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## Jones County's Population Drops by 787 In Five Years, Census Indicates

A preliminary figure of 10,218 for the population of Jones County was announced today by Ralph Percy, supervisor of the special census conducted by the Bureau of the Census. Official figures will be published in a final report several months from now, but they are not expected to vary greatly from those released today.

With the census work completed in the county, Percy is closing down the temporary headquarters in Wallace.

Jones County's population in the 1960 Census was 11,005, and in the 1950 Census was 11,004, an increase of 1 person. The 1960-65 decrease was 7.2 per cent.

The final official report will show the number of persons male and female, the number by race (white, Negro, and "other"), and the number in each 5-year age group for the county as a whole. For communities and townships, total population figures will be shown.

Up-to-date information such as this will be invaluable to users of census statistics. Much of the planning by State and county officials, school and health officers, business men, local organizations, and market analysts depends on reliable and reasonably recent facts about the population.

The special census of Jones County was taken under the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which calls upon the Director of Census to determine for certain areas whether less than 50 per cent of the population of voting age voted in the 1964 presidential election. Whether Jones County was above or below the 50 per cent line will be announced at about the time the final report of the special census is issued.

Following are preliminary figures showing the population for cities and towns in Jones County: Pollocksville 414, Maysville

## Firemen Collecting

The members of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department last week made a collecting tour of areas around Trenton that have been served by their department and collected a total of \$870. This weekend they plan to make a similar circuit of the homes in the Town of Trenton and they urge everybody to be as liberal as they possibly can because the department's treasury is "mighty low."

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## OPEN HOUSE

The Greenleaf Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas Open House at Maysville Community Building Sunday afternoon between 3 and 5. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and view their various displays and enjoy refreshments.

## ONE JONES ARREST

The only arrest reported in the county during the past week by Sheriff Brown Yates is that of Abe Hawkins of Jacksonville who was accused of being publicly drunk.

## Suit Filed for Well

Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports receiving one civil suit in the past week in which Larry Blizzard is suing Graham Collins for \$400 with interest from April 24, 1965. Blizzard alleges that he drilled a 160 foot well for Collins and Collins has refused to pay the stipulated price of \$2.50 per foot.

## One Killed, Six Hurt in Pair of Lenoir County Wrecks Saturday Night

Wrecks that took place at almost exactly the same time in Lenoir County Saturday night killed one person and injured six others.

At 10:30 near Wooten Crossroads in the southern part of the county Mrs. Wanda Johnson Rhodes, 25, of 1001 Jefferson Drive, Kinston, was instantly killed, when the car she was driving went out of control in a curve while travelling at a high rate of speed.

Robert Chambers of Norfolk and Richard Boyette of La Grange route 3 were injured in this accident; Chambers seriously, Boyette superficially.

At the same time a car driven westwardly on Perry Park Drive in Kinston by Jay Clyde Pressly of 1403 Heritage Street was wrecked with all passengers in the car suffering painful but not critical injuries.

Pressly told the investigating officer that he had failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection of Perry Park and

## Jones Tax Hearings

The Jones County Board of Commissioners has fixed dates for hearing of complaints about this year's revaluation of taxable property. Property owners from Tuckahoe, Cypress Creek, Chinquapin and Beaver Creek Townships will be heard on January 3, 4, 5, and 6 and those from White Oak, Pollocksville, and Trenton Townships will be heard on January 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 in the commissioner's room at the courthouse. Tax collector Julian Waller said notices of the new valuation were being put in the mail this week so that property owners would have plenty of time to study them.

## Fourteen Cases Cleared Last Week

### From Jones County Recorder's Court List

Trials before Judge Joe Bection of submissions to Clerk Walter Henderson cleared 14 cases from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court.

Laura Mae Hall had a 30-day jail term suspended on payment of costs after being found guilty of abandonment of a minor child.

Kenneth Williams was ordered to make good a worthless

## Jones County Commissioners Hold Firm Against State Welfare Agency Dictates

Monday in a special meeting the Jones County Board of Commissioners accepted a \$4,000 check issued by the state welfare board, but refused to back down on its position pertaining to the county's welfare department.

Last Thursday the state welfare board had a lengthy session in which it finally agreed to send a partial payment on its commitment to the salaries of Jones County's welfare workers.

At the same time the state agency issued a long-winded statement trying to put all the blame for the controversy on Jones County officials.

The statement and personal contacts have not altered the position of the Jones County Board. Their stated, and restated position is that the Jones County welfare budget was approved in July as tendered, without any deletion, and that the Jones County welfare budget was accepted both by the Jones County and the State welfare boards.

But subsequent to this accept-

ance at both the county and state levels some personnel in the state office decided that Jones County was not paying its welfare employees enough.

State Welfare Commissioner Eugene Brown recently engaged, from the opposite side, in a similar argument with federal officials who didn't like the pay plan of the state welfare board. At that time Brown hollered "foul" at the federal officials and finally won his point, with the matter being dropped by Washington — at least temporarily.

Now Brown's department has copied the federal tactic of trying to dictate the wage scale of Jones County welfare workers.

As of Monday the Jones County Commissioners agreed to keep on paying their welfare workers so long as Brown's office sends the money.

As far as changing the budget and tampering with the county tax rate at this late date the commissioners all joined hands and sang another verse of "I Shall Not Be Moved."

## Sunday Suicide

Mrs. Barbara Sugg Goodman, 27, wife of Adrain Goodman of the Southwood Community died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound last Friday morning at 7:45. Mrs. Goodman was an employee in the county ASCS office. No publicly stated cause for her decision was made by any member of the family or by investigating officials. Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled the death suicide.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Community Christmas tree program will be held Tuesday evening at 7 at the community building. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, the children are invited to visit old Santa and receive bags of fruit and candy.

## Maysville MYF Host to Jacksonville District Meeting Monday Evening

The Maysville MYF was host to the Jacksonville District Monday evening in the sanctuary for their business session.

Group singing opened the meeting, followed by the devotional, given by Connie Jones. She read scriptures from St. John, gave a meditational thought and closed with prayer.

Bill Paschall presided over the business session in which routine reports were submitted and each church group reported on its projects. The banner was won by the Maysville Junior

High MYF.

The group then went to the Maysville school auditorium where they enjoyed folk games led by Ann Barnett of Morehead City.

Later refreshments were served by Mrs. R. N. Knight, Mrs. Esley Jones and Miss Nell Jones.

With approximately 85 persons present, the following churches were represented: Trinity and Northwoods of Jacksonville, Queens Creek, Tabernacle, Belgrade, Swansboro, Sneads Ferry, Morehead City and Verona.

## Social Security Tax Hike \$951,000 Next Year in Lenoir Alone

### Since 1945 Social Security Tax Has Gone Up 823 Percent; Lenoir Countians to Pay \$4,346,000 in '66

Residents of Lenoir County will soon become painfully aware of how much they will have to fork up for medicare and for the more generous pension checks voted by Congress. Beginning next month, local wage earners and their employers will be hit by a big increase in payroll taxes to finance the new benefits.

As of January 1st, working people who are covered by Social Security will begin paying at the rate of 4.2 per cent on the first \$6,600 of earnings. Matching contributions will be made by their employers.

This represents a big hike over the present rate, which is 3.625 per cent and is limited to the first \$4,800 of earnings.

As for those who are self-employed, the present tax rate of 5.4 percent on the first \$4,800 will jump to 6.15 per cent and will affect income up to \$6,600.

As it applies to Lenoir County, it boils down to an overall increase of \$951,000 over the amount paid for Social Security last year by local workers and their employers.

The figures are based on data released by the Internal Revenue Service, the Bureau of Labor Statistics and others.

They show that some \$16.7

billion was turned into the Social Security trust fund last year by the nation's jobholders and their employers.

Lenoir County's contribution to that total was an estimated \$3,395,000.

Next year, under the new rates, it will climb to approximately \$4,346,000, based on the same number of workers.

For a person earning \$4,000 a year, the tax will be \$168, or \$23 more than he paid this year. At the \$2,500 level, the new tax will be \$105, a rise of \$14. Those with incomes of \$6,600 or ov-

er will pay the maximum, \$277, which is \$103 more than at present.

The increase per worker will be somewhat greater in Lenoir County than in many parts of the country because wages are at a higher level locally.

The frequent extension of benefits provided under Social Security has been accompanied over the years, by corresponding increases in costs.

As an example, a worker who will be paying \$277 next year was taxed only \$3 in 1945. The rise is 823 percent.