

# Tightening Tax Bite Beginning to be Felt More Sharply

THE JONES COUNTY

# JOURNAL

NUMBER 5 TRENTON, N. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1961 VOLUME XIIV

## All-Out All-Day Drive July 8th Raise Jones Share of 4-H Funds

Preliminary planning is well underway for an all-day all-out effort on July 8th by Jones County 4-H Clubbers and their adult leaders to raise the remaining portion of Jones County's share of the foundation funds for scholarships and improved recreational facilities.

Exact locations have not yet been agreed upon but the major part of the plan is set. This will include serving of both lunch and supper of barbecued chicken by 4-H'ers in every part of the county.

In addition to making the food available at selected sites in every part of the county the 4-H'ers are also making plans to deliver the lunch or supper to anyone who wishes to order in advance.

Location of the sites will be announced next week and everybody in the county is being urged to plan to have either dinner or supper with the 4-H clubbers on that day.

### Land Transfers

Three transfers of real estate have been recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker.

These included: One lot in Trenton from G. C. Honeycutt to John Larkins and George Hughes.

A tract in White Oak Township from George Carl Flowers to A. L. Turner.

A tract of 73.6 acres in Pollocksville Township from William M. Kime to Wilber Griffin.

## Jones County Farm Families Using FHA Real Estate Loans

Farmers Home Administration county supervisor J. E. Mewborn, Jr. said today that owners of farms who need to replace or repair houses and other essential farm service buildings are showing a great deal of interest in the agency's farm housing loan program; in fact, far more so than at any time in the past five years.

To substantiate this new interest and activity according to FHA supervisor Mewborn, 15 real estate loans have been approved in Jones County since July 1, 1960, totaling \$68,420.

Two were Soil and Water loans which installed 7900 feet of 4" and 6" terra cotta drain tile and 600 feet of dragline ditch. This 600 feet of open ditch may sound rather insignificant. However, it will divert the water from several hundred acres of woodland away from that particular farmer's tobacco land. In 1959 alone, he estimated his loss was possibly \$1500 on 3.4 acres of tobacco due to the needed drainage. To combat this drainage problem, he installed 3600 feet of tile in addition to the ditch. He had dug two other dragline ditches in 1957 and 1958 with the help of ACP cost share and an FHA operating or short term loan.

Three farm ownership loans included funds to purchase addition-

### Lawyers' Purchase Trips Rumor Mill Among Trentonians

The purchase last week by Attorneys John Larkins and George Hughes of a building on the main business block of Trenton immediately cranked up the "rumor mill" in the Jones County seat.

The two attorneys, along with other private renters of space in the county courthouse have been under fire for the past year by critics, among whom is a majority of the present board of county commissioners.

Hughes, who was fired after 15 years as county attorney, at the December meeting of the commissioners and Larkins both occupy small suites of offices in the courthouse, which have been rented to attorneys ever since the court house was built.

Neither of the attorneys has made any public statement on the plans for the building which joins Hines Drug Store on the north side of Main Street.

Asked if they planned to open another drug store, or perhaps a hardware store neither would comment.

"It was just such a bargain we couldn't resist the chance to buy it," was all they would say.

### Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bil Parker reports the issue of only one marriage license in the past week and it went to Douglas McArthur, 19, and Virginia Ann Mills, 18, both of Pollocksville.

### Jones Tax Collector Dies Suddenly; Much Guessing on Successor

Jones County Tax Collector Zelle Pollock died suddenly Sunday night in a Kinston hospital from a heart attack. Miss Pollock had served in that capacity for the past 18 years.

It was expected this week that the Jones County Board of Commissioners would be convened in a special meeting this week to appoint a successor to Miss Pollock.

Considerable speculation existed around the court house on Wednesday about her successor. At least five candidates were reportedly seeking the post, which is not elective but is appointed by the commissioners.

There is, perhaps, a growing ray of hope on the horizon for those who fear that state socialism is inevitable in the United States, and for whom the ever-hungry tax collector has become a constant fear.

The familiar adage, "Give them enough rope to hang themselves," is beginning to sound faintly applicable to such tax levying groups as congress, state legislatures, boards of county commissioners and city boards of aldermen.

The combination of all tax jurisdictions climbing hoggishly together is each day converting more and more taxpayers to conservatism.

At this moment in North Carolina the promises of Terry Sanford to raise taxes are on the eve of hitting the taxpayer another hard blow. While the Sanford stooges in the General Assembly are writing his promises into tax law at home boards of county commissioners caught in the same maelstrom of money for education and generally busy raising the tax rate at their level. Lenoir County for instance will take a 25-cent greater bite out of the taxpayer in the sacred name of education.

Coming together, and so heavily

this kind of tax assault will awaken, and alert all but the dullest citizen and alarm all but the theoretical socialist.

While this is 'going on at the state and county level up in Washington the hand maidens of President Kennedy are trying to grind into law billions of more dollars—and taxes — in the same sacred name of education. All of this despite that in North Carolina 72 cents out of every tax dollar being collected is already spent for schools.

Where is that ray of hope? Is it the mean look growing in the eye of the public.

People who have gone in hock for 20 or 30 years for a little vine covered cottage in the suburbs are beginning to wonder as their taxes zoom upward every year.

They are beginning to wonder if the fellow who lives in a public housing project, or in a rented home isn't smarter, by far than the fellow who wants to own his home.

Consider a Kinstonian as an example.

If he is making payments on that little home of his own he has from \$60 to \$100 per month to pay in that direction. But how about taxes?

Next year he will have \$120 taxes to pay the county — assuming he has an \$8,000 valuation on his home. Only \$90 if his home is valued at \$6,000.

Then the city tax bill comes to \$92 on the \$8,000 house or \$69 on the house valued at \$6,000. But that is not all. There is another \$16.80 for the special school tax on the larger house or \$12.60 on the smaller.

Add them all together and they come near to spelling "Uncle" than "Mother." \$228.80 on the larger house — which is almost another \$20 per month it is costing him to live in that shanty called his own. Even the smaller cottage has an additional tax bite of \$171.60 in taxes.

Then there are paying assessments, sidewalk construction which are taxes by another name.

When a sufficiently large number of taxpayers begin to feel they are smothering to death from taxation they are going to throw out the types who have been voting more taxes in Washington, Raleigh, at the court house and city hall.

That is the small ray of hope. Perhaps it is distant, but it can be seen from the higher hills.

in the election of district officers.

Adult 4-H leaders attending included Mesdames W. W. Lowery, David Eubanks, H. L. Haddock, Denford Eubank, Leon Thomas, Linwood Cox and E. C. Armstrong.

Other 4-H'ers attending included Sam Davis, Linda Kaye Haddock, Lib McDaniel, Claudia Armstrong, and Betsy Armstrong.

## Large Delegation from Jones At District 4-H Demonstration; Two from Jones Win 1st Prizes

### Joint Installation Legion, Auxiliary Set for July First

Saturday night July 1st at the American Legion Hut in Trenton joint installation ceremonies will be held for officers of Glen Newton Smith Post and its Auxiliary.

Auxiliary Parliamentarian Mrs. Kenneth Pittman of Kinston will install the Auxiliary officers and Department Commander Ben B. Halterman of Wilmington will install the new slate of Legion Officers.

All members of the Post, the Auxiliary and their families are urged to be on hand for the installation.

### Jones Countian NCO School Graduate



(AHTINC)—Army Sgt. Benjamin E. Harrison, son of Benjamin R. Harrison, Route 1, Trenton, recently graduated from the Seventh U. S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy in Bad Tolz, Germany. Sergeant Harrison received four weeks of refresher training in various military subjects with emphasis on leadership and combat tactics. The purpose of the academy is to broaden the NCO's professional knowledge and to instill him with the self-confidence and sense of responsibility required of a capable leader. The 21-year-old soldier, whose wife, Linda, is with him in Germany, entered the Army in July 1959

The district 4-H Club demonstration day held this week at Chocowinity saw a large Jones County delegation that included two first prize winners.

Kenneth Doster took top honors in the forestry demonstration and earned a blue ribbon for his effort.

Richard Franek was first place winner for his soil and water conservation demonstration which earned him a red ribbon.

Others from Jones County who placed in the prize category included Cecil Banks 2nd place and a red ribbon in fruit and vegetable production.

Robert Collins placed 3rd with a blue ribbon in entomology.

David Paul Hill earned a blue ribbon and placed 3rd with his chicken barbecue demonstration.

William Jarman placed 4th and won a red ribbon for his tractor operator demonstration.

Others from Jones County who participated but who did not win prizes included Mary Lendell Cox in dairy foods, Gretchen Davis in the dress revue, Elaine Thomas and Sue Eubanks in dairy foods, Morris Pike in livestock conservation, Alton and Dalton Eubanks in the talent contest.

Jones County 4-H Club County Council Chairman Wilson Lowery Jr. pledge to the flag and Janice Lowery cast Jones County's vote

## Very Minor Changes In Eastern Districts By '62 Redistricting

Eastern North Carolina fared surprisingly well in the congressional redistricting bill that was finally passed in the General Assembly to cover the 1962 elections.

The first bill dropped in the hopper would have put two eastern Carolinians — L. H. Fountain and Harold Cooley in the same district.

The second bill would have put two Piedmonters — Charlie Jonas and Basil Whitener in the same

and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He was graduated from Jones Central High School in 1957, and attended Frederick College, Portsmouth, Va.

District. Jonas, who is the only Republican congressman from North Carolina, had been considered from the earliest speculation to be the man the overwhelmingly Democratic General Assembly would finally "pitch on."

The third bill, which was approved last week put Jonas and Paul Kitchin in the same district.

In Eastern Carolina the changes in this redistricting bill that finally passed put Bertie County in Herbert Bonner's First District, add Vance and Franklin counties to Fountain's Second District, add Harnett to David Henderson's Third District and add Davidson to Cooley's Fourth District.