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Kinston Schools Still Suffer Badly In Allocations of State School Funds

Although Kinston school officials recently claimed that things had improved considerably in the distribution of state school funds the most recent survey from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction reveals that there is still plenty of room left for improvement.

Statewide the cost of operating schools breaks down at 75.1 per cent from state funds, 16.9 per cent from local funds and 8 per cent from federal funds.

But this happy average is nowhere in evidence in the Kinston School system, which got only 70.1 per cent of its total operating cost from the state, just 6.2 per cent from federal funds, while putting up the other 23.7 per cent from county and school district funds.

The range, however, is even worse than reflected in the Kinston system.

Mecklenburg County puts up 36.9 per cent of school operating funds locally, while big, rich Cumberland County only puts up 4 per cent locally.

The federal spread runs from the high of 24 per cent in Pasquotank to the low of 2.4 per cent in Mecklenburg County.

The spread of state participation runs from the high of 90.2 per cent in Alexander County to the low of 60.7 per cent in Mecklenburg County.

Comparisons in our immediate area further accent the inequitable manner used to distribute school funds:

County	State	Federal	Local
Craven	70.6	22.8	6.6
New Bern	74.9	9.9	15.2
Duplin	77.2	15.7	7.1
Greene	70.6	16.6	12.8
Jones	77.5	16.8	5.7
Pitt	78.8	10.9	10.3
Greenville	76.6	7.0	16.4
Lenoir	75.9	9.6	14.5
Kinston	70.1	6.2	23.7
Wayne	68.4	21.0	10.6
Goldsboro	73.3	13.2	13.5

Translating percentages into dollars and cents the picture looks this way.

County	State	Federal	Local
Craven	\$2,270,695	\$735,164	\$212,730
New Bern	1,416,280	187,315	286,851
Duplin	2,926,838	596,771	268,228
Greene	1,228,259	288,860	223,523
Jones	903,822	195,647	66,187
Pitt	3,515,543	483,524	460,234
Greenville	1,511,791	138,687	323,760
Lenoir	2,358,652	298,457	448,700
Kinston	1,586,307	139,513	537,925
Wayne	3,341,751	1,026,682	517,520
Goldsboro	2,115,055	379,430	389,766

Broken down in allocation per pupil in these area school systems the picture is thisaway:

County	State	Federal	Local
Craven	\$281.62	\$ 91.18	\$ 26.38
New Bern	257.08	34.00	52.07
Duplin	393.01	59.74	26.85
Greene	275.27	64.74	50.09
Jones	296.24	64.13	21.69
Pitt	280.06	38.52	36.66
Greenville	270.06	24.77	57.83
Lenoir	296.80	37.56	56.46
Kinston	262.33	23.07	88.96
Wayne	284.55	87.42	44.07
Goldsboro	263.16	47.21	48.50

No state or local official has yet been able to explain why state school funds should not be distributed on an exactly equal basis in every school district in the state, with each student in every school system being given the same per capita allocation of state funds.

Kinston officials have meekly complained about this in the past, but have gotten nowhere fast with their complaints as these figures from the state superintendent of public instruction prove.

REVIVAL AT PILGRIM HOME

Pilgrim's Home Free Will Baptist Church near Wyse Forks is holding a spring revival March 27 through April 1. Services each evening at 7:30 with Rev. Norman Ard as the guest speaker.

Methodist to Have Open House Sunday

On March 26, Easter Sunday afternoon, Maysville Methodist Church will observe "Open House" from 3 to 5 o'clock. The congregation has moved into the new church building located across the street from Maysville Elementary School. The public is cordially invited.

Sixteen Cases Cleared in Past Week From Jones County Recorder Docket

Pleas of guilty before Clerk Walter Henderson or trials before Judge Joe Becton cleared 16 cases from the calendar of Jones County Recorder's Court in the past week.

Non-traffic cases included withdrawal of a worthless check charge by the plaintiff against N. E. Dennis, with the plaintiff paying the court costs, and James Burton appealed to superior court a 30-day suspended jail term he drew for malicious damage to private property, in which he had been ordered to replace a glass in the car of Mamie J. Dillahunt and pay the court costs.

Speeders who paid off included Paz Pena of Camp Lejeune, Franklin Jason Thompson of Kinston, David Earl Medlin of Leland route 1, Helen Yocum Watts of Winston-Salem, Ernest Odell Moore of Pollocksville route 1, and David Jackson Carroll of Camp Lejeune.

Speeding charges against Anthony J. Corrado and Roger Eric Lord of Camp Lejeune were nolle prossed with leave.

Others paying costs for traffic charges were Douglas Hooks of Pollocksville route 1, Nathaniel Lassiter of Maysville, Neva Ray Whitfield of Trenton route 1, Robert Lee Gooding of New Bern route 3, and Thad Wood Skinner of Trenton route 1.

Two Suits Filed for Debts in Past Week

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports receiving two suits for collection of small debts in his office during the past week.

Levi Mallard is seeking payment of \$117.32 with interest from January 1, 1966 from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rouse.

W. A. Mallard Jr., trading as Mallard Oil Company is seeking payment with interest from November 11, 1965 of \$335.36 from Lewis E. Strobel.

ELMORE PUT UNDER BOND

Former Kinston Insurance Broker John Elmore was placed under \$5,000 bond Monday when he submitted to arrest on 22 charges of insurance fraud. Last week the Lenoir County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictments against Elmore in

Hargett Livestock Market Sued for \$81,260 by Indiana and State Firms

Damages totalling \$81,260.40 have been asked in two law suits filed in the past week against the owners of the Hargett Livestock Market.

Owners listed are W. Bryan Hargett, Kitty Flowers Hargett and Ridie Ward Hargett Atkins.

The largest action was filed in Forsythe County by Salem Equipment Leasing Company, which claims the Jones County outfit owes it \$28,669.43 in rentals on three truck-trailers, and it is also asking \$25,000 damages for breach of contract.

Filed in Jones County Superior Court is a suit asking \$27,590.87 by Greencastle Livestock Center of Fort Wayne, Indiana for 640 hogs.

The suit filed by the Indiana firm alleges that the Jones County business purchased 160 hogs that weighed 34,735 pounds for \$6,860.16 on February 13, 1967, purchased 160 hogs that weighed 34,085 pounds for \$6,765.87 on February 17, 1967, purchased 160 hogs that weighed 35,765 pounds for \$7,009.94 on March 2, 1967 and purchased 160 hogs that weighed 35,850 for \$6,954.90 on March 3, 1967, and

it alleges that no part of either of these purchases has been paid, and all amounts are past due, and have been requested.

Death Investigated

Kinston Police and Coroner Raymond Jarman are investigating the Tuesday night death of Emmanuel Ray Franklin of 505 East Shine Street. The 17 year-old youth was pronounced dead upon arrival at Lenoir Memorial Hospital, when brought there by ambulance at 11:24 p.m. An autopsy has been ordered to determine the cause of his death and at press time this had not been completed. Police are checking rumors that the youth was hit in the head by a pop bottle in a teen-aged tussle last Friday night.

ECC Board Chm. Predicts University Status in Speech

Last Friday night Senator Bob Morgan of Harnett County, chairman of the East Carolina College board of Trustees, told a Kinston audience that the current session of the General Assembly would vote independent university status to East Carolina College, and in the present term.

Morgan, introduced by ECC President Dr. Leo Jenkins, was speaking before the winter meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Press Association.

His speech was primarily on the press and its relation to politics and politicians, but in his closing remarks he made the prediction which was warmly received by everyone in attendance except the Raleigh News & Observer delegation, which oppose university status for East Carolina College.

Memorial Baptist Revival Next Week

Revival services will be conducted at Memorial Baptist Church of Maysville from March 27 to April 2. The Rev. James E. Baucom, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Swansboro will be the guest minister.

Services will be held each evening at 7:30 and will feature special music by the choirs of the church.

The revival will conclude with the morning worship service on Sunday, April 2.

these cases which have been under investigation since last summer. He is presently making his home near Scotland Neck.

Lenoir County's Fifth 1967 Highway Fatality Comes Sunday



Lenoir County's fifth highway fatality of 1967 came at 5 Sunday afternoon between Mewborn's Crossroad and Dawson Station and claimed the life of 36 year-old Johnny Suggs Jr. of Snow Hill route 2.

Highway Patrolman Earl Edwards who investigated said that Suggs was driving the car closest to the camera in the picture

included here and was driving eastwardly toward Mewborn's Crossroad.

Edwards says that Suggs lost control of his car, drifted into the westbound lane and crashed into the other car pictured above which was driven by 17 year-old Eunice Wade of La Grange route 2.

Both cars were heavily damaged but Miss Wade miraculously

escaped with superficial injuries. She was examined, treated and released at Lenoir Memorial Hospital shortly after the wreck.

Edwards says Suggs also had only one externally visible injury, which likely caused his death, when his head hit the steering wheel.

Picture by Captain W. M. Thomas, Kinston Police Dept.