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## Impossible to Estimate Damage to Area Crops

Ask a dozen people and a dozen different guesses will result on the subject of how much damage has been done to Kinston area crops by the excessive rains of the past two weeks.

Between June 29th and July 5th the officially recorded rainfall in Kinston was 9.36 inches, and it is generally conceded that in many areas — especially south of Kinston in Jones, Onslow, eastern Duplin and southern Lenoir counties the rainfall was considerably heavier than this recorded in Kinston.

The worst hit area again this year — just as last year was the Trent River valley which had one of its most beautiful tobacco crops up until these rains came. When they ended the crop immediately adjacent to the river was a 100 per cent loss, and the percentage of loss was in direct ratio to the distance from the river itself and its major tributaries.

Still this week the waters had not returned to the banks of Trent River and in addition to the drownings of crops which had already taken place the health problem created by hordes of mosquitos is giving public health officials some concern.

Stepped up spraying to control these buzzing, biting, disease carrying pests is going on in all of the counties worst hit by the flood-

The only farmers who know to a certainty the extent of their water damage are those whose entire crop was drowned. Not until the remaining portions of less severely damaged crops are harvested and sold will the figures be accurate, and then, of course, they will never be known.

Studied guesses based on the best possible information tend to indicate that the tobacco loss in Lenoir County will run in the vicinity of 15 per cent, about 10 per cent in Duplin, around 20 per cent in Onslow, possibly 25 per cent in Craven, and perhaps as high as 30 per cent for Jones County, which was the worst hit county in the Kinston trading area.

In eastern Pitt and Beaufort county areas damaged was even worse and Carteret County suffered badly.

But on the basis of the acreage increase that came to flue-cured tobacco growers this year and the generally beautiful crops that are still in the fields that were not hurt materially by the rains these estimates seem to make some sense.

Of course, no individual wants to be quoted and these guesses listed above are the composite guesses of a number of people who have seen very large parts of the crops in these areas listed.

## Flood Crest?

Upstream observers have predicted an 18-foot crest for the flood waters of Neuse River at Kinston, but at 5 a.m. Wednesday the river stood at 17.90 feet and had risen 32 feet in the preceding 24 hours, tending to indicate that the rise might continue beyond the predicted level. This level is not considered serious flooding in the Kinston vicinity, where the recorded high water mark is just under 27 feet.

## Macy Mallard Now In Montana Getting Peace Corps Training

Macy Mallard of Trenton, secretary to the Farm and Home Agents of Jones County for many years, a recent candidate for Clerk of Court and immediate past district President of the American Legion Auxiliary, is now on a two-year leave of absence from her job to work with the Peace Corps.

Miss Mallard, who is known to a great many people in every part of North Carolina from her Legion Auxiliary activities, will work with the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

She is now at the University of Montana, at Bozeman where she is undergoing training for her work.

She arrived in Bozeman on June 28th and is one of 71 trainees from 27 states who began work on July 2nd in this rigorous training program.

She reports that getting up time is 5 a.m., and work does not end until 9:30 p.m., seven days to the week.

The trainees are getting lessons in Spanish, home economics, health, Ecuador, American culture and physical education.

She says every weekend in August will be spent in the mountains, camping out.

Persons who would like to write her may do so at Peace Corps Training Program, Montana State College, Bozeman, Montana.

## TAX ON DYING!

Kinston Undertaker Ushery Best was indicted over the weekend by the state department of revenue for failure to pay sales tax on funerals.

Information released by Investigating Patrolman Billy Baker is that Thompson, a resident of Deep Run route 1, came to the filling station of Smith at about 11:20 in a highly intoxicated condition and left when Smith refused to sell him some beer.

Smith told the officers that about 20 minutes later he locked up his place for the night and started driving toward his home, which was in the same direction as Thompson's home.

Not far from his filling station which is in the Noble Crossroad section Smith said he came upon an object in the road, but he did not have time to stop so he tried to straddle the object, but when he did he felt a bump and realized that he had struck whatever it was so he stopped and backed up to discover that he had hit Thompson.

Thompson died instantly from head injuries, according to Coroner Raymond Jarman, who said the skid marks indicated that the dead youth's body had been dragged about 25 feet, and there were blood stains on the bottom parts of the Smith car.

The accident has been classified as unavoidable as a result of the investigation by Baker and Jarman.

These four traffic deaths boosted the 1962 death toll on Lenoir County highways to 12.

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## Board Order Claim Filed Against Bond Carrier of Clerk

In its regular July session last week the Jones County Board of Commissioners ordered County Attorney Donald Brock to file claim against the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company for the funds stolen last year from the office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

Claims filed so far have been turned down by the company which held the clerk's bond.

It is the feeling that litigation is likely to be necessary against the company which insists that it is not liable for the loss since it was by burglary, an act which it claims was not covered in the terms of its insurance covering the clerk's office.

## Nine Hurt Thursday In Three-Car Wreck

A three-car wreck last Thursday at the corner of McLewean and Washington Streets injured nine people.

The cars were driven by Ernie James Williams of Ayden, Mrs. Adell Turner of 1705 West Vernon Avenue and Mrs. Gene Skinner of Dover route 1. Williams was charged with failure to stop for a stop sign.

The injured included Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Iris Sumner, Mrs. Skinner, Williams, his son, Gloria Lee Turner, Elizabeth Turner, and Vestal Sumner.

## ROSTER APPOINTED

Russell Foster Jr. of Kinston was named Monday to a three-year term on the State Real Estate Licensing Board by Governor Sanford.

## HIT AND RUN?

Robert Shelton Hart of LaGrange was booked over the weekend on charge of hit and run driving after a wreck in downtown Kinston.

## Four Die in Four Days On Lenoir County Roads

From 12:30 a.m. Friday until 11:45 p.m. Monday four persons were killed in Lenoir County automobile accidents; three died from a head-on wreck five miles south of Kinston on US 258 at 12:30 a.m. Friday and the final death came at 11:45 p.m. Monday on a rural paved road near Deep Run.

The Thursday night crash involved two carloads of Camp Lejeune Marines.

Cars driven by Cpl. Darrell Beckwith and Pvt. Miguel Pena met head on in a curve south of Harold Lee's Store.

Instantly killed were Pvt. James W. Brady, a passenger in the Beckwith driven car and Freddie Reynolds, passenger in Pena's car. Pena died early Monday.

Beckwith, David MacKenzie and Charles Brown, other Marines in the two cars, also suffered serious injuries but on Wednesday they were all expected to recover.

The car driven by Pena was headed north and Beckwith was driving south. For some reason that is likely to never be known Pena's car swerved across the center line and crashed head on into Beckwith's car.

The fourth death came at about 11:45 p.m. Monday when a car driven by Williams Smith ran over the prostrate body of Bobby Glen Thompson, 20, killing him instant-

## Tax Rate Boosted to \$1.77 Despite Cuts of \$73,397 in Requests

### Seven Jones Arrests In Past Two Weeks

Sheriff Brown Yates reports seven arrests in Jones County during the past two weeks.

Thomas Edward Hall of Trenton route 2 is accused of being publicly drunk and disorderly.

Mitchell Morgan of New Bern route 3 is charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Edward Fairchild of Trenton, Esley Koonce of Pollockville route 1 and Joe Bender of Pollockville were each charged with being publicly drunk.

Wesley Harding Caskill of Pollockville is charged with drunken driving.

William Green of Trenton was booked for driving a car without liability insurance with an improper registration.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners whittled away \$73,397.84 from the \$925,731.84 requested by the various departments of the Jones County government for operation in 1962-63 but still had to boost the tax rate from \$1.68 to \$1.77 in order to secure the county's part of the finally approved \$852,334 budget.

Of this budget \$705,571 will come from sources other than ad valorem taxation — sources such as state and federal matching funds, fees, fines and interest collected through the various departments of the government.

In order to supply that \$192,708 which is the county's share of the total budget the tax rate had to be boosted by nine cents.

The tax rate is based upon a \$10,-878,000 tax listed valuation for the county in the current tax year.

## Trenton Scouts Hold Court of Honor for Last Meeting This Summer

Troop 109 of the Boy Scouts of America held its last meeting until September at the American Legion Hut last week. It opened with a cook-out prepared by the scouts. The menu consisted of hamburgers, potatoes, carrots, and onions all cooked in tinfoil.

Billy Adams, Senior Patrol leader, presided over the Court of Honor. Second Class Rank was presented to Rich Franck, Tommie and Jobie Arthur, W. D. Parker, Assistant Scout Master.

First Class Rank was received by Tommy Swink, Allen Mallard, Kenneth Doster and Rich Franck presented by S. D. Mallard, Member of the Board of Review.

Star Rank was won by Kenneth Mallard. This was presented to him by H. B. Johnson member of the Board of Review.

Life Rank was won by Virgil B. Huffman and presented to him by Scoutmaster, J. R. Franck.

Merit Badges were won by Billy Parker, Kenneth Mallard, Phillip Cox, Virgil B. Huffman and Rodney Johnson. These were presented by N. P. Banks, chairman of the Board of Review.

The Court of Honor opened with the display of the Bible, three points of the Scout of Honor opened with the display of the Bible, three points of the Scout oath and the Scout Laws. Then the awards and Merit Badges were presented. The meeting closed with the removal of the Bible and the Scoutmaster's benediction.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Scout Virgil Huffman, showed a film of scenes taken of the last canoe trip. The pictures were taken by J. C. West Jr.

## Jeter Taylor Jr. Among Teachers At Science Institute

Jeter Taylor, Jr. of Trenton, attended a National Science Foundation Institute for High School teachers of the Earth Sciences held at the University of North Carolina, June 7 - July 17.

Taylor is a teacher in New Bern High School.

A total of 38 students are registered in this NSF institute at UNC. The institute is sponsored by the UNC Department of Geology and Geography under a grant of \$38,000 from the National Science Foundation. Each teacher attending receives a stipend of \$450 plus an allowance for dependents and travel.

## Car Carpenter Suffers Severe Cut Monday When Power Saw Slips

Burrell Moore of 1507 Charlotte Avenue suffered a severe cut on the left thigh Monday afternoon when a power saw he was using slipped and hit his leg.

Moore, a carpenter for Ray Poole, was working the Club Pines area when the accident took place.

Dr. Dexter Witherington at Parrott Memorial Hospital said the saw did not strike, but came dangerously near to the bone when it sliced Moore's thigh open. He is reportedly recuperating satisfactorily.

## Mattocks Reappointed

In its regular July meeting last week the Jones County Board of Commissioners appointed Robert Mattocks of Maysville to another 3-year term on the Jones County Public Welfare Board.

## Eagle Home Games

July 12 — Raleigh  
July 14 — Burlington  
July 15 — Burlington  
July 20 — Rocky Mount