

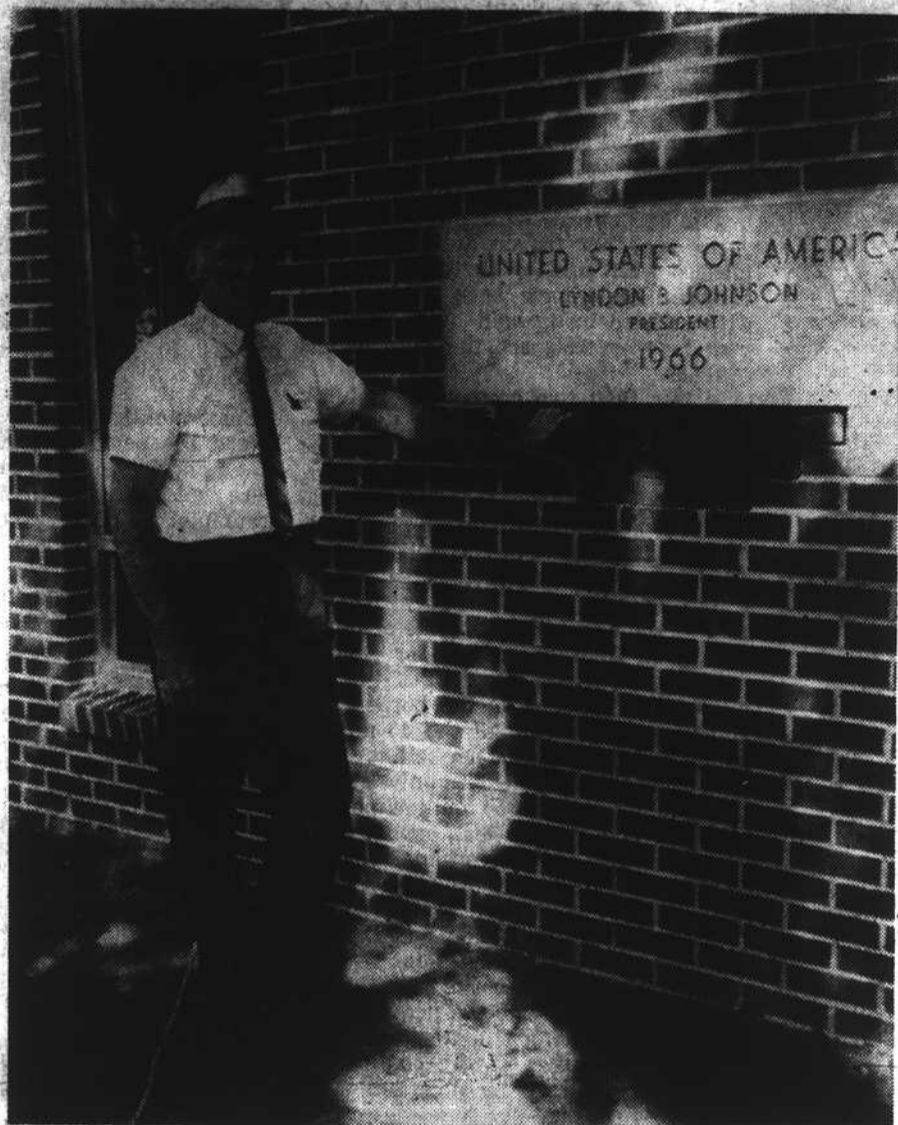
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## January Opening Hoped for Trenton Federal Building



Federal District Judge John Larkins here stands beside the cornerstone of Trenton's new federal building, in which his office will be located when the building is completed sometime around the end of this year.

Judge Larkins and his staff will occupy the northeast wing of the building, the post office will occupy the west side and other federal agencies in Jones County will have space in the rear section of the new building.

Larkins is beside the hollow space in the wall of the building under the cornerstone in which a copper cannister will be sealed. This cannister will include copies of local newspapers, a telephone directory, maps of the county and state, a \$2 bill donated by the judge's secretary, Mrs. Isabelle Mallard, since no more \$2 bills will be printed. Larkins included a Kennedy Half Dollar, which also is no longer being made. A history of the Trenton post office and several other documents will be sealed in this space so that when and if the building is ever removed people then will have some notion of what Trenton and Jones County were like in 1966.

## Jones Central Has One Negro Teacher, Jones High One Indian Teacher as Local Officials Try to Mix Faculties

Jones County School Superintendent G. W. Harriett said Wednesday that faculty integration in the county consisted of just two teachers.

A negro teacher is assigned to vocational agriculture teaching at Jones Central — a predominantly white school, and an Indian from Robeson County has been assigned to teach English in Jones County High School, where the enrollment is all negro.

Harriett said an effort had been made to transfer two white teachers into the negro schools and two negro teachers into the white schools, but that three of the four had resigned rather than transfer, and since they had refused to accept transfer Harriett said, "We lost three good teachers."

On Wednesday Harriett said he was not sure exactly how many negro students showed up for classes in the white schools, but prior to school opening there had been 84 ap-

plications from negroes for transfers into white schools.

Last year there were 46 negroes in white schools on opening day and 44 of those remained throughout the school year, since under the Jones County agreement with federal officials pupils were not permitted to change their minds after school was in progress. The two who dropped out of the original 46 last year did not go back into the negro schools in Jones County Harriett said.

## Four Jones Arrests

Persons booked at the Jones County jail during the past week included James Austin Wood of New Bern, charged with false pretense, Roland Houston of Kinston route 3, charged with assault and Paul Whaley and Wilbur Mettis of Trenton were each charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

## Suit For \$51,800 Filed Against Adjer Haddock by Parker

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports receiving a civil suit in his office during the past week in which Benjamin L. Parker is asking \$51,800 damages.

Parker alleges that he suffered \$1800 damage to his car and personal injuries amounting to not less than \$50,000 on April 29th of this year in an accident west of Trenton when he ran into a mule belonging to Haddock that was loose on a public highway.

## LAND TRANSFERS

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From Eugene and Kathryn Bryant to Boyd and Joyce Martin one lot in White Oak Township.

From James and Barbara Stroud to Leo and Mary Ann Bruni one acre in Tuckahoe Township.

## School Superintendent and Auditor Say School Principal J. P. Taylor's Accounts Now Satisfactorily Cleared

Jones County School Superintendent G. W. Harriett and School Auditor E. E. Franck said Wednesday that there has been a satisfactory settlement of all questions raised in the past two audits of the accounts of Jones Central High School Principal Jeter P. Taylor Jr.

Copies of the audit, filed with public officials in Raleigh and in Trenton both for the 1964-65 audit period and the 1965-66 audit period raised questions about Taylor's depositing checks in the school account that had been "dishonored".

In the 1964-65 audit report Franck's language was, "During the course of the examination I noted 15 instances of bank debits to the school accounts for dishonored checks previously deposited as school receipts. Ten of these bank debits were for checks drawn on the account of Jeter P. Taylor Jr., principal of the school, and were returned because of insufficient funds in Mr. Taylor's account. I bring the above to your attention for whatever action you may consider advisable to prevent recurrences and losses to the school in the future."

Then Franck's report listed the 10 instances in which Taylor's checks had been "dishonored" and the dates when they were redeposited and cleared.

A \$60 check that bounced on October 12, 1964 was made good on October 30. Another for \$60 that bounced on November 9, 1964 was made good on December 4th. Then on December 10, '64 a \$60 check bounced, on April 8, 1965 a \$30 check bounced and on April 15, 1965 a \$5 check bounced and all three of these were cleared in a redeposit on May 7th.

Then Franck's report shows a \$90 check that bounced on May 14, and made good on June 3, a \$10 check that bounced on May 31 and made good on June 4; checks of \$5.28 on June 9, \$55.46 on June 10 and another on June 10 for \$7.65, making a total of \$591.11 that were made good or redeposited on June 30, 1965.

Harriett said that after Franck's 1965 audit was received by the board Taylor was called in and instructed to mend his ways in this particular department, and that Taylor had promised to stop the practice.

But the 1965-66 audit recently filed with the board indicated that Taylor instead of getting better in this particular matter had gotten worse.

Franck's audit report this year says, in part, "In my report for the previous fiscal year I invited your attention to numerous bank debits during the year for dishonored checks drawn on the account of Jeter P. Taylor Jr., principal of the school. This practice involving dishonored checks of Jeter P. Taylor Jr. has continued during the current fiscal year as follows:"

Taylor's check for \$295 bounced on October 12, 1965, made good November 26.

Another for \$100 bounced on November 8, made good on November 10.

Another for \$100 on December 2, 1965, another for \$295 on December 9th and another for \$100 on December 22nd — all cleared by a redeposit on December 31, 1965.

In 1966 a \$430 check of Taylor's bounced on January 22, and another for \$24.70 on January 27th. These were made good on January 31 with a redeposit of \$454.70.

On February 19 of this year another \$430 check of Taylor's bounced and was redeposited on February 28th, another for \$430 bounced on March 10 and was redeposited on March 18th, still another for \$430 bounced on March 28th and cleared when deposited on March 31 and on April 23 of this year Taylor's check for \$53.64 bounced when deposited with Jones Central receipts and was made good on April 29th.

In both years all of the checks deposited in the school account ultimately were cleared on later deposits.

In this year's report Franck said further, "During my examination I noticed several checks issued to Sinclair Refining Company on a credit card issued to Jones Central High School. These checks totalled \$48.40". Franck said he discussed this matter with Taylor and Taylor told him that use of the credit card in several instances in South Carolina and Georgia was not for school purposes and that he had later reimbursed the school for these non-school uses of the credit card.

Franck said further in connection with the credit card, "I have been unable to identify and trace the reimbursement in the records."

Wednesday, however, after conferences with Taylor, Franck said the matter of the credit card and the reimbursement had been fully cleared up.

Harriett said in the course of a regular school board meeting Tuesday night that Taylor had been before the board for at least an hour and that if the board had not firmly impressed upon him the impropriety of these "slow checks" last year it certainly did so Tuesday

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## Seventeen of 19 Court Cases from Traffic Charges

In the past week of Jones County Recorder's Court 19 cases were cleared in trial by Judge Joe Becton or in guilty pleas before the clerk of court. Of the 19, 17 were traffic charges.

Non traffic counts included charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct against David Hill of Trenton who paid \$25 and had a 60-day jail term suspended on condition he remain on probation two years.

A worthless check charge against P. H. May of Morehead City was nolle prossed.

Hubert Lee Baysden of Newport route 1 was fined \$100 for drunken driving.

The following paid fines for speeding: Paul Frederick Lincke of Kinston, James Clifton Pollock of Trenton, James Lafayette King of Jacksonville route 3, Frank Goodpasture of Bristol Va., Benjamin Franklin Grady of Wilmington, William E. Butts of Albany, Georgia, and Betty Jo Hudson of Pollocksville.

Others paying court costs for less serious traffic charges included Doris Eubanks of Trenton route 2, Floyd Edward Roberts of Pollocksville route 1, Cleve David Trott of Stella, Robert Baldwin of Maysville route 1, Alton Roosevelt Brimage of Trenton route 1, Henry Lee Darden of Trenton route 1, Darrow Malone Gaskins of Manteo, James Donald Worthy of Rock Hill, S. C., and John White Jr. of New Bern.