

## Maysville Round of Christmas Parties; Observances Enjoyed

Tuesday evening, the Rotary, the Home Demonstration and the Greenleaf Garden Clubs held their annual Christmas dinner at the community building. An estimated 100 members, husbands and/or wives and invited guests were present.

The building was gaily decorated. Decorations were prepared by the Garden Club members. Several original wreaths were placed around the room and a large tree stood in the corner. The tables were covered in white cloths, with red runners, and red candles surrounded by greenery were placed on each individual table.

The meal was served buffet style and consisted of baked ham, roast turkey with dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, celery, pickles and carrot sticks, hot rolls, tomato juice, coffee and an assortment of desserts.

Tom Foscoe welcomed the group and recognized special guests and visitors. Rev. Norman Knight gave the invocation. Following the meal, Mrs. Knight led in singing Christmas carols and Miss Anne Reece, assistant Home Agent led in a recreational period.

Wednesday evening, the men of the Volunteer Fire Department, their wives and guests were on hand at the community building for their annual Christmas party.

Before the evening meal, Mrs. Ken Johnson and Mrs. Albert Bracey led the group in singing carols. E. H. Bryant gave the invocation. Also served buffet style, their menu consisted of baked ham, candied yams, butter beans, pickles, tossed salad, fruit cake, and coffee.

Following the meal, president of the fire department, Rudolph Pelletier expressed his pleasure in seeing so many members and guests present. Later, music for dancing

Carl Rowe and Happy Jack Smith.

Thursday evening, riding on the fire truck, Santa paid a visit to the community building where he greeted the children, heard their requests for Christmas and distributed bags was furnished by Jimmy Young, of fruit, nuts and candy. He stopped by the Methodist church, where Christmas programs were in practice and left bags for the younger children. From there he went to colored section, where he distributed bags among the colored children.

Friday, shortly after noon, following a Christmas program by the children in the auditorium of the Maysville Elementary school, and preceding their individual parties, Santa arrived by fire truck and talked with the smaller children and passed out their gifts to them.

Sunday afternoon, Albert Hardison entertained his Methodist Sunday School class with a party in the social room of the church. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Immediately afterwards, the MYF had their party, also in the church social room. Games were played and gifts were also exchanged, and refreshments were served.

Sunday afternoon, the Youth Choir of the Memorial Baptist church presented their Christmas Cantata, under the direction of Mrs. K. E. Johnson with Mrs. Avery Lumsden pianist.

The youths entered as a procession, bearing candles, while the congregation sang O Come All Ye Faithful. Scripture from St. Luke was read and prayer was offered.

The Cantata was presented in 8 parts and featured 3 solos by Carol

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## Site Sought for Federal Office Building; Plans Urged for Old PO Building

This week Congressman L. H. Fountain advised Lenoir Countians that the General Services Administration is in the market for a site to build a federal office building in Kinston. Specifications listed only included a minimum street frontage of 160 feet.

Fountain's telegram said a delegation from the GSA would be in Kinston on January 23rd at the new post office to discuss sites with anyone who had land available in the general downtown area.

This move by the GSA, which is the house-keeping agency of the federal government, strengthened hopes of local public library officials that the old post office building might be transferred to the city-county library, for use as a downtown library site.

Library usage is one of those under which the GSA can transfer surplus government property to local governmental units, but a stipulation of such transfers is that the property must be used for the purpose stated for a minimum period of 20 years.

Both Kinston newspapers and the one radio station with an editorial position are opposed to the use of this old post office property for a

branch library.

Friends of the overall library program insist among other things that creation of a third library in Kinston would almost certainly delay for a long time the construction of a main library adequate to the county's needs.

Friends of economy in government ask; why is the federal government in one action giving away a valuable piece of property and seeking to buy more high-priced downtown real estate?

Others suggest that a more practical pattern would be to sell the old post office property at public auction and return it to the tax books of the city and county, and then to use the funds derived for construction of any needed federal office building.

How much will renovation cost to make the old post office useful as a library?

How much additional staff will be required to operate the facility?

How will library usage effect the traffic and parking situation in this most congested section?

How can such an expensive addition to the library system be justified just four blocks from the main library?

## Danny Koonce to Take Exams for Merchant Marine Academy

Congressman David N. Henderson has announced that he has nominated Danny Koonce for the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York for the class entering in June, 1964.

North Carolina has a quota of eight cadets to enter the Academy each year and young Koonce will compete in the spring with all nominees from North Carolina with the top eight to be selected for admission.

Koonce is the son of Mrs. Huldia McCoy Koonce of Cove City and a senior at Jones Central High School.

## New Phone Exchange Goes Into Operation 4th in Pollocksville

Carolina Telephone's 113th telephone exchange will be placed in operation here January 5th.

D. F. Holliday, New Bern manager for the company, said this new exchange will serve subscribers in Pollocksville and the surrounding area.

At present, about 220 subscribers in and around Pollocksville are being served from the Maysville exchange. This new exchange will make service available to new subscribers and will permit better grades of service to existing subscribers.

Holliday said that Pollocksville subscribers will continue to dial sub-

## Four Killed Saturday Near Pollocksville on 17

A head-on crash at about 5 Saturday morning just north of Pollocksville on US 17 instantly killed all four passengers in the two cars involved. This was one of the worst highway tragedies in the history of Jones County.

Patrolman B. W. Oakley, who investigated said the accident took place when a car driven by Charles Jamison of New Bern was struck by another driven by Charles Marshall of Newport News, Va.

Physical evidence tended to indicate that the car driven by Jamison was stopped on the roadway with its lights out and in the wrong lane of traffic, when the Virginian's car ploughed into it.

James Phillips, also of New Bern, in the Jamison car and Muriel Grizzard, of Newport News, in the Marshall car, were also instantly killed in the impact which tore both cars into total losses.

This brought to seven the 1963 death toll on Jones County highways.

## Garner Estate Farms Sell for \$189,000 on Friday and Saturday

One of the biggest sales of farm land in Lenoir County in many years on Friday and Saturday of last week saw four farms of the estate of F. A. Garner bring a total of \$189,000.

The largest of the four farms, and the first to be auctioned was bought by Francis Hardee and Roy Poole for \$101,000. This farm contains 500 acres of land, including 194.5 cleared acres, 14.16 acres of tobacco in 1964 and a corn quota of 118 acres.

Paul MacArthur purchased the next largest of the Garner Estate Farms for \$29,000. It included 53 acres, 30 of which was cleared and it has a 1964 tobacco allotment of 2.18 acres and an 18-acre corn quota.

Clarence Stroud bought the third of the farms for \$27,000 and it includes 48 acres, of which 28.5 is under cultivation. Its 1964 tobacco acreage is 3.9 and its corn quota is 18 acres.

Acre-for-acre the most expensive of the four farms was purchased by Garner's widow and one of his sons, Lionel. It contains 20 acres, 19 cleared, a 1.45 tobacco quota and a 12 acre corn quota. They paid \$32,000 for it.

## Dacron Plant Workers Win 5th Safety Award

Du Pont's Kinston Plant has received the Du Pont Company's General Managers' Award for the fifth time for its safety performance.

Employees of the Plant qualified for the award at midnight December 20, upon the completion of 166 days without a disabling injury at the Plant.

The award represents about 1,752,000 hours of work with no injury causing as much as a day's absence from work, or any degree of permanent disability.

Each employee will receive a gift from among about 55 items offered.

scribers in the Maysville exchange without a toll charge. Maysville subscribers will also continue to dial subscribers in the Pollocksville exchange without a charge.

All Pollocksville telephone numbers will change on January 5th and a large portion of the Maysville telephone numbers will also change at this time.

A temporary telephone directory with the alphabetical listings for Maysville and Pollocksville subscribers will be prepared and delivered before the change on January 5th.

Pollocksville subscribers will continue to transact business matters with the New Bern business office, although Maysville subscribers will conduct business matters with the Jacksonville business office.

## Benefit Dinners Raise \$52,091 for Mt. Olive College

A series of nineteen benefit dinners in eastern North Carolina have raised \$52,091 for the development fund of Mount Olive College.

President W. Burkette Raper attended each dinner and outlined the long-range development program planned on the new 90-acre campus west of Mount Olive. The dinners extended from May into December and drew 3,200 people from Free Will Baptist churches covering twenty-four counties.

The dinners were a part of the development campaign to raise \$290,000 for the building program scheduled to begin next spring. The Mount Olive Junior College Area Foundation is currently engaged in efforts to raise \$100,000 in new gifts to supplement pledges secured earlier.

Outstanding gifts announced previously include \$37,000 from the late Dr. C. C. Henderson and a pledge of \$30,000 from the Bank of Mount Olive.

Mount Olive College is a fully accredited two-year college sponsored by the Free Will Baptist State Convention. Fall enrollment was 226, but the first buildings on the new campus will permit expansion to a student body of 400.

## UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Ruth Meadows of Kinston route 2 was charged with reckless driving at about 2 last Saturday morning when her car went out of control as she drove west on Highland Avenue. Her car first swerved off the street to the right and then crossed the street to hit a parked car at the Parkview Shopping Center, and then hit the building.

## Neuse Valley Next in Line as New Hope Dam Controversy Completed

By Senator B. Everett Jordan

It is impossible for me to express how pleased I am now that the New Hope Dam finally has been approved.

There is nothing more important to the total economic development of North Carolina at this moment than the immediate construction of the New Hope Dam.

This dam alone is a \$25 million project and it will bring numerous benefits to the State. In terms of flood prevention and water supply benefits alone, the Corps of Engineers statistics show that the New Hope Dam will bring us benefits totaling nearly \$2.5 million a year.

We can easily estimate, on the basis of our experience with the John H. Kerr Reservoir and the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, that the New Hope Dam will generate a minimum business in Chatham County alone of approximately \$1 million a year in recreation.

All of these benefits do not take into account the other vast amount of industrial and business activity the dam will generate. We know from reliable experience in other areas that we can expect a new era of economic development throughout the entire Cape Fear River Basin.

We have waited a long, long time for this project, and its importance to our economy and our State will make it more than worth waiting

for.

Now that the New Hope project has been approved, it means that we can go ahead with the plans for dams at Randleman and Howards Mill and also projects in the Neuse River Basin.

I have already contacted the Corps of Engineers and urged the Corps to make progress as rapidly as possible on the New Hope Dam so that it will be well along the way when we receive the final survey report on the Neuse River Basin. It is my understanding that the Neuse survey report, including a major dam at the Falls of the Neuse, is nearing completion and will be submitted to the Congress for authorization within the next few months.

It will take about a year for the planning and preliminary design work on the New Hope Dam. A total of \$280,000 already has been appropriated, so this work will begin immediately.

The first step that must be taken is a detailed topographic mapping of the area, drilling at the dam site to determine the characteristics of the subsurface, and a detailed design of the dam itself.

All of this involves a great deal of paper work and detailed planning, but in any event the Corps of Engineers can now go ahead with this work which has been held up for so long.