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Kinston-Pollocksville Road Gets New Number as Highway Officials Set Up New Route

Those few Lenoir and Jones County citizens who have learned of the change of NC 12 to NC 58 are complaining of this unannounced alteration by the Highway Commission.

The old NC 12 which connects Kinston, Trenton and Pollocksville has now become part of NC 58 which begins at a point just east of Norlina on US 1 and extends southeasterly through Centerville, Castalia, Nashville, Wilson, Stantonburg, Snow Hill, Kinston, Trenton, Pollocksville, Maysville to Bogue where it ends when intersecting NC 24.

Jones and Lenoir Countians who have grown accustomed to the highway as NC 12 point up a number of objections to this sudden change:

1. This new NC 58 begins at almost the same point that NC 158 crosses US 1, which starts it off in a state of possible confusion.

2. This new NC 58 will cross US 258 at Kinston creating more chances for the tourist to get on the wrong road.

3. Surrendering NC 12 as a road number is considered a loss, since generally speaking the lower numbered roads are easier to remember for the tourist and thus have what might be loosely called a "chamber of commerce" value as a point of advertisement.

All who have talked about the new NC 58 are happy to see a new first class roadway entering the coastal area, taking some of the pressures off of US 70 and US 17 which are now carrying the majority of this traffic to the area between Wilmington and Morehead City.

But all wonder, "Why didn't they call the entire route NC 12?"

Wyche Sutton Shoots Negro Twice Saturday

Neuse Township Constable Wyche Sutton, trying to be a "good fellow" late Saturday had to shoot the man he was attempting to help.

Sutton picked up John L. Harvey at about 7 Saturday evening on a capias from a magistrate to whom the Happersville negro had failed to pay a \$22.50 bill of costs.

Harvey persuaded Sutton to take him to the Hugh Hyman farm in Sand Hill Township, where he told the constable he could get the money. Hyman, however, refused to advance the money and Harvey then "broke bad", telling Sutton that he was not going to jail.

Sutton, in his mid-seventies, assisted by Hyman attempted to put handcuffs on Harvey but with no success. Harvey was about to get the best of both. Sutton pulled his revolver and tried to calm the negro down with that "equalizer". This served merely to further irritate Harvey and he began advancing on Sutton, who warned him again to halt and fired one bullet into the ground at the advancing negro's feet.

This did not work. Sutton fired a second shot which struck the negro in the leg, and still he came upon the constable. A third shot was fired, striking Harvey in the stomach and finally convincing him that Sutton meant what he said.

He is reportedly recuperating satisfactorily in the county hospital.

Jones Juvenile Held For House Breaking

A 12 year-old Jones County negro boy was picked up in Kinston Wednesday morning and turned over to Jones County authorities who had been looking him for breaking in a Trenton home.

A .22 pistol, \$32 in cash and a wrist watch were stolen in the raid by the pint-sized second story man but when picked up by Assistant Chief B. W. Dail and Detective Wheeler Kennedy he only had the wrist watch left.

CAR, NOT WANTED

Last week a 1950 Ford was impounded by Lenoir County ABC officers when they discovered that it had 11 jars of stump-hole whisky sitting quietly in it. The car was parked at Mitchell Wooten Courts in Kinston and the license plate it had, BY-291, has identified the car as the property of Edward Letchworth of Greenville, but Letchworth has not shown up to claim his car and it will be sold under laws covering the confiscation of cars used to transport non-taxpaid whisky.

Barrus Low Bidder On Two Road Jobs

In bids opened Tuesday in Raleigh Barrus Construction Company of Kinston was low bidder on two jobs in Eastern Carolina.

For the relocation and widening of US 17 from New Bern to the Jones County Line the Kinston company's bid was \$679,900 for the 7.09 miles in the contract.

The new US 17 will be four-laned from New Bern to the Jones County line, explaining the high-sounding price tag.

In the other contract awarded to the Kinston paving company 6.83 miles for resurfacing existing roads and streets in and around Greenville had a price of \$38,201.69.

Tobacco Selling High!

Tuesday sales began on the 28 markets of the early-opening Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco growing area and those opening day averages were a happy sound to Eastern Carolinians where the bulk of the flue-cured tobacco is grown and sold. The 28 markets on opening day averaged \$56.43, setting an all-time high, which is \$4.08 cents higher than the previous record set just last year when the same markets opened with a \$52.35 average. Higher prices plus a predicted six or seven per cent increase in total pounds sounded mighty good to Tobaccoland, USA which has been hit so many hard economic blows in the past five years.

Furnie's Freehearted

Furnie Canady, chief keeper of the parking meters for the City of Kinston, is a generous minded fellow all the time, but Wednesday morning he was in an unusually freehearted mood. At his home 1806 North Heritage a large swarm of bees had collected in a shrub, and although Canady said he liked honey quite well, he had absolutely no use for honey makers and sent out a hurry-up call for somebody—anybody to come and get this Queen Bee and her buzzing boy-friends.

Julian Waller New FHA Committeeman

Julian H. Waller of Pollocksville has been appointed a member of the Jones County Farmers Home Administration committee, J. E. Mewborn Jr., the agency's County Supervisor, announced this week.

The other two members serving with Waller are Alva B. Howard and J. P. Davenport. Waller succeeds Carl Killingsworth whose 3-year term expired this year.

Each agricultural county in North Carolina has a 3-member committee to work with the County Supervisor to make the best possible local use of the agency's farm credit program. The committee determines the eligibility of applicants for all types of Farmers Home Administration loans, and determines the suitability and fair and reasonable values of farms to be taken as security for real estate loans. It also reviews borrowers' progress as they pay off their FHA loans and turn to banks and other lenders for the credit they need.

The committee will elect its chairman at its first meeting to be held in the near future.

The Farmers Home Administration is an agency in the U. S. Department of Agriculture that supplies soil and water conservation measures, and build or repair farm houses or other essential farm buildings. It has intermediate or short-term credit for farm operations or to meet emergency needs.

The agency does not compete with other lenders in the farm credit field. As a part of its credit service, it supplies farm and home management aids and advice.

Comfort Man Charged With Liquor Violation

Terry Allen Heath of Comfort was arrested Sunday night by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates who has charged Heath with possession of non-taxpaid whisky for the purpose of sale.

Yates says three jars of stump-hole whisky were found back of Heath's home when a search of his premises was made in the belief that such materials might be found.

New Speed Limits

The Highway Commission has revised speed limits for several of Jones County's roadways. Under authority granted by the 1957 General Assembly the highway officials may raise speed limits on specific roads from the old 55 for cars and 45 for trucks to 60 and 50 miles per hour.

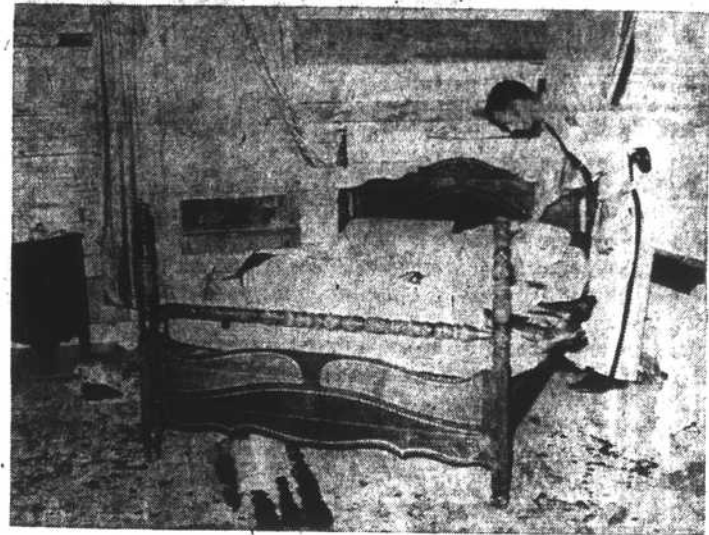
This upward range of speeds is now legal on those portions of US 17, US 70, US 258 and NC 58 (NC 12) located within the borders of Jones County.

The 55-45 speed limits remains in effect for all rural roads either paved or dirt and only applies to those specifically mentioned in this order which was signed on June 9, 1958.

TUESDAY FIRE

Trenton Volunteer Fire Department answered a call Tuesday on Willie Banks farm six miles east of Trenton. A negro tenant house was burned before the department could put out the fire, but an out-building nearby was saved.

Negress Murdered Sunday in Upper Lenoir County



Above Deputy Sheriff William Stroud examines the blood-soaked bed and body of 33 year-old Rachel Whitley who was found early Monday morning by a neighbor, Rachel, who had come to get her to go to work in green tobacco.

Thirty three year-old Rachel Whitley, divorcee, day laborer and part-time bootlegger, was murdered Sunday night in her share-cropper shack on the Becky Worthington Farm between Hugo and Grifton. One man is being held as a result of the investigation that got underway at 7:30 Monday morning when her body was found but no charges have yet been made against the suspect.

Zeke Wiggins and his wife, Rachel, stopped at the house where the dead woman lived alone to carry her to work in green tobacco on the Sam Nelson Farm. When she did not come out, Rachel went to a window and peeked in and saw what local authorities describe as one of the gories' murder scenes in recent local history.

In the middle of the bedroom floor a large puddle of blood marked the spot where the murderous assault took place and trails of blood led to the bed where the woman lay crosswise, wrapped in a bedspread, soaked in her own blood.

Deputies William Stroud and Jim Phillips immediately called Coroner Raymond Jarman and subsequent careful search of the house led to the conclusion that the woman had been hit a terrific blow in the left front part of the head with a brick, which had broken into a large number of fragments that were scattered over the blood-spattered room.

Seven cut wounds about the neck had severed both jugular veins and arteries; either one of which would have been sufficient to cause death County Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones said follow-

ing a post-mortem examination. The woman also had a number of stab wounds about the upper chest and had suffered two long, deep cuts on each hand when she apparently tried to defend herself against her murderer.

Dr. Jones set the time of her death, which came within minutes of the cuts around the neck at roughly midnight Sunday. He said either a straight razor or very sharp long-bladed knife was used to inflict the wounds.

The investigation disclosed that the woman was in the Grifton area until just before 11 that night, when she left in the company of Johnny Ray Harris of Hookerton route one. Harris, a sometime "boyfriend" of the dead woman, swore he took her directly home and put her out and went on to his home about five or six miles away.

Harris was at first the prime suspect since in June he had beaten the woman badly and had been indicted in the Grifton court. Later the indictment had been withdrawn after member of his family had interceded with Miss Whitley.

Investigation revealed, however, that Harris had gone straight home and had his wife and a brother to support that claim.

The man under arrest is Frances Suggs of the same neighborhood. Officers on Wednesday were not prepared to release full information on the evidence against Suggs, pending laboratory reports from Raleigh, where blood samples had been taken for analysis.

Sheriff Clay Broadway did say that Suggs' arrest resulted from conflicting stories he had told about his movements Sunday night.

Maysville Girls, Trenton Boys Win County Softball Playoff for 1958 Season

Jones County softball play ended Tuesday night. Comfort girls won the regular season championship but Maysville came on strong in the playoff to sweep two straight victories for the championship, 9 to 8 and 15 to 14 scoring the winning run in the last inning.

The Trenton boys were the regular season champs with Maysville a strong second. In the best two out of three playoffs, Maysville handed pitcher Fred Pippin his first loss of the season 9 to 8. Trenton came back to take the next two games 13 to 8 and 14 to 13.

Amos Taylor hit a baseloaded homer and Pippin a base clearing single to sew up the second game.

In the rubber game Trenton jumped off to a 11 to 0 lead but Maysville battled back to tie the score in the last inning. Amos Taylor lead off the last inning with a hit, came to third on Henry

Swiggetts bunt, to score on an error. Pippin pitched both victories.

Large crowds were present for the playoff and they were treated with some very fine playing.

Ola L. Porter New Wheat Swamp Principal Monday

The Lenoir County School Board Monday confirmed the appointment of Ola L. Porter, a Pitt County native, as principal of Wheat Swamp High School for 1958-59.

Porter, presently principal of the Arthur Elementary School in Pitt County, will succeed Frank Wiley, who has resigned to return to Pink Hill, where he served for many years as principal before coming to Wheat Swamp.

Porter has BS and MA degrees from East Carolina College.