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ABC Profits Permit 12 Cent Drop In Jones County's 1959 Tax Rate

Meeting Tuesday for final consideration of the 1959-60 budget the Jones County Board of Commissioners were happy to approve a 12 cent reduction in the tax rate because of profits coming to the county from the operation of its three ABC whisky stores. The rate drops from \$1.78 to \$1.66 for the year.

In addition to this happy reflection of whisky profits to the county another \$10,000 from ABC store profits is earmarked to go along with \$20,000 of state and federal funds for construction of a health department building.

The total budget for 1959-60 for Jones County was fixed at \$530,972, of which \$127,348 will be provided by real and personal property taxes. The \$1.66 tax rate on the \$10,060,000 tax listed valuation yields a theoretical \$167,111, but delinquent tax payers and prepayment discounts make necessary the \$167,111 levy in order to get the \$127,348 tax-yield needs of the budget.

Fiscal 1958-59 is the first full year the Jones County ABC stores have been in operation. The first of three stores was opened December 7, 1957.

State and federal funds, beer and wine tax refunds, court costs, fines, fees and privilege license contribute the \$407,624 that brings the budget in balance.

Branch Bank Holds Formal Opening May 27th With Many Guests Present

The new Branch Banking and Trust Co. building in Trenton, which has been open for business since March 6, had its formal opening May 27 from 5:00 until 9 p. m.

The building, built in Williamsburg architecture has four tellers windows, three offices, the vault, a bookkeeping department and a night depository.

Mrs. Alta Koonce is the vice-president and cashier of the Trenton branch. Working with her are Mrs. Lela Pollock, assistant cashier, Miss Mavis Koonce, teller, Mrs. Peggy DuVal, teller, Mrs. Nancy Taylor, bookkeeper and Miss Anna Lou Smith, bookkeeper.

In the receiving line Wednesday night were Mrs. Koonce, directors M. E. Hines, R. T. Johnson and W. R. Bender. Martha Koonce and Susan Bender also received the guests.

Miss Koonce, Mrs. DuVal, and Mrs. Hines guided the tour through the bank and Mrs. Taylor and Miss Smith served refreshments.

Refreshments, which were made by members of the Womans Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, were fruit punch, ham biscuits, sandwiches, cake squares, nuts and mints. The decorations were done in pink and green. The bank was also filled with several baskets of cut flowers.

Out of town officials attending the opening were J. E. Paschall, president of the Branch Bank, J. L. Satchwell, senior vice president, D. W. Kellogg, vice president, and Mrs. Kellogg, Emmitt Hubbard, assistant vice president and Mrs. Hubbard, Harry S. Bateman, assistant cashier, and Foy N. Goforth, assistant cashier, all of Wilson. Douglas C. Tabb, assistant

Trenton ABC Store Robbed Monday Night of 20 Cases

Maysville Methodist Attendance Contest Ends After 10 Weeks

To climax a ten-week contest in the Church School of the Maysville Methodist Church, the congregation sponsored a picnic in the local community building following the Sunday morning service.

During the worship service five awards were given to the classes that had shown the greatest improvement in attendance and stewardship.

The classes that received an award of a white Bible were those taught by Mrs. R. L. Mattocks, Mrs. C. D. Smith, Mrs. Ray Gibson, Mrs. Robert Curtin and Mrs. C. C. Dameron. The Bibles will be used in the worship centers of the various classes.

Each child of the Church School received an Indian headdress containing a number of feathers indicating the number of times he had attended Sunday School and the worship services.

R. L. Mattocks, Church School secretary, made the presentations of the various awards.

Fast-working, thirsty thieves

Monday night parked a car back of the Branch Banking & Trust Company in Kinston and then after forcing open the front door of Jones County ABC Store No. 1 loaded their car with 20 cases of stolen "spirits" and a few bottles picked up at random from the store shelves.

Apparently thinking that a telephone line in the rear of the building was a burglar alarm the thieves cut it before making their raid.

The liquid loot included five cases of Old Hickory, five cases of Calvert Reserve, two cases of Old Crow, two cases of Glenmore and one case each of Linfield, Kentucky Tavern, Mr. Boston, Old Quaker, Bellow's Club, Carstairs, all of which was pints except the Old Quaker which was in fifths.

The thieves also lifted one pint of Mint Flavor gin, one pint of Orange Gin, one fifth of Vodka and one fifth of White Horse Scotch.

Sheriff Brown Yates says the only information he has indicates that the raid took place late Monday night of very early Tuesday morning.

The Monday afternoon receipts of the store—some over \$100 was left in the store in a hiding place. The thieves probably not supposing that anything other than "liquid" assets would be left in the store overnight.

'Hub' Has Question

"Hub" Andrews appeared before the board of county commissioners Tuesday and had just one point blank question on his mind, "What has been done and what is going to be done about installing a highway tile to eliminate present flooding of my property?"

The board said the matter had been brought to the attention of the Highway Commission and that was all it could do.

Marriage License

During the past week three marriage license were issued in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce. They went to:

Robert Howard Jr., 29, and Rosa Lee Dudley, 25, both of Maysville. Preston E. Sasser, 22, and Ethel Burkette, 21, both of Wayne County.

Isaac Smith Jr., 21, and Marion Janet Jenkins, 18, both of Trenton.

Sign of Summer

One sure sign of summer came to the Jones County Board of Commissioners Tuesday as Mrs. F. R. Pollock, speaking for employees in the ag building annex asked the commissioners to seriously consider 1. the installation of a water cooler in that part of the building and, 2 the addition of air-conditioning equipment. The board took no action on the request.

Seek Draft Papers

Local Draft Board No. 53 which serves Jones County is trying to contact two young men who have failed to file proper reports. The last address known for the two to the draft board were Walter Lee Chadwick, route 2 box 41, Jacksonville, N. C. and Stephen Elwood Turner, 1705 West Vernon Avenue present location of these young men is urged to contact the Trenton Board.

Jay Bird Flies Again

Former Kinston Grocer I. J. "Jaybird" Sparrow Jr. last week again lived up to his nickname by "flying the coop" in San Diego, California. Picked up early in May for extradition to North Carolina where a five year jail term awaits him, Sparrow managed to get free under \$5,000 bond but when time for the extradition hearing arrived he was gone once again.

Jones County's 1959-60 Budget Set at \$530,972; Tax Rates Drops to \$1.66

News Briefs

TUESDAY WRECK

At 12:30 Tuesday afternoon a wreck at the corner of Heritage and Gordon streets between cars driven by Roy W. Griffin of Trenton route one and Frank Barnes of 232 West Gordon resulted in an estimated \$400 damage to the Griffin car and \$600 damage to the car of Vardo Sautiers of Kinston route five, which Barnes was driving. Griffin pled guilty to running a stop light.

HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE

An accident at 1:30 a. m. Monday at Adkin and Tower Hill Road resulted in heavy property damage; \$500 to the car of Wade E. Phifer of Wingate and \$200 to the car of James A. Williams of Trenton route one. Phifer was booked for reckless driving and driving without a driver's license and Williams was accused of failure to yield the right of way.

DENTIST BREAKS BAD

Negro Dentist James F. Cameron of 1017 Caswell Street was indicted over the weekend on charges of breaking and entering, disorderly conduct, malicious damage to private property and trespassing. The charges were brought by Eunice Outlaw and Julia Lloyd of 3-F Carver Courts. Trial is set for June 8th.

ESCAPE INJURY

Mrs. Willard Carroll of Bluefield, Va., driving west on US 70 about four miles east of Kinston at 11:10 Sunday night lost control of her car which wound up a total loss after capsizing in a ditch. Mrs. Carroll and two passengers escaped injury.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Harold Ciro Hawkins of Kinston route five was booked over the weekend for a 2nd drunken driving offense and violation of the liquor laws. Hawkins, owner of a lengthy police record had not been in trouble recently.

TWO CHECKS, TWO MONTHS

Magistrate Bill Thomas Monday sentenced Roscoe Bachelor of Pink Hill route one to two months in prison—30 days for each of two worthless check charges.

MARINES LEASE HANGERS

City and County officials Monday approved a lease with the Marine Corps for two hangers at Stallings Air Base. The lease calls for priority use of these two hangers by Marine Corps aircraft between June 1 and November 30 of each year during hurricanes or hurricane scares. The lease price is \$1200 per year and may be cancelled on 30 day notice by the Marine Corps or 90 day notice by the city and county.

Midget Car Racing

Folks who like a lot of excitement and noise are invited each Friday night at 7:30 to midget car races sponsored by the non-profit Kinston Micro Midget Racing Association, which has recently completed an eighth of a mile track on the back side of the Simon Jackson Airport south of Kinston. From 20 to 25 of these tiny speedsters take part in these Friday night events, including cars from Greensboro to the ocean. Any profits the racing association makes is donated each year at Christmas Time to the needy children of Lenoir County.

Holding its June Meeting on Tuesday the Jones County Board of Commissioners stamped approval on a \$530,972 budget and lowered the tax rate from \$1.78 to \$1.66 on the \$100 valuation.

The tax listed valuation of \$10,060,000 would yield \$167,111 on the \$1.66 tax rate, but standard budgeting never permits appropriations to be made against 100 per cent of the tax levy.

The allocations included in this budget are shown in the following tabulation:

Department	Budget
General Welfare	8 8,000
Aid to Blind	1,532
Welfare Administration	14,413
Old Age Assistance	38,880
Aid Dependent Children	110,160
Aid to Totally Disabled	36,120
County Accountant	3,599
Extension Department	10,474
Forest Fire Control	3,000
Health Department	16,007
Bond Redemption	34,260
School Operation	123,095
School Capital Outlay	13,766
School Debt	19,060
Mosquito Control	2,500
General Fund	96,106
Total	\$530,972

To balance this budget \$403,624 will come from sources other than tax on real and personal property.

The general fund allocations are tabulated below:

Dept.	'59-60 Budget	'58--59 Budget
Commissioners	\$ 1,906	\$1,231
Tax Listing	5,384	3,059
Tax Collector	5,231	4,357
Sheriff Office	8,788	8,427
Election Board	2,650	1,083
*Building & Ground	41,045	5,278
Register Deeds	8,471	6,632
Coroner	50	10
Jail Expense	850	341
Superior Court	4,250	2,718
Clerk of Court	7,958	7,194
County Attorney	1,820	1,820
Miscellaneous	6,610	6,480
Total	\$96,106	\$48,635

*Includes \$30,000 building for Health Department

This is how the \$530,972 is allocated for the operation of county affairs during the coming year. Next week a detailed analysis will be published showing where this money comes from.

Mattocks Reappointed To Welfare Board

Monday Robert Mattocks of Maysville appeared before the board of county commissioners along with Welfare Superintendent Mrs. Zeta Burt to explain and answer questions about the 1959-60 budget of that department.

As one questionable reward for his services in that difficult post as welfare board member, Mattocks was appointed to another three year term as the commissioners' representative on the welfare board.

The State Welfare Board names one member, the commissioners name another and these two appoint the third board member.

Mewborne Resigns

Kinston Postmaster John F. Mewborne last week tendered his resignation effective June 30 of this year. Mewborne has served for more than three years in the technical position of "Acting Postmaster" since the senate committee charged with approving postmaster appointments has held up Mewborne's confirmation through three sessions of congress. Mewborne, a Republican, was appointed to succeed Democrat E. R. Wooten and had the bad luck to run into a congress controlled by Democrats.