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Trenton Pastor Writes History Of Methodism in Jones County

Every member of a Methodist Church in Jones County will want a copy of "A Brief History of Methodism in Jones County" which has been written by Walton Bass, Pastor of the Trenton Charge of the Methodist Church.

The 48-page booklet will awake many memories in the minds of the older Methodists in the County, and will make younger members of this faith proud of the record of their church.

This reviewer found the first section of the booklet more interesting than the latter, perhaps because it is based to a large extent on the journals and letters of Frances Asbury, a remarkable man, who fought with almost unimaginable faith and physical stamina to bring Methodism into the South.

The latter section of the book brings the reader up to the present, but is a trifle too concerned with money for this reviewer's taste. However, financial success may possibly be a reflection of spiritual success as well.

The booklet does not purport to contain everything about the history of the Methodist Churches in Jones County, but it does give a concise and interesting review of the church from its earliest days until the present.

Copies may be obtained from the author by addressing him at Box 241, Trenton, N. C. and, of course, enclosing \$1 to cover the publication cost.

Local Thief Escapes

Gerald Jones, Lenoir Countian serving 5-to-7 years for helping steal about \$1,000 worth of appliances from T. A. Turner's Store in Pink Hill, escaped last Friday afternoon from a corn field at the Greenville prison camp, where he was working as a trusty. Earlier this month Jones failed in an effort to secure a new trial by having his brother, Billy Ray, come into court and swear it was he, rather than Gerald who had done the Pink Hill stealing with their uncle, Paul Hardison. Billy Ray was given a similar 5-to-7 year term after his confession.

Peddling 'Magellan' Circling U. S.

Howard S. Blancher, left, is seen last Thursday discussing highway routes with Kinston Policeman A. L. Whaley after he had spent a night in Kinston on his trip around the United States, by bicycle.

Blancher, whose home is in Puyallup, Washington—about 20 miles south of Seattle, had logged 5,433 miles as of Thursday on his trip.

The Washingtonian left home May 16th of this year and crossed the top part of the nation during the warm part of the year, stopping along the way for a few days of work to pick up "expenses", which he says run about \$3 per day.

So far he has touched Idaho, Montana—and dipped down into Wyoming for a look at Yellowstone National Park—North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

Last week he was migrating southward as temperatures dropped. Equipped with a sleeping bag

Maysville Firemen Plan Christmas Party

The men of the Maysville Fire Department met last Monday night at the community building with Milan LaRoque presiding.

During the business session, plans were made for their Christmas party. The wives are invited to attend the supper which will be followed by a dance. The date has been set for Thursday, December first.

Following adjournment, a turkey supper was served.

One Beer License is Vetoed, One Approved

The Jones County Board of Commissioners in its November session passed on requests for their approval of two beer license applications.

The board refused its approval for a license to Matthew Horton but approved an off-premises license for an establishment operated by Blanche Haddock.

Jury Selected for November 28th Term Jones Superior Court

In November session the Jones County Board of Commissioners drew a panel of jurors to serve at the November 29th term of Jones County Superior Court. The list included the following:

Horace Sutton Banks, Ralph Becton Banks, Benjamin Killingsworth, Alva Craft, Freddie Haskins, Horace King, Elridge Sumrell, George R. Bull, Delbert W. Meadows, Luby Hardison, Linwood Yates, Lewis Provost.

George D. Franks, W. A. Eubanks, Elbert Lee Andrews, Randolph Foy, Winfield Davenport, Earl Yeoman, Lewis Jones, Dalton Cox, Earl Jones, I. H. Eubanks, J. W. Adams, Horace Whaley, Hubert Battle, C. B. Arthur.

Ralph Skinner, Allen Mooring, Woodrow Hill, Leroy Philpaw, G. C. Alcock, Matthew McArthur, Alonza J. Mills, Dave Collins, Walter Ives and Norwood Cook.

Legion Auxiliary Plans for Help With Christmas Projects

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night at the hut in Trenton, with Macy Mallard presiding in the absence of the president.

Mrs. Linwood Cox, treasurer, gave a report on the profits from the county fair followed by an account given by Carolyn Price and Lydia Jane Bender, who were the representatives to Girls State in Greensboro last June.

The club voted to give \$10 to the 4-H Development Fund that is being organized.

Eight members will go to Fayetteville December 7th to wrap gifts in the Auxiliary Gift shop at the Veteran Hospital and four will go to Durham December 8th. It was announced that Mrs. Preston Banks will serve at State Americanism Chairman for this year.

Another announcement was that the December 12 meeting will be in the form of a Christmas party at King's in Kinston at 7.

Another Resolution Asking Improvement Of Plantation Road

In its regular November session the Jones County Board of Commissioners received and approved another petition asking the State Highway Commission to improve Plantation Road in Cypress Creek Township.

The road is 2.7 miles in length and has 33 homes, which require daily travel on it by school busses, and is one of the roads for which repeated requests for improvement have been made to the highway department.

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 Lucille J. Higginbotham to Alex F. Smith 8 lots in Pollocksville.

James D. West to Donald P. Brock, trustee, 158 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Jones Central Junior Wins \$1,000.00



Morris Pike, junior of Jones Central High School, is shown above with a firm two-handed grip on the \$1,000 bill he won in the annual "Tobacco Sweepstakes" program of Kinston's Radio Station WFTC. Mayor Guy Elliott who made the presentation is in center and Station Manager Donnie Gay at right looks longingly at the beautiful picture of Grover Cleveland.

Young Pike guessed that the Kinston Tobacco Market would sell 58,112,132 pounds of tobacco in the 1960 sales season. Actual sales were 58,110,029 pounds. This guess by Pike was within 2,103 pounds of

the actual sales and was far closer than any of the other hundreds of guesses that were made in the contest.

Young Pike says he will put the money in a savings account he has for use in furthering his education at State College when he graduates from Jones Central.

Apparently the Pike family has a built-in crystal ball since Young Pike's father, Garland, was winner of the contest in 1958. Mayor Elliott asked the secret of their guessing ability, but they said it was a family secret that could not be divulged.

'Robin Hood' Holt Gets 10 Years for Pink Hill Wealth Re-Distribution

Tuesday former Pink Hill Banker Robert F. Holt admitted embezzling \$97,317.32 of funds in his custody over a 10-year period and was immediately given a 10-year prison term by Federal Judge Algernon Butler in Wilson.

Holt, who had served as cashier of the Pink Hill branch of the First Citizens Bank since it was opened shortly after World War II, has maintained since his indictment last spring that he did not personally benefit from the theft. He claims that he got into the vicious embezzlement circle by trying to help friends and patrons of the bank by covering over-due note payments and over-drawn checking accounts.

To juggle the accounts Holt had forged 26 notes in the amount of \$13,400 had withheld 14 savings account ledger sheets covering \$65,970 and had withheld \$6,978 in cash.

FBI Agent Lacy Walthall Jr. of Fayetteville, who conducted the investigation of Holt's misappropriations read into the court records a

list of those persons who allegedly received the funds embezzled by Holt.

Those on the list who allegedly received \$200 or more included the following with the amounts they allegedly received:

C. C. Jones \$20,662.89, Pink Hill Milling Company \$10,209.45, A. L. Wood \$5,296.13, Lewis Pappas \$1,539.15, Mortimer Maxwell \$457, Clyde H. Hartman \$300, C. B. Jarman \$238.32, J. J. Stanley \$250, Thomas J. Gautier, \$205, J. J. Deaver \$200, B. M. Jones \$200.

In addition to these there was a list of several dozen others who allegedly received funds down to as little as \$1.25.

Meanwhile agents of the bonding company that had to make good the stolen funds are attempting to determine if Holt's story is true, and if it is true they intend to file civil suits in an effort to recover the money from such benefactors.

Under federal regulations Holt will be eligible for parole consideration after serving one-fourth of his prison term.

Speeding in Fog Blamed for Lenoir's 11th 1960 Auto Death

Navy Recruiter Chief Petty Officer Harry Howard Jr., was instantly killed early Wednesday in a wreck just north of the Kinston city limits. His is the 11th highway death of the year for Lenoir County.

Investigating officers say the Chillicothe Ohio native was driving out of Kinston at about 12:55 a. m. at an apparent extremely high rate of speed and in a dense fog. On a sharp curve just beyond Jones Road Howard lost control of his car which plunged, jumped, skidded and rolled for more than 350 feet before coming to a stop against the home of Furney Humphrey, a tenant on the Riley Hines farm.

Howard was pinned beneath the car and was dead when his body was removed. Cause of death was reportedly a broken neck. Howard

made his home on Kinston route two, in the general vicinity of the accident, and was familiar with the road upon which he was driving.

Four Jones Arrests

Sheriff Brown Yates has reported four arrests during the past week which included the following: Tommy Lee Collins of Jacksonville was accused of public drunkenness, George Hall of Camp Lejeune was charged with speeding 74 miles per hour, Dennis Koonce of Maysville was accused of public drunkenness and Ransom Becton of Dover route 2 was charged with possession of an illicit whisky distillery that was destroyed Tuesday afternoon in the Holly Branch section in the northern part of the county.