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## Jones-Lenoir Drainage District Has Spent \$89,367.65 on \$27,447.86 of Ditching Since April 11th 1953

On April 11, 1953 the Jones-Lenoir Drainage District No. 1 was formed and through August 1, 1964 the district has "disbursed" \$89,367.05 in getting \$27,447.86 worth of ditches dug.

On August 1, 1964 the district had a cash balance of \$254.48 and owed \$7,000 for bonds originally issued to get the digging underway.

The auditor's estimate is that when the district is finally "paid out" this \$27,000 worth of ditches will have cost the assessed property owners in Jones and Lenoir counties \$97,784.73.

Expenditures through August 1 of this year have included the following items:

Digging \$39,447.86 which included an approximate fee of \$12,000 for engineering.

Legal fees and court charges \$13,782.26.

Interest \$11,195.69.

Principal payment \$17,000.

Board of Viewers per diem \$2,114.31.

Commissioners per diem \$1,697.06.

Court cost \$773.80.

Maintenance \$1,170.50.

Collection fees \$1,390.31.

Office expenses \$223.86.

Advertising \$260.08.

Loan repayment \$1200.

Assessment expense \$493.07.

Intangible tax \$9.34.

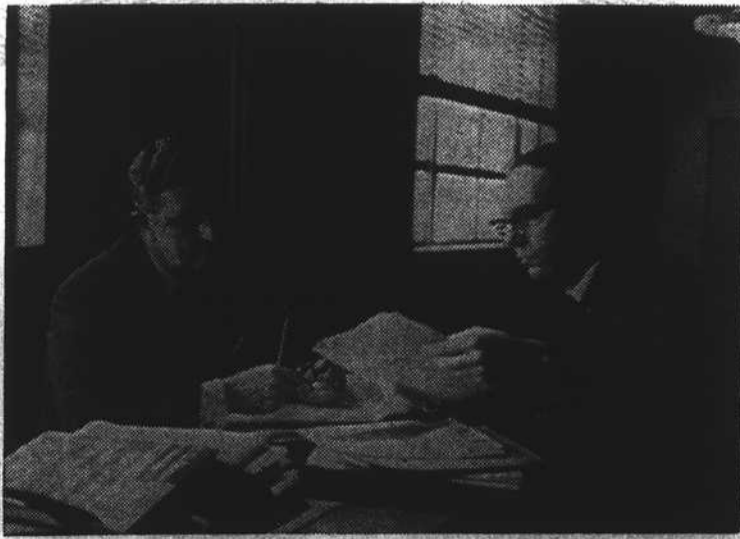
### BAPTIST CANTATAS

Sunday evening December 20, beginning at 7:30, the Adult Choir of Memorial Baptist church will present its Christmas program. At the same hour Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, the Young Peoples Choir will perform.

### SGT. MILLER COMMENDED

Staff Sergeant John J. Miller, son of Mrs. Ida King, route 2, Box 150, Trenton, received the Army Commendation Medal Nov. 13, while serving with the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment's Aviation Company in Germany.

## Rep. Fountain Hears Constituent



At left above Second District Congressman L. H. Fountain is seen conferring with Kinston Businessman Stanley Pearson last Wednesday in the commissioner's room at the court house. Fountain has made a visit to each of the counties in his congressional district during the recess of congress to keep in touch with his constituency, and perhaps to hit a few licks every now and then at fence repairing. Something near 70 persons conferred or visited briefly with him last week in his visit to Lenoir County.

## Tremendous Vote Continues Tobacco Program 3 Years

Flue-cured tobacco growers Tuesday turned out in record numbers and approved by better than a 95-per cent margin a 3-year continuation of the federal tobacco program.

In Lenoir County the ratio was 99.3 per cent favorable with 5774 yes votes and only 52 no votes. In the last vote in 1961 only 3,341 Lenoir Countians voted.

In Jones County the ratio was 99.1 per cent favorable with 2248 yes votes and 19 no votes.

Both counties also joined with other farmers to continue Tobacco Associates, Inc for three more years and to support the cotton program, and all of Lenoir County's nine commercial peanut growers voted in favor of the same extension for the peanut program.

### LAND TRANSFER

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording one deed in the past week that transferring 214.8 acres of land in Beaver Creek Township from E. B. and Kathleen Rhem Young to Ann Fordham Rhem.

## Tragedy Hits West Family Again in Death of Son

Tragedy of the worst imaginable kind again hit the J. Charlton West Jr. Family this weekend in the accidental death of 15 year-old Phillip Harold West.

Young West had gone to the wooded area back of the family farm on Trenton route 1 to collect leaves for a science project. He had asked a younger brother to go with him, but the younger brother had some other project at the time.

At about 2 Saturday afternoon his father found his body hanging by a rope to a limb of a tree. Efforts to revive him proved futile.

Coroner Dr. George Davenport Saturday ruled the death suicide, but after more careful investigation he changed his ruling Sunday to that of accidental death.

## Nuclear Ship Savannah to Visit N. C. Bringing Santa Claus to Wilmington; First of Its Kind Open to Public

Santa Claus will forego his traditional sleigh and reindeer to make his appearance in Wilmington aboard N. S. Savannah, world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, at 1 p. m., December 23.

Federal, state and city government officials, Maritime Administration and American Export Isbrandtsen Lines representatives, local shipping interests and a citizens committee are preparing a welcoming ceremony for both the Savannah and Santa from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Then at 3 p. m., the round, red-suited, bearded gentleman will present gifts and refreshments to handicapped youngsters, their teachers and New Hanover County school officials. Santa will be ably assisted by Savannah crewmen.

Among officials expected to take part in the ceremonies and Santa's party are Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges; Congressmen Herbert Bonner and Alton Lennon, both on the Marine and Fisheries Committee in the House; Senators Everett Jordan and Sam Ervin and Governor Terry Sanford.

The sleek, white nuclear ship, which demonstrates the peaceful uses of atomic energy, will remain in Wilmington until 4 p.m., Tuesday, December 29.

N. S. Savannah will be open for public inspection on Saturday, December 26, and Sunday, December 27 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Monday, public tours are schedule from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Carolians touring the Savannah, which portends the future of the maritime industry, will have an opportunity to visit two other outstanding attractions in Wilmington. Within eyesite of the Savannah is the world-famous U. S. S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial. Over a million persons have visited this shrine dedicated to more than 10,000 000 who died in World War II. And just a couple of miles away is the "world's largest living Christmas tree" bedecked with thousands of colored lights.

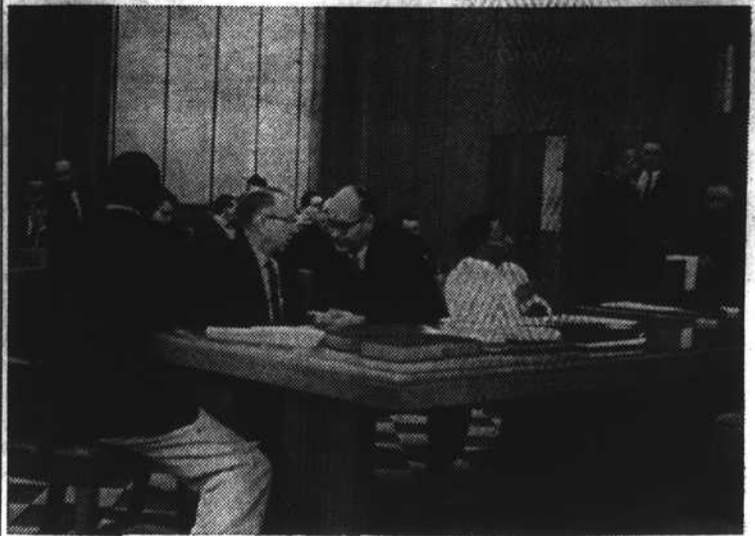
### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Maysville Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve Worship service including the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Thursday, December 24, at 11 p.m.

### GETS 3 YEARS

Terry Winfield pleaded guilty to auto larceny, speeding, reckless driving and driving without a drivers licence and was sentenced to three years Wednesday in Superior Court.

## Murderers of Tebo McArthur Draw Life Terms as Guilty Pleas Are Accepted



This was the tense scene just before George Dixon, at left, (hiding his face) and Jesse James Arnold at right, entered pleas of guilty to the murder of George T. McArthur in September of 1961. Between the two confessed murders are their court-appointed attorneys, W. A. Allen at left and Tom Griffin. The pair has been in custody since September 10, 1961, most of which was spent on death row at state prison.

Tuesday morning in Lenoir County Superior Court George Dixon and Jesse James Arnold in writing, in open court and with the advice and consent of their attorneys pled guilty to first degree murder in the robbery slaying of George Tebo McArthur on the afternoon of September 10, 1961.

Presiding Judge George Fountain imposed the mandatory life term in prison upon the court's acceptance of their plea.

The pair was sentenced to die in the state gas chamber in December of 1961 for their admitted crime but a long series of appeals finally resulted in their being given a new trial because

the United States supreme court ruled that negroes had been systematically excluded from service on the Lenoir County Grand Jury which returned the bill of indictment under which they were tried.

In their first trial Dixon and Arnold also tendered pleas of guilty but Solicitor Walter Britt refused to accept the pleas and put them on trial for their life. A Duplin County Jury found them guilty and did not recommend mercy; which verdict carried an automatic death penalty.

Acceptance of a guilty plea carries the mandatory so-called life imprisonment term.

## Woven Label Factory Scheduled January First Just South of Kinston

A new industry that will be a step in the planned diversification of Lenoir County was announced Wednesday by Oliver H. Anderson, Executive Director of the Lenoir County Industrial-Agricultural Development Commission.

The Cadillac Label and Tag Company which recently applied for a North Carolina charter will be engaged in the weaving of garment labels. This new corporation will be located in the 13,500 sq. ft. Jenkins Building situated just south of the city limits of Kinston on Highway 258, and will occupy that location on or about January 1, 1965.

Planning the utilization of the most modern machinery and techniques a company spokesman stated that this Kinston location was of extreme importance to both his associates and himself. He pointed out that the continued development of the garment industry in Eastern North Carolina had made necessary the location of this facility at a central point that would afford the maximum advantage for distribution. He added that Kinston's strategic location in the center of Eastern North Carolina had eliminated the question of any other possible location.

## Jones Central Honor Roll for Second Grading Period Listed by Principal

### PAGEANT OF CAROLS SUNDAY NIGHT IN MAYSVILLE CHURCH

The Maysville Methodist Junior Choir will present A Pageant of Carols by Dr. Benjamin Suchoff, Sunday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

This presentation is a collection of nine of the world's best-loved Christmas Carols. Interwoven will be the traditional Christmas story as recorded in Luke.

Members of the Choir include Sopranos — Deane Jones, Linda Provost, Bernice Jones, Glenda Forrester, Wayne Smith, Susan Morgan, David Smith, Jeanette Pruitt, Walter Pelletier, Wanda Yates, Janet Britt, Dennis Jones, and Ellen Mattocks.

Altos — Robin Knight, Lynn Thompson, Janice Jones, Mac Thompson and Larry Thomp-

The students listed below have made the Honor Roll at Jones Central High School during the second grading period. They are listed by class as follows:

Ninth Grade: Claudia Armstrong, Jo Ann Bryan, Janice Gibson and Cathy Pike.

Tenth Grade: Sue Booth, Thomas Johnson, Jere Mills and Dorothy Mae Smith.

Eleventh Grade: Walter Adams, Betty Becton, Ellis Banks, Linda Kaye Haddock, Diane Jarman, Patsy Smith and Eunice Noble.

Twelfth Grade: Bobby Adams, Linda Sue Andrews, Alice Chapman, Rosa Geral, Barbara Killingsworth, Cheryl Humphrey, Robert Noble, Lonnie Scott and Carolyn Smith.

son. Mrs. Rudolph Pelletier is accompanist and Mrs. R. N. Knight is director.