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## First Quarter Profits Jones ABC System \$8'080; To Date \$39,123

The quarterly profit-and-loss statement of the Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board shows profits of \$8,080.12 for July, August and September of the current fiscal period.

This profit was made on a gross business of \$74,463.70, indicating a net profit of 10.85 per cent which is well above the state average net profit for all legal whisky stores.

The gross profit amounted to \$21,510.14 but from this came the operating expenses and 5 per cent of net profits that is set aside for law enforcement work.

Under operating expenses the following are listed: Salaries \$3,637.50, office supplies \$204.64, rent \$517.50, telephone and telegraph \$132.38, heat and lights \$87.30, insurance \$195.75, taxes and licenses \$163.50, ten per cent gross sales to State of North Carolina \$7,446.36, extra labor \$31, trucking expense \$283.78, repairs and maintenance \$66.50, depreciation \$224.91, education \$85.30, \$425.25 to law enforcement fund. The audit shows among surplus receipts an item of \$66.88 from burglary insurance.

The report indicates net profits through June 30, 1959 of \$31,043.59, which when added to the net for July, August and September of this year totals \$39,123.71.

The report shows that as of September 30th \$4,500 had been turned into the county general fund. Since that date an additional \$1,000 has been turned into this fund to pay Jones County's part of the cost of the Health Department Clinic that is to be built just east of Trenton on a one-acre site donated to the county by Mrs. Verder Pollock and daughter.

## State ABC Board Approves 4th Store for Jones County

Following a hearing in Raleigh last week the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has given permission to the Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board to open its fourth store.

The store will be located on Highway US 17 between Maysville and Pollocksville, but will not be in the corporate limits of either town.

The first Jones County legal whisky store in nearly 50 years was opened December 7, 1957 at Trenton. Two weeks later the No. 2 store was opened at Hargett Crossroads and Store No. 3 was opened in June of 1958 at Wyse Forks.

For some months the Jones County Board has had under study the opening of a store to serve the eastern part of the county.

Legal whisky stores were ap-

proved for Jones County in a referendum held in October 1957 when the voters of the county overwhelmingly voted in favor of such a controlled system.

Five of the county's seven townships voted for the legal whisky stores but Pollocksville and White Oak Townships voted against them. Perhaps in deference to that "anti" vote in those two townships no store was included in early plans for that part of the county, but the heavy volume of traffic on Highway US 11 and the fact that a goodly percentage of the residents of these two townships did vote "for" legal whisky stores caused the Jones County ABC board to finally decide to ask permission to locate a store in that general area, and now after full hearings and review of the overall situation the state board has approved the plan.

### EDITORIAL

### Majority Rule

In October of 1957 Jones County voters went to the polls and by a 2-to-1 majority approved the establishment of legal whisky stores in their county. Five of the county's seven townships voted "for" legalized sale of whisky. White Oak and Pollocksville Townships did not vote in favor of this plan.

The Jones County ABC Board, comprised of Chairman Edgar Philyaw, Bruce Johnson and J. E. Dixon Jr., delayed for two years asking permission to open an ABC store in either of these two townships. They did so because there

a legal whisky store in either of was some opposition to location of those townships.

But while there was open, loud and bitter opposition to a store in that part of the county there was also strong support for a store somewhere along Highway US 11.

For 20 years the people who felt legal sale of liquor proper abided by the 1937 vote which saw the county vote against ABC stores. Those townships that voted for ABC stores in 1937 did not say that they should have a right to have a legal liquor store. It was then, and it was in 1957 a county-wide vote.

Now, no matter how fanatically some persons may feel on this subject the shoe is on the other foot. Residents of Pollocksville and White Oak Townships have no moral or legal ground to stand upon when they attempt to oppose a program that has recently and so overwhelmingly been approved by the voters of the entire county.

Legal whisky stores have now been open in Jones County for over two years. Trenton is still the same peaceful village it was before the stores were opened. Hargett Crossroads is no "den of iniquity" and Wyse Forks is a far more serene community than it was 30 years ago.

Whisky is a problem for some people, so are cigarettes, so are rich foods; even religion bewilders and confounds some people.

This year over 1,100 people have been killed by cars and another 16,000 have been injured on the highways of our state. Could a township vote out of a reasonable fear of these gasoline monsters and forbid others to drive there?

## Maysville Firemen to Have Yule Party 21st

The men of the Maysville Fire Department met last Monday night for their monthly meeting. President Rudolph Pelletier called the meeting to order and conducted the business session.

The forming of a rescue squad which was discussed at their last meeting was further discussed.

They agreed to have a Christmas party on page 12

## Guilty Verdict Set Aside in Jack Calvin Bunn Indictment

Monday Judge Paul Frizzelle set aside the jury's verdict rendered in November in the manslaughter charge against Jack Calvin Bunn, honor graduate of Duke Medical School, who had been found guilty.

Taking in consideration 1. the recommendation of mercy made by the jury when it returned its verdict, 2. the excellence of the defendants record in every field, 3. the affirmative evidence that neither speed nor intoxication had any part in the accident, 4. the settlement of all claims for damages for personal injuries to the passengers in both vehicles and settlement for all claims of damage in the wrongful death of Mrs. Beverly Elizabeth Hawkins, and 5. the acquiescence of Sgt. Vernon Hawkins, husband of the woman killed and father of two of the injured children, Judge Frizzelle granted the defense motion to set the verdict aside.

The total financial settlement was "in excess of \$42,400", according to the judgment signed by Judge Frizzelle.

Bunn was driver of a car headed east on US 70 nine miles west of Kinston that suddenly swerved into the path of Mrs. Hawkins' car which was headed west. Mrs. Hawkins was killed instantly, several children in her car were badly injured and Bunn suffered severe leg injuries.

## Kinstonian Indicted in Jones County Murder

Evans Miller of 1010 Gordon Street in Kinston is held under \$4,000 bond in the Saturday night pistol death of 16 year-old Chester "Rooster" Lewis of Beaver Creek Township.

Sheriff Brown Yates says the shooting took place at a church "fund raising supper" in Beaver Creek Township Saturday night. Some 20 people were jammed in a small room of a tenant house. A shot was fired but in the confusion some minutes had passed before it was discovered that Lewis had been hit by the bullet from a .22 caliber pistol.

The bullet had flattened itself against Lewis' cheek bone, then had penetrated downward to cut the jugular vein, causing Lewis to bleed to death before he reached a Kinston hospital.

Miller denies any knowledge of the shooting, but Sheriff Yates says witnesses contradict Miller's denial. He was released from custody Tuesday under \$4,000 bond, pending trial of the murder charge in Jones County Superior Court.

Other arrests reported during the past week by Sheriff Yates included the following: James F. Rhodes of Comfort, non support; Edward Strayhorn of Pollocksville, John F. Franks of Trenton, James C. Harper of Pink Hill route one and John R. Smith of Kinston route four all booked for public drunkenness and Roland Hodges Cauley Jr. of Deep Run route one for driving without a driver's license.

## Divorced Couple to Try Marriage Again

Among the marriage license issued by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week there was one that was rather unusual.

It went to Walter Ormond, 54, and Willie Mae Bell Ormond, 45. This couple had previously been married, then had gotten a divorce, but after a few years of being "alone" they last week decided to try working in double harness again.

The only other license issued went to Felton Ray Lawrence, 19, of Jacksonville and Doris Mae Spivey, 21, of Trenton.

## Three Suicides Over Weekend in This Area

Suicide was ruled in three deaths over the past weekend in this area:

Robert Elmore of 1914 West Washington Street was found in his home Saturday morning by a brother-in-law, Jesse Harris, dead from a .25 caliber pistol wound through the heart. Despondency over separation from his wife and four year-old son is blamed for his death.

Saturday morning shortly after 8 o'clock Mrs. Rachel Henderson Cox of Pollocksville route one took her life by jumping in Trent River beside the cemetery in Pollocksville. She had been under treatment for some time for a nervous breakdown.

Sunday afternoon William A. Howard of Pink Hill killed himself with a shotgun after a period of despondency over poor health.

## Christmas Services

A Christmas program will be held December 20 at 6:00 at the Baptist Church.

The Methodist Church will have a Christmas party for the children at 6 at the church, on the 20th.

Other events listed for the week are: Oak Grove Methodist Church announced a Christmas party and caroling by the Methodist Youth Fellowship December 21st.

Maple Grove Methodist Church announces a Christmas play at 7:30 December 20 and caroling by the MYF later.

The Trenton Methodist Church will have a candle lighting service at 7:00 (unless changed later) December 24 at the church.

## Trenton Legion Auxiliary Helps At Vet's Hospital

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary No. 154 went to the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville last Friday to work in the gift shop.

The ladies help the patients who are not able to go out shopping, select gifts in the shop and then wrap them for mailing.

Those who went from Trenton were Mrs. W. F. Hill, Miss Macie Mallard, Mrs. Carl Flowers, Mrs. Laura Davenport, Mrs. Wilson Lowery, Mrs. Nelson Banks, Mrs. Jack Mallard and Mrs. Eula Mercer.

## Ruritans Hold Their Ladies' Night and Hear Sam Bundy

The Ruritan Club held its Ladies' Night at Jones Central High School Monday night with Bill Griffin presiding. As the group entered, they sang carols at the piano and when the ladies were seated, the husbands served.

Sam Bundy of Farmville was the guest speaker and was introduced by J. W. Allen. The dinner was adjourned with the singing of a carol.

## Home Agents Have Christmas Decoration Display for Public

Jones County Home Agents Mrs. Faytie Gray and Mrs. Donald Brock have on display this week, Christmas decorations, in the auditorium at the Agriculture Building.

Some of the items are a tree made from facial tissues, a tree made of tooth picks, greenery arranged in plates and sprayed gold and silver, and a hurricane lamp sprayed gold with balls attached.

A door swag and several candle arrangements are also there for everyone to see. Go in from Wednesday until Friday from 8 until 5 any time.

## Patrol Blames Racing In Davenport Fatality

The death of 26 year-old Glenwood Davenport Jr. at 3:55 a. m. last Thursday has been blamed on racing and his cousin, Ronald Earl Davenport, is under indictment, charged with reckless driving and manslaughter.

Both Davenports were employees of the DuPont Dacron plant and had worked until midnight Wednesday. After visiting a late-hours place in Craven County, just east of the Lenoir County line, they were headed back to Kinston at an apparent high rate of speed when their car crashed into the easternmost abutment of the Moseley Creek Bridge.

The dead man, a resident of 2212 Old Snow Hill Road, was riding in the right front seat.

Another car-headed eastwardly, driven by William H. Gurkin Jr.

of Washington, N. C., came onto the bridge a split second later and slammed into the Davenport car as it pivoted off the bridge abutment and across the roadway.

Kenneth Snow, also of Washington, a passenger in the Gurkin car, suffered severe facial cuts and internal injuries. Both cars were classified total wrecks.

The patrol says the car Davenport was racing sped away from the scene, refusing to even return to offer aid to the passengers in the two smashed cars.

The investigation has not been completed but available information tends to indicate that the driver of the other car involved in the race was also involved in another racing death that claimed the life of a DuPont worker in 1958 just north of the Kinstonian Motel. Indictments are considered likely within the next few days.

The boundary line between Lenoir and Craven counties is Moseley Creek and since the accident began on the Craven County side of the creek the fatality was charged against that county, which brought its death toll for 1959 up to nine.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Primaries, Intermediates, Junior and young people of the First Baptist Church will present the play "A Christmas Story", Sunday evening at 8:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.



SHOPPING WEEK LEFT

HELP FIGHT TB WITH CHRISTMAS SEALS

