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Trenton Legion Post Exceeds Membership Quota; Congratulated

Trenton Post 154 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership incentive goal for 1962 according to information from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

J. R. Fraack, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks to the Membership Chairman, all Post Officers, and membership workers for their efforts.

Ben B. Halterman, of Wilmington, Department Commander of The American Legion, issued a statement of praise for the local Post.

Commander Halterman said, "I am proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post 154 upon this achievement. All of the programs and services of the Legion are made possible through dues paid for membership, and we appreciate the great part played by Post No. 154 of Trenton. Sincere thanks to every member of the Post who had a part in the membership work."

The incentive goal of Post 154 is 218, and the membership for 1962 to date is 219. Incentive Goals are assigned each American Legion Post by the State Headquarters and are based on last year's membership of the Post plus 2 per cent.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our incentive goal," Post Commander Fraack said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post, and we invite them all to become members."

SAVES THE INTEREST

Bill Stroud of 1208 North Independent Street told Kinston officials Monday night that he did not think he should pay interest on a paving project in front of his home that was begun five years ago and just finished this month. The officials agreed.

Junior Auxiliary of Trenton Legion Post Drills on Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary met Saturday afternoon and went to Kinston to join the Kinston juniors at Jackson Cross Roads for a practice session of their joint drill teams.

Seventeen members went from Trenton, and they are getting ready to march in the Christmas parade November 30 in Kinston. Mrs. Carl Flowers, Jr., Junior Activities Leader, went with them and other were Miss Macy Mallard, Mrs. W. F. Hill, and Mrs. Joe Bection.

Caddie Takes Wrong Bag; Lands in Jail

Troy Shackelford is, or was a caddie at the Kinston Country Club. Last Friday on his way to work he picked up a bag — not a golf bag, but the hand bag of Mrs. C. A. Jeffress.

Mrs. Jeffress had left the handbag in her car while visiting the home of her son, Felix Harvey, on Harvey Circle. It contained about \$1,000 in cash and numerous valuable papers.

Detective Wheeler Kennedy recovered the bag — from a drainage ditch near the country club, and got back \$359.50 of the money from Shackelford, who had "flung a big one" Friday night on which he claims he spent the balance of Mrs. Jeffress' money.

PROBATION REVOKED

Earl Harper of Pink Hill who drew a probationary term earlier this year for stealing in Pink Hill was committed to prison Monday by Judge Henry Stevens for the 18 month term after evidence was tendered that Harper had repeatedly violated the terms of his probation.

One Divorce Action Filed in Jones Court

During the past week one civil action was filed in the office of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Murray Whitaker.

In this suit Lillie Belle Huggins Jones is seeking a divorce from Dennis Jones on grounds of 2 years separation. The complaint says the couple was married October 5, 1936 and separated in May of 1958. No children were born to the marriage.

Lenoir Farm Bureau Reaches Membership Goal for the Year

The Lenoir County Farm Bureau exceeded its membership quota of 1200 in time to be recognized at the Farm Bureau Convention in Raleigh. The actual number certified was 1202.

This is the first year in several that the Lenoir County Farm Bureau has met its goal to the state organization. The membership campaign got underway in September with a mail campaign that was highly successful. More and more farmers apparently prefer to join by mail thus saving the time of the solicitors as well as the farmer's time.

Persons who have not joined may still join by mail, or by a visit to the county office or through one of the membership workers. The membership campaign ends November 30, so interested persons are invited to join before that date.

Several Lenoir County persons attended the State Convention. They included Ralph Daughety, President of the Lenoir County Farm Bureau, John A. Shackelford, State Farm Bureau Director, Jack Alexander, W. Francis Hardee, Odell Hill, J. F. Whitfield, F. H. Jarman, C. W. Casey, and Willie T. Shivar.

The annual county-wide meeting at which time officers and directors will be elected will be held in the next few weeks.

Heavy Calendar Set For Jones Court 27th; Judge Cowper Presides

Club Women Begin Used Toy Pick Up Aided by Firemen

The Trenton Womens Club met Thursday night in the clubhouse. Mrs. Fred Pippin presided over the business meeting, with Mrs. John Hughes Pollock, secretary, and Mrs. Darris Koonce, treasurer.

It was announced that toys will be collected soon to be repaired by club members and also Trenton firemen.

Anyone who has toys to donate can contact Mrs. Pippin or Mrs. Paul Huffman. The December meeting will be presented by the Home Life Department and will be on Christmas flower arranging.

Mrs. Jack Dixon, Jr., of the Education Department, presented the program and showed a film on problems of the teenage children.

Miss Lois Brock served refreshments.

Three Hurt Thursday In Pink Hill Accident

Three passengers in the car of Leon Murphy suffered painful but not serious injuries last Thursday afternoon at about 2:30 in an accident in Pink Hill at the intersection of Main and Beulaville highway.

Murphy, driving east on Main Street, said he had the green light when his car was struck in the right rear door area by the ambulance of the Pink Hill Volunteer Fire Department, which was being driven by Herman Stroud.

Mrs. Murphy, her daughter-in-law Mrs. Mary Grace Murphy and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Leona Murphy were given emergency treatment in Dr. D. W. Ruffin's office for cuts and bruises.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the issue of three marriage license in the past week to:

Edward Rouse, 19, and Etta Faye Burkette, 16, both of Kinston.

Robert Lee Baker, 20, of Kinston route 6, and Nancy Lee Hargett, 17, of Dover route 2.

Robert Rodolph Holland, 19, and Jean Carolin Humphrey, 18, both of Maysville.

District Solicitor Robert Rouse has calendared 117 cases for trial at next week's term of Jones County Superior Court, over which Judge Albert Cowper of Kinston will preside.

Of this total, however, 62 are speeding cases that will largely consist of pleas of guilty in absentia. Leaving an active docket of 57 cases.

Most serious charge set for hearing is that of rape against Johnny Payton, who was given a life sentence for the crime after a trial earlier this year, which was set aside for a technical error by the state supreme court.

Other cases set for trial next week include drunken driving charges against William Thomas Sessons, Mark Thomas Shackelford, John Coward Jr., Frank James Puret, Jimmy Lee Toodle, Ruth Cash Small and Swindell Dunn.

Worthless check charges are pending against R. L. Kellum and A. W. Huffman and an embezzlement charge is to be heard against Malcolm Leroy Banks.

Bobby Glenn Warren of Kinston is charged with manslaughter and reckless driving.

Roy and J. C. Hill, Richard LePage and James H. Howland are charged with breaking, entering and Elisoh Rhodes Jr. will be tried for armed robbery.

The other cases involve traffic violations, domestic relations cases and liquor law violations.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the following land transfers that were recorded in his office during the past week:

Alonzo Mills to Victor Woertz, lot in Tuckahoe Township.

D. A. Jones to Beasley M. Jones 20 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

I. P. Hatch to Georgia Ward and to Gertrude Isler one lot each in Pollockville.

Pauline Jones Moore to Beasley T. Jones 20 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

W. T. Smith to C. M. Howard one lot in White Oak Township.

Evelyn Griffin to Lynn M. Kelso 89 acres in Pollockville Township.

George R. Thomas to Ikie D. Hill 17.6 acres in Pollockville Township.

Agnes Hill to Lessie Godby one lot in White Oak Township.

Urban Renewal: One Man's Opinions in Favor of It

By Jack Rider

Many friends whose opinions I respect and frequently seek have both privately and publicly demanded of me, "How can you so oppose federal encroachments into local affairs and still support Urban Renewal."

I have decided to explain this as completely as I can, so that I can carry proofs of it around with me and hand them out because I have worn out two sets of tonsils repeating my reasons over and over again.

I feel that the ONLY basic argument worth indulging in is, whether there is a need for urban renewal, and whether the first proposed project area in Kinston is the most needed?

But on the mechanical operations of urban renewal, and on the question of its socialistic aspects, its Christianness, or as some have questioned, its morality I personally have no fears.

Why then do I consider federal aid to education bad, and federal aid to blighted areas good?

Firstly the state and local governing units already have committed more than 72 cents out of every tax dollar collected to the schools.

If 72 cents out of every state and county tax dollar collected were being used for urban renewal and this was done on a long established and accepted basis, I might then be forcedly in favor of federal aid to education.

Secondly, the City of Kinston has an annual income from all sources of just over \$3 million. The federal government collects almost \$12 million per year in taxes of all types from the citizens of Kinston. I wish this were not true, and do all I can to curb the further tax reach of the federal government.

But when a project for the public welfare is agreed upon, whether it be highways, waterways, airways drainage, flood control or urban renewal one must attempt to accomplish that project within the framework of the taxing system that EXISTS, rather than within the framework of a different taxing system, upon which there would be no agreement and that would likely be no more popular and no more equitable than the EXISTING framework.

I have been asked, "If this is so good, why doesn't the city do it and not mess with the federal government?"

The answer is simple: "The fed-

eral government has the money. It has taken over the taxing and has left very little to local jurisdictions. People are close to their aldermen, their commissioners and they can put a lot of pressure on them, but Washington is more remote."

"But aren't you — in supporting urban renewal, adding to this, rather than helping to bring it under control?", my friends demand.

My answer is that urban renewal is a 12 year-old program, established and accepted by the congress, the courts and apparently by the majority of people since there have been six congressional elections since urban renewal was written into law, and congress has not repealed, but has to the contrary expanded urban renewal.

If a person feels so strongly about this that he prefers to refuse any federal money for urban renewal and still continue paying his part of the nearly \$12 million per year in federal taxes that is his privilege. I prefer to continue the fight to elect congressmen who will cut the federal budget in every sphere, and lower federal taxes so that local governing units will not be so hard pressed for avenues of finance.

But until a majority of congress is elected that will take steps in

that direction the nation must try to work out the best possible use of the system that IS, rather than some system that MIGHT be voted into law, next year or ten years from now.

Most particularly I oppose those who out of one corner of their mouth says, "This is a republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way" and out of the other corner of their mouth they demand the "God-given right to vote on this issue before it is jammed down the throats of the people of Kinston."

I happen to be one of those who takes seriously the proposition that this is a republic, and I resist the idea of demagogues rolling out the voters everytime there is an issue upon which there is a difference of opinion.

The orderly way to run a republic is to elect representatives and trust them to do what is right and in the public interest. If they fail, then the orderly way is to elect some different representatives.

For Kinstonians now to lather themselves into political fits over a 12 year-old program that has been repeatedly approved by the Congress of the United States, the North Carolina General Assembly and by both federal and state courts

is to confess either their ignorance or their lack of interest in public affairs.

For them to label such a program un-constitutional, un-Christian and immoral is to slander the legislative branch of both the federal and state governments which established the program, the executive branches of federal, state and local governments which have administered the program and the courts of every level and every jurisdiction that have approved the program.

In summary, people who take this position simply do NOT HAVE FAITH IN OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

If they believe that the legislative, executive and judicial branches of our government — state, federal and local — are composed of ruthless, greedy immoral officials they are guilty of the grossest lack of faith.

They are saying, in substance to the homeowner, "Your property is not secure because your city, state and federal officials have banded together in an un-holy, un-constitutional effort to cheat and defraud you."

To say that this attitude is ridiculous is to labor the obvious.