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Governor Recommends Larkins For National Committeeman

After the story had been leaked to several hundred thousand people on Monday of this week Governor Hodges made it semi-official on Wednesday by announcing that he was recommending Trenton Attorney John Larkins for the state's member on the National Executive Committee of the Democratic Party.

Larkins has served for the past four years as chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Hodges says he will recommend that former Congressman Woodrow Jones be elected to this post, if it agrees with his recommendation that Larkins replace Senator Everett Jordan as the state's National Committeeman.

The bushwhacking brigade in Raleigh has frequently asserted that Hodges and Larkins were headed for a fight on the subject of the party chairmanship. Larkins says, "If I'm being 'kicked out', there's not much I can say about it because I asked the Governor to recommend me for the National Committeeman job if Senator Jordan decided to resign."

Larkins added, "I have served for over four years as party chairman, and although I have been flattered by the honor it is almost a full-time job, and to tell you the truth I'm pretty tired of it."

The duties of a national committeeman are much less exacting and time-consuming than that of state chairman. Larkins says fur-

ther, "There's not much point in my engaging in a personal fight with Governor Hodges over the party chairmanship, when I do not sincerely wish to retain it. A fight would please a lot of folks, but it would not help the party."

Maysville Community Association Meets on Clubhouse Problems

The Board of Directors of the Maysville Community Service Association, Inc. met Wednesday with G. R. Smith, J. P. Gardner, R. L. Mattocks, Thomas Conway and G. S. Pelletier present.

G. S. Pelletier, President, reported that all of the outside woodwork and the doors of the Community building had been painted with two coats of paint. He also reported that a sink and hot water heater had been installed in the kitchen along with base cabinets on the south wall.

A motion was made by J. P. Gardner and seconded by Garland Smith that the wiring of the kitchen be completed and that an effort be made to secure the funds to ceil the kitchen. Garland Smith reported that Mills and Thomas Furniture Company will donate a second-hand electric range for the kitchen.

A set of rules was drawn up to govern the use of the tennis courts.

Thieves Fail in Try At Jones ABC Store

The young Jones County ABC store system won its first round with thieves Monday night when a steel door at the rear of the new Wyse Forks store proved too tough to crack.

Sheriff Brown Yates says a determined effort had been made to rip the door far enough away to permit the thieves to get inside where the "real stuff" was stacked.

Yates guesses that the thieves must have been frightened off because they were very nearly "in" when they decided to leave. The doorway was badly damaged by some type of very stout lever that had been pulled by a vehicle.

Maysville Clubwomen Take on Project and Make Some New Rules

The Maysville Home Demonstration Club had a called meeting Monday afternoon at the Community Building. There were nine members present.

The purpose of this meeting was to take a vote on the refinishing of the cabinets in the community building kitchen and to draw up a set of rules and regulations for the use of the kitchen.

The club voted to take on the project of refinishing the cabinets and a temporary set of rules and regulations was drawn up at that time.

Jones Sheriff Complains Over Lax Check Taking by Merchants of the County

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates says he could almost enjoy the July heat but for one law enforcement problem that plagues him, as it does all other North Carolina officers: That is the lax policy practiced by most merchants in accepting checks.

Yates says too many merchants have just decided to take a check for any amount from anybody that happens along, and then they scream for the sheriff's department to collect their money when the check bounces, as many do.

Firstly, Sheriff Yates reminds, "It is a violation of the law for any merchant to accept ANY check, knowing that the maker of that check does not have funds to cover the check."

Never in the memory of local officials has an indictment been issued under this law, but it is still very much the law, and merchants who take "slow checks" to hold against an account for some individual that they do not trust ought to keep this in mind.

This class of "check taking" is perhaps the worst abuse of law enforcement agencies by the general public. Such merchants who accept checks of this type are not interested in sending the check maker to jail all they want is "my money".

Other check problems consist of merchants simply taking checks from people they do not know in the some time sad hope that the check will be "all right".

Yates says he does not mind, in the slightest doing his best to apprehend and prosecute any bonafide "check flasher" but he says he is getting—in fact has been fired for some time of trying to be just a collecting agency for merchants who do not make any effort to protect themselves.

Work Begun Monday On New Trenton Bank

Two week workers of the Godwin Construction Company of Warsaw began laying the foundation for the new Trenton home of the Branch Banking & Trust Company.

The new banking facility is located just across the street from the present site of the town's only bank. It has been designed by New Bern Architect Raymond Fuson and its style, Williamsburg Colonial, is the same as the Jones County Court House, which is located in the next block.

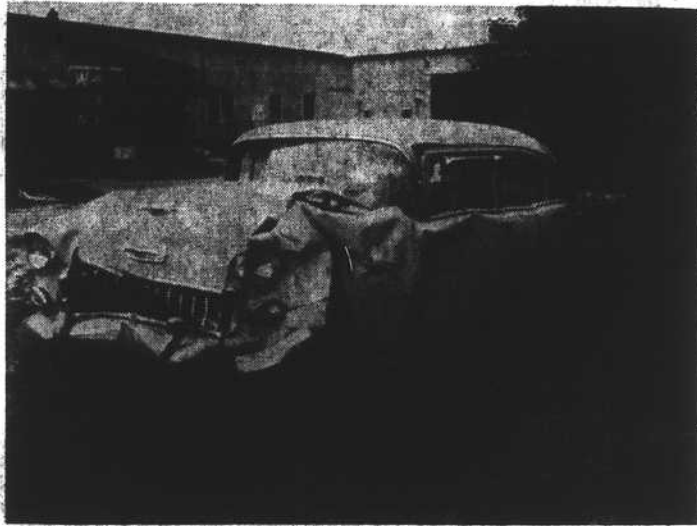
Mrs. Alta Koonce, manager of the Trenton bank, says no specific date has been set for completion of the new home for the financial institution, but the contractor has told her not to make any arrangements about heating the present bank building, indicating that before cold weather comes around the job will be completed.

The bank will include more than 2,000 square feet of floor space, which will include a directors' room, bookkeeping space, lounges, vault and, of course, teller cage space in the front of the building. It will be air-conditioned throughout.

White Oak Still, Stilled

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates says a small "family size" whisky still was destroyed this week in White Oak Township. The sheriff used some other descriptive words in elaborating on the size of the still but has threatened to prosecute anyone who publicly quotes him specifically on that point. The still was decommissioned even before it had made its first "run".

Mother and Son Killed in Car Crash South of Kinston



This is the front of the car driven by Sam Pike in the accident Tuesday which claimed the lives of a Kinston mother and her, 12 year-old son. The car, belonging to Vance Murphy, was being driven toward Kinston at about 1 p. m. when the tragedy took place.



This view of the Smith-driven car gives a better impression of how badly crumpled the car was and reveals why the two passengers on the right side of the car (Mrs. Smith and her son, Sylvester) suffered the injuries which claimed their lives.

The seventh and eighth highway fatalities of 1958 in Lenoir County claimed a Kinston mother and a 12 year-old son Tuesday afternoon in a wreck blamed on excessive speed by the husband of the dead woman, who was stepfather of the dead child. Four other people injured in the same accident suffered serious to critical injuries.

Private First Class Cornelius S. Smith, a Camp Lejeune Marine, who made his home at 27-B Carver Courts in Kinston has been indicted for manslaughter in the death of his wife, 30 year-old Freddie Kinsey Smith and her 12 year-old son, Sylvester Kinsey.

Sam Pike and his 11 year-old son, Johnny Earl, and a second stepson of the indicted Marine, Zackeray Jones, 10, are hospitalized in Kinston as is Smith.

Investigating Patrolman Lloyd Pate says the accident happened about five miles south of Kinston on the Richlands Highway in a long, sweeping curve at 1 p. m. Tuesday.

PFC Smith, driving south at an apparent high rate of speed lost control of his borrowed car and skidded down the highway broadside into the path of the Pike car which was being driven toward Kinston. The right center portion of the Marine's car plowed into the Pike car at about the location of the front and rear seats. The Marine and his wife were on the front seat and her two children were on the back seat. Both Pike and his son were on the front seat of the car they were in which belonged to Vance Murphy.

Young Pike suffered multiple severe cuts about the face and head when he was dashed into the



This is the car driven by PFC Cornelius Smith which skidded broadside into the Pike car five miles south of Kinston on the Richlands highway. Smith's wife and one of her two sons was killed in the crash that left the car in this crumpled condition.



This is the windshield of the Pike car, showing how badly shattered it was and giving some understanding of the terrible cuts about the face and head that were suffered by Pike's son, Johnny Earl, who was tossed into this jagged edged glass by the impact of the two cars.