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Jones Commissioners Hold Routine Session

A quiet start on the business of the county for 1959 was the order of the day in the January meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners.

Negro Farm Agent Fletcher Barber was authorized to make certain repairs to his office and install a gas heater.

G. F. Mills and G. H. Andrews both came before the board with complaints about insufficient drainage installed by the highway department causing the flooding of part of their lands. Both complaints were referred to the highway commission.

After passing on a complaint to the highway folks a resolution was then passed expressing the official gratitude of the county to the local highway workers for the excellent job they had done in opening roads so quickly after the December snow.

Divorce Suit Filed

A suit for "divorce absolute" was filed in Jones County Superior Court last week by Mary Barber Gooding against Walter S. Gooding. The divorce is asked on grounds of two-year separation.

Mewborne Site Approved for Lenoir's, New Nursing Home

After preliminary surveys had indicated that the lands offered by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mewborne were suitable, the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners Monday voted to accept the offer of this free site for location of the nursing home that was approved in a \$200,000 bond issue election held in November.

Architect Bob Ferguson reported on the suitability of the site and also told the commissioners that he wished to have a meeting in the near future with all interested persons so that suggestions, ideas, likes and dislikes could be thrashed out before he began to draw plans for the 75-bed facility. The commissioners thought this was a most practical suggestion.

The site is located in Vance Township, about three miles north of Kinston on a rural paved road that runs from Hull road north-easterly to the Airport Road.

The site was one of a number offered free to the county and was decided as the one most suitable for such an establishment.

The voters by almost a three-to-one margin approved the \$200,000 bond issue for construction and equipping of the facility.

The committee named by the commissioners recommended a 75-bed facility on a site suitable for expansion of the most modern design, which, of course, meant fire-proof, comfortable, easy to keep clean and economical to operate.

Persistent Operator

Henry Atkinson, described as one of the best operators of backwoods whisky stills in Eastern Carolina was caught along with Junior Loftin last week at a neat little rig about three miles south of Pink Hill in Duplin County. Both are from Seven Springs route one. Atkinson was already under bond after being caught in May at a still near Ollaw Bridge. Paul Taylor of Deep Run route

Two Goldsboro Men Fined for Escapade in Downtown Kinston

Bobby Hinson and Jack Chase of Goldsboro were fined \$25 each Monday by Recorder Emmett Wooten after they had been found guilty of starting a brawl at the Central Cafe and attempting to get away.

Chase ended up in the hospital from multiple lumps and holes on the head which he says resulted from five chairs being broken up over his "noggin" by several Marines.

Hinson sped away from the scene, narrowly avoiding serious injury to Police Captain Glasco Evans and dumping Chase onto the frozen ground in a quick turn out of the King Court Filling Station yard.

Evans shot a hole in the rear left tire of the car Hinson was trying to escape in and other officers captured him on West North Street, after Policeman Sam Ives saw Hinson abandoning the car on West Gordon Street.

Safe Cracksmen Hit Area Twice More in Past Several Days

Lenoir and Jones County authorities are carrying on an intensified investigation of a series of safe robberies in the Kinston area that grew by two in the past week. Pharo's super market on South Queen Street in Kinston lost about \$700 in cash Friday night and Eugene Hood's store at Wyse Forks lost some \$400 worth of cigarettes in a Saturday night raid.

A large safe was hauled away from Pharo's place Friday night and looted of some over \$150 in change and about \$500 in currency.

The recent list of safe robberies in this vicinity includes efforts at Kirby Loftin Jr.'s station, Buddy Raynor's store, Daly-Herring Company's office, Noland Supply Company, Standard Drug Store No. 2, Grady's Hardware and the Hood and Pharo establishments.

Police feel certain that all these jobs except the Grady effort were the work of the same group. The methods of entering the building and ripping open the safes that have been torn open were identical.

So far the cash from Pharo's, the cigarettes from Hoods and another \$250 in cigarettes from Loftins comprise the biggest hauls made.

Land Transfers

The following transfers of real estate were recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce:

C. B. Foy to Odell Mack 10 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Margaret Isler to William Hill one lot in Pollocksville Township.

Rudolph Pelletier to Jere Walter Pelletier 234.82 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Josephine DeBruhl Smith to Mary Elizabeth DeBruhl 17.3 acres in Beaver Creek Township.

Gertrude P. Newsome to Joseph M. Parker two lots in Pollocksville.

one who signed the original bond for Atkinson last summer for \$1,500, last week signed another for \$3,000 and one for Loftin for \$1,500. Destroyed in the raid by ABC and ATU officers was 26 gallons of whisky, 1700 gallons of mash and a 1952 car was confiscated.

Dr. Thomas Vassey

Funeral services were held at 2 Saturday from the graveside in the Trenton Cemetery for 47-year-old Dr. Thomas Vassey, who died Thursday morning from a heart attack.

Jones ABC Stores Have Best Month in December

The first full operation during an entire month of December, last year saw the largest gross business yet for a month in the state's newest legal whisky system in Jones County.

The county's three ABC stores had gross sales of \$26,962.55. For the first time Store No. 3 at Wyse Forks reported sales greater than Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads. Store No. 1 at Trenton still led in gross sales.

Store No. 1 sales were \$9,660.30, Store No. 2 sales were \$8,631.20 and Store No. 3 sales were \$8,671.05.

The December gross sales in the Jones County ABC system brought the total sales for the first six months of the current fiscal year to \$133,701.25. This was divided \$48,539.60 from Store No. 1, \$44,247.05 from Store No. 2 and \$40,914.60 from Store No. 3.

Suit Alleges Sale Mortgaged Property

A suit filed last week in Jones County Superior Court by Hubert L. Jenkins against Lennie L. and Idella Reynolds alleges that this couple sold Jenkins a 20-acre tract of land in Cypress Creek Township that was mortgaged to Murray and Maggie Koonce.

The complaint says that Jenkins paid the Reynolds \$850 for the land in controversy and then some time later found the same tract of land was being advertised for sale because of default in the payment of the mortgage held by the Koonces.

At a later sale, it is reported at the court house, Jenkins bought the entire holdings of the Reynolds, perhaps putting an end to the controversy.

Deaths Up; Damage Down Accident Report Reveals

A year-end report on activities of the Highway Patrol in the three counties under the command of Sgt. John Laws shows that although the number of fatalities in Lenoir County was doubled in '58 over '57 the total estimated property damage took a drop. Many traffic experts maintain that property damage is a more accurate index to highway safety than death toll.

Laws says in his report that Lenoir patrolmen investigated 301 accidents in '58, 298 in '57. In '58 there were 113 persons injured compared with 88 in '57. Dead were 16 and 8, respectively for '58 and '57.

Total estimated property damage was \$123,900 for '58 and \$133,500 in '57. Total arrests in Lenoir were 4,915 in '58 and 4,821 in '57.

Greene County had six deaths in '58 and four in '57. Thirty six injuries in '58 and 37 injuries in '57. \$45,150 property damage in '58 and \$40,900 in '57. Arrests in '58 were 2,149 and 2,067 in '57.

Pitt County had the only drop in highway deaths in the three-county area supervised by Laws; 15 against 17. Total number of wrecks dropped from 245 to 243, injured from 97 to 96. Arrests rose from 4,021 to 4,563. Property damage estimates jumped from \$105,600 to \$115,800.

Chest X-ray Survey To Be Held in Jones

A public Health Program will be conducted during the month of March 1959, in Lenoir and Jones Counties. This program is a Mass Chest X-ray Survey. This will be the fourth survey since 1950, and incidentally, the first fourth survey in the State of North Carolina.

Dr. William A. Smith is in charge of this work, and is connected with the North Carolina State Board of Health.

These surveys discover new cases of Tuberculosis, heart and blood vessel diseases, and other diseases of the chest.

STEALS, WRECKS CAR

Robert Samsoe of Kenosha, Wisc. was discharged from the Marines last week and the same night stole a car from Thompson Motor Company and wrecked it at the corner of Queen and Capitola Avenue. Officers on the way to the wreck met Samsoe fleeing from it and picked him up. He later admitted the theft to officers.

FORGERY CHARGED

Thomas Mann of Wilmington was arrested in a Kinston boarding house last week and admitted forgery of a \$20 check on E. L. Brinson of New Bern. Later another warrant was served on Mann, charging him with bouncing a bad check for \$27.25 on Jeweler J. A. Whitfield.

BUDDY RIFLES CAR

Marine Arthur B. Caster, driving his brother's car, gave out of gas last Friday night between Woodington and Southwood. When he returned after getting some gas he found all four wheels missing from his car and other personal property from inside the car stolen. Another Marine, Pvt. John G. Nastyn, is held in jail on charge of stealing the missing items.

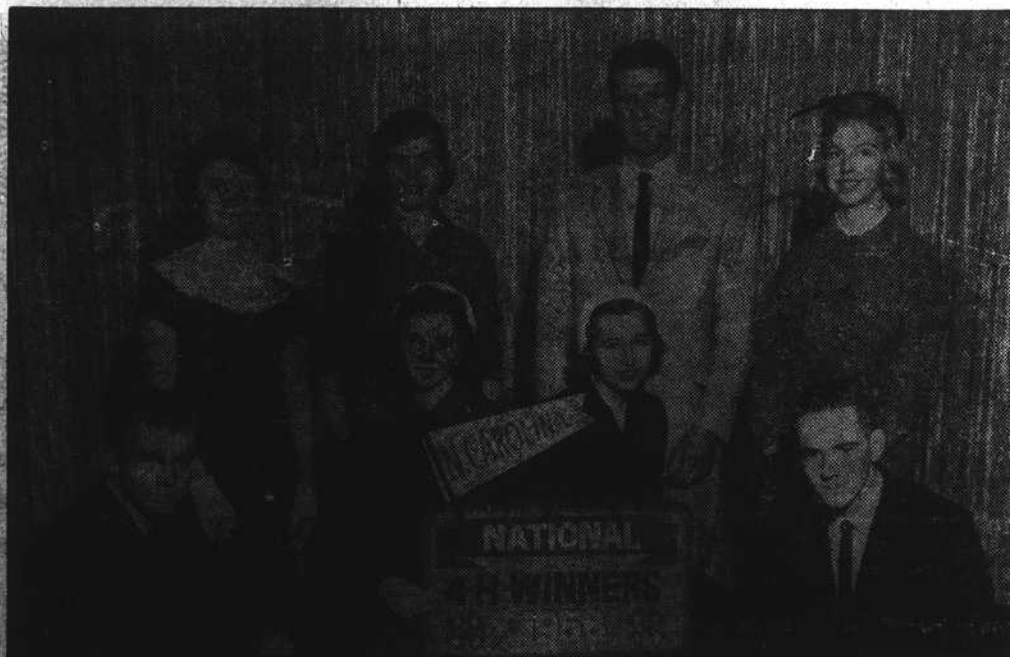
BLIND FLYING GEAR

City Manager Roy Robinson reported Monday night that the Civil Aeronautics Board is planning the installation of an "omni-range" electronics device in Vance Township some four miles northeast of the main run way at Stalling Air Base to permit landings at the field under so-called "blind flying" conditions.

ASPHALT PLANT FOR KINSTON

The low bid for a small asphalt plant to be used for patching city streets came to \$4,273.70 and was offered Monday night by the E. F. Craven Company of Greensboro.

Nation Salutes Top Tarheel 4-H Members



Eight Tarheels walked off with national honors at the 1958 National 4-H Club Congress held recently in Chicago. Honored for their outstanding 4-H work under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service, these young people received expense-paid trips to the congress, and with one exception, \$400 scholarships provided by leading business and educational groups.

The winners are: (first row, from left) Bill Jones, 18, Alexander, tractor—American Oil Company; Gwendolyn McLaughlin, 18, Fayetteville, clothing—Coats & Clark; Jane Moore Moore, 17, Gastonia, frozen foods—Whit-

pool Corporation; B. B. Haigler, Jr., 18, Indian Trail, poultry—Sears-Roebuck Foundation. (Standing, from left) Sue Brewer, 18, Winston-Salem, recreation whose trip to the congress was provided by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work; Joyce Key Smith, 18, Dobson, dairy foods demonstration—Carnation Company; Carole Ann Greene, 16, Huntersville, garden, Allis-Chalmers.

The North Carolina champions were among 200 national winners honored at the final banquet of the congress, attended by some 2,000 club members, leaders, and guests from 49 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.