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Verna Belle Lowery Attending National Home Agent Meeting



Verna Belle Lowery, president of the North Carolina Home Demonstration Agents' Association, will attend the National Meeting October 22-25 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme for the convention, "Frontiers Unlimited", will be the subject Miss Laura Lane, associate editor of the Farm Journal, will use for her address.

Other speakers will be Louise Rosenfeld, Assistant Director of Home Economics, Iowa State College; Mrs. Helen D. Turner, Field Agent, Central States, Federal Extension Service, U. S. D. A.; Henry L. Ahlgren, Director of Extension, Wisconsin; C. M. Ferguson, Administrator, Federal Extension Service, U. S. D. A.

Miss Lowery will take part in the regional meetings and will give the State Report on Tuesday, October 22. She was a delegate to the National Meeting at Fort Worth Texas in 1952 and in Chicago, Illinois in 1956. She has served as district chairman, secretary and treasurer. She has served on State committees, as vice president of North Carolina Home Demonstration Agents' Association and is now state president.

Miss Lowery is the daughter of Mrs. J. R. Lowery and the late Mr. Lowery of Trenton.

Other agents from North Carolina who are attending the National Meeting include Mrs. Elizabeth W. Jones, Snow Hill; Rachel Herring, Goldsboro and Rebecca Colwell, New Bern.

Land Transfers

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

Nyra Jean Guy to J. A. Scott, two tracts in Cypress Creek Township.

Wilbur Foy Jones to Wilbur F. and Mary W. Jones 151 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

Edward Hill to Everette V. Eubanks 25 acres in Pollockville Township.

Wilbur F. Jones to John B. Waters one lot in Beaver Creek Township.

John B. and Eula Miller to Rom and Effie Noble Harper 97 1/2 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of only one marriage license during the past week and that went to Rayford Lee Howard, 22, of Newport and Dorothy Faye Hill, 18, of Havelock.

Jones Sales Tax Collections up, Lenoir Collections Drop in July

Reports from the North Carolina Department of Revenue show that for the month of July this year sales tax collections in Jones County rose slightly over July 1956 but in Lenoir County a sharp drop is revealed.

In July of this year Jones County's sales tax collections were \$3,775.73 and July '56 the Jones County donation to this "temporary tax" that was put in the law books 25 years ago was \$3,607.64, an increase of \$168.09 which is slightly more than a five per cent increase.

For the same period Lenoir County's sales tax collections were \$76,960.49 for July 1956 and \$71,210.41 for July of this year, a drop of \$6,750.08, a decline of nine percent.

Craven County's contribution to this same tax also took a nose dive for July of this year with \$73,909.74 collected this year against \$77,252.52 collected in July '56, a drop of \$3,342.78 or just over four per cent decline.

The total state collection dropped from \$6,377,863.75 to \$6,115,684.11.

George Hughes Named Chairman Cerebral Palsy Hospital Board

George Hughes of Pollockville, who is Jones County Attorney, was recently named to the chairmanship of the board of directors of the North Carolina Hospital for Cerebral Palsy.

Hughes, whose term expires in 1959, has served for several years on the board which supervises the operation of what is classed as one of the nation's top hospitals in this field.

Other members of the board in addition to Chairman Hughes are W. M. Roberts of Gastonia, Forrest Waller of Kinston, James M. White of Raleigh, Grizzelle Norfleet of Winston Salem, Roy Lindal of Chapel Hill, John Messick of Greenville and Fleming Wiley of Durham.

Federal Court Deals Roughly With Liquor Law Violators Tuesday

Among defendants before Judge Don Gilliam Tuesday at the current term of federal court in New Bern were a number of Lenoir Countians, a majority of whom were treated rather severely.

Prison terms went to the following, all charged with some infringement of the law pertaining to whisky, its sale or its manufacture:

Ernest Rhodes, 18 months; Marion Parrish 18 months; Jesse Potter, a year and a day; George Frank Washington, 18 months; John Thelma Smith, 18 months and George Mitchell, a year and a day.

Suspended prison terms went to Hilary Smith, who had a year and a day term suspended on payment of a \$500 fine and condition of two year probation. Mrs. John Thelmas Smith was given a year and a day term suspended on condition of two year probation. James Darrell Hill was given a year and a day suspended on payment of a \$500 fine and two year probation.

Orris Cannon drew a flat \$250 fine with no probationary or suspended prison term provisions.

John Larkins Receiving Cancer Society Honor

John D. Larkins Jr. of Trenton will receive the Distinguished Service Medal of the American Cancer Society at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Division of the Society in Raleigh next Saturday and Sunday, B. F. Buchan of Charlotte, president, announced today.

Larkins will receive the medal at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. At the same time 50 volunteers of the organization who have rendered outstanding services to cancer control will be honored. "Larkins has been given this high honor by our National Society for his 12 years of unselfish effort in behalf of the fight against cancer. In a very real way he has made a contribution to the growth and ex-

'Drys' Optimistic, 'Wets' Hot and Cold as Jones ABC Vote Nears

The political lines seemed most vaguely drawn in Jones County this week as the Saturday referendum on setting up ABC stores in the county approached.

The groups favoring the ABC stores for Jones County were suffering a bad case of mixed emotions. On one day they were highly optimistic about their chance and on the next day were gloomily pessimistic.

In only one thing do the legal wets remain constant, and that is in their unanimous fear of their wives and their preachers. "Off the record" is the rule of the day for those who will have a word to say on the side of legal whisky for the county.

They offer many excellent reasons why they do not wish their name to be used in connection with a comment, but the two best reasons are "mama and the preacher".

The dry side of the argument is less inhibited. Headed, advised and financed to some extent by the Allied Church League of Raleigh the dry side is making the rounds with the standard emotional pleas that ask Jones Countians not to be in league with the distillers, and the devil.

Robert Bender, Grover Mallard and Frank Bender are the announced leaders of this "keep the county dry" group, but as usual in most cases the women folks are doing most of the work. They have copied the registration books and letters have been sent to all eligible voters begging them to vote

dry, no matter what their drinking habits might be.

The wet side boys, and girls since a few women are bold and honest enough to publicly favor legal to illegal whisky for the county, are very largely playing on the economic angle.

Which is not too hard to do. Jones County taxes were raised this year by a considerable margin while the income of most Jones Countians was going down. Even the blindest Jones County "dry" admits that many thousand Jones County dollars are spent each year in ABC stores of adjoining Lenoir, Craven and Onslow counties.

The wets remind that the Onslow County ABC store has already secured a site at Belgrade, just across the river from Maysville, on which they plan to build a whisky store to make it even more easy for Jones County money to flow into Onslow County's treasury if the vote on Saturday still keeps Jones County legally dry.

A rumor started this week by the "drys" warned that ABC stores in the county would cause the county to lose the money it gets at present from the beer and wine taxes. This, of course, is not true, for example last year Lenoir County, which is one of the original 19 ABC counties received just over \$20,000 rebate from the state beer and wine taxes.

A few Jones Countians have expressed the fear that Jones County was not large enough to profitably operate ABC stores but the wets have "gone to the record" and have shown that in the history of ABC stores in North Carolina none has ever failed to make a profit, and they point to figures from other small counties—some smaller than Jones—that are getting substantial parts of their county income from the legal control and sale of whisky.

The drys say making whisky more easily available will increase public drunkenness. The wets say that the record does not support this contention, and they remind that there has never seemed to be any difficulty for any of the current crop of Jones County drunks to get their grog.

Both sides are reluctant to make any predictions but the drys are generally more optimistic for their cause than the wets who fear the power of the "women folks and the preachers", which they may very well fear, since these are considerable powers.

Lucky Wilson Couple Survives After Train Does This to Car



Last Friday afternoon at about 3:30 Ted Hooker and Dorothy Goodman, a negro couple from Wilson, used up a lot of their good luck, as these pictures clearly indicate.

They were driving west on Cunningham Road which connects US 258 and NC 55 north of Kinston, and unfortunately at the same time the Atlantic Coast Line freight train

was making its daily return trip to Kinston.

The car and train met at the crossing at about the same time, and as is usual in such intersectional disagreements the train won, ripping the Hooker car into the scrap iron pictured here.

The luck part was the relatively minor injuries suffered by the



passengers in the car. Hooker had a cut above the left eye on the forehead and another cut on the right leg. Miss Goodman had a slightly more severe cut on the head, multiple bruises and abrasions and a dislocated shoulder.

Hooker was released from Parrott Memorial Hospital after being given emergency treatment

and on Wednesday morning, while still in the hospital, Miss Goodman was reportedly "doing fine and up and around".

The good luck was partially due to the fact that both were thrown from the car at the moment of impact. Observers felt that if they had stayed in the car their injuries would have been far worse.