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Jones School Officials Attend Smyrna Meeting Last Thursday

Last Thursday the Third District School Boards Association met at Smyrna, for its annual meeting. The theme for the meeting was "What Pattern Education for the Sputnik Age".

Kinston City Schools Superintendent Jean P. Booth gave the "Kick-Off" address followed by group meetings. After the meetings the guests were served a clambake dinner in the cafeteria of the school.

Then the evening ended with an address by Dr. Leo Jenkins, Dean of East Carolina College.

Board members, principals and their wives who attended the meeting from Jones County were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. Manly Foscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pippin, J. E. Parker, C. J. Banks, W. B. Moore, Miss Julia Whitty, Edwood McDaniel and Murray Boyette.

Three Charges Listed Last Week in County - Sheriff Yates Reports

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports three arrests during the past week in Jones County—two for traffic charges and one on a domestic violation.

William Charles Piner of Stella was charged with drunken driving and driving on the wrong side of the road and John E. Walker of Portsmouth, Va. was booked for speeding 90 miles per hour.

Leonard Lee Morton of Pollocksville was indicted for failure to support his wife and several minor children.

County NCEA Meets At Jones Central

The County NCEA meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at Jones Central High School. Miss Tiny Hammond, president, presided over the meeting, during which there were announcements concerning the election of officers for the coming year.

W. B. Moore gave an informative talk on "Federal Aid to Education". After the meeting the teachers were served refreshments by the host, Jones Central.

Named Tax Collector

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners named Whitfield Mallard to be collector of delinquent taxes, succeeding Hugh Loftin, who recently died. Mallard will collect delinquent taxes in White Oak, Trenton and Pollocksville townships.

Land Purchase OK'd

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday approved the purchase of an additional two acres of land adjacent to the site of the new negro elementary school which is under construction just back of Jones County High School.

ROAD PETITIONS APPROVED

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday approved petitions asking improvements to small stretches of roadway in Tuckahoe and Cypress Creek Townships; the first known as the "Old Wilmington Road" and the latter known as the "Banks Road".

Palmistry License is Asked Monday; Board Delays Its Decision

Larry Johnson of Rocky Mount appeared Monday before the Jones County Board of Commissioners seeking a license to operate a "palmistry" joint in the county. Apparently Johnson's ability to penetrate the fogs that surround the future was numb from the cold since he did not know until he arrived in Trenton that the license fee for such hustling in Jones County is \$100 per day.

Johnson's plans were for a "fortune telling" joint near Wyse's Forks where it would be near the suckers in Kinston who are stupid enough to believe their problems can be solved by paying money and having the lines of their palms "read". Lenoir County does not allow such hustlers at any price.

The Jones Commissioners told Johnson they would take his request under consideration but they did not hold out much hope that they would cut the \$100 per day price tag for "fortune telling" in their bailiwick.

One reflected that \$100 per day would not be much to pay from a person who could "see into the future". One hour's peek into the future at a race track or on the stock market would make a millionaire out of any little old fortune teller, it was reasoned.

One court house "observer" dreamily admitted that it would be a mighty fine way to cut property taxes in the county if about three or four "palmists" could be persuaded to stay in Jones County and pay the \$100 per day license fee.

Johnson gave as reference for his character and ability a Sergeant Booker of the Rocky Mount Police Department. He did not offer to look at the palms of the Jones County Commissioners and find out immediately whether or not they were going to let him pitch his tent in their county.

Land Transfers

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

From Minnie to Floyd Houston 67.6 acres of land in Cypress Creek Township.

From Benjamin A. DeBruhl to Glennie DeBruhl Johnson 17.1 acres, to James E. DeBruhl 17.3 acres, to Josephine DeBruhl Smith 17.3 acres, to Mary E. DeBruhl 17.3 acres all in Beaver Creek Township.

From Josephine DeBruhl Smith to Benjamin A. DeBruhl 17.3 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

From James E. DeBruhl to Benjamin A. DeBruhl, Glennie DeBruhl Johnson and Mary E. DeBruhl small tracts upon which farming buildings are located.

LARCENY CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Mrs. Ruth Kimmer, of no certain address, was arrested Tuesday morning by Kinston police, charged in a warrant signed by H. H. Grant of Mount Vernon Park with stealing some over \$200 from him in a room at the Caswell Hotel Monday night. Wednesday morning Grant withdrew the warrant and paid the court costs in the case.

Jones Liquor Stores Gross \$11,099 During First Full Month Open

A report released this week by County Supervisor Ray Harrison of the Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board shows that in the first full month of operation for the county's two new legal liquor stores a gross sales of \$11,099.25 was experienced.

The first of these two stores was opened December 6th in Trenton and the second was opened December 20th at Hargett's Crossroads and through the rest of December they grossed a total of \$9,534.25.

January had 26 days in which the stores were opened since they were closed each Sunday and on New Year's Day and the sales for each were: \$6,634.15 for the Trenton store and \$4,465.10 for the Hargett's Crossroad store.

This gives a grand total business of \$20,633.50 since the county went into the whisky business December 6th.

Although it is not possible to register a positive prediction on the rate of profit for the stores, the statewide average for all legal stores is roughly 13 per cent net.

Presuming that operating costs of the Jones County ABC system were in line with the others in the state this would indicate a possible profit of some \$2,600 for the first two months of operation.

However, ABC officials caution that the first year's operation may enjoy less than the state-wide average rate of profit because of initial opening up expenses.

Officials feel that so long as the stores gross as much as \$10,000 per month there will be a profit, and they feel that if January sales hit the \$11,000-mark then the rest of the year will average well above that.

Two Youths Indicted For Maysville Wreck

Dulwood Swaringer of Pollocksville and George Thomas Jr. of Topsail, both teen-agers, were indicted last week by Patrolman L. S. Meiggs after an accident in Maysville.

In a one-car accident which did considerable damage to the car owned by Young Thomas' father Swaringer was charged with drunken and reckless driving and Thomas was charged with permitting a person to drive while appreciably under the influence of some intoxicant.

The charges will be heard at the March 3rd term of Jones County Superior Court.

No Probable Cause Found in Charges Against Two Airmen

Magistrate W. J. Thomas ruled "no probable cause" Monday after a two-hour preliminary hearing in charges of rape and robbery brought against Airmen Joseph J. Saylor and John M. Acker of Seymour Johnson Field by 18 year-old Gloria Hyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hyman of the Sand Hill section of Lenoir County.

Miss Hyman, an 11th grade student at Contentnea High School, had an attack of scarlet fever and jaundice at the age of seven and suffered permanent damage to her brain tissue, her mother told the court. The girl can neither read nor write.

Miss Hyman testified that she had attended a dance at the American Legion Hut in Kinston Friday night with a young woman from her neighborhood and her boy friend. When it came time for her to go home they were not at the hut so she accepted an invitation to be

William Rhymes has Accepted Maysville Baptist Pastorate

Rev. Bill Rhymes has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Maysville. Rev. and Mrs. Rhymes and their two daughters, Mary and Cathy moved to Maysville last Thursday from Harkers Island.

The Rev. Mr. Rhymes is originally from Seattle, Washington. He received his A. B. degree from Seattle Pacific College and attended Northwest Seminary.

Rev. Rhymes was Ordained in Alaska any served two churches there before coming to North Carolina.

Jurors Drawn For March Court Term

Following here is the list of 48 jurors drawn Monday by the Jones County Board of Commissioners to serve at the March 3rd term of Superior Court.

Bromo Spivey, S. E. Haskins, Edwin Cannon, R. L. Adams, Henry C. Riggs, Virgil Kennedy, Marvin Spence, Benjamin Killingsworth, R. T. Fordham, W. L. Smith Jr., Edward Parker, Claude Banks.

Clyde Mercer, George Felix Griffin, Lawrence Pollock, Rex Mills, Cliff M. Pollock, Norfleet Jones, William S. Jarman, Harold Mattocks, Leslie Parker, Mike Dawson, Dalton Jarman, Donnie Mills.

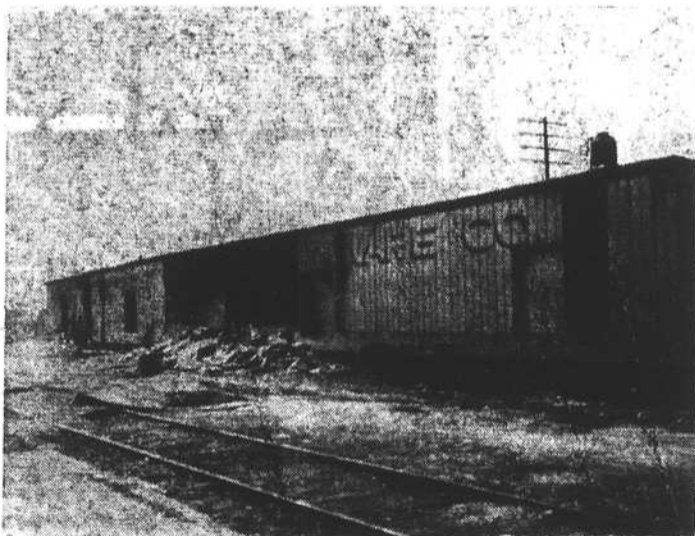
Eugene Simpson, Dalton Cox Jr., E. G. Green, Chris R. Eubanks, E. S. Quinn, B. W. T. Phillips, Walter P. Henderson, James Nicholson, J. H. Meadows, Paul Sasser, Otis M. Banks, Saul E. Moore.

Johnnie Smith, McDaniel Curtis, William T. Howard, Elbert E. Smith, Ernest Humphrey, Allen Mooring, Elvin Lee, Roger McDaniel, Myrl Philyaw, Ralph Howard, John C. B. Koonce and Jasper Hill.

Held For Cutting

George Suggs of 511 Sasser Street in Kinston is held in the city jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon in the Monday night cutting of James Jones of West North Street, who was given emergency treatment in a local hospital and transferred to the veterans hospital at Durham for treatment of multiple serious knife wounds.

Heavy Loss in Warehouse Fire



This is the gutted warehouse of Midyette Hardware Company, located between Caswell and King streets on the Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad.

Fire broke out in the large building shortly before midnight Sunday and had spread almost the full length of the warehouse by the time firemen arrived.

There was strong evidence of arson, according to fire department officials.

One door to the warehouse was open and in the words of one fireman "things were burning that ought not to be burning" and the widespread pattern of the fire were the basis for the suspicion of arson.

Fire Chief Joe Halley says there is absolutely no suspicion attached

to the owners of the building, and investigation is centered around the possibility that a drinking or gambling group might have gotten in the building and caused the fire.

Many flammable materials contributed to the stubbornness of the fire which took over six hours to extinguish completely.

Improper storage of materials in the warehouse, blocking doorways added to the difficulties which were further complicated by sub-freezing temperatures.

Further substantiating Chief Halley's complete confidence in the owners of the building is a preliminary report from insurance investigators that insurance coverage on the building and its contents will not nearly cover the actual loss.