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Jones Commissioners Boost Court House Rentals and Act on Number of Matters

In one of the busiest sessions in recent months the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday voted to boost rentals of all private office space in the court house.

These office rentals were boosted as follows: John Larkins from \$30 to \$40 per month, George Hughes from \$30 to \$40 per month, Darris Koonce from \$25 to \$30 per month, Kinston Production Credit Association from \$20 to \$30 per month and County Surveyor E. C. "Buck" Armstrong's space was permitted to stay at \$20 per month. An additional rental of \$5 per month will also be charged for each air-conditioning unit used in these offices.

At present Larkins has two air-conditioning units and Hughes has one. Last year a preceding board raised the rent for these same offices, and at that time 5-year leases were signed at the rentals which were liked Monday.

Whether these leases will be vacated by mutual consent or broken by legal steps by the commissioners was not discussed by either the board or any of its renters.

Vote Expenses to Raleigh

The commissioners voted to pay their travel, room and board expenses for a trip to Raleigh for a conference to be held in the near future on the distribution of surplus foods to the needy of the county.

The board also voted to buy a safe that will be located in the office of County Attorney Brock for use by the county election board.

The board also approved sale of a surplus desk from the health department to Attorney Brock for \$15, on the condition that the county could re-buy it at anytime it needed the desk.

The board approved a motion by Member Harold Mallard to forgo the rent increase voted last July through the end of 1960 for the Production Credit Association, since the renter had not been notified in writing of the boost.

The board voted to allocated \$300 for extra clerical help in the office of the Soil Conservation Service.

The board also approved a \$50 per month pay boost for Tommy Chase now that he is having to take care of the new health department building and its grounds.

The board also accepted the resignation of Deputy Sheriff Roy Mallard as collector of delinquent taxes. No one was named to fill the vacancy.

It was unanimously agreed that a \$1 penalty would be charged for the late listing of taxes, since this year, as in the past, there was a large number who waited past the deadline to list their taxes.

Correction

The Journal regrets the mistake in the last week's paper which reported the death of Durant Manuel Eubanks, as that of Denford M. Eubanks. The editor's notes were correct but he wrote it wrong and apologizes to both families involved.

Pink Hill Burglary

Lyman Dawson of Pink Hill was booked over the weekend on a first degree burglary. It is alleged that he broke in a Pink Hill home and stole \$25 in cash.

Elementary Schools Cage Tourney Finals Set for Saturday

Play night was held in the Jones Central High School Gym Tuesday night between the four elementary schools in Jones County.

In the first game, Maysville girls beat the Trenton girls.

Trenton boys pulled an upset and beat the Pollocksville boys.

In the third game, Pollocksville girls beat Comfort girls, and in the final game, between Comfort boys and Maysville boys, Maysville won.

The finals will be played Saturday night.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker in the past week included:

Earl T. Bender to Dewey Smith 3906 acres in Pollocksville Township.

Zeké Phillips to Mildred R. Brown 127.54 acres in an unstated township.

Lenoir Board Vetoes Most of Bills Introduced by Dr. Davis

Monday's meeting of the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners largely consisted of vetoing legislation introduced in the General Assembly by County Representative Rachel Davis.

Specifically the board urged County Attorney Tom White, who is also State Senator Tom White to see that House Bill 79 that would give the commissioners a pay raise be killed.

That House Bill 125 which would reduce the rate of taxing stored tobacco be "put to sleep".

And finally the commissioners put the "kibash" on a bill that would make members of the Kinston School Board elective rather than appointive. They are presently appointed by the Kinston City council.

Of course, a veto from the county commissioners is not an absolute veto since this must be done by the General Assembly, but with Senator White sitting in one of the top spots in the Assembly, and agreeing with the vetoes by the commissioners, it is safe to assume that these bills are gone.

The commissioners felt that the

pay hike for themselves was "too much" — especially the \$3600 salary for the board chairman, and they were unanimous in their view that the pay of elective officers could not be made retroactive — a feature the Dr. Davis had included in the bill without knowledge of the board.

The board also accepted the views of County Tax Collector Milton Williams that cutting the stored tobacco tax in half would not only create a big tax hole that would have to be filled with increased taxes on other property, but would also be inconsistent with state policy that is aimed at identical tax systems in all 100 counties.

On the school board subject they said the preset system had worked well and they saw no good reason for "monkeying with it". They also took political notice of the fact that there are no truly elective school boards in North Carolina, and to set up the first one might set a precedence that would be embarrassing in the General Assembly, which for purely political reasons has until now reserved to itself the appointment of all county school boards.

Somebody said too many cooks spoil the pudding, but he was not talking about the Brewer Two, Betty and Bobby. These lovely twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer of Pink Hill have been active in 4-H Club work since the 5th grade, but their favorite project is cooking. Above they are combining their talents—and, of course, the necessary ingredients for some "Brownies" that smelled good to the photographer, who had to leave before they came out of the oven. The Brewer Chefs have one thing in common with all great cooks: They don't like to wash dishes.

Life Imprisonment for Jones County Negro in Rape of Stepdaughter

A Jones County jury deliberated briefly Wednesday before finding 35 year-old Johnny Payton of Pollocksville Township guilty of raping his eight year-old step daughter.

The jury recommended mercy in finding the former Camp Lejeune worker guilty of the capital charge, and that recommendation removed him from threat of death in the state gas chamber, but carried with it an automatic term of life in prison.

The charges against Payton resulted from a letter written to an aunt of the child in Kinston, whose husband turned the letter over to Jones County authorities. The letter was introduced as evidence, although it was not signed and did not specify which "Johnny" was having sex relations with her.

Defense Counsel Charles Abernathy argued, unsuccessfully to the jury that the story was a frame up; that no eight year-old child could write the kind of letter that had been introduced into court, and even assuming that she had Abernathy insisted that the letter was not specific enough about which "Johnny" was accused.

The child was placed on the witness stand, and told the court that the "Johnny" was her stepfather, and that he had committed the act about five times. She admitted that several other boys had also committed the act.

Payton's wife, the child's mother by a previous marriage, said she did not know of any such attacks, and she said the child had told her that her stepfather had not done the things he was indicted for.

Sheriff Brown Yates and Welfare Superintendent Mrs. Zeta Burt took the witness stand and said that the child had told them that her stepfather had committed the acts.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker announces the issue of the following marriage license in the past week:

To Benjamin Tallman, 26, and Joan Huffman, 17, both of Hubert.

To James Monroe Campbell, 22, of Swansboro and Hilda Foy, 20, of Maysville.

To Sidney Metts, 23, and Lucy Carol Bender, 18, both of Pollocksville.

To Ronald Gene Green, 24, and Peggy Jean Jarman, 18, both of Cypress Creek Township.

Jones Commissioners Recommend Hargett For Highway Post

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners adopted a unanimous resolution addressed to Governor Terry Sanford in which they urged the naming of Jones County Representative John M. Hargett to be district highway commissioner.

Hargett is now serving his 4th term in the General Assembly, and is chairman of the house committee on education. At present he is a farmer but served for 22 years as teacher and school principal.

Brenda Hill Named Head Junior Legion Auxiliary President

The Clen. Newton Smith Unit 154 Junior American Legion Auxiliary held its first meeting March 4. Officers were elected for this newly organized club at the meeting. They are: Brenda Hill, president; Janice Lowery, vice president; Peggy Thomas, secretary; Annette Lowery, treasurer; Betty Becton; chaplain; Donna Kinsey, historian; Helen Flowers, sergeant-at-arms; Ann Pollock and Nancy Flowers, color bearers.

Mrs. W. W. Lowery, president of the American Legion Auxiliary instructed the group on how to carry the colors, and Miss Macy Mallard, district president of the Auxiliary, told some of the history of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Carl Flowers is the chairman of the Junior Activities, and announced that the next meeting will be April 1 at 10, when the club will go on a hike.

Benefit Supper 17th

The Pollocksville Volunteer Fire Department is still after enough money to house its new fire truck. A barbecue supper is being served next Friday night, March 17th, in the community building with all proceeds being donated toward construction of a roof to protect the fire fighting apparatus.

Lost and Found

Clifton Parker of Kinston reported the theft of his car last week, and it was found in Craven County, loaded with 168 jars of stumphole whisky.

Statement for National 4-H Club Week from Dean of Agriculture At North Carolina State College

"As we observe National 4-H Club Week in 1961, we can point with pride to our own North Carolina club members who have exhibited outstanding talent in the various programs of the organization. I was impressed this past year at the long list of national winners from our state clubs. I do not believe there is any other youth program in existence today which does more to develop such outstanding citizens and leaders as does the 4-H Club.

"Opportunities today are unlimited in the field of agriculture and related services. All of us in the School of Agriculture are aware of the challenge of the future and we realize that it will be the youth of today who will have the responsibility for progress

in the days to come. For this reason we have dedicated ourselves here in the School of Agriculture to the development of our educational programs to train our young men and women for this challenge. We hope to inspire the youth of our state and our country to even greater service.

"Through the 4-H Club Development Fund we expect to improve available facilities and give additional support to the programs now underway. We want to reach an even larger number of boys and girls and broaden the scope of objectives.

"Each of us can contribute in his own way to the further development of the club and find satisfaction in seeing continued growth and progress."

We Salute 4-H Club Members and Their Leaders!