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## Last Meeting of Incumbent Commissioners Fairly Busy

The last regular meeting of the incumbent Jones County Board of Commissioners was one of the busiest in many months. At the December meeting a new board which will include three members of the present board, will be sworn in. That board will include incumbents Tom Stille, Harold Mallard and D. A. Jones. The new members will be former Commissioner John W. Creagh and Braxton George. They replace Charlie Davis and Bruce Simmons.

Monday the board heard routine reports from various department heads in the county government and paid bills previously approved by these same department heads.

A special report on the activities of the Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board was made by its attorney, Donald Brock. Some of the recommendations made in Brock's report will be the subject of a special meeting to be held later this month.

Earl Bender came before the board to discuss some tax valuation matters and left happy with the explanation he received.

The board set the monthly inspection fee for all county schools at \$40. The 1957 General Assembly passed a law requiring regular inspection of all public schools for electrical faults and fire hazards.

The purchase of 300 feet of inch and a half fire hose for the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department was authorized to permit better protection for the several county buildings in and around Trenton and also to improve the ability of the department to fight fires outside the Trenton area.

The report of the grand jury was reviewed and a copy was ordered to be mailed to the Highway Commission for its action in recommendations that called for a blinker light on the railroad east of Pollocksville on the Croatan Road. The jury report also asked for reflectors to be installed in the sharp curve near Tuckahoe Creek on the road between Taylor

## Band Booster Club Formed Jones Central, Parade for Saturday

An organizational meeting of Band Boosters of Jones Central High School was held last month to make plans for "Band Day" to be held in the various towns of the County during the month of November.

A committee composed of Mrs. Alta Koonce, Chairman, Mrs. Josephine Bender, Mrs. Anne Whitford Bender, Mrs. Margaret Parker, Mrs. Lela Pollock, Mrs. Ervin Holloman and J. W. Allen was selected to formulate plans for organizing a Band Boosters club.

As a boost to the new organization in its plans to begin a drive for funds to purchase band uniforms, the Jones Central Band will parade in the towns of Pollocksville and Maysville on Saturday, November 8 and in Comfort and Trenton on Saturday, November 15.

## Marriage License

Only one marriage license was issued last week by Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce and it went to Fred Harper, 26, of Pink Hill and Leah Mae Batchelor, 19, of Pollocksville.

## Maysville Benefit 12th

The Maysville Community Association is sponsoring a game luncheon on Wednesday, November 12, at 12:30, in the community building to obtain funds for the building indebtedness. Luncheon will be served buffet style and those who eat may participate in various games throughout the afternoon. Door and game prizes will be given.

Crossroads and Pleasant Hill.

The jury also urged that daily pay for jury duty be raised from \$5 to \$10 per day. The commissioners took no action on that matter.

## W. B. Moore Elected TB Association Head In Last Week Meeting

The Jones County Tuberculosis Association met last Wednesday night at the home of John Hargett, who served the ten members present, a barbeque supper.

The following officers were elected; W. B. Moore, president; Miss Mildred White, vice-president in charge of the seals and Mrs. Braxton George, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made to appoint a committee from this county to meet with committees from Lenoir and Greene Counties to form a Tri-County campaign.

Scott Venerable of the State TB office discussed the arrangement and gave some vital statistics on TB. Miss White will soon send out the letters concerning the TB drive.

## Charles Mangum Jenkins

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Wednesday from the chapel of Garner Funeral Home for 34 year-old Charles Mangum Jenkins of Trenton, who died Tuesday night after a brief illness.

## Jones Central Juniors Top Magazine Sale Goal

The Jones Central Junior Class went over its goal in magazine sales. They sold \$2465 and the goal was \$2100. The class will receive a trophy for outselling the class of last year.

Each day during the campaign the person that turned in the most money received \$5. David Yates, Elaine Parker, Doris Jones, Suzanne Bender, Joseph Thomas, and Sam Davis were the six people that won prizes.

At the beginning of the campaign a name was drawn and kept a secret. At the end of the campaign the person whose name was drawn received a \$25 saving bond if he had reached his quota. Brenda Capps won the bond. Another name was drawn. Carl Brown also

## District Federation of Womans Clubs Met at Clubhouse in Trenton Last Saturday

By Mrs. Fred Pippin

The annual meeting of the Twelfth District of North Carolina Federation of Womans Clubs met Saturday in Trenton. Registration took place at the clubhouse where donuts and coffee were served and the assembly met in the music room of Jones Central High School.

After reading the Collect, Mrs. Henry Swiggett, president of the Trenton club, greeted the guests and response was made by Mrs. G. S. Simpson. After the election of officers, Mrs. R. T. Dent, president of the North Carolina Federation of Womans Clubs, gave a speech on "Opportunity we have; through Education, Service and Dedication we build".

Following her was Mrs. D. R. Oliver, second vice-president who spoke on "Meeting today's Challenges". Mrs. Jack Sharpe, Jr., third vice-president was the last to speak on "Rent; Are you paying it?"

At the close of the assembly, our workshops were held in the class rooms. They were Community Affairs taught by Mrs. D. L. Felton, American Home by Mrs. Fred Hickok, Juniors by Mrs. David Cordes and International Affairs by Mrs. Mae Happer.

Lunch was served in the cafeteria during which Mrs. Gordon Maddrey talked about the Samaritan project in the Sandhills. Following the presentation of a

wards, the meeting was adjourned and will meet next year in Vanceboro. Sixty-four ladies were present at this meeting.

## Missing Man Drowned

Charlie F. Ward, well known negro of the Maysville section, was found drowned in White Oak River Monday afternoon. Ward had been missing from his home for nearly a month and a widespread search ended when a fisherman found his body in Lower White Oak River this week. Graveside funeral rites were held Tuesday afternoon in the White Oak Cemetery at Maysville.

## Jury List Drawn For Jones Court

Among the activities of the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday was the drawing of a 36-man jury for the next term of Superior Court. The panel includes:

Thomas L. Hood, L. T. Jenkins, C. D. Smith, Raymond Killingsworth, Roger A. McDaniel, Elbert P. Andrews, G. D. Cox, Braxton Howard, John Parker, Samuel Riggs, E. L. Morton, A. B. Parker, Ralph B. Banks, T. K. Smith, Thomas E. Stroud, J. K. Dixon Jr., Elmer Collins, Linwood Scott, Dave Collins, Raymond Jones, Wirth Huggins, Herbert Jones, Jim Metts, Denford Eubanks.

Nelson Banks, Ray A. McDaniel, Travis Meadows, Marvin Philyaw, Emmett Mallard, Carl Turner, Milord Price, O. C. Thomas, George Davenport, Luby Collins, Noland Jones and Albert A. Mitchell.

## FUTURE TEACHERS MEET

A Future Teachers of America meeting at Jones Central High School was held October 22, in the school cafeteria. President Ellen-dar Jenkins who welcomed new members in the club. Mrs. Moore and Miss Jenkins gave a report on what the Future Teachers of America consisted of and what was expected of each member. The new business consisted of how the club was to celebrate National Teachers' day. Other business consisted of election of song leaders, Jean Pollock and Billie Parker. After adjournment refreshments were served by Ann Holloman, Bonnie Meiggs and Miss Jenkins.

## Kinston Tobacco Market's Sharp Drop in Rank Matter of Serious Concern

The curtain has fallen on the 1958 selling season on the Kinston Tobacco Market, and although 1958 was better by more than a million dollars than '57 there is no dodging the hard fact that 1958 was a disastrous year for the Kinston market.

In a year that grew one of the finest tobacco crops on record, and in which not less than a five percent increase in acreage yield was enjoyed the Kinston market only increased its sales by 1.7 per cent. This, then is actually a big drop insofar as the market's sale of its fair share of the 1958 crop is concerned.

One hundred different people, perhaps will give 100 different reasons for this sudden drop in the position of the Kinston Tobacco Market. Falling from second place in rank among United States markets to fourth place in one season is an extremely serious matter for those people whose livelihood is directly connected to the success, or failure of the Kinston Tobacco Market.

All agree that the time to begin worrying about the disastrous season just ended is NOW and not just before sales begin in August

of 1959.

Warehousemen in general blame the drop on one big factor and several less noticeable problems. They say the failure of the buying companies to pay a price differential between tied and graded tobacco and loose tobacco as sold on the Georgia-Florida markets caused a far greater proportion of tips and lugs to go South this year than in the past. The warehousemen also say more aggressive practices of Greenville, Farmville and Rocky Mount added up to more tobacco headed in the direction of those markets.

Farmers have two basic gripes which cover a multitude of personal peevishness. These are lack of service on the warehouse floor and questionable practices on the part of some Kinston warehousemen.

One prominent farmer says a warehouseman "helped him out" by buying 15,000 pounds of tobacco one day when the buyers didn't seem interested in that particular quality of tobacco. That afternoon the warehouseman sold that same 15,000 pounds of tobacco to a buying company for a five-cent per pound profit.

Whether that is all the story

or not is unimportant. What is important is that this was the story that was told, retold, and told some more by this farmer, and it's quite likely that he is still telling it. Certainly, the rest of his considerable crop of tobacco was not sold in Kinston and how much more tobacco he influenced away from Kinston is a matter of pure conjecture.

One farmer was satisfied with the prices he got in Kinston but he bluntly criticized the market in this fashion, "There ain't a single toilet open to the farmers in any one of Kinston's warehouses that I'd let my hound go in!"

Another farmer put his gripe this way: "The only time of the year when Kinston warehousemen are interested in the farmer is right while tobacco is being sold." This, of course, is not right since many Kinston warehousemen work at their trade the year-round, but surely is true of a percentage of the warehousemen who from November until August are either too busy with other enterprises to work at the intricate job of warehousing or are just simply too lazy and prefer the cool breezes of the ocean in July and August to mak-

ing the rounds and renewing acquaintances with the farmer out in the field.

A merchant who is a very keen observer of practically everything that effects the coming and going of dollars around Kinston says, "The continued damnation of our city by the Free Press has hurt us. Right when tobacco was being sold the Free Press said the police and sheriff departments were crooked and then after stomping those departments into the ground they turned and stomped the board of aldermen, city manager and other city officials into small pieces. When folks keep reading this kind of criticism—whether it is true or no—they have questions raised in their minds that frequently end up with them deciding to go to another town, where things may be worse than Kinston but where the paper has not spread such bad news to recklessly and frequently."

One businessman said the lack of competition had caused the Kinston Tobacco Market to lose its drive toward becoming not only the World's Foremost Tobacco Market, but also the World's Largest Tobacco Market.

More acres of tobacco are grown nearer to the Kinston Tobacco Market than to any other market in the world and for a period Kinston's geographical location pushed it toward that goal of being the largest market.

But somewhere along the line the steam got out of this drive and now in one short year Kinston has fallen from 2nd to 4th place.

People who sell advertising say, "There is no reason and not much rhyme to the advertising program of the Kinston Tobacco Market. A business that grosses as much money as the Kinston tobacco market should have a full-time advertising manager equipped with a budget to permit year-round intelligent, broad-based coverage. The present advertising budget of the entire Kinston Tobacco Market is a fraction of what several Kinston department stores spend each year. This, the warehousemen say, is a selfish notion from an advertising salesman who simply wants to sell more advertising."

At present seven groups of people control the 12 warehouses in Kinston, this means that there is less competition today in a \$30

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