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Jones Board Defers Action on Rentals of Courthouse Offices

Tuesday the Jones County Board of Commissioners held a lengthy day of discussion on numerous matters and took action on several, but one of its most thorny problems was deferred until later.

That is the resolution passed last month that would raise rentals of office space in the court house, and put a \$5 per month price tag on each air-conditioning unit in these private offices.

The offices included in this were those of Attorneys John Larkins, George Hughes and Darris Koonce and the Jones County office of the Kinston Production Credit Association.

Larkins' rent would be boosted from \$30 to \$40 per month with \$10 extra for two air-conditioning units. Hughes would have his rent boosted also from \$30 to \$40 with \$5 extra per month for one air-conditioning unit. The rent on Koonce's office would be boosted from \$25 to \$30 per month and the KPCA from \$20 to \$30 per month.

Less than a year ago the rents on these same office spaces were raised by mutual consent of all lessors, and at that time new 5-year leases were reached between the county and its tenants.

Last month the board did not spell out the effective dates of the rent increases; whether immediate or at the end of the lease periods.

There has been no indication from any of the renters as to their sentiments on the second raise in less than a year, but officials of the KPCA have been visiting possible office sites in Trenton.

Surplus Food?

The commissioners also delayed action on the problem if surplus food distribution to the needy of the county. The cost of transporting, storing and parceling out the food to the welfare clients, unemployed and those with cash incomes of less than \$75 per month was feared to be too high in proportion to the need in a rural county such as Jones, but the door was not closed completely on the proposition.

The board authorized the purchase of insurance on the recently accepted health building and approved — reluctantly a \$25 stenographic fee ordered by Judge Chester Morris for the preparation of the appeal of Johnny Payton to the state supreme court from a life sentence imposed on him early in March for raping his 8 year-old stepdaughter. Payton, naturally, is appealing as a pauper, forcing the county to foot the bill for his appeal.

Election Records

The commissioners also agreed to place the locked files and records of the County Election Board in the office of Register of Deeds Bill Parker, rather than in the office of County Attorney Donald Brock, as suggested at the March meeting. Members Horace Lee Haddock and Fred Foscoe said they had heard considerable criticism of this proposal, and although they personally felt it all right they believed it best to keep the records in the court house.

Sitting as a board of equalization and review the commissioners lowered the tax listed valuation of a 3-room logging camp belonging to Earl Yeoman from \$800 to \$600.

Civil Court Term Jurors Are Picked

Tuesday in April session the Jones County Board of Commissioners drew a venire of 20 jurors to serve at the scheduled May 15th civil term of Jones County Superior Court.

The venire includes: G. B. Eubanks, Jr., Ellis Banks, Norfleet Jones, T. E. Smith, W. W. Simpson, Leo Eubanks, Robert Meadows, John M. Parker, Adron Skinner, C. M. Gray Jr.

H. M. Quinn, Paul H. Taylor, Jimmie Mallard, Robert C. Spivey, Ray F. Hill, G. F. Mercer, Linwood Meadows, Carl Turner, J. R. Jarman and Charlie Brown.

County Tuberculosis Association Holds Annual Meeting on 29th

By MYRTLE BROCK

The Jones County Tuberculosis Association Annual meeting was held in the Library of Jones Central High School on March 29.

The Education Committee, Mrs. Alma Vassey, Chairman, reported the activities of the Association in cooperation with the Health Department in the field of tuberculosis. The film "What is T B" was shown to 1480 people. 500 pamphlets entitled "T B" from the State Board of Health were distributed to the parents of 232 first grade pupils given the tuberculosis skin test.

The Jones County T B Association paid for the mobile unit and workers from Pamlico County who aided in the survey. Eight positive reactors were X-rayed and found negative. Seven were known contacts. In 1960 the County Health Department had given 103 skin tests with seventeen positive reactors. All have been X-rayed.

Jones County has four T B patients in the Sanatorium and 41 arrested cases at home who are X-rayed routinely and contacts followed closely.

The Jones County Association has financed X-rays for 48 indigent

Four Arrest Made Last Week in Jones

The office of Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of four men during the past week.

Harry Selby Thigpen of New Bern route 4 and J. D. Todd of Maysville were booked on charges of drunken driving, Walter Mack of Pollocksville was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and Willie Campbell of Pollocksville was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Maysville Firemen Make Plans Purchase Additional Equipment

Approximately 40 members of the Maysville Fire Department were present Monday evening at the community building for their April meeting.

Rudolph Pelletier called the meeting to order and presided. During this time they discussed purchasing new equipment and made plans for a barbeque and fried chicken dinner with proceeds to go toward purchase of equipment.

Following adjournment Nolan Jones, Milan LaRoque and Johnny Elins served fried fish, cole slaw, pickles, hush puppies and soft drinks.

Tom Foscoe to Head County's Cancer Drive; Starts Monday

Tom H. Foscoe of Maysville has been named chairman of the 1961 Cancer Crusade in Jones County, it was announced today by Mrs. J. Virgil Bender, President of the local unit of the American Cancer Society.

The educational and fund-raising Crusade will begin Monday, April 10 and continue through April 22. Foscoe is highly qualified for the position by his community spirit and desire to help further the welfare of the Jones County residents.

As leader of the campaign here, Foscoe appealed for many workers to help in the many jobs that need to be done in the community during April, Cancer Control month. The response was excellent and the following have been appointed as area chairmen during the campaign:

Mallardtown — Mrs. Tom Mallard
Comfort — Mrs. Joe Wiggins
Maysville — Mrs. C. C. Dameron

and Mrs. Annabelle Ward.
Pleasant Hill — Mrs. S. T. Humphrey
Lee's Chapel — Mrs. Theron Humphrey
Chinquapin — Mrs. Wayne Haskins
Piney Grove — Mrs. L. L. Odden
Maple Grove — Mrs. Hugh Loftin
Hopewell — Mrs. Earl Jones
Tuckahoe — Mrs. Robert E. Cox
Beaver Creek — Mrs. Minnie Green
Wise's Fork — Mrs. Minnie Green
White Oak River — Mrs. Mildred Simpson
Trenton — Nelson Conway
Oak Grove — Mrs. Linwood Cox
Pollocksville — John W. Creagh, Jr. and Mrs. Viola Franks
"Because cancer eventually strikes two out of three families," Foscoe said, "there is urgent need for everyone to do his share to combat a disease which last year took the lives of more than a quarter of a million Americans."

"Here in Jones County we can help save lives by serving as volunteers, by contributing our money to the Crusade, or by doing both," Foscoe said. "Crusade volunteers will not ring doorbells to collect funds, but will leave in each home leaflets which could save the life of some member of the family. This free educational material stresses the value of annual health checkups and the importance of learning the seven danger signals," he concluded.

Wilson Lowery is Re-Elected President Clover 4-H Club

The Clover 4-H Club held its regular meeting Monday night in the educational rooms at Chinquapin Chapel. The evening began with a picnic supper followed by the meeting. Wilson Lowery presided over the business session and Janice Lowery gave the devotional. A project report was given by Frank Heath, then the election of officers was held.

Wilson Lowery was re-elected president, Don Phillips vice president, Ann Heath-secretary, Annette Lowery - treasurer, Fletcher Smith-reporter, Janice Lowery-program chairman, Ann Koonce and Toby Heath-song leader, Diane Eubanks and Harold Smith-recreation leaders, Fay Haskins-historian and junior leaders will be Don Phillips and Wilson Lowery. During the meeting Fletcher Smith gave a report on the community building plans.

Jury Debates 8 Hours Before Sparing Confessed Murderer

Starting at 3:30 last Thursday afternoon 12 Lenoir Countians debated just over 8 hours before finally agreeing to spare Harold A. Smith from the state gas chamber for the cold-blooded pistol slaying last July of Marine-Sergeant Robert Eugene Schroeder.

The entire debate in the locked jury room was on the point of punishment since Smith had confessed twice, and did not offer any evidence to refute the chain of facts paraded before the jury by Solicitor Walter Britt.

Smith confessed that on the night of Thursday, July 21st, he, with Jesse Eugene Perry and Eugene Wakefield Jacobs had agreed to force the first car that stopped to help them push their car to a filling station about 15 miles south of Kinston on U. S. 258.

Sgt. Schroeder was the "Good Samaritan" who stopped to help the trio, whose car had run out of gas.

Smith said he pulled out his .45 caliber automatic pistol and forced Schroeder to push the car in which Perry and Jacobs rode. On arriving at a filling station, Smith told his prisoner to keep going while the other car coasted into the filling station.

Smith says Schroeder recognized him, as a former Marine, who had been kicked out of the Corps. At first Smith said he decided to lock Schroeder in the boot of the Marine's car and leave him somewhere he would be found before

dying of hunger or exposure.

Then Smith said he decided after driving a few miles with Schroeder locked in the trunk that he had to kill him.

Smith said he then pulled off the main highway onto a dirt road, went and unlocked the car trunk, raised the lid and asked, "How you getting along, Buddy?"

Smith said, Schroeder said, "OK."

Smith says he then shot Schroeder in the head, chest and stomach with the heavy caliber pistol.

Then driving back to Kinston he found Perry and Jacobs at a cafe in front of the court house, where they went for a cup of coffee while the car with the dead Marine was parked directly in front of the police station on West King Street.

Then the trio went a few miles west of Kinston where they robbed the dead Marine's body and car and left him in the car beside a filling station at "Little Baltimore" between Kinston and La Grange. Schroeder's body was not discovered until late Sunday afternoon when the July heat caused a strong odor and bloody water to begin coming from the car.

On Saturday night the trio was captured after an armed robbery in Washington, D. C. and subsequent excellent police work revealed that the pistol Smith used

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