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Trenton Hearing Friday on Pollocksville Bridge

The first of a series of highway improvements planned for US 17 in Eastern North Carolina will be the subject of a public hearing in Trenton on Friday.

Highway officials will be in the Jones County Courthouse in Trenton Friday morning at 11:00 to explain a proposal to rebuild the Trent River Bridge at Pollocksville. Officials and citizens of the area are invited to attend.

Under the proposal, a fixed span bridge and approaches would be constructed with provisions for four lanes of traffic, a 56-foot clear roadway and a 4-foot raised median strip to separate opposing lanes of traffic. The present two-lane bridge was labeled inadequate and the seven-member State Highway Commission approved a replacement structure at a Raleigh meeting last October.

Public Relations Officer Sam Beard, Assistant Chief Engineer Earl Crump and Second Division Highway Engineer R. Markham will attend, representing the Highway Commission, to explain the proposed improvement.

Other US 17 improvements approved for programming by the Commission in October include: bypasses for Hertford and Vanceboro, the widening of Broad Street in New Bern, four-laning of sections from US 258 southward toward Dixon, and improvements in and around Elizabeth City.

Commission officials explained that some of the programmed projects will require extensive engineering study. However, it is the intention of the Commission to let a contract for the Trent River Bridge during this construction season, if the public hearing does not reveal serious difficulties.

Charlie Edward Foster

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Sunday from Garner Funeral Home for 85 year-old Charlie Edward Foster of Comfort who died early Friday.

May 11 Jury List For Jones Court Drawn on Monday

A panel of jurors to serve at the May 11th term of Jones County Superior Court was drawn Monday by the board of county commissioners.

The list includes: Ed Craft, C. F. Killingsworth, Walton Daughety, C. S. Hargett, Willie White, F. B. Small, L. H. Taylor, Oliver West, Carl Mercer.

Cleve Jenkins, Albert Andrews, Fred Collins, E. H. Croon, Delbert Meadows, Roy Collins, L. G. Lee, Luby Hardison, Levy Mallard.

Matthew Jenkins, Durwood Andrews, A. L. Turner, Winfield Davenport, Raeford Jarman, W. C. Jenkins Jr., Douglas Noble, Nash Collins, Paul Hoffman.

D. A. Green, C. M. Blizzard, Ralph Griffin, J. C. Arthur, Hugh Eubanks, Haywood Quinn, Eugene Hood, Mercer Ferrell and Alvin Craft.

Macy Mallard Named District President Of Legion Auxiliary

There was a meeting last Wednesday at the Sea Level Inn of the Third District of American Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. J. L. Chestnut, department president of Edenton, was guest speaker.

Those attending from Trenton were Mrs. Laura Davenport, Mrs. Jennings Moore, Mrs. Hilda Flowers, Mrs. Joe Becton, Mrs. Walter Pollock, Mrs. W. F. Hill, Mrs. Wilson Lowery, Mrs. Nick Mallard, Mrs. Lucy Flowers, Mrs. Lila Loftin, Mrs. Nanny Scott, Miss Macy Mallard, Mrs. Bruce Johnson, and Mrs. Rachel Banks.

Miss Mallard was elected for district president during the meeting.

Judge Mintz Trying Clear Many Old Cases From Jones Calendar

Judge Rudolph Mintz of Wilmington, currently the presiding judge of Jones County Superior Court, is going to make a strong effort at the May 11th term of that court to clear its civil calendar of old, inactive suits.

All lawyers and litigants still living and involved in these cases are being informed of this effort and will be given opportunity to show why such ancient and inactive cases should not be non-suited.

Clerk Murray Whitaker says the civil calendar includes some 70-odd cases, some going as far as 15 years back since they were filed.

Jim Franck Reelected Trenton PTA Head

The Trenton School Parent Teachers Association met last Wednesday night in the school auditorium with a band concert beginning the program. The school fund is under the direction of Charles Post.

After the concert, the meeting was called to order by J. R. Franck, president, and Miss Tiny Hammond gave the devotional. Mrs. Wilmer Mallard gave a report on the PTA workshop she attended in Kinston. Minutes were read by Mrs. Jim Allen, secretary.

Thomas Humphrey, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They are: J. R. Franck, president; Mrs. L. C. Swink, vice-president; Mrs. Isabelle Mallard, secretary and Mrs. Clifton Pollock, treasurer.

Superintendent W. B. Moore will install the new officers in the May meeting. Mrs. Wilmer Mallard reported that the membership for the PTA this year is 144.

Following other committee reports, the roll call was taken and Mrs. Allen's room won first place with Mrs. Ethel Strobel's room second.

Jurors, Board Members to Get Higher Pay Under New Law Asked for Jones County

Jones Countians Cop Top Hog, Second Beef Honors Kinston Show

Bobby Cox from the western end of Jones County brought home the Grand Champion ribbons and awards for his swine entry in the 19th annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show at Kinston this week and Eastern Jones Countian Linwood Griffin captured Reserve Grand Champion Honors in the beef division.

Top award in the beef division went to Mike Goodson of Mount Olive route one and second money in the hog department went to Allen Pierce of Kinston route six.

In the pen awards for swine the Grand Champion pen of three honors went to Freddie Waller of Kinston route five and Reserve Grand Champion pen of three went to William Pierce of Kinston route six.

The event saw 106 swine and 74 fat beeves judged and auctioned off in perfect weather, causing the two-day event to be classed as one of the best in the long series.

Jones ABC Stores Gross \$19,176.30 During Past Month

Jones County's three ABC stores grossed \$19,176.30 during the month of March, Supervisor Ray Harrison reported this week.

Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads again led the sales with a gross of \$7,210.90. Store No. 1 in Trenton was next with gross sales of \$6,169 and Store No. 3 at Wyse Forks reported sales of \$5,796.40.

The March sales bring the total for this fiscal year (since July 1) up to \$190,904.75; which is an average of \$21,211.64 per month.

The last operating report of the ABC system showed a net income of 10.78 per cent, which if continued through the fiscal year would indicate a profit at this time for this fiscal period of just over \$20,541.

ONE AYE, ONE NAY

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday approved a beer license for John Joseph Jones but vetoed one for Robert Howard.

After receiving letters and personal requests from a number of citizens across the county the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday adopted a resolution asking Representative John Hargett to secure legislation permitting pay increases for Jones County jurors and members of official boards.

For a number of years the commissioners have been urged to ask for an increase in the \$5 per day they receive themselves but until Monday they resisted these urgings. The resolution asks Hargett for a local bill that would raise pay for commissioners, health board, school board, welfare board and jurors to \$10 per day plus 10 cents per mile travel allocation.

County commissioners in Lenoir County are paid \$50 per month, plus 10 cents per mile, plus \$25 for sitting once a year as a board of equalization and review and the chairman of the board gets an annual allocation of \$200 in addition to this \$625.

In Duplin County each commissioner is paid \$1020 per year.

In Craven County the chairman is paid \$1200, members \$480 per year plus mileage.

Onslow pays its chairman \$15 per day and members \$10 per day.

Jones Health Clinic Hinges Upon Actions Of General Assembly

Whether or not the present session of the General Assembly allocates sufficient money to match state and federal funds will determine if Jones County gets a Health Department building in the coming year.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners was so advised by state officials this week, who acknowledged the Jones County application for a \$30,000 building of some 1,750 square feet.

A site for the health center has been offered free to the county by Mrs. Verder Pollock and Surveyor E. C. Armstrong was paid \$30 this month by the county for mapping this site.

Roger Allen Smith Freed Manslaughter In Wayne County

Monday a motion for a directed not guilty verdict of manslaughter against Roger Allen Smith of Trenton was allowed in Wayne County Superior Court.

Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Smith, was indicated after a wreck last year in which a Wayne Countian was killed. After the directed verdict in the more serious charge Smith through his counsel, Larkins & Brock, pled guilty to failure to yield the right of way and was fined \$25 and the court costs.

Land Transfers

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

V. A. Bender to Edward Hardy Atkinson .5 acre in Pollocksville Township.

Kermit Whaley to Mrs. Ridie Ward Hargett one acre in Tuckahoe Township.

Hugh A. Ragsdale to William Bryant Hargett and Mrs. Ridie Ward Hargett 100 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

GET LAND BACK

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted to restore tax-confiscated lands of Allen A. Jones to A. H. Jones upon payment of all charges held by the county against this property.



This is an artist's conception from the architect's preliminary drawing of the Lenoir County Nursing Home that will be built in the next year. Monday the board of county commissioners approved the floor plan and design

of Architect Robert Ferguson. The building will house 63 patients on completion and is to be built on a tract of land donated to the county for that purpose by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Mewborne of Vance Township. Ferguson told the com-

missioners Monday that about two months would be needed to complete the working plans and draw up specifications so that bids could be made. He says advertisements for bids would be run in June and the bids opened at the July meeting of the commissioners, making

possible a beginning of construction in late July or early August. Ferguson estimates that about eight to 10 months will be required to build the facility. Voters of Lenoir County last November approved a \$200,000 bond issue for construction of the nursing home.