

Jones County Board Race Raises 'Court House' Issue

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Federal Crop Insurance Broadened to Give More Coverage for Tobacco

The New Guaranteed Production Plan on tobacco available in this area for the first time this year increases the coverage, on an average, of approximately 45 per cent above that experienced under the old program, according to H. K. James, of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

This modern plan of All-Risk protection carries a coverage more in line with that which producers generally consider the actual cost of growing tobacco, James said.

An applicant by selecting the amount of insurance desired (within the limits of his classification) is in effect choosing the premium cost and the size of his claim, should loss occur.

The per cent of loss payable where the crop is lost prior to harvest has been increased from 65 per cent to 80 per cent.

For example, an insured selects \$500 per acre on a five acre unit. This gives him a total of \$2,500 insurance. Should any unavoidable cause damage his crop to the extent that growers generally would not further care for such a crop, he can plow it up and collect \$2,000 which would be 80 per cent of his selected amount of insurance.

Thus, he has saved an estimated \$500 in harvesting and marketing costs, the Supervisor explained.

Where the insured produces a
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Jones County Well Represented at Home Clubbers' Meet

Last week as the 20th District of Home Demonstration Clubwomen met in Jacksonville Jones County found itself well represented.

Mrs. Nelson Banks was installed as 2nd Vice President of the 20th District.

Mrs. Earl Thomas gave the de-

Pre-Registration for Alex White Turns Up 25 New First Graders

Pupils who will enter school next Fall visited Alex H. White school in Pollocksville for pre-school registration on Wednesday.

Parents and children had been sent invitations to attend from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. The first grade was host to the newcomers. The first grade-mothers, Mrs. Theron Humphrey, Mrs. John W. Creagh Jr., and Mrs. Johnnie Ippock assisted Mrs. Jo Anne Parker, first grade teacher, in getting ready for the day. They registered the pupils, prepared refreshments and were general guides to the new pupils and their mothers.

Several eighth grade students were on duty assisting the visitors in many ways. They showed them where to park cars, and where to go register. From the registration

Local Students on Prize-Winning ECC AROTC Drill Team

East Carolina College's Air ROTC drill team placed 21st among 75 competing drill teams from throughout the nation at the Cherry Blossom Festival in the nation's capital during the weekend.

The 17 marching members of the team under the direction of T. Sgt. Thomas E. Winstead, participated in the evening parade April 9.

First place among the drill teams was won by Purdue University's Army ROTC drill team.

Members of the team include Henry Brake of Kinston; Jimmy W. Rowe of Maysville and Walter T. Worthington, drill team commander of La Grange.

volitional.

And Jones County Home Clubbers brought home the attendance gavel for having the largest attendance at this annual meeting.

Trenton to Pollocksville Landowners Asked to File Reports for Clearance Job

desk the visitors were directed to the auditorium where they were met by Miss Sallie Murphy, county supervisor.

Miss Julia Whitty, principal, welcomed them to school, and told them some things that the school requires of pupils. Miss Murphy gave a short talk. This was followed by a short talk on what parents can do to help the pupils get ready for school by Mrs. Jo Anne Parker, the first grade teacher.

The first grade gave a short program of poems and songs, and gave original talks on what they do in the first grade. The pupils read stories to the group.

The entire group visited the first grade room and then went to the lunchroom for refreshments.

Pupils who will enter school next fall are: Earl Scott Banks, Mark Bender, Ben Boyette, Michael Lee Coward, Michael Harriett, Joe Heath, Anthony Douglas Hill, Lannie Joe King, Charles N. Mallard Jr., Gary Lee Morris, Graham Leroy Morris, Ivey T. Riggs Jr., James Arnold Riggs, Lester Smith Jr., John Nash Thomas, Curtis Tilton, Judith Marie Banks, Frances Chapman, Marilyn Jo DeBruhl, Jackie Grimsley, Cynthia Louise Hargett, Linda Frances Harriett, Diane Mallard, Marilyn Whaley and Terry Gail White.

Trenton Rentals In Line With Those Charged in Kinston for Comparable Office Spaces

When the filing deadline came last Friday at noon Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill reported 10 men seeking the five jobs on the county board of commissioners.

The only other county competition is the tangle between Incumbent Mrs. Dorothy Noble Koonce and W. D. "Bill" Parker for the job of Register of Deeds.

The incumbent board of education; J. C. West Jr., J. J. Conway, J. C. Wooten, W. E. Phillips and C. J. Banks was unopposed.

Assemblyman John Hargett was unopposed for his 5th term as the county's representative.

Justice of Peace D. H. Moore for Trenton Township also has nobody after his job.

The 10-way tangle for the five commissioner seats has the corner filling stations buzzing with political gossip.

Only four of the present board are seeking reelection. They are Chairman J. W. Creagh Jr., Braxton George, H. C. Mallard and Ralph Scott. The fifth member of the board, D. A. "Doc" Jones, declined to seek another two-year term.

The other six candidates include Nelson Banks, Fred Foscoe, Eugene

Simpson, Horace Lee Haddock, Joseph E. Turner Jr., and Preston Reynolds.

According to some of the gossip in many places about the county the hornet's nest kicked over by Commissioner Jones is still buzzing.

Jones at the April meetings of the board invited representatives of the Kinston Daily Free Press over for some fireworks he promised on the subject of court house rentals. Since the present Jones County Court House was built space has been rented to a number of persons.

Jones—after 5½ years on the board—said the renters were paying too little rent. He attempted to compare Trenton rentals with Kinston rentals. He inferred that County Attorney George Hughes was not present at the meeting as he should be since he "gets paid to come to meetings."

The Kinston newsmen got their commissioners mixed up—this being their first meeting with the Jones County Board—and attributed this remark to Commissioner George. Actually Attorney Hughes was in the room joining the room in which the commissioners were meeting.

Present renters include the Kinston Production Credit Association, County Surveyor E. C. Armstrong, D. W. Koonce, Larkins & Brock and County Attorney George Hughes. Each of these pays \$20 per month rent except the production credit association which pays \$15 per month.

Attorney Hughes said he felt that the question of rents was one that should be settled by the board of county commissioners and since he was one of those renting office space he did not feel it proper to pass an opinion whether the rents were high, low or just right.

Hughes says he did tell Commissioner Jones that no matter which way Jones felt about the matter it would have been better for the commissioners to have called a meeting with those renting space and thrashed it out.

Jones had never raised the issue in the previous five and a half years he has served on the board, and court house sources as well as other informed sources in the county agree that this is just another of those back room plots "to get the court house crowd."

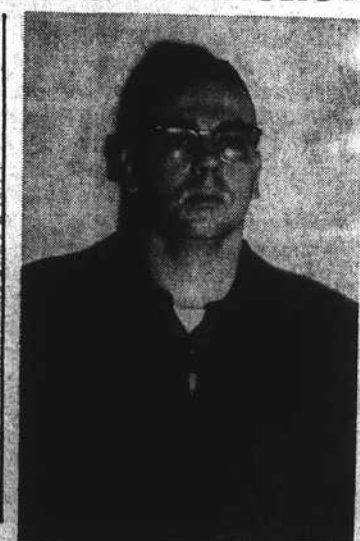
The JOURNAL this week compared Trenton rentals with those charged for office space on the court house block in Kinston. In Kinston \$20 to \$25 per month per room with lower rates for rentals of more than one room are currently being charged and this includes air-conditioning, heat and janitor service. And the owner said he had a lot of empty offices at that price.

Kinston Bank Robber Pleads Guilty; Gets 7½-Year Sentence

Sgt. Melvin Lee Nash, a Cherry Point Marine, Tuesday pled guilty to robbing the Parkview Branch of the Commercial National Bank on January 27th of this year and was sentenced to serve 7½ years in federal prison.

The 16-year veteran of the Marine Corps told Presiding Judge Algernon Butler that the press of financial affairs caused him to reach the conclusion that his only way out was to rob a bank.

Alimony payments to a former wife and for care of a mentally retarded child by that wife, plus the expenses of another marriage were the combination Nash said led to his stupidity.



Complicated Genealogical Problem in Thievery Probe

Area law enforcement officers have almost had to construct a "family tree" to straighten out the interlocking relationship that exists between eight men now in one process or another of legal entanglement for the series of breaking, entering and safe crackings that have been such a problem in Eastern Carolina for the past six or seven months.

Three sets of brothers, an uncle and a stepfather plus the fact that two of the brother-teams are first cousins make it awfully easy for officers to get a trifle puzzled when the cases come under discussion.

To begin the story.

Early this year Paul Hardison and his nephew, Gerald Jones, went off to prison for looting the T. A. Turner establishment in Pink Hill.

The next of the octet to be arrested was James Canady of Kinston who is accused of taking part in three Pitt County break-ins. He is stepfather of Gerald Jones.

A day later two more are picked up for a Maryland super-market robbery.

They are Charles Fountain Grant and John Charles Hardison. Hardison is a nephew of the Paul Hardison, and a first cousin of Gerald Jones.

Then this week the soup gets a little thicker.

Kenneth Grant, brother of Charles Fountain Grant, and Carson Hardison, brother of John Charles Hardison, nephew of Paul Hardison and first cousin to Gerald Jones, were arrested for breaking in a Walstonburg drug store.

Finally on Tuesday Billy Ray "Tadpole" Jones was arrested for complicity in a number of these after-hours shopping sprees. He is a brother to Gerald Jones, stepson of Canady, nephew of Paul Hardison and first cousin to the two younger Hardisons.

The list of break-ins for which

this octet is under investigation ranges over a large portion of Eastern Carolina, into Maryland and as far south as Florida.

The investigation involves State and County officers from all three of these states, Kinston police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is trying to link them to the assaults upon the Bank of Calypso.

The most successful of the groups alleged enterprises has twice cost the Taylor Red and White Super Market in Hookerton into the thousands of dollars.

The first raid of the large Hookerton establishment consisted

of the taking of large quantities of merchandise. The second visit netted the thieves about \$5,000 in cash from a safe that was torn open and additional quantities of merchandise.

Among the local establishments hit by this ring were the Carolina Power & Light Company office, E. L. Scott Roofing and Heating Company, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Plant (twice), Colonial Store, A & P Store, Leco Feed Mills, the office of the Kinston Housing Authority, Charlie J. Herring's home, K. W. Loftin's store south of Kinston, Suggs Oil Company and to this list numerous others in Pitt, Greene, Craven and Duplin counties.