

Light Opposition to Vernon Avenue Widening; Less to La Grange Bypass

Tuesday State Highway Commission officials held a public hearing in Kinston on the four-laning of Highway 70 through Lenoir County and on four-laning Vernon Avenue from Minerva Street westwardly to the US 70 bypass.

Opposition was heard from six Kinstonians on the Vernon Avenue project and two from the La Grange area spoke against the La Grange bypass.

Bob Scott Langley, representing property owners on Vernon Avenue did not object to widening of that street, but he did object to all of the additional right-of-way being taken on the north side of this heavily traveled artery.

In this same category were Ned Grady and J. D. Hill, who own property on the north side of Vernon.

Talbott Capps, who lives on West Vernon outside the city, and Walter Caroon Jr., who operates a grocery store on West Vernon, both suggested that Atlantic Avenue would be a more suitable route than widening Vernon Avenue.

Mrs. John Hood objected to cutting down trees on West Vernon that had been planted as a memorial to World War One service men.

Tyson Creech of La Grange objected to his town being left off the beaten US 70 path, and H. T. Abbott, a farm owner east of La Grange, objected to the taking of his land for the La Grange bypass.

Kinston Alderman Jimmy Rochelle spoke in favor of the Vernon Avenue project, pointing out that the city council had been studying for a long time the best method of handling the staggering traffic load projected for the west side of town and had reached the firm conclusion that Vernon Avenue was the

most practical artery for expansion.

Building Contractor Roy Poole, who is planning a shopping center for West Vernon Avenue enthusiastically endorsed the project.

Assistant Chief Engineer Y. W. McGowan, who conducted the hearing along with Division Engineer Charlie Shell, pointed out that West Vernon is now carrying over 10,000 cars per day and it is projected that it will be carrying 25,000 cars per day by 1976.

Land Transfers

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

From Francis and Nancy Sobator to Elizabeth Genell Jones 1.47 acres in White Oak Township.

From Mary and J. K. Warren Jr. to Jones County Recreational Park Association, Inc. 175 acres more or less in Pollocksville Township.

Teen-Aged Trouble

Kinston Police have arrested again 13 year-old Charles Richard Spence of 813 Asphalt Plant Road. This time the youth is charged with stealing cars from Massey Motor Company, Gurley-Dozier Pontiac Company and Poole Buick Company, and stealing license plates from the office of Frank Barnes' used car lot. On numerous occasions recently the same youth has been charged with stealing tractors from local lots and damaging them. He has been held for action by Juvenile Judge John Davis.

Cancer Death Rate Lower in Lenoir County Than in State and Nation

The extent of the cancer problem in Lenoir County, compared with what it is in other parts of the country, is brought out in a new government report.

The data, compiled by the U. S. Public Health Service, shows that considerable progress is being made toward eventual control and eradication of the disease and that, as a result, many lives are now being saved.

The air of optimism, based on recent developments, was echoed at the recent International Cancer Congress in Tokyo, which was attended by 4,000 researchers from 60 countries.

The toll remains high, however, exceeded only by the loss caused by heart disease.

Among residents of Lenoir County, the cancer mortality rate is somewhat lower than in most sections of the United States.

Locally, there were 59 cancer deaths in the year ending January 1, 1965, according to the report. This does not include deaths of non-residents in the area.

It was equivalent to a rate of 96 cancer deaths per 100,000 population, as compared with 148 per 100,000 throughout the nation as a whole. In the State of North Carolina, the rate is 109.

Had it not been for lung cancer, which kept the mortality figures high with a 31 percent increase in a period of five years, the picture would look much brighter.

Nationally, despite the publicity that has been given to the linkage between cigarette smok-

ing and lung cancer, relatively few people have given up the habit. Older people have cut back somewhat but those in the younger age groups have increased their consumption.

The official figures show that lung cancer caused 17.0 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States and 16.0 percent in North Carolina.

In Lenoir County, in the year, it was responsible for 10.2 percent of them.

An encouraging note in the war against cancer is sounded by Dr. Charles Huggins of the University of Chicago, who states: "The keys to control cancer appear close at hand. There's a new stir of optimism among researchers. They even speak hopefully of vaccines and pills to prevent or cure human cancer."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A Community Thanksgiving service will be held at the Maysville Methodist Church Thursday morning at 10 A.M. Rev. Bobbie Smith, Belgrade preacher, will be the speaker. Everybody is cordially invited.

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA JONES COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by E. O. West and wife, Doris West dated the 14th day of December, 1964, and recorded in Book 144, page 80, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Jones County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Jones County, North Carolina, at noon, on the 30th day of December, 1966, the property conveyed in said deed of trust the same lying and being in the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, in Pollocksville Township, and being more particularly described as follows:

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Also another tract lying and being in Pollocksville Township, Jones County, North Carolina and being a 1/3 undivided interest in a 200 acre woodland tract of the division of the P. J. West lands according to plat prepared by Alfred Cheney, R. S. Said plat appearing of record Jones County Registry in Book _____ page _____

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