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## Jones County Politics Quiet As Church Mouse

Some say the weather, others the condition of tobacco plant beds and some blame the natural bashfulness of Jones Countians for the unusually quiet condition of Jones County politics on this, March 24th just 22 days before the filing deadline for all would-be office holders.

As of Thursday morning Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill had not collected a single, solitary filing fee.

Officers to be filled for Jones County in the May 28th election includes the board of county commissioners, representatives in the general assembly, register of deeds, justices of peace, constables, coroner, school board and Jones Countians are also eligible to seek one of the two seats in the state senate from the Seventh Senatorial District.

The incumbent commissioners, Chairman John W. Creagh, Harold Mallard, D. A. Jones, Braxton George and Ralph Scott are expected to seek another two year term.

The same expectation is held for Representative John Hargett, Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce and Justice of Peace Heber Moore.

It will be necessary to elect a new coroner since the incumbent, Milton Arthur, has resigned to accept another job with the county.

No Jones Countian is rumored up until this point as having any serious interest in one of the senate seats. Already filed and running for these senate jobs are one incumbent, Luther Hamilton of Morehead City, and Tom White of Kinston, a former member of the state house of representatives, who is now seeking a seat in the other branch of the general assembly.

Jones Countians are largely interested in two major political campaigns that involve either all of the state or the Third Congressional District.

It seemed to be generally agreed in every part of Jones County that Beverly Lake has so far hurt Trenton Attorney John Larkins more than any other candidate in Lar-

### 4-H Notes

#### TRENTON JUNIOR 4-H CLUB Sonia Rae Harrison, Reporter

The March meeting of the Trenton Junior 4-H Club was called to order by Vice President Billy Harrison. The pledges to the American and 4-H Flags were repeated by the group. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary Jackie Mercer. Song leaders, Brenda Hill and Betty Jean Sumrell led in "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Mr. J. R. Franck, County Agricultural Agent, made some announcements and said a few words on National 4-H Club Week. The Boys and Girls met together for the demonstration by Mr. L. B. Nance, Jr., Assistant Farm Agent. He showed a movie on "Home Gardening" and gave each member a planting schedule.

### FUNERAL FRIDAY

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday from the Comfort Christian Church for William Edward Philyaw, 73, of Comfort who died following a brief illness Wednesday afternoon just after 1 p. m. Burial will be made in the Philyaw family cemetery near Comfort.

kings' home county.

Among the five candidates seeking to succeed Graham Barden as third district congressman none seems to have any overpowering following in Jones County.

Geographically the Craven County Candidates, Robert Stallings and James O. Simpkins, seem a trifle closer to Jones County than any other, despite the fact that Jones County borders Duplin County which has County Court Judge David Henderson in the race and borders Carteret County which has Skinner Chalk among the candidates.

The fifth candidate, Dr. David Rose of Wayne County, is known to a good many Jones Countians but not well enough by the majority to be classed as anything near the top of the list in this particular county.

If a guess had to be made Stallings, Simpkins and Henderson would very likely be the top contenders, so far as Jones County is concerned, and not necessarily in that order.

Henderson, a former associate of Congressman Barden, would be a likely man to pick to head the list since Jones County has always been a strong supporter of Barden.

Up until now however, Henderson has not made the kind of effort that Simpkins and Stallings have and if he expects to ride safely home on the retiring coat tails of Barden it is likely that he'll still be a resident of Duplin County when the voting is over, rather than being a nominee to congress.

## Alex H. White Fifth Graders Present Interesting Program

The fifth grade of Alex H. White School presented an assembly program in the school auditorium Monday. Although the teacher, Miss Julia Whitty, assisted when needed, most of the work was done by the pupils. All characters were selected by vote of the pupils, who also collected all stage properties.

The program consisted of: Scripture by Nell Jones and Prayer by Danny Griggs.

"A Word to Mr. Fish", with solo parts by Curtis Jones, Linda Harrell, Robert Howard and Mary Sue Mallard.

"What Shall I Do With My Horse?" Solo by Donna DuVal.

Song "Patsy-Orey-Orey-Ay" by the grade.

Novelty—"A Bear Hunt"—led by Bob Meadows.

"The War on Litterbugs"—a series of skits, showing how the Litter Patrol is making war on all litterbugs.

Announcer, Sue Booth; Captain Clean, Alan Mallard; Scatterbug, Sue Collins; Reader for Scatterbug, Edna West; Tossbug, Brenda Boyette; Reader for Tossbug, Benny Sutton; Smearbug, Dale Yardas; Reader for Smearbug, Carol Dean King; Splatterbug, Joyce Howard; Reader for Splatterbug, Opal Coward; Gobblebug, Melvin Aycock; Reader for Gobblebug, Nancy O'Bryan; Teeterbug, Cecil Hill; Reader for Teeterbug, Brenda Murphy; Plain old Litterbug, Stacy Smith; Reader for Litterbug, Donald Kennedy.

Stage Managers, Johnny Har-

## Two Suits Filed in Jones Superior Court

In the past week two suits have been filed in Jones County Superior Court.

Sybil P. Goolsby has filed suit for divorce on grounds of two years separation from Herman Goolsby.

Laura Peyton Burkett of Richmond, Va. has brought action against Clarence Issac Burkett of Beaver Creek Township in Jones County seeking to collect alimony and support for minor children granted to her when she was divorced from Burkett in Virginia last year.

Burkett was ordered by the Virginia courts to pay \$160 per month for Mrs. Burkett and two minor children and \$200 attorney fees for her lawyer. He has not made any payment on either of these items and according to the complaint filed in the Jones County Court he has disposed of a trailer and auto-hab disposed of his property with mobile upon which Mrs. Burkett asked that a judgment be executed before they were also liquidated.

## Marriage License

Marriage license issued recently by Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following:

Richard Owen Harker, 23, to Dorothy Lee Swinson, 17, both of Pollockville.

Jimmy Lee Taylor, 16, and Olivia Jane Littleton, 17, both of Jacksonville.

George Jahn, 52, of Maysville and Derah Rouse, 45, of Pollockville.

riett and Ray Whaley.

Other fifth graders taking part in the program were; Robert Howard, Frances Canady, Deborah Eubanks, Mary Eubanks, Eloise Hardy, Irene Heath, Faye Howard, Linda Jones, Sharon Mallard, and Evelyn Nobles. All 37 pupils of the grade took part.

## Mrs. Pippin Re-elected WSCS President of Trenton Methodist

The Womans Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church met Wednesday night at the church with 14 members present. The spiritual life leader, Mrs. W. S. Hill, gave the devotional.

Mrs. V. L. Pollock then presented a very inspirational program on "Stewardship". She stressed several very good points, among them being that people are more concerned about what one has instead of what one is. She declared that a person needs spiritual food as well as food for his physical needs.

After the reading of the minutes and roll call by the secretary, Mrs. Fred Pippin, president, called on the various secretaries for reports. Mrs. V. L. Pollock was chosen as a delegate from the Trenton WSCS for the conference to be held in Wilmington April 5-7.

A nominating committee composed of Mrs. W. G. Mallard, Mrs. A. B. Parker, and Mrs. V. L. Pollock presented a slate of officers for the ensuing year. The slate

## Final Action April 4th On Tax Revaluations

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners had a few "callers" as it sat as a board of equalization and review, which it is required to do on the third Monday in March of each year.

The board, after listening to a number of property owners at its Monday session, postponed final action on all requests until its regular April meeting.

Since the commissioners will still be legally sitting as a board of equalization and review on April 4th persons who did not get to the meeting in time to ask revaluations may do so at the April meeting.

Citizens may object to the tax listed valuation of their property at any time—and most do all the time—but the only time of the year when the county commissioners are authorized to make changes in tax listed valuations is in this session when they are convened as a board of equalization and review.

Persons who feel that their property is listed at a price out of line with comparable pieces of property have the right to appear and ask a change in the valuation placed upon their property. Naturally, 99.9 per cent of those who appear at such meetings are seeking lower valuations for their property, but a person also has the right to request that the value be increased. None has in recent history in Jones County.

## Pollockville PTA Basketball Benefit Being Played Friday

Sore backs and stiff muscles are not slowing down the practice or enthusiasm of the old-timers who will play the basketball teams of Alex H. White School Friday night, in the PTA-sponsored event at Jones Central. A large number of men were on hand Saturday afternoon to get in shape. Many of the women limbered up Tuesday afternoon and some did not wait for that. Some have been coming for the past week to shoot a few goals and sort of loosen up.

At any rate all are looking forward to a night of fun, and are hoping to make a good profit for the PTA. Both games will be played in the Jones Central Gym Friday night—the girls at 7:30 and the boys at 8:30. Admission is 25c for all school children, and 50c for all adults.

## 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:

From Gordon King to Carrie King one tract in Tuckahoe Township.

From Jesse Ray Eubanks to W. J. Dillahunt two lots in Pollockville.

## Fugitive Caught, Tried, Sentenced

Before Christmas a fight in the Davis Street section resulted in the shooting of Ishmael Davis of 719 Fields Street and witnesses told officers that Mazell May of La Grange had done the shooting.

May fled and was not caught until over the past weekend. He was tried before Recorder Emmett Wooten Monday and sentenced to serve 18 months in prison.

was accepted and the following were elected to head the group: Mrs. Fred Pippin, president, Mrs. M. E. Hines, vice-president, Mrs. Leslie Parker secretary and Mrs. W. G. Mallard treasurer. After the business session Mrs. J. R. Franck served refreshments.

## Sheriff Yates Being Discharged Monday After Hospitalization

Sheriff Brown Yates, who has been under treatment since March 8th in St. Luke Hospital in New Bern, is scheduled to be discharged Monday.

Yates suffered a blood clot that slowed blood circulation to his brain and caused a temporary partial paralysis of one arm and one leg.

His recovery has been called complete since he received treatment promptly enough to prevent permanent damage to nerve centers.

He will remain at home for several days, and at one time was scheduled for release from the hospital this week, but his doctors decided to keep him under observation through the rest of this week.

## Highway Patrolmen In Jones County Are Changing Districts

Under recent reorganization that will become effective April 1st the highway patrolmen serving in Jones County will be transferred to a new district.

For many years Jones County patrolmen have been included in the district that has headquarters at New Bern and included Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Jones and Onslow counties.

In the new plan of command the divisions have been made much smaller.

The new command for the New Bern patrol office will include Pamlico, Craven and Carteret counties.

Jones County patrolmen after April 1st will be in the district that includes Greene, Lenoir and Jones counties, with headquarters at Kinston.

For many years there has been an effort to make this change since Jones County extends to within two miles of Kinston and quite frequently wrecks almost in the edge of Kinston had to wait for a patrolman to be summoned from a distant part of Jones County.

Under the reorganization the two patrolmen assigned to Jones County will work exclusively in Jones County and not spend as much time out of the county as they have in the past.

## NURSING HOME BEGUN

Work began this week on the Lenoir County Nursing Home which is being built on Cunningham Road with funds voted in a \$200,000 bond issue election in November 1958. The facility is planned for 51 beds and will include three wings, each of 17-bed capacity with kitchen, lounge and service areas.

## Auto Death Reopened

Tuesday the Lenoir County Grand Jury returned a true bill in a charge of manslaughter against Carol Kennedy of 613 Meriwether Lane for the death of Janet Ruth Pittman on the night of September 8, 1959 in a wreck at the intersection of Queens Road and Highland Avenue. Earlier a preliminary hearing before Recorder Emmett Wooten resulted in a finding of "no probable cause" in this same case but the grand jury Tuesday ruled that there was sufficient evidence to support the charge and it will be called for trial at a future term of superior court.