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Gross Sales, Profits Climb in 2nd Full Year Jones ABC Stores

Final audits of the 1959-60 fiscal period of the Jones Alcoholic Beverages Control Board show an increase in gross sales over the previous year of \$38,544.10 and an increase in net profit of \$1,674.15.

Between July 1, 1959 and June 30, 1960 the four legal liquor stores of Jones County sold \$289,506.30 worth of spirits. In the July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1959 period gross sales were \$251,964.20.

Net profit in the fiscal year just ended was \$27,126.69 and for the preceding year it was \$25,452.44.

These are the only two complete fiscal years of operation for the Jones County legal whisky system, which was approved in a referendum on October 17, 1957 and the first store was opened on December 6, 1957.

In the fiscal period just closed the fourth store in the system, on Highway US 17 between Maysville and Pollockville, was opened and added to gross volume for just over two months of the year.

Total sales for each store in the system were:

Trenton No. 1 \$78,112.60
Hargett Crossroad No. 2 \$104,353.35

Wyse Fork No. 3 \$87,848.55
Lee's Chapel No. 4 \$19,193.60

In addition to the net profit which goes to the county general fund the Jones County ABC stores put considerable more money into the county's economy.

Salaries paid to all employees (6), the ABC board and legal fees totalled \$18,001.16.

Rentals paid for the four stores totalled \$2,250.

Insurance premiums paid were \$873.31.

Extra labor received \$614.09.
Truck expenses totalled \$724.03.

Repairs and maintenance to truck and buildings amounted to \$283.08.

Other expenses of the system

that largely moved out of the county included 10 per cent of the sales to the State of North Carolina: \$28,950.85. Telephone and telegraph \$342.98, utilities (electricity, water and heating) \$833.98, educational materials \$85.30, taxes and license \$902.70 and thieves stole and did damage amounting to \$263.20.

Another item of considerable importance was \$1,472.72 allocated for law enforcement; this was 5 per cent of net profits. In fiscal '60-61 10 per cent of net profits will be allocated to law enforcement and this has made possible the employment of a full-time deputy to assist Sheriff Brown Yates.

At the beginning of fiscal '59-60 the ABC system had retained profits totalling \$27,245.50 for operating capital. During the year it transferred \$25,000 to the county general fund and at the end of the year it had retained profits of \$22,472.19.

Big July increase

The month of July showed one of the largest increases over the same month a year before ever registered in the system. Gross sales in July this year were \$32,695.75, which was an increase of \$9,419.20 over the July '59 sales which amounted to \$23,276.55.

July sales by store were as follows:

Store No. 1 \$8,308.40
Store No. 2 \$10,050.00
Store No. 3 \$8,319.40
Store No. 4 \$8,017.95

This July sales volume also represented a big increase over the preceding month: June sales were \$24,535.70—an increase of \$8,160.05.

Jones 4-H's Will Attend Camp 7-13th

Forty five 4-H Club members and three adult leaders plan to attend camp next week at Camp Millstone near Rockingham.

Jones Represented At 4-H Club Week

Jones County was well represented at 4-H Club Week in Raleigh last week. Trenton's Wilson Lowery was a runner-up to the state health king selected Thursday.

This is the first time that a runner-up has ever been selected, but Wilson's record was so good that the judges had a hard time deciding between the two top boys. The winner had one advantage of being a year older than Wilson and having already graduated from school.

Wilson represented our state last spring when he attended the National Health Congress in Chicago as a delegate.

At the pageant last week he was one of 10 boys selected to escort the contestants for health queen to the stage, during the dress revue.

The girls from Jones County gave a very good show, too. Carol Hadlock was one of the top ten girls in the finals for health queen, just as she had been a finalist in the Jones County Dairy Princess contest. Mary Elizabeth West had the honor of playing the organ three nights during the evening assemblies.

Other 4-H members who attended were Gretchen Davis, Elaine Parker, Carolyn Price, Sam Davis and Brent Hill. Wilson attended the "Song Leadership School", and Sam and Brent attended the "Recreational Leadership School".

Mrs. Manley Gray, Home Agent, and Beamon Nance, assistant Farm Agent, accompanied the 4-H members to Raleigh last week.

Mrs. Manley Gray and Beamon Nance will attend as counselors and Mrs. Rogers McDaniel and Mrs. Edsel Duval will be two of the leaders to attend.

New School Opening Date; New Jones Central Principal

Special Court Term August 29 to Hear Drainage Litigation

An effort will be made in a special term of Jones County Superior Court the week of August 29th to clear up long-standing litigation that has arisen in the administration of Jones County Drainage District No. 1.

Jurors drawn to serve in this special term of court included:

Jere Walter Pelletier, Ervin Holloman, Floyd Parker, George Marvin Spence, M. B. DuVal, Cleve Jenkins, James B. Henderson, Thurman DeBruhl, G. R. Balland.

William Griffin, Saul E. Moore, Thomas Carl McArthur, Bromo Spivey, Elvert P. Andrews, Emmett Banks, J. P. Davenport, Otis Jones, Elijah Scott.

Commissioners Name Negro Home Agent

In a routine session Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners heard departmental reports and on recommendation of extension department officials named Mallie L. Butler Negro Home Agent effective September 1st, replacing Eva Andrews, who has resigned. Miss Butler is assistant to the Negro Home Agent of Robeson County at present.

A petition was received from numerous residents of Pollockville that asks help with the drainage problem along Trent Street.

A resolution was adopted expressing official thanks of the county to Highway Patrolman L. S. Meiggs, who has been promoted to corporal and transferred to Elizabeth City. Schools Superintendent W. B. Moore made an official request to be given use of the space in the court house now used by the health department, when that department moves into the new clinic now under construction.

Last month Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill asked for this same space for storage of election records and materials. No action was taken on either request.

PEDDLING MARINES

Marines Gary L. Miller and John H. Williams were booked Monday for theft of a bicycle in Kinston.

Late harvest of tobacco has caused a one week extension of school holidays in Jones County and Jones Central High School Principal J. W. Allen's resignation to become principal of New Bern High School will bring a new principal to this school when the bells finally ring out on August 30th.

The county school system was originally scheduled to resume classes on August 24th, but this week Superintendent W. B. Moore announced that the county board of education had decided to move school opening to August 30th. Actual classes will begin on the 31st, and registration will be done on the 30th.

David Leo Nance, a native of Fairbluff, has been employed to take Allen's place.

Nance for the past six years has been principal of the Taylor's Bridge-Ingold School in Sampson County, which is a union school with grades 1 through 12.

Nance is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, with a master's degree in education and has recently re-newed his principal's certificate by study at East Carolina College.

Prior to his work in Sampson County Nance taught in the schools of Brunswick County four years.

Nance and his wife, Nancy Carol, have three children. They will make their home just east of Jones Central High, and Mrs. Nance will teach the first grade at Maysville School.

Auto Thief Caught By Jones Officers

Among the five arrests reported in the past week by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates is that of Clyde James Bacote of route one Florence, S. C., who was picked up by Patrolman C. W. Oakley and Deputy Roy Mallard Saturday and charged with stealing an automobile.

Oakley and Mallard also booked Joseph R. Armstrong of Kinston route five for public drunkenness, and Oakley arrested James Oliver of Kinston route five on charges of drunken driving and driving without a driver's license.

Deputy Milton Arthur arrested Ernest Simmons of Pollockville on a capias and Arthur and Yates charged Johnny Best of Tuckahoe with drunkenness.

Marine Murder Mystery Remains Without Clues

The brutal murder and robbery of Sgt. Robert Eugene Schroeder on the night of July 21st still remains cloaked in mystery after nearly two weeks of intensive investigation by four law enforcement agencies.

Three possible theories have guided the line of investigation by the Lenoir County Sheriff Department, the State Bureau of Inves-

tigation and the Criminal Investigation Department of the Marine Corps.

1. That Schroeder was robbed and killed by a hitch-hiker.

2. That Schroeder was killed by a jealous husband or boyfriend and robbed to confuse the investigation.

3. That Schroeder was killed because of some connection he might

have had with recent thefts of nearly 200 .45 caliber automatic pistols from Camp Lejeune; 100 of which were stolen the same week he was murdered.

Without clues the officers assigned to the case have had to run down countless rumors; the majority based upon Theory No. 2, since every man and wife who had a squabble the weekend of the

murder was automatically a suspect, if not by the law at least by their neighbors.

Two of the three bullets that ripped through the veteran Marine's body were recovered in the trunk of his car, offering pretty conclusive proof that he was shot after being forced into the trunk of his car or after he had been placed there in an unconscious condition.

The extremely relaxed position of the body as it was found across a large tool box also indicated that he was shot just as he was lying when found. One bullet struck him in the left side just beneath the arm pit, another in the left side of the neck and a third in the left temple. Either wound would have caused death. There was no evidence to support the rumor that he had been badly beaten before being put in the trunk of his own car.

Authorities also have not established that Schroeder was even dating any Kinston area girls, much less having an affair of the type that might have provoked such a brutal killing.

Theory No. 1 lacks logic in a number of respects. First was the place chosen to leave the combat veteran's car. Within a few feet of a bedroom window in the filling station and home of George Rob-

bins at Little Baltimore crossroads east of La Grange. Officers agree that it would have been most illogical for a hitchhiker-murderer to have taken the car to such an inhabited spot. A more likely act would have been the dumping of the body in an uninhabited spot and use of the car as a getaway vehicle.

Officers theorize that Schroeder was killed in the general Kinston area in a place that would have been incriminating for the killer and his body was taken to the Robbins filling station where an accomplice picked up the driver.

Officers hope that this was the way the crime was done, because it would involve not less than two people and it is much easier to solve crimes that involve more than one than crimes committed by an individual.

Shreds of evidence are slowly accumulating, and each day the officers are learning a little more about the dead Marine's background.

They realize that their's is a tedious, perhaps even fruitless job, but this is the most challenging and thrilling kind of investigation officers take part in and because of that there is a much better than 50-50 chance that the murders will finally be apprehended.

This is Sgt. Robert Eugene Schroeder, whose murder remains a mystery after nearly two weeks of intensive investigation by four groups of officers.

Sheriff Clay Broadway has approved publication of this picture, which Identification Officer Fred Boyd "lifted" from Sgt. Schroeder's identification tag, in the hope that someone in this vicinity might be able to furnish some information on the murdered Marine's movements on the night of July 21st, the night of his murder.

Anyone who might have seen Sgt. Schroeder, or a person they believe compares with the picture here is urged to immediately contact Sheriff Broadway.

Schroeder was driving a 1955 white over yellow two door Chevrolet.

Filling station operators, cafe personnel, motel or hotel operators are urged to study this picture closely for this reason.