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## Jones ABC Stores Gross \$20,234.95 in January

A report this week from Supervisor Ray Harrison shows that the three stores of the Jones County ABC system grossed \$20,234.95 during the month of January.

For the first time since the stores were opened Store No. 1 in Trenton failed to lead in gross volume of business, being knocked into second place by Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads.

The gross for each store was as follows: Store No. 1 in Trenton \$8,509.95, Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads \$7,709.45 and store No. 3 at Wyse Fork \$6,015.55.

Harrison says Store No. 2 is still leading in sales volume for the first 10 days of February.

## Land Transfers

Real estate transfers reported during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce include the following:

R. P. Bender to Arthur H. Mallard three lots in Pollockville.

Pennie H. Foscoe to Wade W. Mallard 1 lot in Trenton.

Lila J. Weeks to Zane H. Harrell two lots in White Oak.

Ada Mae Parker to Floyd S. Parker 23 acres in Beaver Creek.

William Spence to Martha Hill, Doris B. Morris, Lonnie Spence and Joe L. Spence each three-fourths of an acre and to William Spence Jr. 2 1/2 acres all in Pollockville Township.

Theron D. Humphrey to Alton Humphrey 3.1 acres in Pollockville.

Alton M. Humphrey to Theron D. Humphrey 3.3 acres in Pollockville.

J. R. Rankin to Riegel Paper Company one tract in Trenton Township.

W. L. Hawkins to Riegel Paper Company 239.5 acres in Trenton Township.

R. P. Bender to Pollockville Baptist Church 13 lots in Pollockville.

Dennis Hill to Celia Hill Davis one tract in Pollockville.

J. C. Hill to J. Curran Howard

## Suit Filed Asking \$10,927 as Result Jones County Wreck

Last week a suit was filed in the Jones County Superior Court by Durant Eubanks against Pharoah West Jr. and his wife, Evelyn K. West.

Eubanks is seeking \$972.50 actual damage and \$10,000 punitive damages for injuries he suffered in a wreck on November 10, 1958 at the intersection of NC 58 with the Davie's Field road between Trenton and Pollockville.

The complaint filed by Eubanks says he suffered a broken leg, cuts, bruises and lacerations about the face and body when a car driven by Mrs. West failed to stop before coming onto NC 58.

He says his leg remained in a cast for eight weeks and he stayed in the hospital for two weeks.

Eubanks further complains that his leg has not yet regained full usefulness and he alleges that the injuries to the leg are of a permanent nature.

## Two Jones Arrests

During the past week Sheriff Brown Yates reports two arrests in Jones County. These were of James Augustus Bruenton of Trenton route one, who is accused of simple assault, and Manuel White of Pollockville for public drunkenness.

## Pollockville Man Caught with Whisky

A 1947 Ford, 24 jars of stump-hole whisky and J. D. Dawson, the car owner of Pollockville route one, were caught in Lower Lenoir County last week by ABC and ATU officers, but a fleetfooted negro "riding shotgun" hit the huckleberry bushes and outran the officers.

15.24 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

Francis Walters to Leona Walters one lot in Cypress Creek.

## Trenton PTA Has Monthly Session

The Trenton School PTA met last Wednesday night in the auditorium with a large number attending. Nelson Conway gave the devotional followed by the regular meeting, presided over by J. R. Franck. Mrs. Jim Allen read the minutes and Mrs. D. A. Killingsworth gave the treasurers report.

A report from the library committee showed that many books are being repaired, new cards put in and a general clean-up of the library is being made.

Franck announced that a study will be held at the next PTA meeting, at which time a picnic supper will be served. The meeting will begin at 5 and those who cannot attend the afternoon session may come for the night session. Four speakers will be present. Everyone is invited and urged to attend so that the Trenton PTA will become an accredited one.

Following the business, Nick Noble gave a review on "Founders' Day".

During room count, which was doubled by each father present, since that night was "Fathers Night", Miss Eliza Hammonds second grade won first count with Mrs. Hazel Turnage's fourth grade coming in second.

## Forestry Tour 16th For Jones Farmers; Free Barbecue

Jones County Farm Agent Jim Franck urges a large turnout of timber land owners Monday for a tour of projects in different parts of the county.

Since such a large part of Jones County is in wood lands, Franck says this meeting could mean a lot of additional dollars to a majority of the landowners in the county.

At 10 a. m. the tour will be at Nelson Banks place to see hardwood poisoning results.

At 11 William Griffin's place will show off a stand of 15 year-old pines recently thinned out. The pulpwood cut here will still be on the lot to be seen.

At noon a free barbecue lunch will be served.

At 1 p. m. at the ag building detailed facts will be given on forestry funds and practices.

## Medical Society Urges Review of Text Books

Dr. James Peele, spokesman for the Lenoir-Jones-Greene and the North Carolina Medical Societies, asked the membership of Joseph Dixon Rountree Post 43 of the American Legion last week to "review the material we have on text books in use in our schools." Peele, among others, objects to currently used sociology text books, insisting they are slanted in favor of socialism and against capitalism. Vice Commander Al Hurt, Rodolph Nunn and Pete Herring were named a committee to study the materials offered by Dr. Peele and were asked to make a report at the March meeting of the Post.

## Fire On Wednesday

A fire alarm Wednesday morning in Trenton fortunately caused more excitement than damage. The alarm was caused by an over-hot heater in the home of Bonnie Moore. No damage was reported.

## Racial Agitation Moves Into Eastern Black Belt

This week racial agitation moved into an area long left to its own devices, the "Black Belt" of eastern North Carolina, where the population ratio between the races runs heavily to negroes.

A strike by 32 of the 34 negro student bus drivers in the Greene County School System closed all six schools of the negro system and handed the county's school board an extremely awkward problem.

The school board has known for some time that agitation was afoot for greatly increased facilities at the county's consolidated negro high school, Greene County Training School. Along with the county board of commissioners the education officials are currently in the midst of studies on the possibility of a bond issue election to secure funds for at least part of this work.

After an all-day session on Tuesday the board of education voted to close the schools on its order again for Wednesday. Another meeting for Wednesday was called to "hear any and all citizens that might want to be heard on this problem".

At the end of this day of meeting the board pointed out through School Superintendent B. L. Davis that in the past 10 years Greene County's taxpayers have spent \$622,172.76 for construction of negro school, while spending only \$543,447.73 for white schools. This in the face of the fact that negroes pay 5.4 per cent of the county's taxes, while the white people pay 94.6 per cent of the county's taxes. Negroes comprise 47 per cent of Greene County's population and make up 54 per cent of its school population.

The past year tax listed valuation for negro property in the county was \$960,368; the white listing was \$15,852,790. On the tax rate of \$1.40 on the \$100 valuation this indicates that the entire negro citizenry of Greene County last year had a county tax bill of \$12,045.15.

The bus driver strike had been expected for several days and one of the closed school principals said Tuesday that he had "talked the drivers out of striking last Friday." School Board Chairman Maynard Hicks said the first he knew of the pending strike came on Monday night when one of the drivers went home and told his father that he couldn't pick up students Tuesday morning. This information was relayed to Hicks.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been active for the past several years in Greene County but this week no spokesman for this group was available.

The school board was left in the awkward position of having "no complaints from nobody about nothing". They had no one to negotiate with, and nothing to negotiate about. That was the problem which led to the call for citizens to step forward at the Wednesday meeting to register complaints.

Superintendent Davis pointed to the unique position of Greene County insofar as emergency funds are concerned. Under North Carolina law counties and cities may borrow without a vote of the people an amount not exceeding two-thirds the amount of bonds retired in the preceding year. Since Greene County owes no money, it naturally has retired no bonds and, hence, has no borrowing capacity in this special category. Any other bond issues must be approved by the voters of the county.

Last fall by a 2-to-1 majority the voters did approve a bond issue of \$450,000 for the specific purpose of building a consolidated white high school. Although no-

## Jones Directors at National Conference REA Cooperatives

The annual conference of electric membership cooperatives was held this week in Washington, where among others they heard President Eisenhower on the speakers' platform. The president has recently asked that REA cooperatives be forced to borrow their operating and expansion funds from private sources rather than from the government.

Attending the conference from Jones County were Carl Gray, Manly Mallard and Edgar Phil-yaw, directors of the Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation, George Hughes, general counsel of the corporation, and Fred Hammon of Jacksonville, who is manager of the co-op.

## Safe Cracksmen Hit Fort Barnwell

Saturday night one more safe and two more burglaries were added to the growing list in Eastern North Carolina for the past several weeks.

Leslie Sermons' store and the Fort Barnwell Supply Company were broken into. A large safe was hauled away from Sermons' place to be found late Sunday near Jonestown, beaten open and minus about \$1,000 in cash.

Happily, charge account records also in the safe and including between \$35,000 and \$40,000 in accounts were left unharmed at the place where the safe was beaten open.

About \$55 in cash and a number of other items were stolen from the other Fort Barnwell establishment and other items were hauled off from the Sermons' place, too.

## Joe Casey Named Young Farmer of Year

Joe Casey Tuesday night was awarded the outstanding young farmer trophy of Kinston Jaycees at a banquet for this special occasion. Casey lives in Southwest Township and practices truck farming in addition to the usual tobacco-corn farming that occupy the activities of a majority of the farmers in Lenoir County.

body in official capacity said so in Snow Hill Tuesday it was the definite feeling that the negroes were provoked by the fact that their requests for a gymnasium, library, larger cafeteria, laboratories, more classrooms and an auditorium at their consolidated high school were not included in the 1958 bond issue election.

Last first-Monday the education board and board of commissioners discussed at some length a bond issue that would provide funds to build another modern negro elementary school in the southern part of the county, which would permit closing of the last three wood-frame negro schools, also take classroom pressure off Greene County Training School—a "union school" that now includes grades one through 12. In the past 10 years 15 of 18 woodframe negro schools have been closed by construction of modern facilities at East Greene and North Greene Elementary schools.

One blunt speaking Greene Countian said Tuesday, "Give the negroes their tax money and let them build and run their own schools." How far \$12,045.15 would go toward providing schools for 2,805 pupils is difficult to determine, but obviously it would not go very far.

## Lenoir Hog Weighs 825 Pounds



Until somebody steps forward to dispute the title this ex-pape Hampshire is going to be called Lenoir County's biggest hog, or at least he was until his sudden death last week on the farm of David Boyette in Pink Hill Township. The new holder weighed in at 825 pounds on the "hoof" and dressed out at 715 pounds. The hog was given to Boyette by Frank Stern Parker

services as a herd sire he made available at a reasonable price to hog growers of the Pink Hill section. Boyette said he couldn't have made the price any more reasonable, since no charge was ever made for use of the hog. Boyette adds, "He was used a plenty too." Anyone who believes he has a bigger hog is urged to contact this paper. Boyette is seen above admiring the hog several days before