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## Weather Delays Jones County Roadwork; Surprising No One

Two major road improvement projects under contract in Jones County have been held up by the wet weather; much to no one's surprise.

District Engineer Jasper Phillips says the resurfacing of US 17 in its entirety in Jones County cannot take place under present high water levels because it is impossible to do sub-surface treatment that must be done before the actual resurfacing takes place.

This subsurface work consists of pumping asphalt under pressure into hollow, washed out spaces that exist under a large percentage of the present concrete roadway.

The other holdup is on the Black Swamp Road which extends from Maysville to Bogue in Jones and Carteret counties. This is largely a new roadway and includes extensive bridgework and grading and although a considerable part of the work has been completed—largely on the Carteret County end, a great deal remains to be done in Jones County.

This Black Swamp road crosses terrain that is difficult to work in at any time and impossible to work upon in wet weather.

The contract for that road calls for its completion in 200 working days in which at least six hours of good working conditions existed. Very few of those 200 working days have been used up since the work began.

## Trenton Park Project Progressing Nicely

By Mrs. Fred Pippin

Members of the Trenton Fire Department and other members of the community worked at the park Saturday as part of the Finer Carolina Contest project.

Work has been progressing nicely with land cleared and seeded and tables put out. Three tables were placed among the trees and playing area, and posts have been put down to mark off a parking area.

Saturday, some more clearing and seeding was done. With the grass coming up and the trees budding, the new Trenton Park really is a nice place to take the family for a picnic or recreation.

Since the river winds beside the park, it is also a good place to go boating. With the help of all the community, Trenton Park can be a landmark of Trenton.

## Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the recording of only two real estate transfers in the past week, both in Pollocksville Township.

One acre of land from K. M. Murphy to Vincent Frank and one acre from Murphy to Floyd Murphy.

## Mrs. Joseph Thompson Elected Charter President of Maysville Garden Club at Recent Meeting

The April meeting of the Maysville Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Foscue Tuesday morning. Fifteen members and two visitors were present.

Mrs. Leonard Thompson, temporary chairman, presided over the meeting. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers which was voted upon and accepted for the coming year:

President—Mrs. Joseph Thompson; First Vice-president—Mrs. Lem Meiggs; Second Vice-president—Mrs. Clyde Carr; Third Vice-president—Mrs. W. E. Raiford; Sec-

retary—Mrs. John Holden; Treasurer—Mrs. J. C. Foscue; Historian—Mrs. Robert Curtin.

Mrs. Ralph Gibson and Mrs. Walter Bizzell of the Seaway Club in Seaboard were present and Mrs. Gibson outlined the constitution and by-laws of the club which were accepted by the members. At present the club will have an open membership.

A permanent meeting date was set for the third Tuesday afternoon of each month. Mrs. W. E. Raiford and Mrs. Nido Hamilton will be hostesses for the May meeting.

Mrs. Foscue served Cokes and cookies.

## Carol Boyette, Joyce Whaley, Elizabeth Wells, First To Win State Degrees

By Hilda Foy

Sue Carol Boyette, Joyce Whaley and Elizabeth Wells are the first F. H. A. girls of Jones Central ever to receive the State F. H. A. Degree for outstanding work in the field of home economics, home making, community service and school activities. These degrees were presented to the girls at the State F. H. A. Convention in Raleigh on March 29.

Sue Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boyette of near Trenton and is a senior at Jones Central High School. She is planning to attend East Carolina College and major in home economics. This year has been a busy one for Sue Carol as she has the responsibility of driving a school bus and serving as F. H. A. reporter. She is a member of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church where she is a primary teacher and

## Community Sunrise Service Sunday for Pollocksville

The annual community sunrise service will welcome Easter Sunday in Pollocksville with an impressive service planned to begin at 5:30 a. m. in the Baptist Church. Presbyterian Pastor W. F. F. Little will open the service following a prelude with a proclamation. After that the combined choirs of all Pollocksville Churches will present a seasonal hymn.

Pastor Little will then offer the invocation and a special musical selection will be given by Bobby Cox.

The Scripture will be presented

by Reverend Little after which the combined choirs will present "Waken to Gladness".

Prayer will be offered next by Methodist Pastor P. C. Yelverton, which will be followed with another musical selection by Mrs. J. W. Creagh Jr.

Rev. Yelverton will then deliver the Easter Message to be followed by the Hallelujah Chorus by the combined choirs. This will be followed by a congregational hymn.

The Benediction will be spoken by Pastor Little and the service will end with music of the season.

## Jones Central Library Seeks Accreditation; Nearing Goal

By Carol Dawson and Hilda Foy

One of the goals of the Jones Central High School librarian is coming in to view. Since Mrs. Elizabeth Yates became librarian, her ambition has been to have the Jones Central library accredited by the American Library Association.

One item necessary to accreditation is a card catalog for the use of the students. The "hit or miss" system of searching for information by "looking through the shelves" has been a great disadvantage to those students wishing to do research work. Now a card catalog has been purchased and the cataloging will be completed in 1958.

A card for each book in the library is being prepared not only for the title, but for the author, and the subject of the book. These cards are filed alphabetically so that cross reference is possible. For instance, if you know the title, but not the author, you can still locate the book. Or, if you wish, you may locate the titles of all the books in the library on one subject.

Library assistants have been helping Mrs. Yates in preparing the cards. Eleanor Noble and Jean

serves as assistant pianist.

Joyce is the daughter of Mrs. Carrie Whaley of near Trenton and is a senior this year. For several years, Joyce has wanted to become a nurse. Now that graduation is near, she is making plans in carrying out her ambition. Although her recent honor is being awarded a State Degree, she is a member of the Beta Club and has to maintain a 90 average on her subjects. Her

## One Jones Arrest

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports only one arrest in the county in the past week and that was of Enoch Harrison of Pollocksville route one who is accused of hitting his wife with a board Sunday night. Brown didn't say where the board landed, but apparently it did not hit in a vulnerable area since the woman was not hospitalized and her husband was held under a small bond.

ready prepared.

Another standard that must be met by the library is to have 5 books (acceptable to the American Library Association; that is, new and up-to-date) for each student enrolled. Some new books have been purchased by student fees, part by county funds, and part by funds raised by the Jones Central P.T.A.

For the last two years, under the urging of Mrs. Verdie Pollock, President, the P. T. A. has made a project of raising funds for purchase of books for the library.

## March Legal Liquor Sales Top \$11,000 in Jones County

March, damp as it was weather-wise, was the best month so far in sales for the new Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board with gross sales for the month totalling \$11,243.65.

Starting in the legal liquor trade

projects in home economics have been sewing and cooking. Joyce helps her mother make a lot of her school skirts and dresses. Joyce's extracurricular activities include President of 4-H, editor of the school paper, President of F. H. A. and Sports Editor on the annual. She is a member of Foy's Methodist Memorial Church.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wells of near Trenton and is a senior this year. Elizabeth prefers sewing in home economics and sews a lot of her dresses. Last year she was named District Dress Revue Winner in 4-H. Other than her interests in home economics, she is very interested in science and plans to attend Atlantic Christian College and major in Chemistry. Her outdoor activities include boat-riding and fishing. She is also a collector of insects. At the State Fair last year Elizabeth's insect collection was on display. Elizabeth is a member of the Chinquapin Christian Church.

for the first time in its history, Jones County opened two stores in December of 1957. The first on December 6th at Trenton and the second at Hargett's Crossroads on December 20th had a gross operating income that month of \$9,534.25.

In January of '58—the first full month of operation for the system—the stores grossed \$11,099.25 and the short month of February saw sales just over the ten-thousand-dollar mark at \$10,590.75.

The March sales total of \$11,243.65 now brings the grand total of business for the three-and-a-half months of operation to \$42,487.90.

Officials of the system believe that the first year's operation of the Jones County system will find net profits slightly below the 13 per cent profit margin shown throughout the state in legal liquor systems.

This is due to expenses of opening up that do not take place in succeeding years of operation. Items such as cash registers, bookkeeping machines and office equipment; along with heating equipment are included in this category.

At the present rate of business, however, the ABC officials do feel that the two stores will make a sizeable contribution to the county treasury at the end of their first year of operation.

## Rain, Rain Go Away; Got Enough for Today

If you've heard it once you must have heard it a zillion times; "Man, when's it gonna quit raining."

Naturally, nobody wants it to quit raining, only to lighten up for a few weeks. Eastern North Carolina is part of that blessed section of the United States that has an average rainfall of just over 42 inches.

This creates a humid climate, but it also makes for a fertile agricultural area and in more recent years it has been a major factor in causing industrial expansion in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina since modern industry has a mountainous thirst.

But, at the moment agriculturists, industrialists and just plain folks are agreed that Eastern Carolina has an elegant sufficiency of water. A season or so ago folks in Lenoir County were lamenting a noticeable drop in the water table in open wells and from other water sources. The king sized thirst of the Du Pont plant was blamed for "drying up the northern end of the county". At the moment the finger has not been put on the cause for a sudden rise in the water table. Some point to the "Sputniks" and "Explorers" and others blame the purliant weather on atomic and hydrogen

bombs.

Geology indicates rather clearly; at least to the satisfaction of the geologists that the earth has hot then cold, wet then dry periods during all of its life span. Most men of science are inclined to the view that man's monkeying around has very little chance of doing anything to effect the weather, either good or bad. But scientists have been, and no doubt will continue to be, just as wrong on occasions as other folks.

For the record, and that much can be fairly clear; the fall and winter in Eastern Carolina have been abnormally wet.

In an area that can reasonably expect 42 inches of rain in 12

months there has fallen 35.82 inches of rain in the past seven months.

October dried up considerably and many a farmer spent his time hanging around warehouse floors and corner filling station and left his corn in the field, and some of it is still there, if the crows and squirrels haven't toted it out.

In November the clouds really cranked up and tried to beat the September record but failed with only 7.08 inches of rain for our area.

December, if it had gotten just a trifle colder, could really have presented the area with a White Christmas because there was plenty of precipitation; 5.46 inches to be exact.

The New Year came in wet, as most youngsters generally are, and January stayed fairly damp from one end to the other with 4.44 inches of rain.

February was the driest month since October, but it still had more than the average monthly rainfall, having 3.86 inches in its brief 28 days.

March just drizzled out this week and it bestowed 4.30 inches upon East Carolina; and left everybody worriedly contemplating "April Showers".

The rain has not only been so plentiful as to interfere greatly with farm operations but has also messed up "fishing", and that's really serious in Eastern Carolina.