

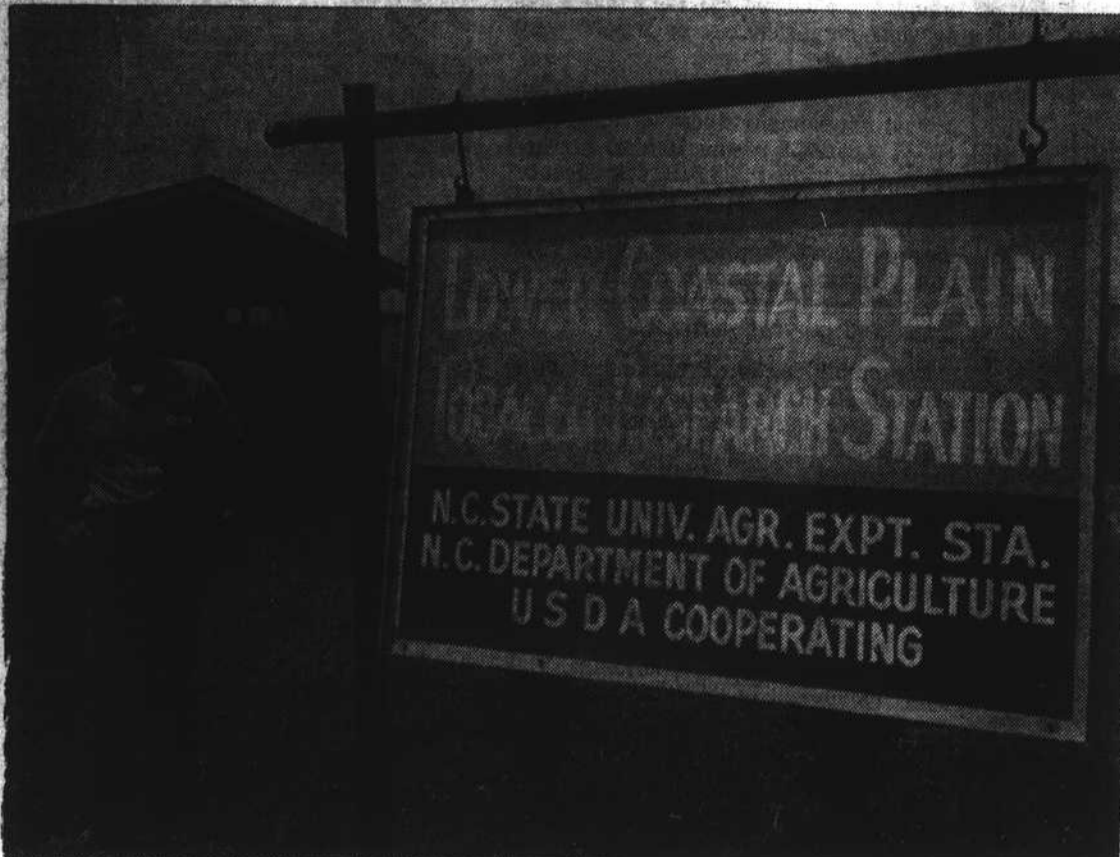
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Ben Kittrell Invites Tobacco Growers to Visit Station



Ben Kittrell is manager and welcoming committee to the newest of North Carolina's tobacco research stations which is to be dedicated Thursday afternoon with the principal address by State University Chancellor John Caldwell, under whom all agricultural research stations in the state are operated. The newest station is in Lenoir County's Vance Township, near Airy Grove Church, and Vance Countian Kittrell says he is happy to be in Vance Township and hopes a lot of tobacco farmers will be visiting the station to see the things that are being done to help make the tricky business of tobacco production more profitable.

Latest Link in North Carolina's Tobacco Research in Lenoir County Station Being Dedicated Thursday Afternoon

Any way it is measured, tobacco is "Big" in North Carolina. This includes the research effort that goes into solving problems affecting the half-billion dollar crop.

The program at North Carolina State University in Raleigh is the largest single tobacco research effort in the country and perhaps in the world.

"This is only appropriate since we have the largest tobacco industry," suggests Doctor Kenneth Keller, in charge of tobacco research at State.

The program involves the equivalent of 35 full-time scientists. The budget total almost three-quarters of a million dollars, exclusive of grants received from industry and other sources.

Keller believes this is "an excellent investment by the people of North Carolina." The farmer and the industry benefit directly and the total economy feels strong effects from the advancements made in tobacco.

One of the most recent and particularly significant research studies at State was that related to the relationships of various production practices and profitability. "The findings from this study played a key role for those in policy-making positions when the decisions were made on the acreage-poundage program," Keller explains.

The principles that lead to these and other advances in tobacco are worked out at six research stations strategically located in the tobacco-growing areas. Further studies are then carried out on privately owned farms in every county where tobacco is grown.

The most recent addition to

the tobacco research facilities is the lower coastal plain tobacco research station near Kinston. The 1963 General Assembly appropriated 110-thousand dollars to establish the 81 acre farm

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Nine Cases Moved Off Court Docket

Nine cases were cleared in Jones County Recorder's Court in the past week.

David Hill of Trenton was found not guilty of being publicly drunk.

James Simmons of Dover, Route 2 pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, was assigned 30 days to work on the public roads, suspended on payment of \$10 and court's cost and good behavior for 12 months.

The cases against Wilber Metts of Comfort on a charge of drunk, disorderly, and assault on a female, and Charles Henry Strayhorn of Pollockville for nonsupport were dismissed.

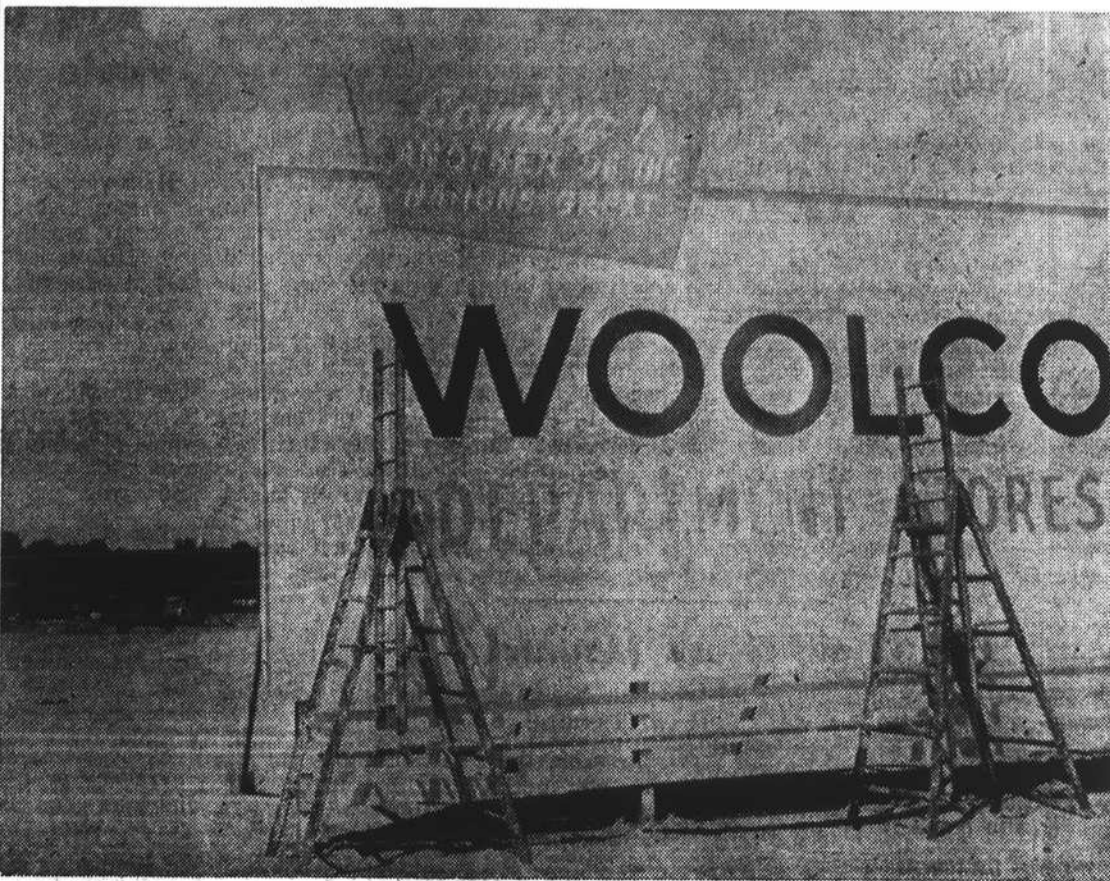
George Bryan Duff of Route 1, Holly Ridge, Glenn Lacy Rambant of Camp Lejeune, and James Leatherwood of Camp Lejeune paid \$26 each for speeding.

George Nathan Cannon of Maysville and Durald Lee Gurganas of Route 1 Richlands had entered a prayer for judgment on payment of the costs for speeding.

Two Civil Suits Filed in Past Week

Two civil actions were filed by Clerk of Court Walter P. Hen-

Woolco Plans September 21 Opening of New Kinston Store



derson in the past week.

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company filed suit against James and Sallie B. Gray. First Citizens alleges the couples owes \$300 with interest from May 11, 1965.

Melvin Truman Dixon seeks divorce from Mary Ellen Dixon, alleging their marriage on November 13, 1958 and their separation April 29, 1965.

Jones Countians Returning to Polls Saturday to Nominate Commissioners, Pick Fifth Education Board Member

Saturday Jones Countians have the second opportunity in four weeks to exercise their franchise. Nobody expects the record turnout this week that marched to the polls on May 28th in one of the county's hardest fought first primaries.

The record turnout in May left the board of county commissioners' race completely unsettled. Not one of the 15 Candidates received sufficient votes to be nominated. This meant that the top 10 could possibly be involved in the second primary which will be held this Saturday.

But one of the five candidates who ran in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th places decided he'd had enough competition for the year and did not exercise his right to be in the second primary.

So on Saturday the race for commissioner is a 9-way fight for the five seats and in this second primary the highest five will be nominated, since in a second primary numerical pluralities are not required.

The nine in the race for Saturday and the votes they got on May 28th are Charlie Battle 1393, Clifton Eugene Hood 1332, James Barbee 1300, Nelson Banks 1233, Harold Mallard 1219, Denford Eubanks, Horace Phillips 1063, Harry Mallard 1023 and Leslie Strayhorn 860. Augustus Cheston, who ran 9th with 885 votes decided not to run in the second primary.

In the fight for the fifth seat on the board of education Walter Ives, who ran 5th with 1337 votes is opposed by Ben Gray, who ran 6th with 1289 votes.

Issues involved

Although the picture in Jones County is as it always has been in that there have been no publication of issues there are sev-

eral involved in the two tough fights for the county commissioner jobs.

One is County Attorney Donald Brock, who succeeded some years ago in getting a slate of commissioners elected who fired the Late George Hughes as county attorney and gave the job to Brock, which he still holds, while also serving as county veterans service officer, attorney to the school board, attorney to the ABC board and attorney to an assortment of other quasi-public non-profit, non-stock corporations that are either presently using or planning to use tax funds.

Brock also became deeply involved in an abortive effort to unseat Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson in the first primary.

Brock also has taken a positive part in the effort to have a long-range flood control program installed for every part of the county. This has also left bruises on this political body, which show indirectly on the bodies of those men on the board of county commissioners who have retained his services in such a wide assortment of legal posts.

The unpopularity of the "War on Poverty" program has also left scars on the incumbent board of commissioners.

So Saturday Jones Countians will be voting for nine men but they will be voting on two issues: Attorney Brock and the "War on Poverty."

The incumbent commissioners have their work cut out for them. They are Battle, Barbee, Banks and Harold Mallard. The fact that they were among the top five in the first primary does not assure them of an easy time Saturday.

Nobody in the county knows this better than they.

Although the sign here does not specify, officials of Woolco did last week when they visited Kinston to make plans for the opening of their new store which is rapidly going up in the background of the picture here. September 21st has been fixed as "O Day" by the company and with the rapid progress being made by workers of T. A. Loving Company it is quite possible that this deadline will be met, despite the fact that a great many "sidewalk superintendents" swear it cannot be done. Woolco's store will be the largest of several to be opened in Kinstonian Plaza on North Heritage Street. Other firms opening stores there include A & P, Colonial Stores, Eckerd Drugs, Firestone, and branches of Wachovia and First Citizens Bank are scheduled to be in the center if the banking commission gives it approval.