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Housing Census of Jones Has Interesting Figures

The 1960 Census of Housing counted 2,882 housing units in Jones County.

Of these 845 were in sound condition with all plumbing.

- 2,533 were occupied
- 1,421 were occupied by owners.
- 1,112 were occupied by renters.
- \$35 was the median gross rent of rented places.
- 1,125 had hot and cold running water.
- 1,088 had flush toilets.
- 1,077 had bathtub or shower.
- 23 had basements.
- 45 were trailer homes.
- 109 households had air conditioning.
- 1,972 had TV.
- 1,656 had radio.
- 706 had telephones.
- 2,020 had washing machines.
- 44 had clothes dryers.
- 940 had one or more home food freezers.
- 1,638 had one automobile.
- 214 had two automobiles.

March of Dimes is Success in Maysville

The January campaign for the March of Dimes was quite a success in Maysville again this year, with contributions totaling around six hundred dollars.

The largest contributions came from the Fire Department with a total of \$348, the Boy Scouts of Troop 209 with \$155 and the Greenleaf Garden Club with \$47.

Personal contributions brought the total to the six hundred mark, which is approximately the same as last year.

YOUTHS BOUND OVER

James Bruce Turnage and Marvin Brown, white youths of Kinston, were bound over to the March 18 term of Lenoir Superior Court last week by Recorder Emmett Wooten under \$750 bond each on charge of breaking into Belk-Tyler's store.

Two Suits Filed in Jones Superior Court

During the past week Superior Court Murray Whitaker reports that two civil actions have been filed in the local court.

Lester Hardware, Inc. of Kinston filed suit seeking to collect \$276 and interest from December 20, 1960 from Albert Griffin Jr. of Jones County as the balance owed on a chain saw purchased by Griffin, and upon which he had not made payments.

Richlands Motor Sales filed suit against G. E. Gooding of Jones County, seeking to collect \$2,208.03 and interest from last fall which they say Gooding owes as balance on a car purchased by him last fall.

Charles King Has Completed Work on Degree at ECSTC

Charles S. King of Pollocksville, son of Johnnie King and the late Mrs. Palmett Bragg King, has completed requirements for the bachelor of science degree in education at Elizabeth City State College in Elizabeth City.

During the second nine weeks of the first semester, he completed student teaching with the eight grade class at the C. S. Brown High School at Winton.

He held membership in the following organizations on the campus: the College Ushers guild; the Compass, where he was literary editor for one year; Student Personnel services, where he was personnel clerk for one year; the Young Men's Christian Association; the Veteran's Club, and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, where he was historian and reporter.

The bachelor of science degree will be conferred upon him at the May, 1962, commencement of the college.

Five Arrests Reported Last Week in Jones

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports five arrests in the county during the past week; two for drunken driving, two for public drunkenness and one for driving without a driving license.

Walter W. McIntire of Havelock and Marvin Mills of Trenton route 2 were accused of the drunken driving offenses.

Richard W. Beal of Camp Lejeune and Robert Taylor of Belgrade were the pair accused of "reckless walking."

James Earl Greene of Trenton route 1 was charged with the unlicensed driving.

Virginian Nabbed Fast

Nineteen year-old Henry Thomas Ashley of Charlottesville, Virginia stopped at Skinner's Service Station early Wednesday morning and told Attendant Troy Thompson he wanted \$4.75 worth of gas, and asked permission to stop a while and sleep in his car in the station court yard. Instead of pulling over for a nap, he pulled onto the highway and sped toward Kinston. Thompson quickly called Kinston Police, Desk Sergeant Fred Hart quickly alerted radio cars, and when the fleeing Virginian came across King Street bridge he was suddenly boxed in by two patrol cars driven by Dan Whitehurst and J. W. Pate. He is charged with stealing the gas, and driving without a driver's license.

Lenoir Thief Gives Up In Tennessee to FBI

Lenoir Countain Gerald C. Jones, who was sent to prison in 1960 from Lenoir County for stealing more than a thousand dollars worth of materials from Turner's supply store in Pink Hill, surrendered Monday in Manchester, Tennessee to FBI agents.

Jones escaped from the Pitt County prison camp, where he was

Senator Ervin Reports On Washington Doings

The President's \$92.5 billion federal budget states there will be a \$463 million surplus of income over expenditures at the end of the fiscal year 1963.

Reduced to its simplest terms the proposed budget might be illustrated with this example. An individual who had an income during this fiscal year of \$821 and spent \$891 is expecting an income of \$930 for the next fiscal year out of which he will spend \$925.

In the light of past experience a government or an individual operating on that basis probably would have some difficulty with the budget.

Federal budget makers this year are highly optimistic over revenues which they expect to come from a rising prosperity predicted for the country and a decrease in international emergencies necessitating increased expenditures not counted in the budget. The years of the Cold War have indicated that Khrushchev and the Kremlin leaders are not yet that predictable.

Priorities in Spending Programs

What is more important about the budget is that our government must begin to set up some priorities in areas of spending. Prudent individuals who use a budget have long known the value of this.

In government spending these are national defense, domestic programs, and foreign aid commitments.

Our current defense commitment costs about \$50 billion a year. There is no question but that we shall have to maintain our freedom for some time to come with the appropriation of large sums for national defense. Debt service and interest now takes nearly \$9 billion a year.

With these fixed expenditures it seems equally obvious that we cannot greatly expand domestic programs and constantly pour huge sums into foreign aid. This year

servicing the 5-year prison term he drew in Lenoir County. In 1961 he was caught in South Carolina with a stolen car. Then he and three other criminals escaped from the Spartanburg County Jail.

While visiting his father-in-law, Kenneth Gentry, in Tennessee he decided to quite running and call the FBI and gave himself up. Whether he will be returned to North Carolina first has not been determined.

both domestic programs and foreign aid requests have substantially increased.

A failure to establish priorities and to present a realistically balanced budget could result in another deficit in 1963.

The President has already predicted that the national debt will rise to \$305 billion during the coming fiscal year. One forecaster has taken the predicted \$463 million surplus for 1963 and found that at that rate it would take 636 years to pay off the federal indebtedness.

If the American people want a national defense second to none in the world, and I believe they do, the government should make a judgment that non-essential domestic programs will have to be deferred until they can be financed on a solvent basis.

Likewise, foreign aid programs that cannot be justified should be ended. A retired long time diplomat recently expressed the view that the United States is trying to do too much with its dollars-assistance programs.

I concur that it is diplomatically unsound, and I believe that it is becoming more and more apparent that foreign aid is financially unsound. History is replete with sad examples of governments that failed to keep their financial house in order.

Ten Escape Serious Injury Monday Night

Highway Patrolman Wesley Parrish described it as "a miracle" that none of ten people riding in two cars wrecked on US 70 Monday night was hurt. One car with six passengers turned over one and a half times and the other with four Seymour Johnson airmen made one complete roll.

Richard Oscar Harper Joyner, 23, of La Grange route 2, driver of the car with six in it, was charged with reckless driving. His 1955 model car was judged a total loss by Parrish.

Airman Agers Lee Horton, 20, had an estimated \$300 damage to his 1960 model car.

Parrish said that Joyner admitted pulling suddenly in front of Horton's car while trying to pass it about a mile west of Falling Creek. Both cars were headed east, and each rolled into an open field on the south side of the highway.

COUPLE CHARGED

Rufus and Mary Mumford of Kinston route 1 were booked this week by ABC officers, who accused the couple of having a small quantity of stumphole whisky about their premises.

HAD LOCK JAW

Marine Dennis Duane Pierce of Camp Lejeune was arrested Monday night by Kniston police, who charged him with being publicly drunk and having in his possession illegal drugs. Captain Glasco Evans said a combination of beer and barbituates had "stiffened" the young Marine so badly that he appeared to have the lockjaw.

LIQUOR CHARGES

Lenoir County ABC Officers over the weekend booked the following on charge of possessing non-tax-paid whisky: Dora Lee Davis of route 1, Cleveland Banks of 503 Quinerly Street, Joseph Dunn of route 5, Joe Phillips of route 3, Virginia Bryant of route 1, James Taylor of 1018 Lincoln Street, William Arthur Jones of route 5, Ossie Ola Simmons of 1209 Cedar Lane, Willie Mae Turnage of 309 East North Street and Samuel Patrick of route 6.

Throw Another Log Under That Old Political Pot

So far in this election year there have been five ruffles on the waters insofar as the voters of Jones County are concerned. Three were positive strikes from big political fish who have indicated their willingness to "make the sacrifice" and serve for another term in their respective posts.

The other two were respectful decisions of the Coolidge variety, in that they did "not choose to run."

United States Senator Sam Ervin, State Senator Tom White and Superior Court Judge W. J. Bundy have paid their filing fees, and are ready for the preliminary tests in May and the final race in November.

Solicitor Robert Rouse Jr. and Superior Court Murray Whitaker have announced their decisions not to seek re-election.

What About the Rest?

This leaves such un-spoken for jobs as Third District Congressman, State Representative, sheriff, county commissioners, education board, magistrates, constables.

Congress?

Incumbent Representative David Henderson is now in his freshman term, so there's not much doubt his willingness to "serve" at least one more term.

Rumors coming from the wigwags of the political chieftains

around New Bern indicate that some Craven Countian is likely to stand in the way of Duplin Countian Henderson. Volatile Harnett County, which is now in the Third Congressional District may also find a "patriot" brave enough to volunteer for duty on the firing line in Washington.

Assembly

Incumbent Jones County Representative John McKenzie Hargett is considered a likely candidate for his 5th term in the lower house of the General Assembly, and from the Sand Dunes of West Tuckahoe to the Black Swamps of East White Oak there is no rumored opposition to Hargett's un-announced ambition.

Sheriff Brown Yates has not tossed his fedora toward the political ring, but he, as Hargett is expected to dig up the filing fee before the deadline passes at Noon April 13th (which is a Friday for all the superstitious.)

The decision of Clerk Whitaker to retire after 17 years in his post has started a lot of buzzing in political circles, and the faction which very largely do the arguing, and smoke-filled room planning on Jones County politics are combing the field very carefully in an effort to come up with "one of our fellows who can win."

Big Battle Here

Two years ago there was almost a complete change-over in the make up of the board of county commissioners. Chairman Nelson Banks, Fred Foscoe, Eugene Simpson and Horace Haddock moved on the board with the only surviving incumbent Harold Mallard.

The commissioners who were voted out, J. W. Creagh, Braxton George and Ralph Scott have kept silent in four different languages on their 1962 political ambitions, if any. The fourth commissioner, D. A. Jones, did not seek re-election in '60.

Where The Heat Is

The four new county commissioners had as one of their major campaign issues the "high salary" of County Attorney George Hughes, who they fired in their first official meeting on the first Monday of December 1960. They then hired Attorney Donald Brock to replace Hughes, and at the identical pay, \$1800 per year, that Hughes was drawing.

This particular issue will undoubtedly provoke the most heat in the May primary in Jones County.

Jones County is not likely to have any candidate to seek to fill the post being vacated by retiring Solicitor Rouse, nor any opposition for Incumbent Judge Bundy.

Possible Senate Fight

There is a chance, although remote that Jones County might force a race for the two senate seats in the 7th district, since Neither Incumbent White of Lenoir nor Luther Hamilton of Carteret County did anything to make Jones Countians happy in the 1959 assembly session.

The 7th District includes a large number of REA cooperatives and White is among those legislators whose scalp is consigned to the REA totem pole.

Neither White nor Hamilton gained many friend in Jones County, or in the rest of the district by materially helping push Governor Sanford's food tax through the assembly.

School Board Quiet

There seems to be a general air of quiet surrounding Jones County's school affairs, and if there is to be any competition for the incumbent members of the school board it will be a very minor side-show compared to the dog fight that will be going on in the center ring for the five jobs on the county board of commissioners.

A Very Warm Spring

All in all, it would seem that no matter what the thermometer may be indicating, this spring will be a mighty warm one in Jones County.