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## Political Tempo Picking Up Despite Miserable Weather Conditions Locally

Although most kinds of activity have been slowed almost to a halt because of the unchamber-of-commerce kind of weather local politics is picking up steam.

Perhaps the No. 1 race of interest for Jones Countians this year will be that for sheriff which comes up every four years. Sheriff Brown Yates has not announced his candidacy but it is accepted that he will by all who keep abreast of county affairs.

Rumors have it that a member of the board of county commissioners may change his political ambition and seek to unseat Yates, and if he does it is certain that this will be a very lively and hard fought campaign.

But there are other ruffles, too, on the political millpond.

To be elected this year in addition to the sheriff are the clerk of court, county commissioners, constables, justices of peace, state senators, state representatives and a United States Senator and all United States Representatives.

The reapportionment forced on the state by three judicial clowns has placed Lenoir, Jones and Greene counties together in a district that has been allocated one state senator and two state representatives.

In the past each county had at least one representative with 20 other representatives divided among the more populous counties.

Formerly the state senatorial district included Pamlico, Craven, and Carteret counties in addition to Lenoir, Greene and Jones and two senators were allocated to the six counties. The incumbents are Tom White of Kinston and Sam Whitehurst of New Bern.

White is chairman of the advisory budget commission and chairman of the senate appropriations committee, so it is almost a foregone conclusion that he will see re-election. At this time there is no rumored opposition announced for White and the best "expert" guess is that none will materialize.

Obviously with two representatives allocated to three counties one of the three incumbents will have to go, assuming that all three desire to seek re-election. They are Mrs. James Collier of Jones County, Joe Horton of Greene County and Guy Elliott of Lenoir County.

Elliott retired from the mayor's job in Kinston because of health and it is considered likely that he will not seek re-election, although he has not commented publicly on his intentions.

In the most recent special session Mrs. Collier made what sounded to be a farewell address as she moved her colleagues to include Jones County with Lenoir and Greene in both of its

## Marines to Prison

Camp Lejeune Marines Richard Miller and Ronald Harper last Thursday had 90-day prison terms invoked after they had failed to pay a \$50 fine for stealing a car from Herman Moore Jr. in Kinston. They also face charges of a similar nature in Onslow County. They stole their first car to come to Kinston and stole Moore's car to return to camp but got caught before they got back.

legislative districts.

Incumbent Court Clerk Walter Henderson is in the same category as Yates, and local observers also accept in the same fashion that he will also seek a second 4-year term in his office. Up until now not even a faint rumor has cropped up as to opposition for Henderson, but filing deadline is still quite some time off, and it is likely that Henderson will have some opposition to make his spring more lively, too.

The biggest political plum of the spring season is the 6-year

## 'Law' Gets Lawed

Jones County this week has a "man-bites-dog-story." District Wildlife Protector Paul Metters of Jacksonville is scheduled to be tried in recorder's court Friday on a charge of trespassing which was placed against him by Tommy Meadows of White Oak Township.

seat in the senate for which the incumbent patriot, Everett Jordan, has already signified a willingness to "make the sacrifice."

Jordan is certain to have some competition. But up until now nobody is too sure about how serious that opposition will be.

## New Desegregation Guidelines Not Yet in Hands of State or Local School Officials; Promised February 1

The department of poor health, not much education and too much welfare has run true to form in not keeping its deadline threatened some months ago to have new "desegregation guidelines" in the hands of all school officials by January 31st.

Local school officials who sweated through a miserable summer last year in their repeated efforts to please the HEW gestapo had hoped that they would receive the new fiat so that more time would be given them to prepare a so-called compliance plan.

So far from the dungeons along the Potomac the only clear picture emerging on this subject is that "compliance" will be played very largely by ear, without specific guidelines so that bureaucrats will remain in a position to reward the meek and penalize the strong.

The so-called "freedom of choice" system which was adopted by 1100 of the 1900 southern school districts under the federal lash are not doing an "adequate job" since much less than five per cent of all negro students in these 1900 school districts are in racially mixed classes.

One trial balloon sent up by the HEW social experimenters is that the new guideline should order a minimum per cent of negro children in white schools. Figures kicked around in this department run from a low of 10 per cent to a high of 20 per cent. This proposal has nothing to say about what per cent of white children will, in turn, be transferred to negro schools.

One high administration spokesman did say, however, "Squatter's rights of already enrolled white children would have to be eliminated if school crowding is to be used as an excuse for turning down negro applications for enrollment."

The biggest concern of these Gestapo types is that hundreds of school districts had compliance plans approved and yet wound up without a single negro student in a single white school, and, of course, without a single white child in a negro school.

Locally this situation is almost in effect. Of the 21 public schools in Lenoir County 14 remained totally segregated racially, and in the seven previously white schools less than 50 negro stu-

dents are enrolled. Negro enrollment ranges from the high of 12 at Grainger High School to the low of one at Harvey School.

Totally segregated are Lewis, Teachers, Northwest, Bynum, Sampson, Adkin Junior High, Adkin High, Contentnea, Pink Hill, Frink, Savannah, Woodington and Banks.

In Lenoir County another segregated situation exists that is also to be corrected in the promised "new guidelines." In the 21 Lenoir County schools there is no negro teaching in a predominantly white school and no white teacher in either of the eight totally negro schools.

Apparently the Gestapo is setting itself for a long guerrilla campaign since among its plans is great improvement of negro schools in those areas where integration "seems impossible." This plan, of course, is for the Negro where "de facto" segregation is in effect.

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## Auto Inspection Looms Just Ahead But Driver Inspection Lags Behind

In a few days North Carolinians will again run the gauntlet of something called "Motor Vehicle Inspection," under which they will pay \$2 to a garage or filling station worker for checking the lights, turn signals, brakes, windshield wipers, and horn on their flivvers.

A typical month of accident reports by the Kinston Police Department, strangely enough, does not indicate a single accident caused by a car — faulty or otherwise.

In this month of 41 investigated accidents, following too closely and failing to yield right of way each caused nine accidents, speeding caused seven, left turns caused five and just plain not looking where they were driving cause the other eleven accidents.

Neither of the 83 vehicles involved in these 41 accidents was charged with being improperly equipped.

Across the state all franchised automobile dealers and a majority of company owned filling stations are authorized to make the inspection and collect the \$2 fee.

Each inspection station has posted the order in which each

## Health Department Report Credits Planned Parenthood Program with 11 Per Cent Drop in Birth Rate

### Dr. Thompson Named Acting Health Officer

The Jones County Board of Health met January 27, 1966 and confirmed appointment of Dr. John H. Thompson, Jones County physician, as Acting Health Director until further arrangements could be made.

George W. Harriett was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Ralph Jones was re-appointed to the Board to serve a term of 4 years.

It was noted by Harriett that the department will continue to operate in its usual manner offering the same services as previously.

The North Carolina Local Health Service Budget, fiscal year 1965-66 and Public Health Bulletin issued by the Institute of Government Service regarding the general powers and duties of the local board of health were reviewed and discussed.

The annual activities of the Jones County Health Department as reported by Mrs. Alyene R.

Pollock showed an approximate increase in programs of 25 per cent over the past year. Eye clinics were held in December 1965 and another is scheduled for March 1966. They were advised that the Mobile X-ray Unit from the State Board of Health will be in operation March 25-31 at the Health Center in Trenton, primarily for food handlers, ninth grade students, contacts of known cases, teachers and reactors. Fifty-one cases of tuberculosis are under Health Department supervision.

It was called to the Board's attention that as the Planned Parenthood Program has increased the birth rate has decreased approximately 11 per cent in 1965.

Numerous other reports were given at this meeting.

Listed below is the clinic schedule for Jones County Health Department:

General clinics are held each Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 A.M. — 11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M. — 4:30 P.M.

Maternity and Well Baby Clinics are held each 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. with Dr. Thompson as clinician.

## 'Unusual Weather' Plagues Carolina; No Records, But Averages Take Beating

The Kinston area suffered with the rest of the nation in a spell of miserably bad "unusual weather" over the past week.

The trouble began on Tuesday, and reached its worst about Thursday. After the rain, snow, sleet and ice had blanketed the area along came a terrific freeze on Saturday night that sent the mercury down to 8 degrees and again on Sunday night a reading of 10 degrees was official for Kinston.

Closed schools were the order for "miserable" children who couldn't wait to get back to their classrooms.

The ice storm also caused power interruptions of varying length to nearly every part of the state. These ranged from a

few minutes to a week, with some LaGrange area people complaining on Tuesday that their power had been off since 9:30 a.m. "last Wednesday."

Kinston Weather Observer Douglas Rouse recorded seven inches of snow and ice at the station in Kinston and said this melted down to 3.36 inches of water.

The Saturday night 8-degree temperature tied the recent record of December 16, 1958 and stands second in recent history only to the 6-degree reading registered in December of 1943.

Motels and hotels filled up and spare rooms in the homes of kin folk whose electricity had not gone off were filled up. Seldom used fire places were tried out.

Business came nearly to a stand still.

The only really happy man seen in town was Pig DuVal, President and General Manager of White's wood and coat yard.

## Promised Excise Tax Cut Much Less Than Increase in Social Security Tax

How much will Lenoir County residents save on their purchases of goods and services this year under the new excise tax rates that are now in effect?

What will the saving amount to if cuts on telephone service and car purchases are rescinded?

As of January 1st, these so-called "nuisance taxes," which Uncle Sam has been collecting on a host of consumer products, were slashed considerably or eliminated outright.

If Congress approves the proposal made by the President in his State of the Union message, however, the auto and telephone cuts will be shelved temporarily and the saving will be smaller.

The new cuts represent the second round of reductions provided for in the bill enacted last spring. Further cuts are scheduled for 1967, 1968, and

1969.

Just how much these excise taxes amount to per year is revealed in a report released by the Internal Revenue Service. It shows that they totaled \$14.8 billion in the past fiscal year and that \$1,305,588,000 of it came from the State of North Carolina.

A breakdown indicates that approximately \$2,830,000 of it was contributed by residents of Lenoir County.

As a result of the new reductions that went into effect this year, local residents will no longer be paying a Federal tax when they go to the movies or to sporting events. Nor will they be paying a 10 per cent tax on electrical light bulbs or an 8 per cent tax on automotive parts and accessories.

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