

New Bernian Simpkins Is Candidate for State Senate



James O. Simpkins

With but one candidate officially announced for the Democratic nomination for the two State Senatorial Representatives of the Seventh district, James O. Simpkins, New Bern business man, Wednesday entered the race for that position. He had, he said, talked to friends throughout the six counties of the district—Carteret, Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow—and had been offered every encouragement.

He had, Simpkins continued, carefully considered the needs of each county in the district, and is prepared to devote all the time necessary to carrying out the wishes of the people of the district equally and to the best interest of the State government. There are many problems, he says, confronting the farmers of eastern North Carolina, and he has first-hand information on the daily problems of the business man. He proposes to devote his efforts to the development of the State port at Morehead City; to bringing industry to the area, and to give equal consideration to the commercial and sports fishermen and rivers, streams and harbors.

Born in rural eastern North Carolina, near Wilmington, Simpkins is 35 years of age. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and Springfield College; is a veteran of World War II during which he had four years of service with the United States Air Force. For the past twelve years he has been engaged in business in New Bern. At the present time he is serving as a member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern.

He was voted New Bern's "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" in 1955, and he received a distinguished Service Award from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. The same year he was voted "One of the ten men in the United States who had contributed most to highway safety." He is a member of the Speakers' Bureau of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council.

Now president of the New Bern Civitan Club, Simpkins is Lieutenant Governor of Zone 9 within the North Carolina District of Civitan International and is Assistant to the District Governor in the eastern section of the State. He is Chairman of the Boys' Home Fund which is building the Civitan cottage at Lake Waccamaw for delinquent boys, and he is serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys' Home organization.

He is a Director of the New Bern Junior Chamber of Commerce, of the Salvation Army and of the New Bern Historical Society. He is a past Vice-President of the New Bern Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society. He is a member of the New Bern Lodge of Elks, the New Bern Post of the American Legion, a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He was general chairman of the Vehicle Safety Check program in 1955 when New Bern and Craven County won first place in

Jones FHA Loans Total \$246,340

Farm families in Jones county have received operating loans totaling approximately \$246,340 from the Farmers Home Administration during the nine months ending March 31, 1958, reports J. E. Mewborn, Jr., the agency's county supervisor. Each loan averaged \$3372.

Repayments during the same period on loans previously made totalled \$288,308, and were made primarily from sale of tobacco and hogs.

Mewborn said the harvest demand for Farmers Home Administration credit has been to finance family living and farm operating expenses and to purchase or refinance livestock and farm equipment.

Land Transfers

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

From Vera Brown to Wilton P. Mitchell 273 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

From Clyde Tyndall to E. I. Russell five acres in Chinquapin Township.

From Benjamin DeBruhl to Glenne DeBruhl Johnson eight acres in Beaver Creek Township.

Jones County Arrests

Sheriff Brown Yates reports only two indictments in Jones County during the past week and they were of Edward Earl Strayhorn of Pollocksville who was accused of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct and Charles Allen of Maysville who was charged with non-support of minor children.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of two marriage license in the past week to:

James Earl Brown of Trenton and Patricia Ann Boyette of New Bern route three.

Walter James Mack and Agnes Jordan both of Pollocksville.

the entire nation. He was general Chairman of the Presbyterian College drive, and is Chairman of the Advertising Committee of the Baptist Church.

Married to the former Miss Evelyn Brewer of Clinton, the Simpkins have two daughters, Cassandra, 9, and Rosalind, 2½. The family resides at 713 Broad Street in New Bern.

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Current Survey May Get Federal Funds for Jones County Schools

A survey being made at this time in the Jones County School System may lead to allocation of something like \$18,000 per year to the local system for operating expenses from federal sources.

Superintendent W. B. Moore says this survey is to find exactly how many students in the Jones County School system are from families who are either in the military forces at Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point or whose parents are civil service employees at these same military establishments.

Superintendent Moore says the last survey made showed that 8.95 per cent of the students in Jones County were in these two categories. He does not expect the current survey to be greatly different from that percentage.

Under existing federal laws funds for operation of the school system, but not for capital outlay are available to those school systems in which more than five per cent of the student load is from these type families.

For each pupil an allocation of \$75.72 per year is available. Presuming that the current student load from these sources is still in the vicinity of 8.95 per cent, Moore says this will mean something like \$18,000 per year may be obtained from this federal education fund.

Moore stresses that there are

Jones County Candidates

Denote Incumbent *
Sheriff
 W. Brown Yates*
Clerk of Court
 W. Murray Whitaker*
Representative
 John M. Hargett*
School Board
 W. E. "Mike" Phillips*
 J. C. West Jr.*
 J. Council Wooten*
 Jeff Conway*
County Commissioner
 David P. Civils
Constable
Chinquapin Township
 Jesse Jones
STATE SENATOR
 James Simpkins

absolutely no strings whatsoever attached to this money, except that it may not be used for capital outlay. Any operating expense may be paid with this money.

Moore says he hopes the county school board will accept his recommendation to use the money to improve the standards of instruction, but he admits that this is counting "chicks" before they are hatched, because the funds are not yet in the hands of the Jones County School Board.

Cadet Leon Venters Soloes February 28th



PENSACOLA, Fla.—A first solo flight was made Feb. 28, by Naval Aviation Cadet Leon S. Venters, Jr., son of Mrs. Ellen E. Venters of Trenton.

He attended the University of North Carolina.

In addition to solo flights, he is being instructed in Communications, Navigation, Engineering, Athletics, Aerology and civil air regulations during basic flight training at Pensacola, Fla.

PFC Wilbur Eubanks At GI School in ETO

MURNAU, GERMANY — PFC Wilbur F. Eubanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur G. Eubanks of Trenton, recently completed the automotive and tracked vehicle maintenance course at the Army's European Engineer School in Murnau, Germany.

Eubanks, regularly assigned as a mechanic in Battery A of the 67th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion in Stuttgart, Germany, entered the Army in December 1956 and arrived in Europe in November 1957.

The 23-year-old soldier is a 1954 graduate of Jones Central High School.

just south of Kinston. There Mrs. Dowell sounded an alarm and her husband rushed out to apprehend Young Klingerman, who is indicted on a charge of assault.

One Hurt, Road Blocked By Monday Train Wreck

Mrs. Telsie Moore of Kinston route four, and employee of the Caswell Training School, Monday night had the terrifying experience of sitting helplessly in her car while box cars from a derailed freight train seemed to converge upon her from every direction.

Mrs. Moore was waiting for the A&EC freight train to cross US 70 just west of Kinston when a split rail caused 20 cars of the train to leave the roadbed and scatter about the intersection in such a fantastic pattern as to interrupt highway traffic for two days.

Mrs. Moore suffered cuts, bruises, and a most understandable shock. A gondola of coal over-

turned to her left, "washing" her car sideways into a boxcar. The buckling cars reared high enough in the air to break power lines and disrupt electrical service in the Kinston area for periods ranging from a few minutes to several hours.

Chased Wrong Woman

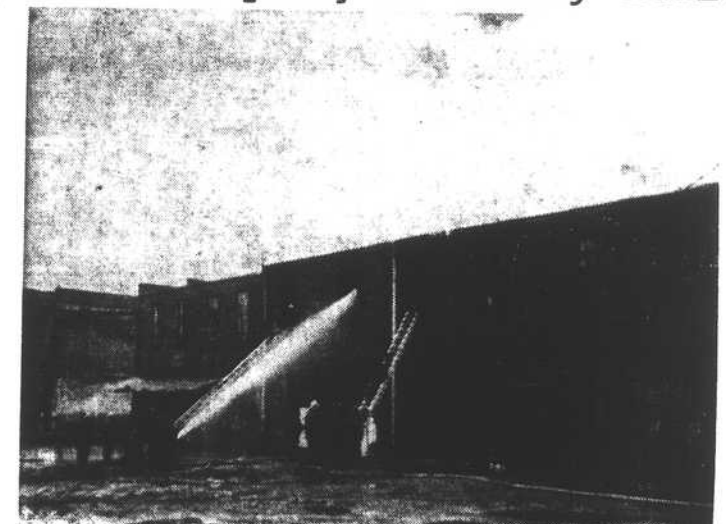
Cherry Point Marine James Louis Klingerman Jr. made a number of mistakes last Friday night. He chased a car driven by Mrs. M. D. Dowell of Kinston route five, attempting to get her to stop, and followed her all the way to her home, which is located well off the public roads near the A&EC bridge across Neuse River,

Kinston Fire Destroys Humphrey Tire Company in Costly Blaze



This is the hazy scene presented Wednesday morning on the 100 block of West Blount Street when Humphrey Tire Company suffered a heavy loss from a fire of undetermined cause. The Rouse Auto Equipment Company, located in the lower portion of the building

suffered heavy damage from water falling from the second floor which was gutted by fire. Fire Chief Joe Hailey says some salvage may be made of part of the Humphrey stock, but what percentage has not yet been estimated. Loss is expected to exceed \$100,000.



Kinston firemen above pour stream of water into the burning upper floor storage area of Humphrey Tire Company on the 100 block of West Blount Street. The fire was found at about 6 a. m. and resisted stubbornly all efforts to put it out for more than two

hours. Large numbers of tires and recapping rubber made the fire one of the most difficult in recent years for the department. The building is owned by Doris, Herbert and Johnny Whitfield. The loss was at least partially covered by insurance.