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# Trenton Methodist Church Dedication Set for Sunday

Sunday, March 8, will be a great day in the life of the Trenton Methodist Church, for on that day the church and all its equipment will be dedicated to the Glory of God and to the Worship of His name.

The Trenton Methodist Church started its building program in 1954. The members of the building committee at that time were: V. L. Pollock, chairman, R. L. Edwards, W. M. Whitaker, M. E. Hines and J. C. West Jr.

The dedication service, to be led by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, Superintendent of the New Bern District of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, will culminate a \$30,000 building and renovation program.

Individual items to be dedicated will include memorial windows, baptismal font, alter set, pulpit and lectern scarves.

The memorial windows depict scenes from the Life of Christ and are of stained glass made in High Point.

Following the Dedication service, Dr. Hobbs will preside at the fourth quarterly conference of the Trenton Charge which includes the following churches: Trenton, Oak Grove and Maple Grove.

A picnic lunch will follow the session of the quarterly conference. The minister of the charge is Lewis Dillman, who is in his fifth

year.
All former members of the cordially invited to attend the ser-

# Accident Damage Suit Filed in Jones Court

This week a suit asking \$5,000 damages was filed by 16 year-old Caroline Ann Jenkins through her father, Henry Joe Jenkins against Texann Eubanks and Roy Eu-

The damages are sought for injuries Miss Jenknis is alleged to have suffered in an accident six miles north of Trenton on the Kinston highway on October 4th of last year when the car she was riding in was involved in an accident with the Eubanks' car.

# Marriage License

During the past week Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce issued one marriage license and it went to Curtis Sharp Jr. of Maysville and Barbara Meadows of Trenton.

## UNDER EXAMINATION

ABC Officer Leo Harper, who was shot last week as he tried to stop his brother from shooting Durwood I. Smith, is undergoing examinations this week at Duke Hospital to determine whether or not it will be necessary to remove two bird shot by surgery that are lodged behind his left eye. His vision is not greatly impaired at present but the Duke Examinations are aimed at determining, if possible, whether or not the pellets might cause trouble later.

# '58 Excise Taxes Cost CT & T Customers over \$1.800.000

mers of Carolina Telephone and tors. Telegraph Company paid \$1,800,000 phone service in 1958, C. G. Fields,

Telephone service is taxed at the rate of 10 per cent for federal excise tax purposes. Manager Fields said that the average payment per telephone subscriber in Kinston and other Eestern North Carolina towns was \$14 during 1958.

Eastern North Carolina custo- the tax, and remits it to tax collec-

The excise tax on telephone service was intended, when adopted many years ago, to be a temporary wartime emergency tax but has never been removed. It was reduced to the 10 per cent rate in 1954, Fields pointed out.

"Telephone users consider it an unfair and discriminatory tax because it singles out one segment of the public-in fact, one segment of household utility users, who al-ready bear their share of other federal, state and local taxation.

"There was a legislative proposal before Congress in 1958 that would make the telephone excise tax a permanent part of the federal and state tax structure, because it would transfer certain parts of the revenue from the tax to the states which meet certain conditions," Fields said. "This would have the effect of embedding a discriminatory tax permanently into federal and state tax structures."

Manager Fields said that the National Association of Railroad and Utility Commissioners recently adopted a resolution favoring repeal. If it were repealed, the telephone customer would get all the relief directly and immediately, he added.

in federal excise taxes on telemanager of the Kinston exchange disclosed today.

church and all other visitors are household utility on which a federal excise tax is levied. The telephone company bills and collects

This is the almost complete new Trenton's main street. The bank same architectural style as the of the Trenton office of Branch Jones County court house and does Banking, is not making any public a great deal toward "dressing up" predictions about "opening day".

# Jones Court Collects \$1.500 The illness of Attorneys George

Despite Lawyers Illness and

Strike Duty for Patrolman

Hughes and Donald Brock and the temporary transfer of Highway Patrolman L. S. Meiggs to Henderson for duty around the strikebound cotton mills there almost brought the March term of Jones County Superior Court to a stand-

Only submissions—largely on traffic charges and those in which neither of these three; Hughes, Brock and Meiggs, were involved could be heard.

still this week.

Judge Rudolph Mintz of Wilmington, recently appointed to replace Judge Clifton Moore who was elevated to the State Supreme Court, is presiding over this ses-

On Wednesday an Onslow County case was transferred to Jones County for trial. Last week the sudden sickness of a juror forced a mistrial in the second day of hearings in Onslow County Superior Court, and the case is expected to consume both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions of the Jones County court.

Although the business of the Court was slowed down it still managed to clear a lot of the 101 cases from its calendar, send three men to prison and collect \$1,050 in fines under the guidance of Judge Mintz.

Joseph Burney of Kinston, who had been before the court several times before on non-support charges was given two years in prison and Jesse Lee Williams pled guilty to attempted robbery and was given a one-year jail term and George Walker Jr. drew 18 months for bigamy.

Those charged with drunken driving who paid \$100 fines and the court costs included Elwood W. Moore and Harold E. Gaston. Liquor violators and their fines included Johnnie B. Jones \$100, Frank McDaniel \$50, Freddie Murphy \$100.

A long list of out-of-county speeding violators had previously waived, in writing, trial and had posted \$30 cash bonds, which is consumed in the standard \$10 fine and \$20 court cost practice of the court.

The list included Marvin L. Gill, Ted Stanley Johnson, Hal Godshaw, Louis Belsik, Dorcas Smith Norris, Johnnie Gray, John Feldman, Johnny Anthony DeSalva, Randolph Daley, Fred C. Ulmer Jr., F. E. Bass, J. R. Leon, Robert E. Marcoux, Henry M. Zona, John D. Rogers, Jose Jasper Vaughn, Joshua Michael Garvin, Michael M. Mills, Charles R. Mitchell, George Thomas Jones, Charles F. Knolls, James G. Wallace, David M. Stanley, Hardy A. Swindell, Augustus Franks, Betty Jane Oliver, B. H. George, John Franklin Murphy, Elbert Fonville, Robert N. Jarvis, James C. Budd Jr. and Johnnie Frank Brown.

Other offenders before the court included Leonard Fillmore Coble charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, transferred to Juvenile Court when found to be 15 years of age; William Harris Keller \$50 fine for transporting stumphole whisky; Lee Augustus Williams Jr. \$10 fine for assault upon a female; George Franks \$25 fine for reckless driving, Kenneth Woodrow Hill \$50 fine for breaking, entering and larceny; Crofton C. Yancey court costs for speeding, Harry O. Nickerson \$5 fine for speeding, Malvern Banks \$25 fine for speeding and reckless driving; Willie Randolph Jones \$25 for reckless driving.

In each indictment that carries

# Fire at Warehouse

A fire Monday night at 6:18 reported by workers at the state weighing station did several hundred dollars damage to the office of Kinston Cooperative Warehouse south of Kinston. The fire apparently started around a flue, between the ceiling of the office and the roof. Fire, smoke and water damage was confined to the office area and did not reach the warehouse proper, where several thousand bushels of corn are currently stored.

# FHA Now Assisting 95 Jones Countians With Loans, Advice

As of February 28, the Jones County Farmers Home Administration office is assisting 95 families with financial and farm management, assistance. The work is carried on by J. E. Mewborn Jr., County Supervisor, and Mrs. Clarice L. Pollock, County Office Clerk. Mrs. Dorothy S. Franck works part time during the fall and winter months.

During this period \$247,878 matured on operating loans which ranks sixth in amount among North Carolina counties. As of February 28, 96 per cent has been collected. Since July 1, 1958, four real estate loans have been made totaling \$36,420. Four other real estate loans are now in process.

Two Farm ownership and 28 operating Loan borrowers paid their loans in full during this period. Loans approved on operating type loans since July 1st totals

Real estate loans have been made to purchase farmland, major building and land improvements such as new construction and repairs to farm buildings and dwelling, drainage, pasture clearing and establishing permanent pasture. Operating loans have been made to purchase farm machinery, equipment, livestock and livestock facilities, and to finance farm operating and the necessary family living expenses.

All borrowers are receiving assistance in planning and carrying out their farm operation and in keeping records. During the period, 123 farm visits have been made with borrowers at their farm

In 1958, the average FHA borrower in Jones County had 100 acres of land, owned or rented, 59 crop acres with an average of 7.2 acres of tobacco which averaged 1744 pounds per acre and he had a 5 brood sow enterprise with 34 acres of corn. Average production of pigs per litter was 7. The average increase in net worth was \$560 and the net farm income was \$971. The average operator had an expenditure of \$500 for capital improvements.

Farmers Home Administration's assistance to farmers is designed to assist them in those cases where they cannot obtain their credit satisfactorily from other sources, with the objective of their being able to make progress within a reasonably short period of time that will enable them to graduate to other sources for their necessary credit.

and some range up to \$25, depending on whether or not a man is jailed.

Presuming the minimum bill of costs of \$20 the first two days of this term of court collected \$1,050 a fine the lowest court cost is \$20 in fines and \$920 in court costs.

# Oldest Jones Records Given to State but Exact Copies are Kept

Among actions of the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday was approval of the transfer of a number of old records in the office of the Register of Deeds to the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh. This was agreed upon in order that the records might be better preserved for the future. Exact copies of all records transferred will be kept in the Jones County office.

The board also promised to do what it could to help William Whaley with a drainage problem that he says resulted from recent ditching done by the highway commission.

Carl Gray and Grover Mallard were renamed tax evaluators and Mrs. Annie B. Mallard was employed as assistant tax collector at a monthly salary of \$189.95.

Thomas I. Harper of Lenoir County was dismissed as county electricial inspector and George Register of New Bern was named for this work.

The board also voted half-holidays for each Wednesday from April 1 through September 1 for all court house employees and set up the following schedule of full holidays: Easter Monday, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiv-ing and agreed to set Christmas holidays at the board's December meeting.

# Land Transfers

The only real estate transfer recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce was from C. B. Foyt to Lillian F. Stith of several lots in White Oak

home of Branch Banking & Trust is hoped to be ready for use this Company in Trenton. Under con-month, but after the many delays struction for nearly a year now, encountered so far in the construc-