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Report on Electrical Conference by District Winner Janice Lowery

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During the past week, the Annual North Carolina 4-H Farm and Home Electric Congress was held in Asheville. This Congress is an event that a 4-H'er will never forget, once he has attended, because it is enjoyable as well as educational.

The Electric Congress was officially opened on Monday night with a Buffet Supper in the Gold Room of the Battery Park Hotel where Dr. T. C. Blalock, State 4-H Leader, spoke to the group on the "Purposes of the Congress."

After the program, the group assembled in the George Vanderbilt Hotel for a Variety Show presented by the Mountain Jamborees.

The following morning the delegates had breakfast over which I was honored to be asked to preside, and were then ready for a full day of activities.

When morning assembly was over, we received instructions for the tours in the afternoon.

After lunch we toured the Gerber Products Company and an Electric Power Plant.

At last the big moment had come, the Awards Banquet, where the State and Territorial Winners would be announced.

Being in the Carolina Power and Light Company Territory, I was fortunate to be announced the First Place Territorial Winner and received a One-Hundred Dollar (\$100) Scholarship.

The top honor of the evening went to Carroll Mode of Franklin County as the State Electric Winner.

Following the banquet, the delegates were given a party in the City Auditorium.

Title Changed!

Recorder Emmett Wooten reported that a fight in "Lover's Inn" of Happersville had brought a flock of witnesses to his court last week. When the proprietor of the establishment took the stand Judge Wooten inquired about the location of the "Inn". The proprietor explained, "Judge, your honor, since this fight we changed the name and it's now "Williams Fish Market". Judge Wooten opines that this was quite a switch.

THIEF TO PRISON

Marion Randolph Hicks, who only recently got out of prison for stealing, was sent back last week for another 3-to-5 years after he pled guilty to several "jobs" around Kinston. He got another two years for resisting arrest, but this will run along with the other term.

Kinstonian Charged

A. J. Boyd, alias George Baldwin, who gave his home address as Kinston, was arrested in Trenton over the weekend and charged with first degree burglary. It is alleged in the charge that he went into the home of Betty Strayhorn, while persons were asleep in the house and stole about \$20 in cash. He is being held under \$2500 bond, pending trial at the next term of Jones County Superior Court following a preliminary hearing before Judge cause of his guilt.

On Wednesday morning, after breakfast, we all said our "Good-bys" and hope that we would, be attending the Congress in Durham next year.

'Pickle Peppers?'



Bruce Byrd is one of the petroleum products peddling Byrd Brothers of Kinston but Monday it was too wet to plow or to peddle petroleum products so he took the day off to pick several pecks of pickling peppers and then he packed those pickling peppers patiently into this king-sized decanter and he says he is ready for most any barbecue. One of the other Byrd Brothers said he'd like to see somebody use this decanter to sprinkle a little pepper vinegar on a dollar tray of barbecue. Eight gallons of vinegar with more being added each day and goodness knows how many pecks of pickling peppers. Total: 17 gallons.

Kinstonian Killed in Jones County Accident

Pedestrian Death

Wednesday night at about 9:30 88 year-old Norman Eubanks of Pollockville route 1 was instantly killed when he stepped onto Highway 17 between Pollockville and Maysville and directly into the path of a car driven by J. F. Mallard of Trenton route 1. This, the 3rd highway death of the year in Jones County, was called unavoidable insofar as Mallard was concerned, by the investigating Patrolman Bert Mercer.

Ben Lawson, Kinston negro, was instantly killed at about 5 Sunday afternoon five miles east of Kinston on Highway US 70 to become Jones County's 2nd highway fatality of 1964.

Ernest Benton, also of Kinston, was driver of the car which went out of control on a curve approaching the Lenoir County line.

Investigating Patrolman B. W. Oakley indicted Benton on charges of drunken driving and manslaughter.

Benton was the only white person in the car which included two other Kinston area negroes in addition to Lawson.

All occupants of the car were injured but none is reportedly on the critical list at this time.

Nine Indictments in Saturday Night Fracas

Eight Goldsboro men and one Kinstonian have been indicted in a Saturday night fracas at 808 Stadium Drive which resulted in the serious injury of one man and minor injury to another.

Noel Rapoza of that address suffered a single sweeping knife wound across the stomach and side that required 100 stitches in the emergency room of Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Jimmy Pate of Goldsboro is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for the cutting of Rapoza.

Jimmy Britt, Richard Watson, Thomas Malpass, Jacob Beckwith, George Britt, Milton Smith and Pate were also charged with trespassing and William David Rayner of 808 Stadium Drive was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill by one of the Goldsboro men who was injured in the melee.

EXPENSIVE CRASH

Damage was estimated at \$600 to the cars of Jackson Campbell of Wilmington and Betty Sue Smith of 1305 Pollock St., Kinston, when they tangled last Wednesday on West Vernon Avenue in Kinston.

COUPLE TO PRISON

Last week in superior court Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pigott were given prison terms. Pigott 60 days for vagrancy and public drunkenness and Mrs. Pigott 90 days for the same crimes plus cursing in a public place.

Divorce Sought

A civil suit was filed this week in Jones County Superior Court in which Lewis E. Andreoli is asking a divorce from Mary Lloyd Andreoli on grounds of two years separation. The couple was married in 1935 and the complaint says they separated on October 2, 1960. All children born to the marriage are now adults the suit points out.

LIQUOR ALLEGATIONS

Over the weekend Dorothy Pierce of 416 East Shine Street, Mable Hawkins of 612 Dawson Alley and Willie Bennett of 101 Springhill street, all of Kinston, were accused of violating the liquor laws.

Negro Bound Over

McDaniel Dixon, 20 year-old negro of LaGrange route 1, was bound over to the October 26 term of Lenoir County Superior Court by Magistrate Bill Thomas Wednesday morning after a preliminary hearing on charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon a 48 year-old housewife on the same farm where he was raised. He attacked the woman in a pack house where she was grading tobacco. She was slightly injured with bruises about the throat and her arm was hurt in the rape attempt.

Kinston to Use Dredge in Multi-Purpose Reclamation Project

In the past 15 years in two purchases the City of Kinston has bought nearly 400 acres of swamp-land lying just south of the city's southernmost boundaries and between Queen Street extended and the right-of-way of the Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad.

The first purchase of 66 acres was made to provide the city with its first landfill garbage disposal area and hundreds of thousands of yards of trash and garbage from Kinston homes were buried in this area over roughly a 10 to 12 year period.

Last year some over 300 more acres of this same flood plain were purchase after test borings had indicated to experts that the area was suitable for the location of the city's first sewage disposal lagoon. This 25-acre project is now under construction and will begin function sometime in mid-1965.

But when city officials saw the specifications for this 25-acre lagoon they were "snook" because it called for construction of a huge dike all the way around the lagoon that will extend eight feet above the highest recorded flooding of Neuse River.

To build such a dike required a considerable amount of dirt, something more than 150,000 cubic yards and the officials knew that moving such mountains of dirt was both expensive and time consuming. To Alderman Buddy Rayner, who is the alderman in charge of moving dirt, this presented a peculiar

and aggravating challenge. He began looking for less expensive and faster ways of moving mountains of dirt.

Rayner and his colleagues on the city council believe — and certainly hope — that he has come up with the right idea. This idea is now

taking form back of the maintenance garage of the fire department. It is a 6-inch hydraulic dredge.

Rayner, after consultations with officials of Barrus Construction Company, which operates a similar dredge, believes that this huge earth-moving job can be done with

cost of more conventional means.

The present 25-acre lagoon is being raised by those conventional methods and it is costing well over \$100,000.

But city officials already know that additional lagoons will have to be built to take care of the millions of gallons of raw sewage that pour out each day from the homes and industries of the community. The 25-acre lagoon is expected to take care of about one-fourth of this multi-million gallon problem.

So the ultimate plan with the dredge is to build a dike around nearly 300 of those 400 acres which the city owns in this sweeping crescent of Neuse River.

And the job is not so huge as it first appears. The more-than-a-mile of Neuse River bank that will form the southern rim of this dike is already a natural levee that comes under only the very highest flooding. It is estimated by city engineers that it will only be necessary to raise this natural levee about eight feet on the average to have a dike that will be much higher than any recorded flooding of Neuse River.

In addition to providing the city with adequate land to take care of sewage disposal lagoons for a long time to come this area when reclaimed will also give the city a huge area for land landfill garbage disposal which will over a period of many years see the entire area a dredge for about one-third the

built up above the flood which has kept the land from any useful purpose throughout the habitation of this part of the world.

The dredge will be used in providing a canal around the inside perimeter of this 300-acre tract and at the same time it will provide the necessary fill dirt of the land fill garbage disposal project.

The canal will have flood gates near the railroad bridge across Neuse River and it will provide gravity drainage of the area at those times when the river is lower than the water table in the area, and a pumping station will be located at this same spot to provide drainage when the river is in flood stage.

The estimated outflow of the sewage lagoon now under construction is a million gallons per day and this canal will provide an outlet for this as well as for surface drainage within the area and for those other areas that naturally drain through this area.

When the canal project is completed the dredge will be used in Neuse River to provide further land fill from the constantly replenishing silt and sand that is deposited by the river itself.

City officials feel confident that with more than a mile of river frontage along this strip they will never run out of sand that is being deposited constantly by the river itself.



The first "ship" owned by the City of Kinston has not yet been named, and may never receive anything more than labels such as the "S. S. Rayner" for its godfather Alderman Buddy Rayner, or the "S. S. Hailey" for Fire Chief Joe Hailey, chief design engineer. But it is fast taking shape and will soon be ready for work with its powerful engine and pump that will force sand and silt through a six-inch line to reclaim and make useful more than 300 acres of "forgotten land" just south of the city limits.