

## Retail Sales Up For 56-57, but Down in August

In fiscal 1956-57 gross retail sales in North Carolina increased over the '55-56 period by \$305,979,353, which was slightly more than a seven per cent increase. The figures were \$4,225,332,097 for '56-57 and \$3,919,352,744 for '55-56.

All but three of North Carolina's 100 counties shared in this increased retail business. These were Anson, Jackson and Lee counties.

Lenoir County's retail trade climbed from \$53,118,890 in '55-56 to \$57,154,019, an increase of \$4,035,129, which followed the state pattern of more than a seven per cent increase.

Jones County's retail trade also moved upward, from \$3,223,433 in '55-56 to \$3,422,555, which was slightly below the state-wide average at just over five per cent increase with \$199,122 more retail trade.

Craven County shared in the gain also but at only just over a three per cent rate, climbing from \$49,062,599 to \$50,578,014, a gain of \$1,515,415.

Wayne County with the impact of reactivated Seymour Johnson air base showed the biggest Eastern Carolina gains, climbing from \$66,324,069 in '55-56 to \$63,763,773 in '56-57, an increase of \$7,439,704 or almost 12 per cent.

Pitt County's retail trade also jumped more than the state-wide average with better than a 10 per cent climb from \$49,193,966 to \$54,726,613.

Greene County's share of the increase was only \$117,932, just over two per cent, moving upward from \$4,883,957 to \$5,001,889.

Duplin County got a healthy increase of almost 20 per cent as its share moved from \$2,701,701 to \$3,240,000.

For August of this year the retail sales tax collections over the state increased by \$207,273.02 in the state as a whole but the only counties among those listed here to share in this August increase over August '56 were Greene and Wayne.

Wayne County got the Lion's share with \$85,626.33 collected in sales tax in August '57 against \$79,397.92 for August '56.

Greene County's increase was slight: from \$5,035.45 to \$5,792.19. Those dropping included Lenoir (\$69,376.71 to \$66,162.96), Jones (\$3,829 to \$3,734.34), Duplin (\$26,184.06 to \$25,682.31), Craven (\$68,716.54 to \$64,769.70).

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## Negro Marine Clubs Children and Mother-in-Law in Maysville Home



**EXPRESSWAYS MEET** in this gigantic interchange in Detroit, a key part of the freeway system which could carry some of the Motor City's auto-riding populace to rural safety. Although civil defense studies show that COMPLETE evacuation of large cities after warning of likely attack is not generally feasible under today's warning times, a big start toward more evacuation capacity is being made in urban freeway construction under the new National Interstate Highway program. (Photo courtesy Bureau of Public Roads)

## Jones Voters Approve ABC Stores 19th by Heavy Majority

A surprisingly small percentage of the eligible voters in Jones County went to the polls Saturday and by an equally surprising 800 to 511 margin approved the setting up of ABC whisky stores in the county.

This 289 margin of victory for the county's "wet" forces reversed a 1937 vote on the same issue which kept ABC stores out of the county by a 125-vote margin.

Only two of the counties seven townships cast "dry" votes. The other five gave wide margins of support to the legal control of whisky in the county.

White Oak Township, which includes Maysville voted against the stores by a 157-66 margin. Pollocksville Township with two voting precincts cast 212 votes against and

152 votes for. Trenton Township went "wet" by 229 to 66. Tuckahoe's vote was 39 to 39. Chinquapin's was 79 to 17 and Beaver Creek cast the most strongly pro-legal area vote 79 to 6 for ABC stores.

Precinct	YES	NO
White Oak	66	157
Pollocksville	127	182
Piney Grove	25	30
Trenton	229	66
Cypress Creek	98	14
Beaver Creek	79	6
Tuckahoe	98	39
Chinquapin	78	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>511</b>

## What's Next on ABC Agenda in Jones County?

Aside from the general conversation expected after any election, with the winners patting themselves on the back and the losers trying to find somebody to blame for their loss Jones Countyans this week were asking "What's next?"

This question results naturally from the approval on Saturday of county-owned and operated ABC stores. (To set the record clear that "ABC" is the initials of Alcoholic Beverage Control.)

Under the same state law which permits an election such as that last Saturday in Jones County there is also spelled out in detail just what does happen when a county decides to set up an ABC store system.

The first order of business is the convening of three joint boards that are charged with the responsibility of naming the ABC board.

These are the boards of county commissioners, education and health. They name a three-man ABC board, designating which is to be chairman. The chairman is elected for a three-year term, one of his co-members is named for two years and the third is named for one year, making it necessary

for these same three boards to convene once each year to name one member to the ABC board.

Also spelled out in the law covering this matter is the fact that no member of these point boards shall have more than one vote although in certain cases one man may be on two boards.

Members of the board of county commissioners are Chairman Tom Stille, Harold Mallard, Bruce Simmons, D. A. Jones and Charlie Davis.

Members of the board of education are Chairman Charlton West Jr., Clyde Banks, W. E. Phillips, Jeff Conway and J. Council Wooten.

Members of the board of education include School Superintendent W. B. Moore, who is chairman of the board of health, County Commissioner Chairman Stille, Trenton Mayor M. E. Hines, John W. Creagh, Rudolph Pelletier, E. M. Philpaw and Dr. Tom Vassey.

The law does not stipulate what salary shall be paid members of the board, but it does caution against paying too much, or enough to make a political plum out of the position and it especially cautions the three boards to select men of the highest character and caliber

for ABC board membership.

No announcement has been made as to exactly when that meeting will be held but it is quite likely that it will be at the first Monday in November, when two of the three boards are regularly in session.

Finally, and of considerable importance is the matter of finance. Just how does the ABC board "get into business"?

Happily, for the board of county commissioners, no money has to be appropriated. Credit is arranged with the State ABC board in Raleigh which controls the legal flow of whisky in North Carolina.

The ABC board itself selects the locations of all ABC stores, employs all personnel, fixes their wages, set the hours of operation of the stores within limitations set by state law. The state law permits ABC stores to be open between 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. excepting Sundays, legal holidays and election days.

The price of whisky sold in the county stores is fixed by the state ABC board, brands may be selected by the county ABC board from a master listing furnished by the state board. County stores do not have to stock all those brands listed on the state's master list.

## Mr. John Hargett Honored by NCEA

Tuesday evening October 22, a banquet was held by the Jones County Unit of NCEA honoring Mr. John Hargett, representative from Jones County to the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Mr. W. B. Moore, superintendent of schools, in recognizing Mr. Hargett, reviewed the efforts Mr. Hargett has made during the past several sessions of the General Assembly to further the recommendations made by NCEA. Mr. Moore expressed to Representative Hargett "the love and high esteem" in which the group holds him.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Miss Tiny Hammond, president of the Jones County unit of NCEA. She introduced Superintendent Moore and recognized the several guests present.

The motif of the decorations was Halloween with leering black cat cut-outs, smiling pumpkin jack-o-lanterns, and wide-eyed owls.

The local unit members and their husbands and wives enjoyed dinners of barbecue or chicken.

## Honored, Floored by 'Flu Bug' All at Once

Trenton Attorney John Larkins who last weekend became the second North Carolinian to receive the Distinguished Service Award of the American Cancer Society was also floored by the flu bug at the same time.

This week he is recuperating at his home from a typical bout with the flu, and as to whether it is Asiatic, Raleigh or Jones County flu Larkins is not positive. He is, however, certain that it is thoroughly disagreeable.

He said on Tuesday that he expected to be able to get back to duty by the latter part of this week.

Staff Sergeant Moses Davenport, a 14-year veteran of the armed forces, presently stationed with the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, is held without bond in the Jones County jail on multiple charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Under treatment in the hospital at Camp Lejeune are Davenport's four children and his mother-in-law, Annie Chadwick, of Maysville.

Sheriff Brown Yates describes the affair as follows: "The Marine and his wife, Bernice, were separated and she came home to live with her mother in Maysville. Tuesday night at about 9 o'clock Davenport broke into the Chadwick home and began beating everybody in sight with a claw hammer. His wife, Bernice, ran into another room, grabbed an unloaded shotgun and came back where Davenport was beating on their children and her mother."

"In spite of the gun not being loaded it was sufficient to scare off Davenport and he ran from the house. She (Bernice) said it's a good thing the gun wasn't loaded; because if it had been I'd have killed him."

Sheriff Yates continues: "Davenport said he had gone to my telephone booth in Maysville and called me, but I was not home and didn't pick him up until about 11 o'clock."

The children, aged four, five, six and seven included two boys and two girls. The girls both suffered fractured skulls and one had not regained consciousness on Wednesday morning. Their grandmother suffered head injuries which caused her to lose a great deal of blood and she was given a transfusion Wednesday morning.

Yates says, "Davenport told me

he just got mad and started hitting at everything that moved." Three of the four children were in bed when the attacks began. Only the oldest boy was not in bed when his father began the beatings.

Sheriff Yates says, "That was the bloodiest room I ever saw." Yates added, "Davenport was mad but he wasn't so mad that the sight of that shotgun didn't bring him to his senses."

## Terrible Tragedy Believed Found In Death of Father and Daughter

Detective Leslie Gay of the Kinston Police Department was asked at about 6.30 Tuesday afternoon to investigate a "bad odor" reported by residents of the 800 block of Oak Street in the Lincoln City section of Southeast Kinston.

The investigation that followed revealed what by any standards is believed to have been a horrible tragedy.

Occupants of the house at 800 Oak Street were Elias King, about 70, and his totally invalid daughter, Helen, about 38.

After breaking down a rear door the officers found King, dead and in an advanced state of decomposition in one room, and his daughter sitting in a chair in an adjoining room dead, but obviously not dead for so long as her father.

A welfare department check mailed October 10th and another letter also mailed October 10th were found in the mail box of the King home, causing the officers to believe that King had been dead at least 12 days, and possibly longer.

Assistant Coroner Wayne Lambdin and the officers felt that the daughter had not been dead more than 24 hours. Their deduction: That she died of starvation after her father had died of natural causes.

## Haskins Chapel Supper

The Christian Youth Fellowship of Haskins Chapel Christian Church in Jones County will be host Saturday afternoon at a barbecue and chicken salad supper to which the public is invited. Profits from the supper will go into a fund for a Youth Recreation Center at the church.

## Divorce Suits Filed

Divorce suits filed during the past week in Jones County Superior court included the following, each on grounds of two year separation:

Betty Jean Davis Houston from Norwood James Houston and Robert Barlow from Irene Dargiewicz Barlow.

## Marriage License

Marriage license issued by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week included the following: To Freddie S. Rone, 24, and Mabel Marie McCabe, 27, both of Havelock and to Aaron Howard, Kinston route five, and Mary Lee Staley of Kinston, both aged 21.