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## Jones Commissioners Adopt \$899,266.77 Budget; School, Welfare Budgets Get Bulk of \$113,312.70 Increase

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners adopted the 1965-66 budget which totals \$899,266.77 — an increase of \$113,312.70 over the 1964-65 budget of \$785,954.07.

The bulk of this big boost in the county's spending went to the school and welfare departments, with total increases of \$98,788 being voted to these two departments. All other county departments shared in the remaining \$14,524.70 increase in spending.

The county's allocations to schools jumped from \$231,370 last year to the proposed expenditure of \$281,225 in the present year — an increase of \$49,855.

The welfare departments spending is scheduled to jump from last year's \$353,579 to \$402,512 — an increase of \$48,933.

The commissioners were able to keep the budget in balance with the same tax rate as last year which is \$1.92 on the \$100 valuation.

The tax listed valuation of the county was fixed at \$11,803,068 to bring this budget into balance.

Of the total \$899,266.77 budget taxes will provide very little, however; since \$723,393.28 of this total will come from sources other than ad valorem taxes. General these are state and federal matching funds which comprise a major part of the welfare budget and smaller allocations to several other departments such as the health department, extension department, forestry department, mosquito control, and Veteran Service officer.

The \$1.92 tax rate is calculated to levy \$226,618.91 return on

the budget into balance is based upon the county's valuation, but \$50,745.42 of this is charged off to discounts or to uncollectable taxes.

The projection which brings

Fund	65-66	64-65
Aid to Poor	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Aid to Blind	3,211	3,254
Welfare Adm.	40,558	36,348
Aid to Aged	79,200	83,520
Child Aid	190,300	151,200
Disabled Aid	73,700	70,800
Medical Aid	7,000	0
Accounting*	4,913	4,704
Extension Serv.	12,295	11,384
Forestry	4,537	3,975
Health Dept.*	24,193	20,472
Bond Fund	47,480	33,640
School Opr.	232,986	185,949
School Cap. Out.	29,000	25,500
School Bond	19,327	19,821
Mosquito Control	4,900	4,300
Recorder's Ct.*	3,126	2,968
Commissioners*	3,485	2,985
Tax Listing	14,154	25,005
Tax Collector*	8,873	8,276
Sheriff*	16,816	16,006
Elections*	3,717	2,006
Courthouse	8,364	8,972
Reg. of Deeds*	8,478	8,260
Coroner*	300	300
Jail	1,100	1,160
Superior Court	4,500	3,875
Court Clerk*	11,914	8,613
Attorney	1,890	1,800
Telephones	240	240
VA Officer	1,254	1,200
Auditing	3,500	3,500
Soil Service	1,500	1,500
Libraries	3,500	3,000
Contingencies	20,500	20,507
Total	\$899,266.77	\$785,854.07

\* Reflects total cost of office operation and not salary of officer.

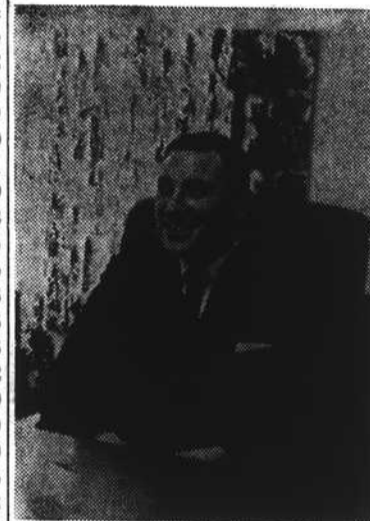
Space forced elimination of cents from several department budgets, which prevents rounding of figures.

ed upon a 78 per cent collection of the levy, which is a safe projection on the basis of past records of collection enjoyed by the county.

### SPEEDING CRACKDOWN

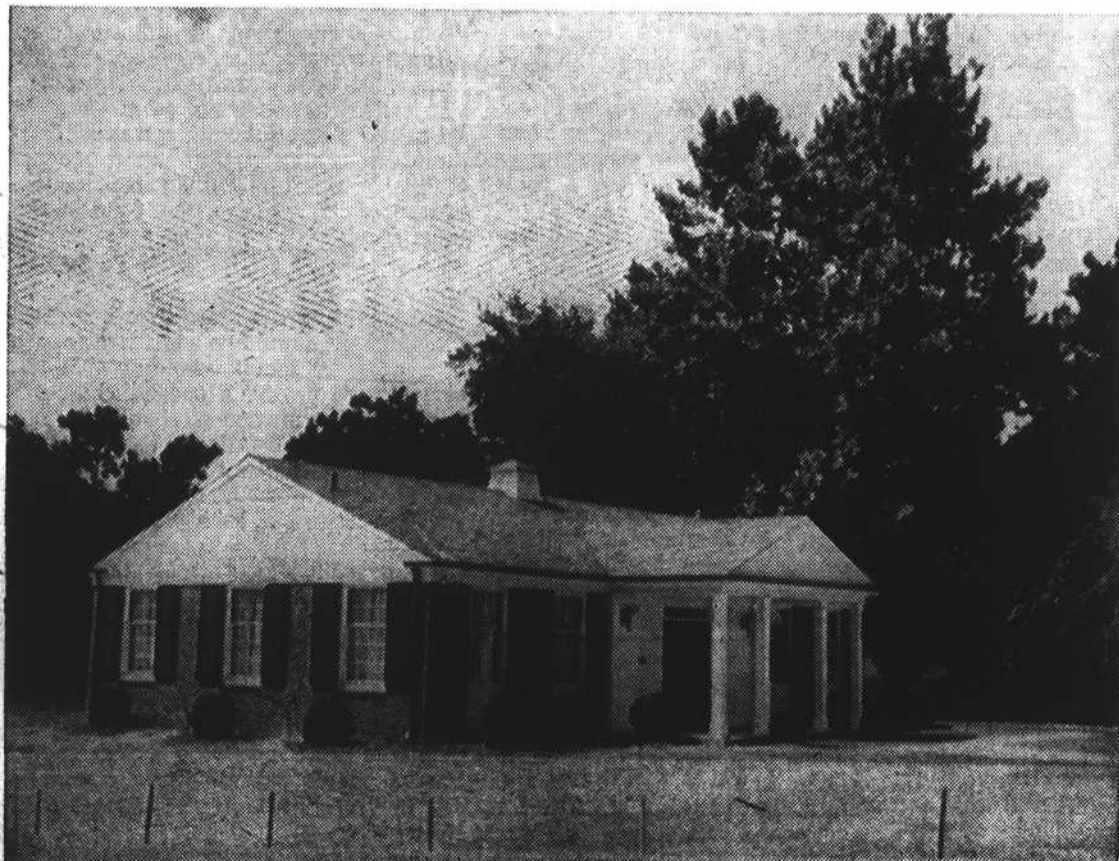
Last week Kinston police cited nearly 50 drivers for exceeding the 25 mile speed limit in downtown Kinston. The citations came after a series of warnings by City Manager Jim Blue and Police Chief Fred Bates.

### Bank Manager



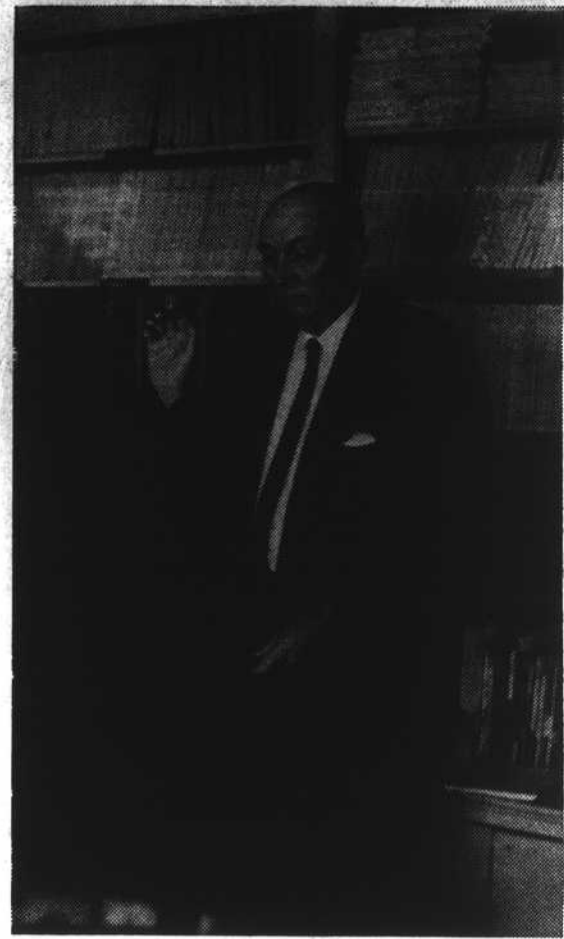
This is F. M. Peed, manager of the Pollockville branch of the First National Bank of Eastern Carolina, who says he and his firm have been most pleasantly surprised by the response to their newest office. He has invited everyone in the general area to come by and see their handsome new home, whether they use the bank or not. He reminds that it's there for their use any time they desire and it offers a complete banking service.

## Handsome Home of Pollockville's New Banking Facility



This is the new home of The First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina which opened last month in Pollockville. Until this beautiful new home was completed the bank operated in temporary quarters in the old post office building, but response to the banking service was so good the Jacksonville-based bank decided to immediately build this new building. The bank provides full banking services to the community which has been without a bank since 1923. Monday through Thursday the bank is open from nine until one each day, and on Friday it is open from nine until one and then re-opens from four until six. Saturday hours are nine until one.

## Commissioner Changing Commissions



This pensive oath-taker has been busy this week being "sworn out" and "sworn in." On Monday his resignation was accepted "with reluctance" by the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners, on which he had served as chairman for the past three years. After 10 Tuesday morning he was the second highway division commissioner, having swapped a chairmanship for a mere membership. But there is some little difference in the jobs, since he is one of 15 men who will direct the highway affairs of North Carolina for the next four years he personally will be the representative on the commission for Pitt, Pamlico, Carteret, Craven, Greene, Lenoir and Jones Counties. For any who may not recognize him with such a serious countenance he is B. Cameron Langston.

## Jones County Voters Approve Closer Look at County's Drainage Problems

Following one of the most hard fought campaigns in recent Jones County political history the voters of the county approved authorizing the board of county commissioners to levy up to a 25 cent on the \$100 valuation tax for drainage work. The vote was 807 for and 548 against.

The vote was split almost exactly along geographical lines with those townships worst hit by Trent River floods voting almost solidly for the proposal and those who felt Trent River was not their problem voting against the proposal.

The vote by precinct was White Oak 207 against and just 11 for; Pollockville 187 against and 70 for; Piney Green 34 against and five for; Trenton 239 for and 35 against; Cypress Creek 195 for and 11 against; Chinquapin 144 for, 17 against; Tuckahoe 108 for and 23 against and Beaver Creek Township, which drains about half into

Neuse River and half into Trent River, voted 35 for and 24 against the proposal.

Under the present tax listed valuation of the county — \$11,803,068. — this vote authorizes the commissioners to levy up to 25 cents — which would return slightly more than \$27,500 per year.

This, however, will not be done unless and until detailed studies of the drainage problem reveals the proposal to be economically feasible.

Which means, among other things, that the cost to Jones County cannot exceed the approximate \$27,500 that this tax would yield.

### CHECK CHARGES

George B. Stallings of Raleigh was arrested in Kinston last Friday and charged with passing 11 worthless checks in the area in the past few weeks. He was held under \$1000 bond.

## Three Die from One-Car Wreck Sunday East of Kinston; Three Others Hurt

Three persons have died and three remain hospitalized from a one-car accident three miles north of Kinston that took place at about 6:20 Sunday afternoon on Tower Hill Road.

Five month-old Lisa Hart, daughter of Mrs. Thelma Hart of Kinston route 6 was instantly killed.

Junior Platt, 38, of 309 - B Richard Green Homes died a few minutes after arrival at Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Alonza Wynn of 1117 Oak St. died Monday on the way to the on the critical list at Chapel Hill.

Laprice Hart, 22, of route 6, driver of the car and Rosa Lee Hart, also of route 6, are still

on the critical list at Chapel Hill.

Isaac Hart of route 6, the final of the six passengers in the car, is on the serious list at Lenoir Memorial.

Highway Patrolman Wesley Parrish, who investigated said the car was being driven toward Kinston when it went out of control in a straight stretch, hitting a ditch and finally crashing into a culvert.

The investigation is delayed pending the recovery of the driver and the other survivors of the crash.

These were the 4th, 5th and 6th highway accidents deaths for 1965 in Lenoir County.