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Fiscal Year Closes With Jones Legal Liquor Sales Just Topping \$80,000-mark

The seven-month old legal liquor system of Jones County closed its books June 30th to begin its first full fiscal year on July 1st with gross sales of \$80,353.05.

The June sales were a record for the young ABC system which was voted in by the Jones County electorate in October of 1957 after a 20-year wait between whisky referendums.

Aided by an election June 28th in Lenoir County, which forced the closing of all ABC stores in that neighboring county and abetted by the unexpected success of the newest store in the system at Wyse Fork on US 70 east of Kinston, the June sales of Jones County's three stores set a record of \$15,528.80 in gross sales.

The first store was opened in December at Trenton, three weeks later the second was opened at Hargett's Crossroads on US 258 between Kinston and Richlands. The third store, was opened June 2nd at Wyse Forks.

Seashore traffic on US 70 and election-boosted business from Lenoir County saw this newest store get off to a flying start in competition with the other two stores in the Jones ABC system, with sales of \$4,996.85.

The No. 1 Store in Trenton had gross sales of \$5,313.80 and the No. 2 Store at Hargett Crossroads was close behind with gross sales of \$5,218.15 for June.

Supporters of the referendum which saw legal whisky sales approved for Jones County had estimated that such a system would operate profitably at a gross monthly business of \$10,000 and in the six and a fraction months the stores have been open they have been consistently above that figure.

Saturday as electioneering Lenoir Countians had to seek legal grog outside their borders the single biggest day in the history of Jones County ABC stores was logged. The store closest to Kinston at Wyse Fork grossed \$1,572.75, the Hargett Crossroad Store close to Pink Hill grossed \$786.90 and the Trenton Store had average Saturday sales of \$474.75.

Jordan Discusses Tobacco Picture

WASHINGTON — Senator B. Everett Jordan says continuing increases in domestic consumption of cigarettes "offer new hopes for farmers," but calls for long-range planning to reverse a trend of declining tobacco exports during recent years.

The Senator made his statement shortly after the Department of Agriculture announced that cigarette production during the past year totaled about 446 billion, almost three per cent over the previous year and a new record high.

In the same report, a comprehensive review of all areas of the tobacco industry during the past year, it was pointed out that domestic use of flue-cured tobacco increased about 10 million pounds last year in spite of wider uses of filter tips and reconstituted tobacco.

Jordan called this the most significant part of the report.

"Since 1955, cigarette consumption has increased each year, but until this year, the displacement of tobacco has dropped off a little each year. From all indications, it appears the decline in the quantity of tobacco used in cigarettes as a result of reconstituted sheet tobacco and filter tips has been stopped," Jordan said.

The North Carolina Senator expressed the hope that during the coming year "any additional increases in cigarette consumption will be accompanied by corresponding increases in total tobacco use."

Jordan said the steady increases in domestic cigarette consumption offers new hope for farmers at a time when flue-cured tobacco is bucking stronger competition in world trade.

He said that in spite of the fact the overall report is encouraging, the export picture is not bright.

"During the past year, exports of flue-cured tobacco were five per cent below those of the previous year, which is distressing," he said.

The report said last year's flue-

Marriage License

Marriage license issued in the past week by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following:

John Flowers, 20, to Lessie Lorene Jones, 17, both of Trenton.
Jean Earl Worthington, 19, to Ellen Meekins, 16, both of New Bern.

Land Transfers

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

John M. Hargett to Halifax Timber Company one tract in White Oak.

Linwood Pollock to Lawrence Pollock .8 acre in Beaver Creek Township.

Iraac Franks to Ray Franks one tract in White Oak Township.

Ray Franks to Isaac Franks two tracts in White Oak Township.

cured exports were about 440 million pounds.

Jordan said the decline in last year's exports is small percentage-wise, "but it represents a lot of tobacco sales we are losing to foreign competition. I think the trend in flue-cured exports in recent years merits serious study and reflects a very real need for some long-range planning in the entire export field."

Jordan said with the exception of declining exports, the report indicates that "things may be settling down a little" for tobacco, which he said has been "plagued with one crisis after another during the past five years."

Administrative Cruelty Is Blamed for Abandonment Case

In February 1957 Annie Mitchell of 1315 Lincoln Street in Kinston lost her husband, but he did not leave her without something to remember him by: Eight children ranging from one to eleven years of age and another that would not arrive until six months after its father's death.

Last week after repeated complaints from neighbors the widowed mother of nine was indicted on charge of abandonment of her pitiful flock.

Friday her case came before Recorder's Court Judge Emmett Wooten. A report from a welfare department case worker outlined the tragic collapse of their mother, as a mother.

After the father's death the only place for her to turn was to the welfare department, which completed processing her case in April of '57.

A psychological examination revealed that Annie had a mental age of six years and three months. Her intelligence quotient was 42.

State law permits sterilization of persons whose IQ's are less than 60. This operation was performed, in what was perhaps the only charitable and intelligent effort to help this orphaned flock.

Flying full in the face of Annie's complete lack of sufficient intelligence to shoulder the responsibilities of a family the rule book said she was eligible for a welfare monthly grant of \$167. That began in April of '57, too. It ended this month, 14 months and millions of miseries later for her neglected and abused children.

Truant officers were plagued by



The most pleasant addition to the Trenton area in recent years is this riverside park just east of Trenton, which has been landscaped and equipped for family and group picnics and recreation. Even a "kiody pen" has been provided for the small tots that might wander too close and get an unsche-

duled ducking in the cool waters of Trent River which embrace this shady nook. Swings, slides, benches, picnic tables, a hand-powered pump for water and roadways make this a spot that will be used and enjoyed by a lot of Jones Countians, and quite likely by many from out of the county.

Jones Education Board Has Federal Aid Fund Approved

Third District Congressman Graham Barden advised local officials last Thursday (July 3rd) that the application filed this year by the Jones County Board of Education for federal school funds has been approved.

This is a "no strings attached" fund set up by the federal government for distribution in school systems where a considerable percentage of the enrollment consists of children of federal employees or military personnel.

Immediate payment of \$13,346 is approved in this action reported by Barden last week and for the fiscal period 1958-59 a total of \$17,795.33 will be paid to the county school fund.

The allocation is based on the actual count of such pupils in the Jones County system which was made last spring.

The funds are for operational and instruction purposes.

Kenly Man Charged After Wreck that Injured His Friend

An accident near Foss Dairy west of Kinston Wednesday afternoon at about 4 has hospitalized Wilbert Glenn Vick and caused the indictment of Alfred Bass, driver of the car in which Vick was riding. Both men are from Kenly.

Patrolman Billy Baker says Bass, operating with a driver's license which restricted him to not more than 45 miles per hour, drove his car into the rear of a truck driven by James Herman Graham of La Grange, which was being turned left into the Foss Dairy farm. Both vehicles were headed west.

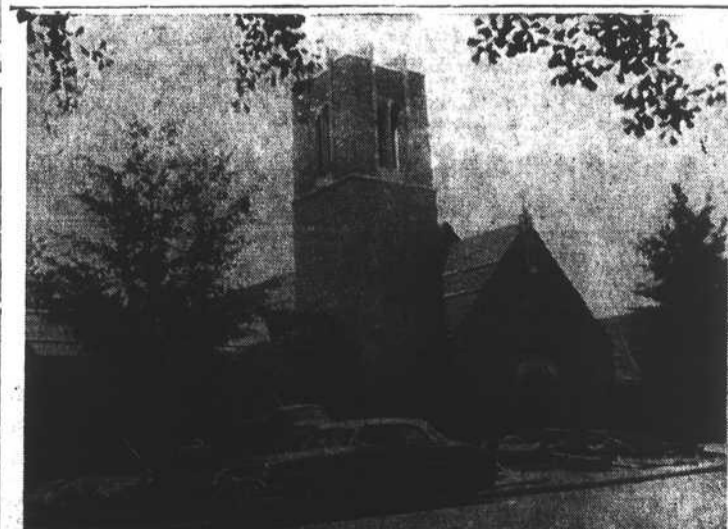
Dr. Glenn Tyndall who gave emergency treatment to Vick says he had numerous head and facial injuries, the most serious being a depressed skull fracture over the left eye. Vick was transferred to Duke Hospital for specialized treatment of that fracture.

Patrolman Baker indicted Bass for drunken and reckless driving. Bass admitted that the truck's turn signal was blinking but said, "I couldn't do nothing but hit it." He told Baker that he had been previously tried for drunken driving and for manslaughter after an accident in which two persons were killed. Baker says witnesses told him that Bass was exceeding the speed limit and was weaving his car all over the highway.

child wanted to go anywhere with anybody to get away from the anguish and misery of the "home" her mother was keeping.

She told the caseworker that her mother spent the vast majority of

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The biggest, and many say most beautiful church to be built in Kinston in a mighty long time is now under construction at the corner of Rhem and Rountree streets in northwest Kinston. Kinston Epis-

copallians expect to begin holding worship services in their new edifice in the spring of 1959. King-Hunter Construction Company of Greensboro is building this new church.



This truck is not on fire and it is not "an oil burner". It is the best loved gadget of the Jones County Health Department, the mosquito control flyover, seen Wednesday afternoon as it made the rounds in Trenton, doing its best—which is considered mighty good to keep these "buzzin' cuzzins" under some kind of control.

With the extremely wet spring in Eastern Carolina this year without this kind of special attention to the mosquitos the county would have been in plenty of trouble. Jones Countians are like everybody else, they don't like paying taxes but no complaints have been heard about the \$2,500 appropriated this year for this work.