

Each had died from a single shot in the head just back of the left ear. He was a native of Creedmoor and she was from Apex. They had both been employed at the training school since May of 1956.

Tobacco Farmers File Suit in New Bern

A group of tobacco farmers filed a half-million-dollar damage suit in federal court Wednesday in New Bern against the Secretary of Agriculture and others.

Attorney Jesse Jones of Kinston, representing more than 70 farmers in four counties, said he would confer in Raleigh Wednesday with Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro to seek a hearing on the suit as "promptly as possible."

Jones said he will seek an injunction ordering Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson and other officials to "cease and desist" from enforcing a policy which cuts support rates on "undesirable" varieties of flue-cured tobacco.

The plaintiffs requested the order to block the practice which they call "inequitable and unjust." It could, the suit contended subject them to "irreparable injury and damage." The tobacco growers estimated that the policy will cause them to lose more than two-thirds of the value of their crops. In effect the suit challenges the agriculture department's authority to discount price supports on Coker 189, Coker 140 and Dixie Bright 244 varieties as "illegal and not enforceable." Under the department's policy of the regular 90 per cent of parity which the "accredit-

Kinstonian Dies in Boat Accident Last Wednesday Afternoon



Keith Garner, 36 year-old Kinstonian, apparently died from drowning in a boating accident last Wednesday afternoon on Neuse River eight miles east of New Bern.

Garner, of 908 West Vernon Avenue and operator of a television and radio sales and repair service, was riding alone in his outboard cruiser, powered by a 60-horsepower motor, when it caught fire and burned.

The blazing boat was seen by people on both sides of the river which is four miles wide at that point. An oil tanker coming up the river alerted Coast Guard officials in New Bern who arrived within 10 minutes at the scene and found only floating debris and gas tanks.

Garner's body was not recovered until Thursday afternoon.

Of course, exactly what happened can never be known but experts in the boat business say the most likely possibility is that, escaping gas fumes collected in the forward part of the boat and exploded from a spark that could have come from lighting a cigarette or other sources.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded during the past week by Jones County's Register of Deeds, Mrs. D. W. Koonce were the following:

One tract in Pollockville Township from C. B. Foy to Roger H. Parker.

One lot in Trenton from Myrtle F. Pollock to Lois Brock.

Two lots in Maysville from C. B. Foy to Emma C. and James B. Mattocks.

One lot in Trenton from Clifton M. Pollock to James W. Alien.

One lot in Trenton from Dollie Jones Howard to L. Douglass Howard.

ed" varieties receive.

Farmers from Jones, Lenoir, Duplin and Greene counties are parties to the suit.

Charged With Having Stumphole Whisky

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports three indictments during the past week and each of the three charges was for violation of the liquor laws.

A pair of Pollockville women was charged with having a gallon and a half of stumphole whisky in their possession at about 1 p. m. Saturday. They are Beatrice Mack and Mary Green.

Jack Streeter, a resident of Pine Street in Chinquapin Township, was arrested at about 5:30 p. m. Saturday and charged with transporting five half gallon jars of the same liquid lightening. The 1950 Model Ford truck driven by Streeter was placed under \$300 bond pending confiscation proceedings and Streeter was also released under bond pending trial in the September term of Superior Court.

The women were also released under bond pending their trial at the same term of court.

Belle Oil Company Sues Turner Heirs

A suit was filed in Jones County Belle Oil Company of Pink Hill Superior Court last week by the against the heirs of the late Clayton Turner of Jones County.

The allegations in the suit include a claim for \$946.55, plus interest as the unpaid balance for a gas and oil bill owed by the Turner heirs to the Lenoir County petroleum products distributor.

Judge Henry Stevens Holding Lenoir Court

Judge Henry Stevens, resident judge of the Lenoir County Superior Court for nearly two decades, until a judicial redistricting in 1956, will return as presiding judge for a six-month tenure ending December 31, 1957.

Judge Stevens will conduct the first week of court in this tenure next week at a criminal term that has 45 defendants scheduled for trial.

Principal among the charges to be heard are a manslaughter indictment against Lewis Roosevelt Anderson, robbery charges against W. H. Westbrook, James L. Still and Donald Wolfe and a charge of

Three Factors to Determine Priority for Secondary Roads

The North Carolina State Highway Commission has taken the first step in the development of a statewide program for secondary roads which comprise over 58,000 of the State's 70,000-mile public road system.

The tentative plan, presented to the seven member commission in its second meeting by Highway Director W. F. Babcock and Secondary Roads Officer Harold W. Makepeace, received unanimous approval of the policy-making body as a basis for further study leading toward a definite secondary road policy.

Under the plan, secondary road funds would be divided primarily among maintenance, general betterments, construction and additions to the State system. Additional monies may be used in establishment of an equalization fund for construction work to assure that some paving would be done in each county of the State. These additional funds, if available, might also be used in storm damage work, bridge work and for the building of access roads to public and industrial facilities.

Three basic factors were mentioned in developing paving priorities:

(1) Average annual 24-hour traffic count.

(2) Adjacent land-use character-

(3) Public service characteristics.

Babcock pointed out the traffic count would reflect average road usage and not unusual traffic conditions. Land-use characteristics would include the number of occupied private residences, schools, churches, industrial and commercial establishments. Public service characteristics for each road might include its use as a school bus route, a mail route, or a route to community shopping.

Man Charged in July Shooting Captured

Odell Hill, Ayden negro, who had been sought by Lenoir and Pitt County police for two weeks was captured Saturday night in Ayden and is now being held in the Lenoir County jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and malicious damage to private property.

Hill is charged with critically injuring a former girl friend, Mary Banks of 607 East Washington Street in Kinston, with two pistol wounds; one in the stomach and another that fractured her thigh bone.

He is also charged with shooting up a car on the same night of July 20th. On the night before he had taken a shot at his ex-girl friend and had missed.