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Jones Tax Levy Drops \$20,371; Tax Rate Is Lowered to \$1.75 Budget Increased by \$21,846

The tentative budget approved for 1958-59 by the Jones County Board of Commissioners calls for a drop of \$20,371 in the tax levied against the real and personal property of the county.

The total budget of \$463,959 from monies from all sources will require a levy of \$171,939 for the coming year, the commissioners decided. Last year the levy was \$192,310.

The various allocations by department for the coming year are as follows: The figure in parentheses is the amount each of these departments will get from sources other than tax levies in the county. The bulk of this is from state and federal allocations: Aid to the blind \$1,665 (\$812), Aid to the poor \$7,650 (\$1,565), Welfare Department Administration \$13,315 (\$7,504), Accountant \$3,199 (\$533), Farm and Home agents \$9,027 (\$1,250), Forestry \$2,975 (\$1,133), Health Department \$14,680 (\$2,156), mosquito control \$2,750 (\$2,000), bond interest and redemption \$34,280 (\$4,590), school current expenses \$97,959 (\$69,447), capital outlay \$12,500 (\$10,500), school bonds \$19,600 (\$4,350), old age assistance \$74,500 (\$66,979), aid to children \$90,000 (\$81,711), aid to disabled \$26,640 (\$24,153), general fund \$33,219 (\$49,300).

The estimated tax lister valuation of the county is \$9,800,000. The tax rate was set at \$1.75 to raise \$171,939. To balance the budget \$130,916 is needed but the average rate of tax payment delinquency demands a levy of \$171,939 to yield \$130,916.

Comparisons with last year reveal, the following: \$50 increase in aid for blind, \$1,800 increase in aid to poor, \$687 increase in welfare department administration, \$237 decrease in accountant's office, \$42 increase in farm and home agent offices, \$475 increase for forestry, \$3,784 decrease in health department, \$750 increase for mosquito control, \$30 increase in bond retirement fund, \$9,570 increase in school current expenses and \$150,350 decrease in school capital outlay.

Last year there was a \$150,000 bond issue included in the school capital outlay budget.

A \$4,925 increase in school debt fund, \$1,060 increase in aid to the aged, \$2,820 reduction in aid to dependent children, \$7,433 increase in general fund appropriations.

The budget last year, exclusive of the bond issue totalled \$442,113.

The budget this year which includes no bond issue totals \$463,959.

This represents a gross increase of \$21,846 in the 1958-59 budget over that of the '57-58 budget. Cash balances, greater matching funds from state and federal sources and more income from non-tax sources in the county such as fines, privilege license and fees made possible a drop in the tax levy despite an increase in the total anticipated expenditures.

Land Transfers

Deeds recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following: 37.45 acres from Steve Slaveoff to

White Oak Negro Drowned Sunday in Farm Fish Pond

Bill Hassell, 24 year-old farm hand negro, of White Oak Township was drowned just after noon-time Sunday in a fish pond on the farm of Ray Collins, which is west of Maysville on the White Oak River Road.

Sheriff Brown Yates says information available to him detail the tragedy in this fashion: The young negro and his wife walked from their home nearby to the Collins home after dinner Sunday and then with Collins and his wife they walked over to the edge of the pond, which is located near the Collins' home.

The extremely hot weather was the apparent cause for the sudden impulse of Hassell to "go swimming." Still fully clothed he simply jumped overboard into about 12 feet of water.

He came up twice and Collins, who could not swim got into the edge of the pond, holding onto a root in the bank and attempted to reach him as he came up a third time.

The body was not recovered until 3:15 when equipment from New Bern was obtained to help in finding the body.

Rescue workers said the top two or three feet of the still waters in the pond were warm but below that the water was icy cold. Either sudden shock from that icy water or cramps were believed to have been the cause of Hassell's drowning.

A coroner's jury composed of Ambrose Williams, Joe Ed Collins, Herbert Conway, C. W. Thomas, Eugene and William Simpson was convened at the scene and ruled the death accidental drowning.

Attend Convention

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates and State Democratic Executive Committee Chairman John Larkins left Trenton Wednesday to attend the annual convention of the National Sheriff's Association which is being held this year in Philadelphia. They were expected back Friday or Saturday. This was Yates' first plane ride and he may decide to come back from Philadelphia by other means.

LENOIR ESCAPEES

Jacob Newsome, serving 8-10 years for breaking and entering and Isaac Fordham, serving 12 months for liquor violations both escaped from prison work gangs this week. Each was sent up from Lenoir County.

DESERTER CAUGHT

Robert Cleveland Hill was arrested in Kinston last week by FBI agents who reported him as being a deserter from the navy. He was living at 315 1/2 East King Street in Kinston at the time of his arrest.

J. W. Young in White Oak Township, one acre from Roy E. White to Willie White in Beaver Creek Township, 15.3 acres from Eunice Pollock to C. M. Foy in Chinquapin Township and 100 acres from Arnold Tyndall to Guy Tyndall in Chinquapin Township.

Moore Brothers Are Involved in Suit to Set Aside a Deed

Archie Moore of Harrisburg, Pa., a native of Jones County, this week filed a suit in Jones County Superior Court against his brother W. L. Moore in which he seeks to set aside a deed he admits signing September 18, 1939.

The Pennsylvania Moore claims, however, that he though he was signing a mortgage rather than a warranty deed. He says he was borrowing \$100 from his brother and using as security a one-tenth interest in the farm of the late Walter L. Moore, their father, in Chinquapin Township. The farm is 210 acres in size.

The suit asks that the deed, which the plaintiff claims he felt was a mortgage be set aside and stricken from the records.

The Jones County Moore has not yet filed an answer to the suit which was filed this week.

May Accident Has Caused Law Suit in Jones County Court

John Isler this week had filed in the Jones County Superior Court a suit asking \$500 damages from Carl Brown and Alphalene Baker Brown.

This suit resulted from an accident May 5, 1958 near Oliver's Cross road between a car driven by Isler and Mrs. Brown.

Isler alleges that his car suffered \$500 damages because of the negligent driving of Mrs. Brown.

Traffic and Domestic Troubles Cause Three Jones County Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports three arrests in the past week: Two for traffic violations and the third resulted from a wife-beating.

Augustus Hooker of Chinquapin Township is accused of beating his wife, Mary, in a warrant charging assault upon a female.

Benjamin Franklin Dixon of Stella was booked on June 11th. charged with drunken and reckless driving and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Sylvester Kinsey of Kinston was indicted on a speeding charge.

Oops! Foot Slipped!

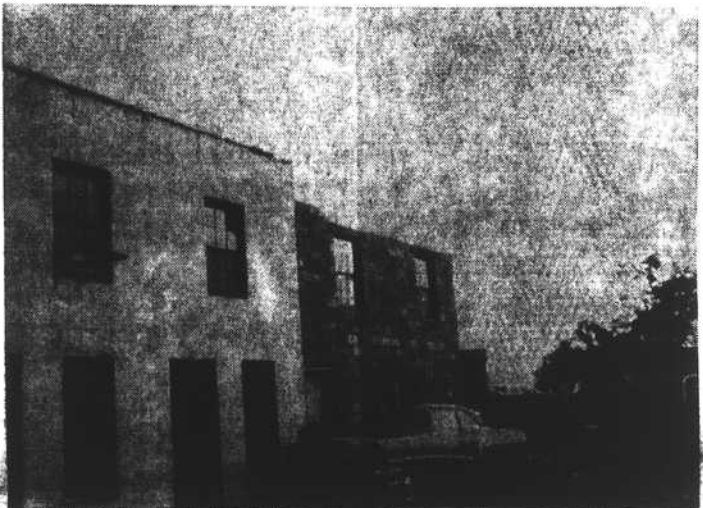
There was nothing unusual about F. B. "Bec" Bland going fishing last Wednesday afternoon. The trip ended some different than past Bland fishing expeditions, however. On Swift Creek, between Vanceboro and New Bern, Bland and a companion were attempting to pull their boat onto a trailer. The pickup truck they were using suddenly cut loose and rolled over board into 15 feet of water. Divers and wrecking trucks had to be called to the scene to retrieve the water-logged truck. Bland computes that the entire trip—which didn't net a mess of fish—would cost about \$300.

Tornado Inflicts Heavy Damage in Deep Run Section of Lenoir County



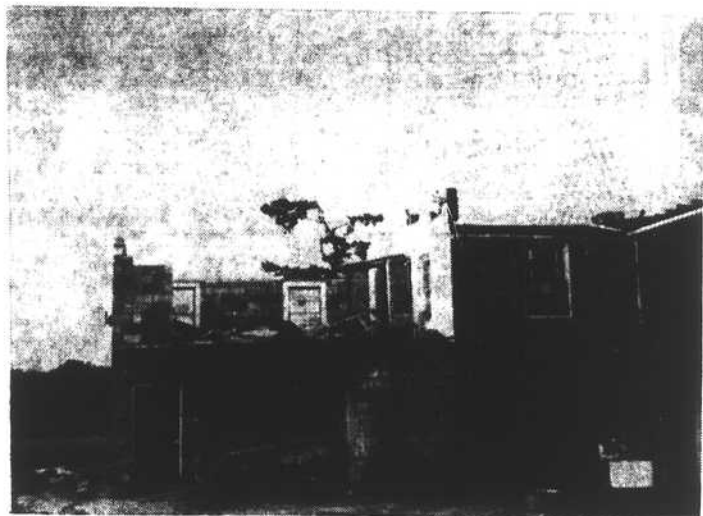
Above Architect Jack Carey, School Superintendent Henry Bullock, Roofing Contractor Linwood Scott and Insurance Adjuster Harvey Winslow survey the damage to A. R. Munn Gym at Deep Run High School which was heavily hit

by the big wind that struck that neighborhood Sunday. The roof has already been temporarily restored as protection from rains that might further complicate the damage of the interior which was soaked very thoroughly on Sunday.



This is a front view of the Plato Kinsey Home at Deep Run, showing the badly battered car that was swamped with mortar and stone when the roof and part of the wall of the home were blown

upon it in Sunday's tornado. Six members of the Kinsey family were at home but none was injured. All were soaked by the cloudburst that came along with the destructive wind.



This is a rear view of the Kinsey Home, showing how the roof and part of the rear wall were blown away in what Kinsey calls a split second. He said, "All of a sudden the wind said, 'Rawmph'"

and then it was raining on us." Kinsey's workshop in an adjoining shelter was also destroyed by the "ill wind" that blew into Deep Run and surrounding area Sunday afternoon.

At 4 Sunday afternoon a tornado accompanied by big-as-egg hail and a rain of the cloudburst category hit the Deep Run section of lower Lenoir County, miraculously inflicting no serious personal injuries but leaving a toll of property damage that may reach near the million-dollar mark.

An estimated 500 acres of tobacco was damaged—at least 100 acres of that estimate damaged to the extent of 100 per cent. At \$1,000 per acre that racks up a first obvious damage of \$100,000.

The other 400 acres of tobacco average at least a 50 per cent loss, thus adding another \$200,000 to the storm's price tag.

An estimated 2,000 acres of corn were damaged from 100 per cent to 25 per cent, with a minimum

average of 50 per cent. At \$100 per acre this adds another \$100,000 to the storm's account.

The roof of A. R. Munn gymnasium at Deep Run High School was blown away and the front wall of the gym suffered damage that has not yet been appraised. Conservative estimates on the cost of putting the school property back in first class condition are around \$25,000.

Dozens of homes in Deep Run and various kinds of tobacco barns, packhouses, stables and storage sheds were dashed to pieces by the fierce twister that disrupted power and telephone service for more than a half day.

Worst hit home was that of the Plato Kinsey Family in the south-

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