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Series Meetings Across Jones County For Those With Questions on Medicare

Those people 65 or over who have not checked with their social security office regarding eligibility for Health Insurance Benefits under the recent amendments to the Social Security Law, should get in contact with their nearest office as soon as possible, according to Adrain Hatfield, Manager of the New Bern office.

Hatfield stated that most people 65 or over may be entitled to the Health Insurance Benefits whether or not they have ever worked under social security coverage or ever had a social security card. He also stressed the fact that the deadline for filing for these benefits for those who became 65 before 1966 is March 31st of this year.

In order to answer questions anyone may have regarding health insurance benefits, known as "Medicare," Hatfield stated

that a representative of the New Bern Social Security Office will be in Jones County according to the following schedule:

February 2, from 9 to Noon in the Maysville Elementary School.

February 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the First National Bank at Pollocksville.

February 3, from 9 to noon in the auditorium of the Ag Building in Trenton.

February 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Comfort Elementary School.

Hatfield urges everyone who has a question regarding Medicare or who wishes to file a claim to see the social security representative at one of these places.

Carolina Telephone Pays \$4,415 Taxes In Jones County

D. F. Holliday, local manager for Carolina Telephone, this week presented a check for \$4,415 to the Jones County tax collector.

The check was in payment of 1965 ad valorem taxes on the company's properties within the county.

The company's total county and municipal tax bill throughout eastern North Carolina amounted to \$1,188,000. In addition, state and federal taxes came to \$8,560,000.

This does not include the 10 per cent federal excise tax on telephone service which the company collected from its subscribers and remitted to the federal government.

Sylvanus Mallard Found Not Guilty In Hearings of Assault Indictment

In Jones County Recorder's Court last week Judge Joe Becton ruled no probable cause in a charge of assault with intent to kill brought against Sylvanus Mallard by Ronnie Burns in December and after hearing the case on the lesser charge of assault with a deadly weapon Becton also ruled that Mallard was not guilty of that charge.

Mallard admittedly shot Burns after he had caught Burns and another young man taking gasoline from a tank on his farm on Trenton route 1.

Testimony taken in the trial indicated that Mallard had suspected someone of theft of his gasoline and was waiting when the two came to his home on a Sunday morning when the rest of the Mallard family had gone to church.

Mallard accosted the pair, armed with a rifle. Young Burns came toward Mallard begging him not to indict him. Mallard told Burns not to come any nearer, but testimony indicated that Burns kept coming and kept begging Mallard not to indict him. When Burns got within about 10 feet of Mallard, the testimony indicated

that Mallard shot him in the foot, the bullet hitting in the ankle area, inflicting a very serious wound from which the teen-ager has not yet recovered.

Kinstonian Gets Bronze Star for Viet Nam Heroism

Following here is the text of the general order under which Captain Elwood Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sutton, of Kinston, received a Bronze Star last month in Viet Nam.

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Captain Sutton distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action 10 October 1965 while serving as a company commander on a search and destroy mission near Ben Cat, Republic of Vietnam. Captain Sutton's company was suddenly ambushed by a Viet Cong force. The ambush began with the detonation of a land mine, followed by a volley of hand grenades. Captain Sutton was seriously wounded in the arm by grenade fragments. Although losing excessive blood from his wound, he remained in command of the company. He supervised the movement of elements to defeat the Viet Cong attack while keeping his battalion commander informed of the situation. Captain Sutton continued to command his company in a courageous manner until he was completely disabled because of loss of blood. Had he not remained and supervised the company's maneuver against the Viet Cong ambush, certain disruption may have caused more casualties. Captain Sutton's courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

with an expired license. Jim Morgan of Kinston route 3 paid \$17 for public drunkenness. Matthew McDaniel paid the same amount for the same offense.

Louise Dixon Hines of Trenton was found not guilty of reckless driving.

Floyd Hill of New Bern, Booker T. Washington of Kinston, Donald Hixson of Camp Lejeune and Alonza Dallis Roberts of Maysville star route each paid fines for speeding.

Others paying costs for less serious traffic charges were Helen Marie Williams of Pollocksville route 1, Eddie Rodolph Mills Jr. of Richlands route 2, Onesimus N. Hilburn of Wilmington, Heber Smith of New Bern, and John Dell Provost of Maysville.

Dies from Injuries

Leman Speight, 65, of 1500 Caswell St., Kinston, died Thursday night at Duke Hospital from injuries suffered last Monday night in an accident north of Kinston on the Greenville Highway. Grover Cleveland Isler of Kinston route 2, who was charged with failing to stop for a stop sign after the wreck, has now been charged with manslaughter. This is the fourth highway death of the year in Lenoir County.

WANTS A JURY TRIAL

Raymond McKeithan of 308 N. Independent St., Kinston, did not want to be tried in recorder's court last week for drunken driving so he asked for a jury trial and the case was sent up to superior court.

ALBERTSONIAN FINED

Billy Daniels of Alberson route 1 was fined \$50 in a Kinston court last week upon being convicted of speeding 80 miles an hour.

Suspended Sentences Given Two for Assault in Recorder's Court Trial

Last week James Roberts and Bobby Roberts were each given suspended jail terms by Judge Joe Becton after their conviction on assault charges. James drew a 60-day term, suspended on payment of a \$50 fine and Bobby drew a 90-day suspended term on condition he pay a \$50 fine and remain on good behavior for 12 months.

In the same session Clifton Harrell Nobles of Pink Hill was fined \$216 for driving while his license was revoked.

William and Curtis Lee Phillips were bound over to superior court after probable cause of their guilt was found on charges of breaking into two schools and stealing some money and doing some damage to each building.

Louza James Ward of Pollocksville was fined \$5 for driving

Brock Reports Continuing Effort to Get Adjustment on Tobacco Quotas

Commissioners Fix Price on Lands to Be Taken by CP&L

Three court-appointed commissioners this week fixed the price for rights-of-way being taken across the property of two Beaver Creek Township property owners.

Commissioners John C. B. Koonce, Rudolph Pelletier and Darris Koonce assessed total damages to James Eugene Hood and wife of \$5,987.37 and to Thomas Hood and wife total damages of \$2,001.16.

The property owners may either accept the award assessed by the commissioners or appeal further to superior court.

CP&L originally offered Eugene Hood slightly over \$2200 for the right of way. He had refused to accept this and the commissioners were named to review the situation and make their recommendations.

Mrs. Charlie Davis Heads Heart Fund Drive in County

Mrs. Charlie Davis of Ravenwood Plantation has accepted the county-wide chairmanship of this year's fund raising effort by the American Heart Society.

Fletcher Barber has been named co-chairman to work with the county's colored citizens. Community leaders are Mrs. Glen Spivey of Trenton, Mrs. Wally Wicks of Maysville and Mrs. Lurley Hines of Pollocksville.

FIND THAT GUN

a Kinston Court last week for recorder's court last week for assault with a deadly weapon and malicious damage to private property. When the gun he used during the two offenses could not be found he was ordered held in jail until the gun was found, and to further pay damages to Steve Anthony and remain off the premises of Emma Lee Henderson.

Jones County Watershed Study Gets Approval at State Level, Now in D. C.

North Carolina officials of the Soil Conservation Service have given their approval to a watershed study of Jones County and their recommendation has been forwarded to Washington for approval their before the actual survey will get underway.

Last year as a first step toward solving the long standing water problem in Jones County, the voters of the county overwhelmingly approved a special tax of up to 25 cents on the \$100 valuation to support programs of water and soil conservation.

This tax levy is permissive and maybe used in total, in part or not at all, depending upon the feeling of the board of county commissioners.

There was considerable opposition to the special levy in parts of the county because some property owners did not feel they should be taxed to provide funds to protect the lands of those people who were flooded out from time to time.

This sentiment did not prevail, however, and the feeling expressed at the polls was that flooding is a county-wide prob-

Jones County Attorney Donald Brock says he is continuing the year-old effort to persuade department of agriculture officials to make adjustments in the tobacco allocations to Jones County growers.

At the time the present poundage system was voted in farmers living in areas where natural disasters had materially cut tobacco production were led to believe that some adjustment would be made to take care of the low base figures that they had to work with.

Brock says that three of the five years that could be used to compute allocations were years in which Jones Countians lost heavily because of flooding of their tobacco fields.

He expresses the view that an equitable adjustment of those farmers who were hit so badly would mean close to a million dollars a year to the farmers of Jones County.

Brock says he has been in contact with Congressman Dave Henderson and numerous officials in the agriculture department and currently a study is being made to determine the extent of the loss to Jones County from this situation.

Ice Storm Damages Trees, Shrubs and Utilities Lines

The worst ice storm to hit eastern Carolina in 20 years Tuesday night caused an impossible-to-estimate damage to trees, shrubs and utilities lines over all but the immediate coastal area.

It also provided most school kids with a very sloppy holiday, which no parent enjoyed and few students did.

Snow beginning in the early afternoon changed into freezing rain during the night and by morning tree limbs and utilities lines were falling over the entire Kinston-Trenton area.

VIRGINIAN FINED

Roy Hockaday of Henderson Hall, Virginia was found guilty of drunken driving last week in recorder's court and fined \$100 and court costs.

lem just as much as education and that the only logical way to approach the flooding problem was county-wide.

When, and, of course, if the survey gets the greenlight in Washington, a detailed study of every drainage way in the county will be done by the Soil Conservation Service and estimates of the cost of implementing the recommendations from this survey will be given.

Federal funds from several sources are presently available for some of the effort that is to be expected to curtail the loss from flooding that has hit Jones County so many hard blows in recent years.

But even with these first hurdles behind — the special tax approval and the Raleigh approval — the actual labors on flood control are still at least two years away.

The tax approved by the voters is NOT being levied at present and will not be levied until and unless the county commissioners decide it is in the entire county's best interest to do so.