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This is one of East Carolina's most beautiful spring season scenes: The home at Orton Plantation south of Wilmington, where thousands stop each year to ad-

mire one of the nation's loveliest displays of azaleas, camellias and other sub-tropical plants. Located between Wilmington and Southport on the lower reaches of Cape

Fear River, Orton Plantation has a history older than the United States. Late-blooming plants are still in brilliant display for those who might be in the vicinity in the weekend just ahead.

Maysville Methodist Revival April 19-24

The Reverend Millard W. Warren, of Grabam, will be the visiting evangelist in a series of evangelistic services scheduled for the week of April 19-24, in the Maysville Methodist Church.

Warren is a native of Beaufort County, where his father founded the Warren Chapel Methodist Church. As evangelist, he has preached in numerous churches in the central part of the state. The services will begin on Sunday evening at a four-hour prayer service, with the members of the church choosing the convenient time for them to come throughout the evening. Services will begin each evening at 8.

Fun Night Raises \$88 For Home Clubbers

Fun Night was held Friday night on the Trenton Fair Grounds, sponsored by the county Home Demonstration Clubs.

Joe Williams was master of ceremonies and judges for the skits were Mrs. Alma Vassey, Mrs. Rogers Pollock and Henry Swiggett. The Comfort group won with a pantomime of "Stagger Lee".

Cake walks were held and a guessing game was won by Tommy Hood, first place and Nelson Banks, second.

A profit of \$88 was made to be used by the HDC County Council to pay for the year's expenses. The 4-H club members sold drinks to help pay for the county Health Pageant.

Add History, Drop Sociology in School Curriculum Studied

Monday night a brief discussion at the regular meeting of the City School Board over the recent controversy about sociology textbooks led to serious talk by the board of dropping sociology completely and replacing it with a course in modern world history.

No action was taken on this step but Superintendent Jean Booth and his staff were directed to make a study of this suggestion and come up with a recommendation in the near future.

Booth admitted that he favored more—much more history in the high school curriculum, but he doubted that he should attempt to force his own personal preference upon the school system.

Board Chairman Fleming Fuller agreed with Booth that history should have a larger part in high school study. Each agreed that a better understanding of history is needed before the present can be fully appreciated.

Board Member Paul LaRoque said he would sit in meetings until doomsday before he'd vote to ban any particular textbook that had been recommended by the school officials, but he expressed the sentiment that the crux of the matter is whether sociology is more important than history and whether sociology should be taught at the high school level.

Reporter Lloyd Whitfield, a recent Grainger High School graduate, said it would have been far more helpful to him to have had history rather than sociology when he entered college.

Negro Asphyxiated

Leroy Fredericks, a Happersville negro, was found dead at 11:10 p. m. Sunday night in the burning home of Blanche Parks. Firemen say Frederick died from fumes since he was not badly burned and was removed from the building before it burned down. The loss was estimated at \$1500 for the house, which was owned by Earl Tyndall.

ASSAULTS UTILITIES POLE

Charles Hendrix of 1223 Ferndale Lane was charged with drunken driving by Kinston police Sunday night at 9:15 after his car had clipped off a utilities pole on the 500 block of Greenmeade drive.

Highway Commission Asks Bids for Second Bridge On US 17 at Pollocksville

Following a well attended conference last Friday in the court house in Trenton the State Highway Commission this week asked bids for a new bridge across Trent River on Highway US 17 at Pollocksville.

Long one of the worst hazards on the full length of this federal highway, the bridge bottleneck at Pollocksville will be corrected by the addition of a new bridge that will be built immediately upstream from the present bridge.

The old bridge will still remain in service and upon completion of the new crossing the old bridge will carry northbound traffic and the southbound traffic will use the new bridge, which will also include sidewalks.

Bids will be opened April 28th for this and some 20 other highway projects across the state.

Hargett Speaker

The Farm Bureau met last Friday night with John Hargett as guest speaker. His topic was "How the General Assembly affects the farmers". The Bureau is opposing the special state tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products. A group of farmers attended the legislature Tuesday in Raleigh concerning the subject.

Mrs. Robert Buck Reelected President Maysville's PTA

Approximately twenty parents and teachers of the Maysville Elementary school PTA met Monday afternoon for the April meeting.

It was announced that the necessary funds had been raised to finish the payment on the stage curtain. This was done through the classes and each grade was given a party after completing the project.

New officers elected were: President Mrs. Robert Buck; Vice President Mrs. Sam Pruitt; Secretary Mrs. A. B. Bracey and Treasurer Mrs. Bill Henderson.

Principal Clifton Phillyaw announced that May Day will be on May 1. The outgoing officers, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Robert Curtin and Mrs. C. D. Smith served refreshments of brownies, cookies and Cokes.

Land Transfers

Only one real estate transfer was recorded in the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce and that was for one lot from W. Edward Haskins to Fred E. Dunn one lot in Chinquapin Township.

Election Law Changes Cause Concern Among Kinstonians

Changes in the law, or at least changes in the interpretation of these election laws are currently causing considerable concern among Kinstonians who pay any serious attention to public affairs.

On two points: Prohibition of the so-called "single shot" voting and whether a numerical majority is needed for election there is much confusion.

In the recent past Kinston elections have been held under an interpretation which made it mandatory for voters to cast a ballot for five aldermen, but City Attorney George Greene says now that a slight alteration of the general election laws in the 1957 session of the General Assembly has made it impossible for Kinston to operate its election in this manner.

Greene also interprets the existing election laws as saying that in any race—either for mayor or alderman—a numerical majority of the votes cast is not a requisite to election. In the case of mayor the high man would be automatically elected, and in the case of the board of aldermen the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes would be automatically elected.

This year since Mayor Guy Elliott is unopposed the job of mayor poses no problem but with 21 candidates in the race for the five seats on the city council it is theoretically possible for five aldermen to be elected who each had less than 20 per cent of the total vote cast.

Mayor Elliott says he will have to abide by a ruling that Greene is asking from the attorney general on this point, but he says that his personal view it that as a matter of practical common sense a runoff would have to be called if a candidate failed to get a numerical majority of the votes cast, and if the next candidate in line called for such a runoff.

Elliott admitted that it is illogical to rule out a runoff since tie votes are not impossible and he could suggest no alternative than a runoff if say the fifth and sixth high candidate ended in a dead heat.

Marriage License

Marriage License issued in the past week by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included these two:

Gerald Allen Colpitts, 20, to Bernadette Marie Dixon, 21, both of Maysville route one.

Arlester Ingram, 21, to Ethel Lee Moore, 18, both of Beaver Creek Township.

Mrs. Lucy Koonce Simmons

Funeral services are to be held at 3 Friday from Oak Grove Methodist Church for 82 year-old Mrs. Lucy Koonce Simmons, widow of Christopher Sevens Simmons, who died at her home in Pollocksville at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday. Burial will be made in the Pollocksville Cemetery.

Kinstonian Killed

Forty nine year-old Carl Edwards, son of Mrs. Hester Daniels of 419 Lincoln Street, was killed in a construction accident last Thursday morning in Norfolk. His sister, Rosa Lee Anderson, said a bulldozer being used on the construction job rolled over on Edwards, killing him instantly.

KELLYS BEWARE!

Cars driven by Mrs. Margaret Blount Harvey of 901 Dewey Street and Carol Rae Kelly of 705 Wals-ton Avenue had an expensive tangle at 12:20 Sunday afternoon at the corner of Dewey and Washington Streets. Damage was set at \$700 to the Harvey car and \$400 to the Kelly car. Miss Kelly was driving west on Washington and Mrs. Harvey north on Dewey when the wreck took place. Three years ago Miss Kelly's father, Raeford Kelly, was involved in a serious wreck at this same intersection.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

George R. McCarthy, a Greensboro salesman, was found not guilty last week in Recorder's Court on charges of assault with an automobile and reckless driving. The charge was brought on January 20th when his car struck Hillman Brewer, an employee of the Kinstonian Motel, where McCarthy was an overnight guest.

Speed Still Highways' Most Deadly Mistake

Excessive speed was by far the biggest single cause of traffic accidents that caused more than 2,825,000 injuries and 36,700 deaths on U. S. highways during 1958. The Travelers Insurance Company reported in its latest highway safety booklet.

It was estimated that speed killed and injured nearly 1,000,000 persons in the United States last year, more than 40 per cent of the total.

Cars that did not have the right-of-way were involved in 25.2 per cent of the accidents causing a total of 608,400 injuries during the year. Reckless driving was blamed for 10.4 per cent of the injuries; cutting in for 4.0 per cent and improper signaling for 3.6 per cent.

Crossing at intersections was the chief cause of the 7,700 pedestrians killed and 245,800 injured. A total of 10.1 per cent, or 27,040 pedestrians were injured while crossing with the signal as compared with 7.4 per cent injured crossing against the signal.

It was reported that 97.1 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents had more than a year of driving experience; that 87.9 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents were men; that 87 per cent of the vehicles involved in non-fatal accidents were passenger cars; and that more than 95 per cent of the cars involved were

in apparently good condition at the time of the accident.

Dry roads prevailed in 78.3 per cent of the fatal crashes and 70.1 per cent of the non-fatal accidents. The weather was reported as clear in 84.2 per cent of the fatal pile-ups and 79.5 per cent of the non-fatal mishaps.

Health and Welfare Program Thursday for Trenton Clubwomen

The Trenton Womans Club met Thursday night at the club house with Mrs. Zeta Burt and Mrs. C. C. Jones as hostesses. Mrs. Henry Swiggett opened the meeting with the Collect followed by the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Nimrod Carroll and the treasurer's report.

During the business session it was decided that the clubwomen will sell sponges for two weeks in order to make money to use for repairs on the club house.

Mrs. Harold Hargett and Mrs. Harold Hargett Jr. were program leaders for the month on Health and Welfare. Mrs. Burt gave an informal talk on the "Policies of Welfare".

At the end of the meeting the hostesses served sandwiches, nuts and drinks.