

Highway Plans & Gripes Aired Friday in Kinston Meet

Simmons Asked About US 17

City and County officials from Greene, Pitt, Craven, Jones, Duplin, Wayne and Lenoir Counties gathered in Kinston last Friday afternoon to hear the program of the renovated highway commission explained and to tell the assorted highway officials at the meeting what roadway problems were in their respective bailiwicks.

Mayor Guy Elliott, speaking for Kinston, listed four problems for his community: 1. Re-location of NC 55 and NC 11 around the city. 2. Connecting roadways for two new schools just outside the city limits. 3. Improvement of the awkward intersection of US 258 with the Airport and Old Snow Hill Roads just north of the city limits. 4. Resurfacing of Vernon Avenue for its full length through Kinston.

County Commissioner Bruce Simmons did the griping for the Jones County delegation, and Highway Director William Babcock agreed that Jones County did have a specific and logical complaint and told Simmons that the kind of complaint made about US 17 was a general gripe all over the state and was to be the principal topic of discussion at the next meeting of the Highway Commission.

Simmons' complaints were two; and both were about that portion of Highway US 17 in Jones County. Firstly, Simmons insisted and highway officials agreed that this heavily travelled roadway was badly in need of resurfacing. District Engineer Romulus Markham told Simmons that US 17 in Jones County—in fact from the New Bery City limits to the Onslow County line was already scheduled for resurfacing and would be as soon as funds were available.

Simmons' second question about US 17 was: Will it be four-laned and will it be re-located? These points have property owners in

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week include the following:

Seventy one acres from Leonard J. Overbee to Jasper Lee Hall.

From P. J. West to J. D. West 52.4 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From J. D. West to E. O. West 30.5 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From J. D. West to Mrs. Lula West 52.4 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Marriage License

The only marriage license issued during the past week by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce went to Willie R. Harrell, 23, of Trenton route one and Mavis Carol Griffin, 16, of Trenton route two.

Jones County in a most uncertain frame of mind about development of their property.

Babcock says this is a state-wide problem and agreed that property owners have a right to know at the earliest possible moment what will be done in this respect and he said further that recommendations along this line were to be made to the February meeting of the commission. These recommendations might extend for a long time into the future, but at least if a property owner wanted to build a motel, filling station, cafe or home he would have a better chance of building in an area that would not be later isolated or directly in the path of a new roadway.

Contracts Let for New Swift & Co. Wilson Plant

Contract for construction of Swift & Company's modern meat packing plant at Wilson has been awarded.

F. N. Thompson, Inc. of Charlotte was successful bidder on the general construction contract.

Construction is scheduled to begin at once, with the plant to be completed by the end of this year.

Site of the plant will be a 59-acre tract just south of the city limits. It is situated adjacent to the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, near highway 301.

Main building of the new plant will be basically a one-story struc-

ture, but parts of it will have two additional stories. The plant will process cattle, calves and hogs. Besides a full line of fresh meat products from those types of livestock, the plant will process smoked meats, sliced bacon, and table-ready meats.

There also will be an office and utility building, garage and mechanical shop, boiler and engine room and livestock buying facilities. A daily cash market for livestock will be maintained at the plant.

The new Swift plant, which will be operated under Federal inspec-

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Compromise Judgment in Jones Court Awards Kinstonians Farm Settles Lenoir Litigation Also

A lengthy compromise agreement reached last week in Jones County Superior Court cleared four cases from that court's civil calendar, settled another civil suit pending in Lenoir County Superior Court and awarded a 147-acre Jones County farm to Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlton Bynum of Kinston, and another farm to Mrs. Blanche King

Dail.

The first farm, originally owned by the late John M. Dixon had been willed by him to his wife, the late Glennie King Dixon. Mrs. Dixon had deeded the farm, to the Bynums prior to her death. Mrs. Bynum is a niece of Mr. Dixon.

The other farm, owned by the late Mrs. Dixon had been willed by her to her sister, Mrs. Dail.

Rom Dixon, a brother of the original farm owner, and numerous nieces and nephews had brought two suits in the courts of Jones County; one attacking the will from Dixon to his wife, and another attacking Mrs. Dixon's right to give the farm to her niece, Mrs. Bynum and her husband.

A third suit had been brought by relatives of Mrs. Dail attacking the validity of the will under which she had received the farm from Mrs. Dixon.

The Lenoir County suit brought by nieces and nephews of the Dixon couple sought to set aside the will in which Mrs. Dixon disposed of her personal property.

After securing a jury to hear the case a lengthy conference between attorneys representing all parties involved in the suits reached a compromise under which:

1. The farm goes in fee simple, unencumbered to the Bynums.
2. The Bynums pay \$3,000 in cash to Rom Dixon.
3. Rom Dixon execute an agreement relieving the Bynums of a \$1,500 funeral expense item bequeathed by the late Mrs. John Dixon for Rom Dixon, her brother-in-law.
4. The Bynums pay \$100 of the court costs.
5. All other court costs to be paid by those who brought the numerous suits.

JONES DIVORCE GRANTED

Only one divorce was granted last week in the civil term of Jones County Superior Court and it went to Columbus Flowers from Irmie H. Flowers on grounds of two years separation.

Two Civil Suits Are Filed in Jones Court

During the past week two civil suits were filed in Jones County Superior Court; one for a divorce and another for damages alleged from an automobile accident.

The damage suit was brought by Furney Wilder against Mrs. Verna Brinkley and he seeks \$300 damages from losses incurred according to his allegations in a wreck between Trenton and Pollocksville on June 2, 1957.

The divorce is sought on grounds of two years separation by Gertrude Loftin Nelson from Christopher Nelson.

Sheriff's New Number

Sheriff Brown Yates asks this week that all Journal readers take note of the fact that he now has a new telephone number which is Pollocksville 63281. This change Sheriff Yates says came as the result of long effort on his part to get a private line, which was recently installed by the telephone company.

Hearing February 6 In Thanksgiving Auto Deaths Near Kinston

A \$1,000 bond has been posted for Carlton Hood of La Grange calling for his appearance in Recorder's Court in Kinston February 6th for preliminary hearing in the auto accident last Thanksgiving morning that killed two La Grange men and hospitalized the defendant and two others from La Grange.

Patrolman B. A. Baker turned in the warrants Tuesday which name Hood as the driver of the car which went out of control in a curve on US 70 west of Kinston at 2:30 a. m. Thanksgiving day, instantly killing Willie Norman Graham and Herman Newbern and hospitalizing Hood, his brother Willie Hood and Christine Graham, wife of one of the dead men.

Hood has insisted that one of the dead men was driver of the car, but the Highway Patrol investigation tends to indicate otherwise.

Spring Political Possibilities Offer Voters Much Variety

The 30th of January is about as deep in the middle of winter as one can get, so it may be rather premature to start talk of politics which will blossom into full bloom May 27th when the biennial county, state and national primaries are held.

Officials whose jobs will be on the block in this election include all members of the House of Representatives and that means for Lenoir County that open season will be declared on Congressman L. H. Fountain and in Jones County Graham Barden will be fair game.

No hunting license have been issued yet for shooting (politically that is) at either of these men, and none is likely to be. Fountain, seeking his fourth term is in a most commanding political position. For his first term he swamped Veteran John Kerr and unseated that Warren Countian after he had served for 28 years in the national assem-

bly. The second time at bat Fountain "murdered" a fellow Tarboro hopeful by almost a 6-to-1 majority and in the third time at bat, in the 1956 voting Fountain was given a free trip to first base with no opposition.

Barden had opposition two years ago in the person of New Bern Jeweler James Oscar Simpkins, who tallied 9,330 votes to the 21,427 Barden got in the counties of Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Sampson and Wayne.

Word is passing around the huge third district which Barden has represented since 1934 that the old warhorse is slowing down and is far more vulnerable to attack than heretofore, but Barden has one ace in the hole which is worth an almost shoe-in election in the event that opposition arises in the district.

Barden is chairman of the controversial House Labor and Edu-

cation Committee and as such has fought the hard fight to keep the greasy pay of federal interference out of the public schools, and has also resisted the steam-roller tactics of organized labor, which has certainly made him unpopular in many circles but has not hurt him in his own district.

But the ace-in-the-hole is the No. 2 ranking Democrat on this committee, Negro Representative Adam Clayton Powell from Harlem, who has an extensive pro-communist background and who is viewed with horror by large segments of the population as chairman of this key committee.

All interested in politics in the Third Congressional District agree that Barden might have to throw a little more than his hat into the ring to get elected but they just as unanimously agree that if Barden's hat is NOT sufficient all he has to throw in the political arena is Adam Clayton Powell.

Fountain, younger and blessed with a superlative staff, does not occupy any such key position as Barden, but as chairman of a subcommittee charged with investigation of intergovernmental affairs and operation of the agriculture department he has done excellent work. But of more political significance in the district (Bertie, Edgecombe, Greene, Halifax, Lenoir, Northampton, Warren and Wilson counties) is the excellent attention Fountain has given since his first day in office to the problems of his constituents.

STATE OFFICES

At the state level the only offices to be decided are members of the General Assembly. This includes senators and representatives. Jones County Representative John Hargett is seeking a fourth term, or at least is expected to by those who attempt to keep up with Jones County politics. There have been faint rumors that Hargett might

have opposition, but such rumors are extremely faint. Hargett comes from one of the county's most potent political families and had no difficulty in disposing of such opposition as he has had in his previous three rounds.

Lenoir County Representative Tom White is also in the market for a fourth term.

Opposed by Attorney Harvey Turner in his first two tries, White had no opposition in '56 when he sought a third term. This year White is strongly in the race for speaker of the House of Representatives in the 1959 General Assembly and is not likely to have any trouble in being elected for his fourth term, even if opposition does develop and at this time none is rumored in any quarter.

The incumbent senators, Luther Hamilton of Carteret County and veteran politicians but freshmen John Dawson of Kinston, are both

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