

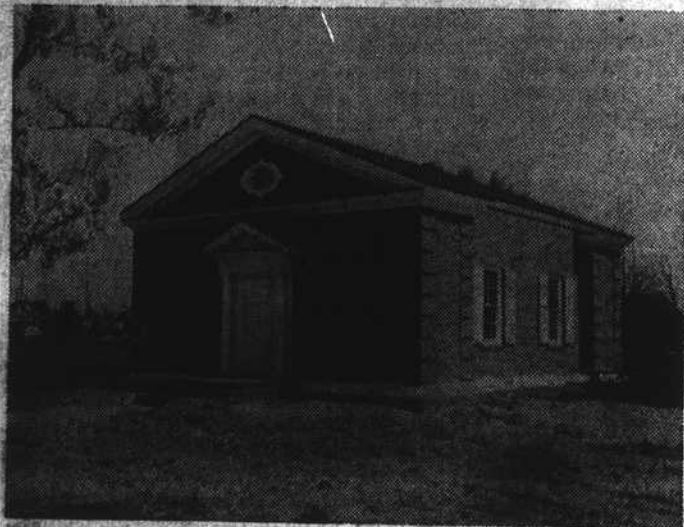
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## Richard Caswell Building Opens Soon



This is the handsome field house now nearing completion at Governor Richard Caswell Park just west of Kinston. The building is near the grave of the first free governor of North Carolina and it will house such items of interest as are available on this colonial governor. The completion of the building is expected in about two weeks, after which a dedication will be held and the facility will be opened to the public. The Confederate Ram Neuse remains are a hundred yards south of this building in the banks of Neuse River, and both historical relics may be visited from the same paved parking lot.

## Opposition for Sheriff, Becton Files As County Political Tempo Increases

In the past week the slow beat of Jones County politics perked up a little as Mark Smith of Trenton made formal his opposition to Incumbent Sheriff Brown Yates and Incumbent Recorder's Court Joe Becton filed for his second two-year term.

Others filing the past week included Carl Sutton Craft, seeking another term as constable of Cypress Creek Township, and W. J. Findeisen, seeking another term as constable of Trenton Township.

Those who had filed earlier included Sheriff Yates, Incumbent School Board Members J. C. West Jr. and J. C. Wooten, County Commissioner James Barbee and Coroner George Davenport.

Still to be heard from are the other incumbent commissioners, Harold Mallard, Alva Howard, Charlie Battle and Nelson Banks;

### CAPITAL CHARGE

Camp Lejeune Marine Russell W. Coleman was booked by officers in the Lenoir County sheriff's department over the weekend on the capital charge of rape. He was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

### STEALING FROM CHURCH

Jerry McKinley Ham, 17, of 516 West Bount St., was charged last week with stealing \$7.20 from Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, and a transistor radio. He admitted spending the money and throwing the radio in the river.

## 'Netty Problem'

It's fishing season and the shad are running and somebody got Franch Lynch's net. He accused Walter Carey of Happersville, James Miller of Asphalt Plant Road and Albert Coombs of 211 Measley Road in Kinston. In recorder's court Tuesday they were found not guilty of stealing the net, but Coombs was found guilty of whipping Pearl Coombs, for which he was given six months in the pokey. He has filed notice of appeal until the fishing season is over.

## Found: One Coffin

Sheriff Brown Yates in Jones County has the most unusual "found item" of the year: One water logged coffin which was found Sunday, floating in Trent River about three miles upstream from Trenton. The coffin was not occupied but it has been impossible to determine if it is a "used" coffin or one that was discarded for other reasons. Anyone who may be able to shed a little light on the ownership of this casket or explain how it got in Trent River is urged to contact Sheriff Yates.

### SHOPPING CHARGE

Elsie Sugg of Snow Hill route 2 was arrested in downtown Kinston last Wednesday and charged with shoplifting.

## Epileptic Welfare Case Insists on Driving Despite His Lack of License

James C. Rodman of Kinston route 5 persists in his efforts to drive despite the fact that he has no driver's license.

Rodman in the past week has been indicted for the 4th and 5th times for driving without a license, and in the final time he was also charged with resisting arrest.

In the scuffle with the arresting officer Rodman's glasses were broken and he reportedly told the officer, "Don't worry, the Welfare will buy me a new pair."

## Four Children Not Sufficient Clue To Support Charge of Adultery in Judge Joe Becton's Judicial Opinion

Last Friday Jones County Recorder's Court Judge Joe Becton dismissed adultery charges against Jerry Lee Strayhorn and Gladys Roberts despite the testimony of Miss Roberts that she had four children sired by Stray-

horn, two of whom survive.

Strayhorn is married and also has four children at home.

Strayhorn, however, was found guilty of beating his wife after she had caught him with the other woman and remonstrated with him to that point where he lost his temper and cuffed her around a bit.

For whipping the mother of his legitimate brood Strayhorn was slapped on the wrist with a 60-day jail term which was suspended on the condition that he pay a \$10 fine and the court costs.

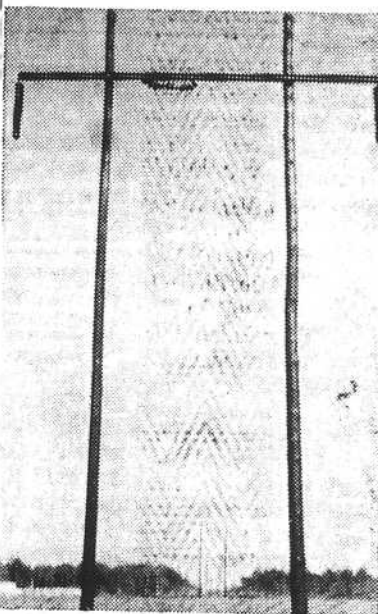
Becton fined Christopher Jarman \$18.50 for permitting an unlicensed driver to drive, Levi Roberts \$22 for being publicly drunk, John Pinkney Eubanks \$5 and costs for public drunkenness, Gregory Frazier \$18 for public drunkenness, Melvin Sharp of Pollocksville was given 60 days to pay the \$13 court costs for whipping a woman.

Joseph Earl Smith of Trenton was found not guilty of drunken driving and driving without a license, Willie Hill of Stella and Moses Hargett of Cove City each asked to have drunken driving charges tried in superior court, rather than before Becton.

Gregory Prusakowski of Camp Lejeune paid \$41 for speeding and Feltus Malcolm Briley of New Bern paid \$26 for speeding.

### Editorial

## Utilities Cross



Row on row they stretch across the "private property" of Lenoir, Jones and Craven county citizens: The doublecross of the taxpaying public utilities. Under existing law these profit-making corporations have the legal power to take right of way across any property owner's land at any time, and in exactly the spot where this profit-making company desires. The only issue for the courts is how much the owner of such lands will be paid. The landowner cannot move the right of way one inch to protect his property values. No public notice is given of where such rights of way are to be taken. The decisions are made by the utilities engineers without consultation with any officials and with no consideration for the damage, actual or esthetic that is to be done to the property that is to be taken. The General Assembly of North Carolina gave this license to take property to utilities and it is the duty of the General Assembly to provide a more equitable manner of establishing both the necessity of additional rights of ways and the and the location as well.

## County Cancer Fund Chairman Seeking More Volunteers to Help Raise Funds to Support Continuing War on Disease



Picture from left to right: Clifton Blue, Division Crusade Chairman of American Cancer Society, Mrs. Lottie Carroll, Jones County Crusade Chairman for 1966, Tom Foscue, President of the Jones County Unit of American Cancer Society, Mrs. Robert Scott, Honorary Crusade Chairman in North Carolina, Commander Joseph Fox, Crusade Vice Chairman in North Carolina. This picture was taken recently at a pre-crusade kick-off conference in Raleigh.

American Cancer Society Crusade Chairman for Jones County Mrs. Lottie Carroll has made a special and urgent appeal for more volunteers for the 1966 Crusade.

"Already, we have made considerable progress in enlisting volunteers in this difficult effort to conquer cancer," she said, "but we need more if we are to do the job we have cut out for ourselves and the people of our community."

"Many jobs need to be done right now: Training of new volunteers for the 'Tell Your Neighbor' cancer facts program; records need to be kept; every house in the community must be

covered after the Crusade begins on April 1st. But we need more volunteers if we are to save more lives now, strengthen our education program, enlarge our research efforts and expand service to patients.

"There would be no need for my job as Chairman if we did not have a vigorously fighting army of volunteers. Volunteers are the workers who often make the difference between success and failure in the Society's struggle to save lives from cancer."

"The present cure rate," the Chairman said, "could be changed radically by application of present medical knowledge in detection and treatment. That

knowledge could save thousands more lives in the United States and could help prevent the development of cancer in hundreds more."

She said the Society would concentrate on these six major sites of cancer where much can be done now, but will not overlook other sites.

Mrs. Carroll said that there is a place for any person willing to serve in the American Cancer Society's rewarding humanitarian effort. People willing to serve as volunteers in the 1966 Crusade should contact Mrs. Lottie Carroll through her Trenton address.