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Jones ABC Stores Report October Sales \$23,552.80

October sales for the three stores in the Jones County ABC system were the largest yet in the 11-month history of the state's newest legal whisky sales system. Total sales amounted to \$23,552.80.

The stores still rank, as they were opened in 1-2-3 fashion; Store No. 1 at Trenton led October sales with \$8,809.60. Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads was in second place with sales of \$7,423.50 and Store No. 3 at Wyse Forks ran a close third with sales of \$7,319.70.

This record business for October brings sales in the first four months of the current fiscal year (July 1, 1958-June 30, 1959) to \$85,578.40.

October sales were sharply up from those of September, when gross sales of the three stores was \$20,666.80. August sales were \$22,722.85 and July sales were \$18,635.95.

Since the stores began opening December 6, 1955 (No. 1 opened on that date) the gross sales in the Jones ABC system have amounted to \$175,812.35 through October 31st.

Trenton PTA Supper Lifts Curtain Bill

The Trenton School PTA last Wednesday night held a supper meeting. Baked chicken was the main item with vegetables, cake and soft drinks. The supper was to raise money to finish paying for curtains in the auditorium. \$305.37 was taken in which meant success for the project.

Following supper the regular meeting was held with J. R. Franck presiding and Mrs. J. W. Allen acting secretary.

Nick Noble, program chairman introduced John Hargett, who told the parents what the legislature is doing and how it is helping schools.

Mrs. Elisha Hammond's second grade won room count with Mrs. Allen's sixth grade coming in second. Mrs. Allen's room also won the prize for having the highest percentage of parents joining the PTA during the past month.

Senior 4-H Clubbers Meet November 3rd

The Senior 4-H Club held its regular meeting at Trenton School Nov. 3. Mary Curtis read a Bible verse and lead the group in prayer. The minutes were read by Mary Elizabeth West. Joan Jenkins and Sarah Waters led the singing of America and Jacobs Ladder.

A committee was named to plan a Christmas party, with the mothers to be responsible for serving refreshments. Serving on the committee are Nancie Davenport, Liz Jones, Gloria Spence and Edward Davenport. Following the meeting, the group separated for demonstrations.

Maysville Memorial's WMU Host to District Meet Last Thursday

By Mrs. Robert Moore
The Jones-Onslow Group meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union met Thursday at the Maysville Memorial Baptist Church with nearly 90 attending.

The program theme was "And Yet Abideth Hope" with Mrs. J. M. Barrow of Pollocksville presiding.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Jack Miles of Swansboro, and Mrs. Bill Henderson of Maysville gave the welcome.

A business session followed at which time reports from the Community Mission Chairman, Mrs. Clifton Hicks; Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. Ray Water; Young Peoples' Leader, Mrs. Jimmy Greer; and Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. F. C. Morton was given. Music was provided by Mrs. A. E. Thompson and Mrs. H. L. Humphrey.

The Missionary message was brought by Mrs. Orvil W. Reid of Mexico. The group enjoyed a covered dish dinner then reconvened for the afternoon session.

The devotional at this meeting was given by Mrs. Floyd Adams. Reports of the committees were given and the remainder of the time was spent in Leadership Con-

One Still, One Arrest

Sheriff Brown Yates reports the destruction of one whisky still and one arrest in the county during the past week. James Jones of Jacksonville was arrested early Sunday and charged with drunken driving. The still was found Saturday and torn up in the Sasser Mill section of Beaver Creek Township. No one was at the still at the time it was raided but Yates says several arrests will be made because of the backwoods brewery. The still was a 200-gallon submarine type with about 200 gallon mash capacity. It was mashed in and just about ready to go, Yates says, and it appeared to have been run two or three times.

Memorial RA's Host To Association RA's

The Memorial Baptist Church was host to the Royal Ambassador Chapter of the Atlantic Association Friday evening with approximately 280 boys and counselors attending.

Following a short program in the early evening the group then enjoyed a wiener roast on the church grounds after which they reassembled in the church for a worship program.

The Reverend Julian Morton of Spring Garden conducted the meeting and Orvil W. Reid of Mexico gave a Judo demonstration.

Marriage License

Marriage licenses issued in the past week by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce went to Harold Gray, 22, of Maysville and Doris Gertrude Jenkins, 19, of Kinston, and to Colie Sherwood Doss, 21, of Camp Lejeune and Nancy Loretta Adams, 17, of Maysville.

Farm Bureau Meet

Alva B. Howard announces a Farm Bureau Annual meeting to be held Nov. 21 at the Legion Hut at 6:30 with a barbeque supper. At this meeting, at which an outstanding speaker will be heard, all members and their wives are invited.

References directed by Mrs. E. L. Davis of Beaufort.

Jones County Boosts Rank From 35th to 33rd in State For Value of Farm Produce

Although dry statistics are not so exciting as cash in the pocket, and even though the figures included in the most recent release from the State Department of Agriculture are not for 1958, in most instances, they do have important and good news for Jones County.

Principal item in the good news department is the fact that in 1956 Jones County boosted its rank from 35th to 33rd place among the 100 counties of the state in value of farm produce not including livestock. This climb in rank came despite a drop from \$8,061,240 in 1955 to \$8,053,200 for 1956 in the total value of Jones County farm production. This came when other counties suffered larger drops than Jones.

Tobacco, of course, provided the main source of income in both years to the farmers of Jones County. Here was where Jones County, and several others lost ground because of the acreage reduction that '56 had over '55 in the tobacco department. Tobacco income for Jones fell from \$6,887,500 in '55 to \$6,338,000 in '56.

Part of that \$559,500 drop caused by shrinking tobacco income was recouped from a \$309,000 increase in corn income which climbed from \$818,000 to \$1,127,000 in the two-year period covered in this report.

Cotton income dropped from \$20,250 to \$17,330 for Jones farmers.

Peanut income climbed from \$1,660 to \$6,300.

Irish potato income rose from \$20,090 to \$41,850.

Sweet potato income skyrocketed from \$38,500 to \$93,000.

Wheat income rose from \$7,000 to \$10,380.

Oat income dropped slightly from \$18,890 to \$18,280.

Soybeans for beans more than doubled as the third largest crop, dollarwise in the county, jumping from \$141,500 to \$315,000.

Lespedeza seed increased in value from \$7,100 to \$14,350.

All hay value from Jones dropped from \$90,750 to \$71,710.

Dollar-and-cent figures for livestock income are not available, but the indication from livestock census figures for Jones County is that in the "meat department" Jones Countians were even better off, comparatively speaking for the '51-'58 period than they were in the "vegetable department".

All cattle on farms hit the statistical peak in '58 with a total of

4,490. This includes both beef and milk types. In 1951 the county could boast only 1,670 cattle of all types.

In the milk department, unhappily Jones County was headed in the wrong direction, falling from 710 milk-type animals in 1951 to 550 for this year. The peak year in this category for Jones County was 1953 when there were 820 milk-producing animals in the county.

In the ham and pork chop department things looked better in the "State of Jones", with the pig population jumping from 14,870 in 1951 to an estimated 18,000 this year, which is an all-time high in that category.

Other interesting farm figures as the 1957 crop year began included: Jones had 43,977 acres of harvested cropland.

It had 5,629 acres of improved pasture.

It had 1,756 sows and gilts for breeding.

It had 32,368 hens and pullets of laying age.

It had only 85 phones but it had 771 TV sets to serve the 6,909 people who were living on the farms of the county as of January 1, 1957.

October Roadwork For Jones and Lenoir

Division Engineer R. Markham of the Second Highway Division reported today that during the month of October, 14.23 miles of road work were completed in the Division.

In Jones County, contract forces applied 18-foot wide sand asphalt wearing surface to 2.8 miles of a county road leading from US 70 to Sasser's Mill Road.

Contract forces applied 18-foot wide sand asphalt wearing surface to two county roads in Lenoir County during October. This work involved 1.4 miles of a county road leading from US 258 to the Airport Road; and 3.2 miles of a county road, from a point near Jenny Lind west to a paved county road.

Land Transfers

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

From Herbert M. Quinn to M. L. Banks .529 acres in Trenton Township.

From J. K. Brock Jr. to Donald Brock .44 acres in Trenton.

From J. C. Wooten to Saul Moore 1.6 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

Kinston Assemblymen Briefing Indicates Trouble for Bell Bill

Over 50 members of the 1959 General Assembly from 31 Eastern North Carolina Counties gathered Tuesday in Kinston to hear reports from a number of state officials on legislative recommendations that have resulted from commissions authorized by the 1957 session.

The question-answer period for the legislators-elect revealed a strong interest in and suspicion of many aspects of the recommendations included in a report by Senator Spencer Bell, chairman of the Court's Study Committee.

Legislators from Craven, Martin, Wake and Duplin counties asked questions that reflected discontent with at least some of the major parts of this judicial reform recommendation.

The tenor of the questioning indicated that at least the vocal majority of the assemblymen present did not want any part of any kind of appointed judges for courts of any level.

Seventh District Senator Luther

Hamilton joined with Senator Arthur Kirkman, whose report for the School Finance Study Committee included a recommendation that the 38 exemptions from the present sales and use tax be sharply reduced.

Budget Director D. S. Coltrane and Revenue Commissioner James Currie outlined briefly the budgetary requests and the income outlook. Coltrane pointed out that the present biennial budget was \$777 million and that \$983 million is being asked for the biennium 1959-61.

Coltrane explained that "A" and "B" budgets are prepared with the "A" budget containing what it will cost to maintain present levels of service. The "A" is \$30 million greater than the present "A" budget.

The "B" budget represents requests from all departments for funds that will be used to provide new or expanded services. These "B" budget requests amount to \$120 million.

The '59 lawmakers, however, expressed far more interest in the court problems, which directly concern a small percentage of the

population and asked few questions on the matter of taxes and spending which very directly affect every citizen.

Most significant recommendations came from the Tax Study Commission and were made by Senator J. C. Eagles, whose report asked legislation to implement the following:

Changes in State Taxes

The Tax Study Commission recommended thirty-seven changes in the State tax schedules. Many of these are detailed and technical. Basically, they were designed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To make penalties for violations of tax laws uniform.
2. To write into law present administrative practices which have been adopted by the Department of Revenue.
3. To adopt certain definitions conforming to Federal interpretation in order to achieve uniformity.
4. To close certain heretofore undetected loopholes in the State tax structure.
5. To achieve uniformity of application of certain phases of the

State tax laws.

Changes in Local Taxes

1. That, so long as present allocation of governmental responsibilities and functions remain as they are, the property tax should remain a local source of taxation and the assessment of property and the rate of taxation should remain local responsibilities.

2. That all statutory exemptions from local property taxes, whether by state-wide or local act, be repealed unless these exemptions are authorized by the Constitution.

3. That the Constitution be amended to provide expressly that exemptions be granted by the General Assembly on a state-wide basis only and to prohibit the delegation of the exemption power to local governmental units.

4. That the Constitution be amended to require classification of property by the General Assembly on a state-wide basis only and to prohibit the delegation of the power of classification to local governmental units.

5. That the statutory requirement of "valuation at full market value" be repealed.

6. That legislation be adopted to allow each county to determine the per cent of market value at which property in the county is to be assessed.

7. That all classes of property in a county be assessed at the same per cent of market value.

8. That revaluation by actual appraisal at intervals not to exceed 8 years be required by statute.

9. That in the fourth year after revaluation a horizontal adjustment be required to bring values into line with current market values.

10. That legislation be adopted fixing minimum standards for appraisal, including actual visits to the property, appraisal by a written schedule of values, and recording of the method of assessment of each piece of property.

11. That legislation be adopted to provide for the financing of revaluations.

12. That the administration of the intangibles tax remain the responsibility of the State and that no local option with regard to the intangibles tax be granted.