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Jones Board OK's Payment for Clerk's Chair, but Issues Orders; Agrees to Ask for Four-Year Terms for Boards

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners had a rather busy day and after debating once more agreed to pay for a \$142.91 chair purchased by Superior Court Clerk Walter-Henderson.

This matter had been debated several times prior to Monday's action, which also resulted in an order being issued to all county departments that no purchases be made in the future that are not specifically authorized in the budget until a review of such purchases has been made by the commissioners.

The board also instructed the county auditor to furnish each member of the board with a list of all bills to be paid each month.

The board also agreed to ask local legislation that would permit future boards of commissioners and education to be elected to terms of four rather than the present two-year terms.

The board voted to continue renting office space to Judge John Larkins at \$35 per month until the federal office building is completed. Nothing was said about charging other non-county users of office space any rentals.

The board voted to transfer \$10,000 to the school operation's fund to take up slack caused by federal Gestapo officials withholding tax money from Jones County that congress voted for use in helping districts in which large number of federal employees reside.

The board also adopted a resolution supporting a state bill that would set up research in grape production and increase

use of grape products such as wine, jams and preserves.

Near Miss Reported In Domestic Duel

Indictments reported over the past week by Sheriff Brown Yates include one instance in which a wife reportedly suffered a "near miss" when she shot at her husband with a shotgun.

The accused is Mrs. Privett Hill, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill for having taken a shot at her husband, Ben Hill.

Johnny Thompson of Maysville route 1 was charged with driving while his license was revoked and Marvis J. Freeman of Pink Hill route 2 was accused of drunken driving.

TRIO SENTENCED

Three Kinston-area boys were given sentences in Nash County Superior Court last week for breaking in a Rocky Mount department store. Luke Brown Jr. got 2 to 5 years, Gerald Rouse was given two years with the court's order to commit him for psychiatric examination and Samuel Jones had a 2-year sentence suspended on condition of his remaining on probation four years.

UNDER STUDY

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners Monday hear a request from a large delegation of rural citizens who asked \$21,075 to continue a county-wide recreation program in each of the 11 rural school dis-

'Car Trouble' is Reflected by Two Jones Civil Suits

Two civil actions recorded in Jones County Superior Court during the past week reflect that some citizens are having "car trouble."

Neil Jones Motors of Pink Hill is seeking to recover \$200 from Elars Wilson Shivar as balance due on a car he bought.

W. H. Jones Motors of Kinston is seeking a claim delivery against a car purchased by James Henry Kornegay and on which he allegedly owes a \$101 balance.

Fellow Who 'Has' to Drive Gets 90 Days In Recorder's Court; 18 Other Cases

Thelmus Foy of Maysville, who lost his driving license for drunken driving some months ago, lost his right to be free for 90 days last week when Recorder Joe Becton gave him 90 days in prison for driving without a license.

In the past week 18 other cases were disposed of by trial or submission, and these included:

An assault on a female charge against J. H. Haddock Jr. which was withdrawn by the prosecuting witness who had to pay the \$12 court costs.

Frank Bryant was fined \$15 for assault with a deadly weapon.

Carl Boomer had a non-support charge not pressed with leave because he is in New York but further efforts will be made to either bring some of his money or Boomer back to Jones County.

Ossie Grady of Pollocksville route 1 paid the court costs for public drunkenness.

James Davis of Pollocksville

Integration Plans to be Outlined in Area Meeting School Officials Friday

Trenton Marine on Way to Viet Nam

Marine Private First Class Douglas S. Chase, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Andrews of Trenton is serving with the First Marine Brigade, which recently departed its home base in Hawaii for duty in the Far East.

The brigade was originally scheduled to participate in the West Coast Navy-Marine Corps' Exercise "Silver Lance" in late February, but was cancelled out when the international situation in the Far East changed.

The First Marine Brigade is one of our country's unique fighting units. It is the only known combat unit in the world in which air and ground elements live and train together under the same roof, and is under the control of a single tactical commander.

New meetings were scheduled this week to discuss problems encountered by North Carolina's school boards attempting to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

School superintendents, board chairmen, and attorneys have been invited by Dr. Charles Carroll to four regional meetings Thursday and Friday. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, says the meeting are to "resume consideration of means of complying with title six of the Civil Rights Act as a condition to receiving federal financial assistance. . . ."

The meetings will be held at Marion High School Thursday Morning, April 8. . . In Lexington High School Thursday afternoon . . . in the Highway Auditorium in Raleigh Friday morning . . . and in the Northwest Elementary School in Kinston that afternoon.

Carroll says the resumption of meetings stems from a letter from U. S. commissioner of education Francis Keppel. Carroll said he had asked Keppel for "official guidelines" for preparing plans for desegregation. He said Keppel advised there are "certain disadvantages" to the issuance of fixed guidelines.

DRIVING CHARGES

Kinston area indictments for drunken driving in the past week includes those of Rayford Mercer of Pink Hill route 2, Thessalonious Warren of Brooks Alley, Jerry Blackman of 607 Olive Street and Jack Dempsey Southerland of Hookerton route 1, whose indictment was the second of this kind.

VETO ADVERTISEMENT

Monday night the Kinston City Council agreed to turn down an offer to buy a part-page ad in an anniversary issue of a Raleigh newspaper.

James Albert Taylor of Trenton route 1, Jefferson Lewis Williams of Pollocksville route 1, Donald Eugene Ashley of Camp Lejeune and John Rone Burt of Trenton.

HOW ONE POOR COUNTY DEFEATED OUTSIDE PRESSURES ON SCHOOL SYSTEM

Price Edward is not the poorest county in Virginia, nor in the nation, but its biggest booster would not claim it to be among the wealthier.

But what this county lacks in money it makes up in courage and pride. For six years now a corps of dedicated men and women there have furnished ex-

cellent education to all white children of the county, and offered to do the same for all colored children.

Actually this year there are six white children in the county attending the colored schools, but three of the six are white children imported and paid by the NAACP and the other three

belong to a preacher, who is using his three children as socio-religious guinea pigs.

Since 1951 this small Piedmont County of Virginia has been one of the prime targets of the NAACP and its corps of high-priced legal talent. Prince Edward was one of the five counties in the nation ordered to mix white and colored children in the public schools by the supreme court in 1954.

But county officials resisted until every legal avenue was exhausted, and finally in 1959 when the end of the legal line had been reached they simply voted to close all public schools and open a system of private schools.

Prince Edward Academy was organized with the specific purpose of providing private education for every child in the county. Goaded by outside agitators the colored parents of the county refused to accept the offer of private school educations for their children.

But this year 1237 of the 1243 white children in the county are attending classes of Prince Edward Academy.

The Academy operates its own bus system, operates without one penny of public money, gives its children superior education and the county tax rate has been cut by more than 50 per cent. This year the federal courts

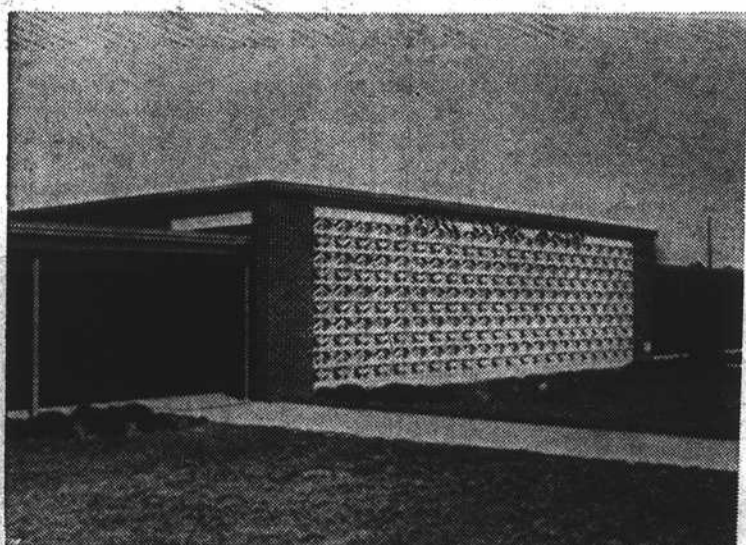
forced the re-opening of the public schools for colored children, and white children, of course, may enroll in these schools if their parents desire, but only six have.

Tuition costs at Prince Edward are \$285 for the lower grades and \$305 for high school and this includes transportation.

Every scholastic testing system in the six years of operation has shown Prince Edward Academy students to rank far above national levels.

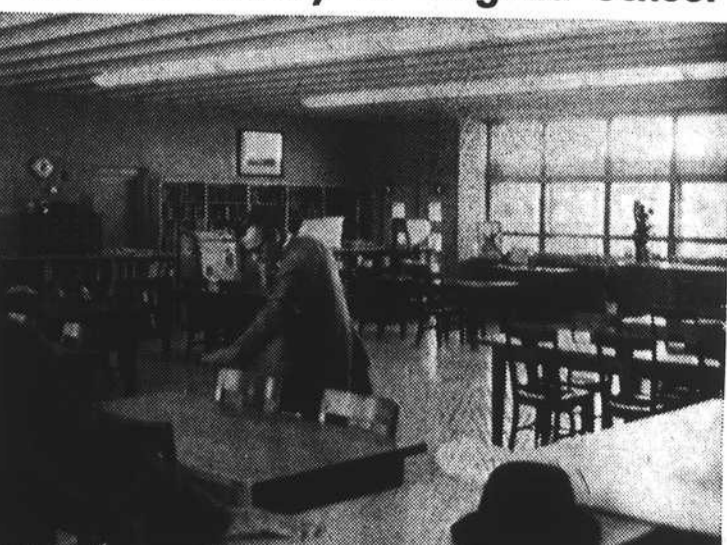
Administrator Bob Redd says, "We hire nothing but the best teachers and they have nothing to do but teach." It's just that simple.

Front Entrance of Virginia School



This is a front view of the entrance and library exterior of Prince Edward Academy at Farmville, Virginia; where for six years the white children of the county have been getting better educations at about 40 per cent less cost than national averages. The building is completely privately owned, completely paid for and has made possible more than a 100 per cent reduction in the county's tax rate.

View of Library in Virginia School



This is an interior view of the Prince Edward Academy library, which far excels basic criteria for high school level libraries. Gifts of thousands of books to the Academy by persons in and away from Prince Edward County have made this possible at small cost to the school. Trustee President Roy Pearson pointed with pride to the fact that the Bible was not only still permitted in the Academy library, but was also prominently displayed.