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Jones Board Endorses Jet Airport in County; Wait 'til Road Closing Comes

The Jones County Board of Commissioners in monthly meeting Monday, voted unanimous endorsement of the Federal Aviation Agency's proposal to build a multi-million dollar jet-service airport in Jones County. The Federal Aviation Agency recently indicated its desire to locate an airport with jet-service in Jones County to serve the metropolitan areas of Kinston, Jacksonville, and New Bern, and the surrounding military facilities. In other matters, the commissioners voted to pay \$50 each for the funerals of two indigents who were drawing welfare funds. The Board approved a \$25 donation to Caswell Center in Kinston. Tax listers were appointed

for each Township. The appointments are as follows: Annie Mallard of the County Tax Office for Trenton Township; Bobby Barbee for White Oak Township; J. J. Chadwick for Chinguapin Township; Harry Mallard for Pollockville Township; J. P. Davenport for Beaver Creek Township; Rex Mills for Tuckahoe Township and Yvonne Metts for Cypress Creek Township. In final action before adjourning, the Commissioners decided that Christmas holidays for County employees would extend from December 25-29, and that January 1 would be the only day observed for the New Year's Holiday. Secretary Bill Parker added that anyone who would like to pay their taxes before next year should come in before December 22.

FAA Releases Funds for Airport Work; Commissioners Vote to Close Highway

Last week after stumbling, faltering and floundering around for over six months the Federal Aviation Agency finally did what it promised to do a year ago and released \$117,450 which will with Kinston and Lenoir County matching funds be used to add 1000 feet to the northeast end of the major runway at Stallings Field. Monday the board of county commissioners after listening to lengthy and vehement objections voted to close Rural Paved Road 1577, which crosses the right of way necessary for this runway extension. While Lenoir County officials were struggling to make Stallings Field fit for jet air service at the earliest possible time Jones County officials on Monday were endorsing a rumor, which vaguely proposes a regional airport to be located in Jones County at a point suitable to

serve New Bern, Jacksonville and Kinston. This was the gleam in the FAA eye which held up the extension of the Stallings Field runway until considerable pressure had been applied by Congressmen L. H. Fountain and Walter Jones, who helped to free the frozen \$117,450. Piedmont Airlines in its original proposal had planned jet service for the local airport in March but it is generally conceded that it will not be possible, even with good weather — which is hardly likely between now and March to extend the runway and have it ready to accept heavily loaded planes by that time. A mid-summer completion is now conceded more likely, and this hinges on the question of whether objecting property owners in the area hurt most by the closing of the road decide to take their objections into the courts.

Candidate Larkins Meets On Monday With Jones Group

A fishstew and informal political gathering was given Monday night, December 4, at the Jones County Moose Lodge by Charlie Larkins Jr. of Kinston who is running for the Jones, Lenoir, and Greene Counties senatorial seat presently held by Tom White, also of Kinston. Approximately 25 from Jones and Lenoir Counties attended the affair and heard Larkins state his intentions to get more State highway-building money spent east of Highway 301, if elected, and also to look into the possibilities of increasing highway safety on the roads of North Carolina. Larkins also said he would fight for a more equitable slice of the state's higher education dollar for East Carolina University.

Medicare Enrolling Period Began Dec. 1

Persons who missed their first chance to be covered under the Medical Insurance part of Medicare now have another opportunity to enroll. These people have until April 1, 1968, to enroll, Bob Davis reported today. Individuals who enroll during the period October 1, 1967, through April 1, 1968, will not have coverage until July 1, 1968. Premiums will not be due until that time. This is the time for persons desiring to cancel their Medical Insurance to withdraw. Davis reported that since October 1 only seven Lenoir Countians have requested that their insurance be cancelled. Four of these people later withdrew their requests for cancellation. In order to enroll or disenroll for medical insurance it is necessary for the individual to contact the Social Security Office. The office in Kinston is located at 810 West Vernon Avenue. The telephone number is

TV Interview with Attorney Brock is Cancelled on Law Suit Against Schools

A televised interview that might have thrown some light on the report that all Jones County school will be ordered to completely integrate in September of 1968 was postponed for unknown reasons at the Trenton office of Attorney Donald P. Brock Monday. Brock, legal counsel for the Jones County Board of Education in the suit brought against the Board by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, said that he was to have been interviewed by television station WNBE in New Monday morning at 10:30, "but the interview was postponed about five minutes before the scheduled time and put off until

a later date". Brock did not say why the proposed interview was called off. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare brought the suit, which could result in the cutting off federal funds to the Jones County school system, because the County Board of Education has allegedly failed to comply with desegregation guidelines set up in Washington some years ago. It has been reported that HEW will soon order all public schools in the county to completely integrate at the beginning of the 1968-69 school year. The integrating system is reported to be based on students riding the bus that passes their house to the school nearest their home.

Traffic Cases Make Up Bulk of Jones County Court Work

In the Friday, December 1, session of Recorder's Court held by Judge Joe H. Becton in Trenton, nearly all cases that came before the court were of the minor traffic violation type. Willie Hill Jr. of Stella was found guilty of driving under the influence and driving without a valid license (restricted to corrective lenses), and fined \$100 and costs. Hill gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and bond was set at \$200. Specialist 4th Class David Lee Hatchell of Star Route Maysville was found guilty of speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone and found not guilty of driving without a valid license. He was fined \$10 and costs. Richard Earl Lane of Route 1 La Grange was found not guilty of disobeying a stop sign. Riley Crannon Hood of New Bern, who was charged with speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone was given a prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs. George Murrell Jarman, 50-year-old New Bern woman charged with failing to have a driver's license, presented a valid operator's license and the state took a nol pross in the case. Walter E. Salter of Route 2 Trenton had the worthless check case against him nol prossed. In other action, defendants

waiving appearance before the court and paying fines and/or costs were: Austin Willie Smith Jr. of Pollockville paying \$13 for failing to have lights on a vehicle at night. Hardy Jackson of Route 2 Maysville paid \$13 for failing to display a valid inspection certificate. Dennid Joseph Saladin, a Camp Lejeune Marine paid \$16 for reckless driving. Robert Lee Daugherty of Route 3 Kinston paid \$26 for speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone. Robert Moore Jr. of Tomahawk paid \$13 for violating the inspection laws. Cleve David Trott of Stella paid \$13 for driving on the wrong side of the road. Sergeant Charlie W. Gordon, 31-year-old Camp Lejeune Marine paid \$26 for speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone. Willie Fields, of Trenton, charged with driving without an operator's license, had his case nol prossed. Brenda E. Armstrong of New Bern paid \$16.50 for following too closely. Alphonso Hill of Maysville paid \$31 for speeding 70 mph in a 15 mph zone. Rudolph Woodrow Mattocks of Route 1 Maysville paid \$13 for driving with improper equipment. James Ray Moore of Pollockville, who was charged with assault on a female, had the charges against him withdrawn. Mack Banks of Trenton was charged with assault but the plaintiff withdrew the warrant and paid the court costs.

ALL EPISCOPALIANS DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO NEW YORK PREACHERS' PHILOSOPHY

by Jack Rider
Last week 93 Episcopal preachers in the Greater New York area subscribed to a view of Walter Dennis, canon of New York's Cathedral of Saint John, who said that homosexual relationships should be judged "by the same criteria as a heterosexual marriage — that is, whether it is intended to foster a permanent relationship of love." There are 7,978 Protestant Episcopal congregations in the United States with a membership last year of 3,644,001. It is hardly necessary to say that this collection of New York crackpots, and its principal spokesman, Canon Dennis, do not speak for even the tiniest per cent of the leadership or membership of their church. But because of their location in the nation's largest city and the inflammatory kind of publicity that such psychotic statements coming from high places is given it is well to keep things in a proper frame of reference.

This Episcopal absurdity is not peculiar to one religion, nor even to one section of the country. It is nationwide and not confined merely to the specific realm of sexuality. This is the generation of the "loser". The surest road to success is to fail publicly and abysmally. What might be called the "Judy Garland syndrome" is epidemic in the liberal community, and there is even some danger that this disease is spreading into circles generally considered to be more sane than the gliberal. Episcopalians have always been considered to be a trifle on the conservative side, but in recent years the Episcopal hierarchy has tried to out-liberal the liberals; even up to the point of embracing atheism, or some form of deism that has nothing remotely to do with Christianity, which was, at one time, generally accepted to be the principle upon which the church stood.

But in the long run of history, and for the immediate sanity of our nation it is too much for even a single minister of a responsible congregation to embrace, much less espouse the propriety of such fundamental improprieties as homosexuality. The distinguishing factor of western civilization for nearly 2000 years has been Christianity, in name if not in practice. And the most fundamental difference between Christianity and all the other great codes of moral conduct is the sanctity of the family unit, and the sacredness of the marital vow. Admittedly, every age has violated these underlying principles to one degree or another, but adultery, pre-marital sex and the entire ugly spectrum of sexual perversions have never been given the official stamp of approval by any of even the most loosely organized religions; much less the starched and ironed rulers over the world's major Christian religions.

So when even the smallest voice from the largest religions echoes these moral perversions there are those who are anxiously ready to smear the entire fabric of Christianity with the mad mutterings of just one or just 93 nuts who have gotten themselves together to compete for the annual booby prize. In a hierarchical church such as the Episcopal this kind of misconduct becomes even more serious when the superiors of these gay clerics do not put them in their proper ecclesiastical cell for a period of prayerful meditation. To a growing per cent of the academic and religious world the worst sin is to be right . . . to be proper. All of the prayers and most of the effort — except fund-raising — is reserved for rehabilitation of those who elect to reject morality. Homosexuality should not be accepted by anyone either in or out of the church for any reason, pious or personal because it

is a sickness, and it would be as calloused to accept this sickness as to accept cancer or malaria or tuberculosis. The church should extend the hand of sympathy to the sick, but not the hand of acceptance. The church and western civilization has survived these 2000 years the anguish of plague and pestilence, of drought and flood, war and starvation. But the Christian Church cannot survive the loss of its most basic principles, and this is, in part, what any prayerful, plati-tudinous acceptance of homosexuality comes to when all the fancy verbiage is stripped away, and the disease is left naked in all of its multitudinous ugliness. Having been reared in the Episcopal Church I felt at least these few words ought to be said, especially in view of the fact that the hierarchy of the church has not rejected this New York idiocy of its employees.