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# Nelson Banks Named Chairman: George Hughes Fired as New Commissioners Come to Office



Commissioners is seen taking the oath of their office on Monday morning. The board from left to right includes Fred Foscue, Eu-

Monday four new and one incumbent members were sworn in to the Jones County Board of Commissioners. The first official action of the new board was to elect Nelson Banks chairman.

Then Tax Collector Zelle Pollock, County Accountant Mrs. Mary E. Brock, County Consultant Earl E. Franck and tax listers for the telephone company, stated that 1961 were named.

After a few minutes of such neoth sailing parliamentary bedlam reigned supreme as the new to serve new subscribers, provide board fumbled with the job of firing Veteran County Attorney George Hughes and hiring Donald Brock to succeed him.

New Commissioner Eugene Simpson first made a motion to 'bench' the matter for, 30 days". This did not receive a second.

New Commissioner Horace Lee Haddock made motion that Donald Brock be employed at the same pay as Hughes (\$1800 per year) until July 1st when the pay would be cut to not to exceed \$1200 per

Fred Foscue seconded this motion, but when the vote was called for by Chairman Banks he found only Haddock and Foscue voting "aye", with Incumbent Harold Mallard and Simpson abstaining.

Chairman Banks then called for a rather un-secret "secret ballot" on the Haddock motion, in which cast the deciding vote with Haddock and Foscue. For a few minutes it appeared that the matter had been settled.

Then Attorney Brock was brought to the meeting, and after reading the motion he refused to accept the job on those terms. Haddock was asked if he would amend his motion to delete that part about the salary cut effective July 1st. Haddock refused.

Foscue then made motion that Brock be hired at the same salary as Hughes. This motion received no second, since Haddock who had campaigned largely on cutting the county attorney's pay, refused to serve again this year second it and Mallard and Simpson were letting Haddock, Foscue and Banks run the shooting match.

The taxlisters who were appointed to serve again this year included Alva Howard in Tuckahoe Township, Ralph Jones in Cypresa Creek Township, J. P. Da-

At this point in the proceedings Simpson again made his motion to 'bench the matter for 30 days'.

Above the Jones County Board of gens Simpson, Nelson Banks, who was elected chairman, Horace Lee laddock and Harold Mallard. Mallard was the only incumbent who survived in a knock-downand-drag-out primary this spring

### Additional Telephone Lines for Trenton

Construction forces for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company are placing additional cable facilities along Jones and Webber Streets in Trenton.

C. A. Benson, local manager for the facilities along this route are ninety-four per cent filled and this addition is necessary in order regrades and take care of the expected growth.

Manager Benson further stated that this expansion necessitated an expenditure of approximately \$4000 and would be put into use around

### Campaign Launched

Mrs. Sarah Nell Thompson has announced that the Maysville Garden Club is launching a "Litterbug Campaign" in cooperation with the town council. Every citizen and every merchant is urged to participate in order to have a cleaner, more attractive town.

It's an insult to my profession. You have made clear that you don't want me so it's up to you to hire a county attorney."

Chairman Banks pointed out, the rating of "Superior Meat Sire" | quirements. "We've got to have a county attorney."

Foscue asked Haddock if he would withdraw his original motion.

Haddock reluctantly agreed. Foscue again made his motion

to hire Brock at \$1800 per year. This time Haddock seconded this motion.

When Banks called for the vote it was 2-2 with Mallard and Simpson abstaining. This forced Banks again to cast the deciding vote and employ Brock.

pointed to serve again this year included Alva Howard in Tuckahoe Township, Ralph Jones in Cypress Creek Township, J. P. Davemont in Beaver Creek Township, James B. Simmons in Poliocksville Township, Harold Mattocks in White Oak Township, Walter Ives in Chinquapin Township. and Mrs. Annie Mallard in T

## Trenton Rotarians Recognized for Foundation Support

For its co-tributions of a minimum of \$10 per member to The Ro'ary Foundation, the Rotary Club of Trenton has been designated a "100 per cent Rotary Foundation Club."

The objective of The Rotary Foundation is the fostering of projects to further understanding and friendly relations among the peoples of different nations.

One of its principal objectives is the awarding of fellowships to outstanding college graduates for one year of study abroad as Rotary ambassadors of good will.

420 to 416 while Trenton's popula-

This decennial census shows the

following distribution by township

of Jones County's 1960 population:

White Oak - 1,898

Trenton - 2,060

Tuckahoe - 1,048

Beaver Creek - 1,256

Chinquapin - 1,006

Pollocksville - 2,708

Cypress Creek - 1,029

**Bobby Cox Trying** 

Obtain South's 1st

Superior Meat Sire

Meat Sire" for a boar.

the only key.

R. E. Cox of Trenton Route 2 is

attempting to become the first

Poland China Breeder in the South

to obtain a rating of "Superior

On November 17, Cox put 15

offsprings of his herd boar Tam-

rama Designer 2nd in a feed lot

to themselves. These hogs were

weighed in by County Agent J. R.

Franck and are being fed under

the supervision of Cox's feed deal-

er. Clif Barbee of Richlands who

has a lock on the hog feeder and

tion shrunk 65-from 469 to 404.

showed drops:

Final '60 Census Tabulation

Shows Net Gain of 1 in Jones

# New County Commissioners

Monday Jones County's official, "robbing the taxpayers". family underwent a drastic change when four new members of the Board of County Commissioners were sworn in. Not often in the modern history of Jones County has there been a change in the majority membership of the county's official family.

The four new members-Chairman Nelson Banks, Fred Foscue, Eugene Simpson and Horace Lee Haddock-have roots deep in the rich soil of their native county. Each has a sincere interest in giving his county the very best government possible.

As in most instances these young men will find that running a county from the inside is considerably different from criticizing it from the outside. A major part of their first year in office will consist of learning how little they actually knew about public affairs, and also finding that the men who preceded them in office were not a collection of thieves who were

The new board exhibited its naivety on the subject of firing County Attorney George Hughes and hiring Donald Brock to take his place. Since the spring-when it was made a major campaign issue at least some if not all of these newcomers has labored un-der the misapprehension that Hughes was overpaid. One basis for this was a builetin from the Institute of Government which listed retainers paid county attorneys over the state.

These young men were alarmed to learn that the retainer for Lenoir County Attor ey Tom White was \$1200, while Hughes' retainer was \$1800. They assumed that this was salary, rather than retainer. In actuality, White has been paid something between \$7,000 and \$8,000 per year as Lenoir County attorney, while Hughes has never billed the county for services above his \$1800 retainer.

The new board had every right the salary mixup. Commissioner Haddock was somewhat taken atake the job "for half of what is planted in the spring does not

The parting comments of outgoing Chairman John W. Creagh Jr. should be a constant reminder to the new board of the high responsibility they have inherited in handling the biggest business in Jones County.

Creagh reminded the new board members that they are taking over a county that is in excellent financial condition-a situation that surely did not exist 12 years ago when Creagh first came on the

Creagh also reminded them of what he called the "foothardy" effort of outgoing Commissioner D. A. Jones to raise the tax listed valuation of all property in the county, which would serve no purpose, since it is rate multiplied by valuation that fixes the county's revenues from taxation.

These young men will be under very careful scrutiny as they set about their work as county commissioners. They have already found on their first day in office that they couldn't keep even such a simple campaign promise as cutting the pay of the county attorney.

the messy way the change of county attorneys was made, we surely recognize the right-almost duty of this board to employ counsel with which it can work in harmony, and if they felt that political considerations had made it impossible for them to get along with Hughes they should have gotten a new attorney. However, Brock occupies an extremely precarious position since he wes employed on a 3-2 vote, which gives him very little room in which to

by The Journal.

in the world to fire Hughes and hire Brock, but they should have had a better reason, or excuse than back when Attorney Brock refused to agree to take the job at "not to exceed \$1200". In the spring Haddock had a lawyer who would Hughes is geiting". Haddock has already found that every seed that give fruit in the fall.

board.

As time moves on they will find themselves bound by other circumstances that will separate "wanting to" from "doing". Although The Journal deplores

Let all Jones Countians who are interested in good government join in helping this new board in every reasonable way; not by exercising even the same kind of narrow and unfounded suspicions that they themselves may have been guilty of, but by supporting them when they are right and by letting them know very quickly and very bluntwill certainly be the role played

### Final tabulations of the 1960 cen-. sus show a net gain of one in the Lenoir County Host population of Jones County in the District Meeting 14th past 10 years: From 11,004 to

County commissioners, accoun-Maysville showed a considerable tants, attorneys, and other county gain in its population, climbing officials from 14 North Carolina from 818 to 869, but the county's counties are scheduled to attend two other corporate communities a district meeting in Kinston on Wednesday, December 14. Pollocksville fell by four from

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lenoir County Courthouse, and it will last until mid-afternoon. The counties scheduled to Craven, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, attend include Beaufort, Carteret, | Pamlico, Pitt, Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, and Wayne.

The district meeting is sponsored by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and county commissioners of Lenoir County are making the local arrangements. Alex McMahon, the Association's General Counsel, will discuss legislation of interest to county officials likely to come before the 1961 General Assembly, A number of counties are planning to bring their legislators to join in this discussion.

Attention will also be given to problems of county finance, and the sources of funds available to finance expanding county activities. Particular attention will be given to the possibility of increased state aid and the possibility of new kinds of county taxes. Finally, there will be a general discussion period which will be of particular interest to new county officials.

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or of Deeds William D. "Bill" taking the eath of his office from perior Court Clerk Murray

Here Jones County's New Regis-of Deeds William D. "Bill" cumbent, Mrs. Darris W. Koonce, in a very close race last spring know very quickly and very blunt-and was elected without opposition by when they are out of line. That in the November 8th general elec-