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GROUNDHOG AND LOT OF POLITICIANS COME OUT IN FEBRUARY; ROUGH WEATHER AHEAD

Last Friday the groundhog came out and the official groundhog watchers all agreed that this furry meteorologist saw his shadow and thus predicted at least six more weeks of severe weather.

And with the groundhog a lot of reluctant politicians began moving out of their holiday-period of hibernation; thus predicting an even stormier and longer period of turbulence.

Just hours after the groundhog cast his shadow Kinston's State Senator Tom White called a Raleigh press conference to announce that he was going into political hibernation after three terms in the state house of representatives and four terms in the state senate.

Kinstonian Charlie Larkins Jr., who had announced his can-

didacy for the state senate early in January, made it formal on Monday of this week, and at this writing has no competition for the senate seat allocated to Lenoir, Jones and Greene counties.

And it has begun to rain would-be judges in this neck of the woods.

Some years ago the wheels were set in motion for this deluge of judges when the people of North Carolina in a moment of foolishness approved several constitutional amendments setting up a new system of courts.

Under this new system all city, county and recorder's courts are being abolished and a system of district courts is established. The judicial district of Wayne, Greene and Lenoir counties has been allocated four of these \$15,000 per year political

plums, and at last count there were six patriots who had signified their willingness to make the sacrifice and serve in this judicial capacity.

Three of these are Kinstonians: Incumbent Recorder's Court Judge E. R. Wooten, Lawyer Lamar Jones and Justice of Peace Lester Pate, whose judicial job is also being "diestablished" under the so-called court reform program.

From Goldsboro two judicial aspirants have announced: Milton Nowell of Mount Olive and Charlie Gaylor of Goldsboro, each being judge in their respective city courts.

The sixth would-be district judge is James Taylor of Snow Hill, who along with Wooten, Nowell and Gaylor is having his present judicial job snatched out

from under him as of the first Monday in December of this year.

So far there are three announced candidates for the two seats in the state house of representatives allocated to Jones, Greene and Lenoir counties. These are Incumbents Guy Elliott of Kinston and Joe Horton of Snow Hill, both Democrats and Arnold "Red" Tingen of Greene County, a Republican.

On the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners this year two of the five members have to seek re-election if they so desire. Monday one of those, Billy Brewer, paid his filing fee and agreed to take another four-year shot at it.

The other is Johnny R. Davenport, who suffered a stroke last fall and is still hospitalized in

Charlotte. He most recently expressed the hope that he would be able to attend the March meeting of the board, but friends and members of his family are doubtful that he will make it by that time, and equally doubtful that he will seek another term.

The filing deadline for those seeking state jobs is February 23rd, and this includes candidates for governor, congress, lieutenant governor, council of state, supreme court, court of appeals, superior court and dis-judges in the court capacities. trict court; solicitors as well as

The deadline for filing for those seeking county or state legislature seats is March 22nd.

The deadline hour is Noon on the day of each deadline day.

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Commissioners Have Busy Session on Monday; Act on Assorted Problems

At its regular monthly meeting Monday, February 5, the Jones County Board of Commissioners rejected by Craven County Hospital representatives that Jones County pay uncollectable ambulance service bills to the tune of \$721 and voted instead, in recognizing the acute necessity of county ambulance service, to give \$40 a month to the already existing Trenton and Comfort Rescue Squads of Maysville and Pollockville as soon as those organizations receive their charters.

In refusing to accept financial responsibility for ambulance patients from the County who use Craven County Hospital ambulance facilities, the Commissioners noted that records shown by Allen Ives and Lonnie Moore, members of the Board of Directors of Craven County Hospital who presented the hospital's bill collecting problem, reveal that approximately two-thirds of the uncollected bills were attributed to serviceman or to persons who live out of state.

At the suggestions of Charlie Battle Jr. the commissioners then decided to appropriate \$40 a month for the County Rescue Squads in order to stimulate existing rescue squad activity and future rescue squad organization with monetary assistance.

Jones County is already giving financial aid to its six Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$60 per month.

The Commissioners also rejected a proposal to re-route and re-designate Highway 41 by R. B. Nelson of Robersonville who said the work he does as mediator between the State Highway Department and the public to improve the public highways systems is a hobby.

Nelson wanted the Commissioners to agree to the renaming of Highway 41 from Beula-ville to its junction with N. C. 58 at Dan Oxley's Store to Highway 111 thereby extending 111 from Goldsboro to Oxley's instead of its present termination at Beula-ville. Nelson said this maneuver would clear the way for re-routing of 41 to Pink Hill and that this would result in a better chance for that section of the new route to be widened and improved.

The Board decided to maintain

the county highway status quo though after a check of maps and memories reminded them that Highway 41 is an inter-state road and Highway 111 is not.

The decision by the Commissioners to keep the higher pri- (Continued on page 5)

TWO ARRESTS

Jones County Sheriff W. Brown Yates reports two arrests during the past week: Chris Kinsey, 66, Route 1 Trenton was brought in by Highway Patrolman R. R. Mason on a drunk driving charge, and Raymond Koonce, 22, of Route 1 Trenton also was locked up for failure to pay personal property damages that he was ordered to hand over several months ago.

Jealous Spat 'Paralyzes' Woman and Sends Her Blood Pressure to 250

The Friday, February 2, session of Jones County Recorder's Court elicited some colorful conversation as two Trenton colored women took the stand to tell of their inter-family fracas.

Sudia Murrell pleaded guilty to assaulting Ruth Brown with her fists but stated that she "removed Ruth's glasses before she hit Ruth up alongside the head." Ruth said that Sudia hit her so hard she was "paralyzed" and her blood pressure was still up to 250 three days after the incident.

It seems the whole thing started when Ruth started carrying gifts over to the Murrell household and giving them to "Scoonie" Murrell, Sudia's husband. This suspicious activity brought out the jealous qualities in Sudia and she in turn lay in wait in the dark of night to get her revenge.

After both women had their say, Judge Joe Becton found Sudia guilty of assault and ordered her to pay costs.

Becton ruled "unavoidable accident" in finding Helen Dove Hill, 28, of Route 2 Trenton, not guilty of failing to yield right of way at a private drive.

Hilton Mundine of Route 2 Dover and Tyrone Smith of Maysville both faced separate charges of assault on a female. Mundine was found guilty of the charge and given a 60-day suspended sentence upon condition he pay a \$25 fine and costs. Smith was luckier, the case against him was dismissed.

Kenneth Arthur Butler, of Goldsboro was found guilty of driving to the left of the center line while not passing.

Gavin Dudley and Jeffrey Davis of Maysville had the assault case against them dismissed. They were charged with entering the Jones High School pre-

mises, threatening and assaulting the principal and disrupting the orderly conduct of the school.

Wayne Christopher Brown of Swansboro had the speeding charges against him nol prossed with leave. He was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 60 mph zone.

In the only other case to come before Judge Becton, Adline Williams of Route 6 Kinston was found not guilty of allowing an unlicensed person, her 16-year-old son, Willis Williams, to operate her automobile. Willis was found guilty to operating an automobile without an operator's license and was fined \$10 and costs.

Several speed demons admitted their guilt by submitting fines to the Court: Vaughn Rider Fulton, of 908 Oriental Avenue, Kinston, Marcus E. Beaver of Camp Lejeune, and Herbert Bruce Norris, of Washington all paid \$31 each for doing 75 in a 60 mph zone; Ray Whitfield Watts, of West Columbia, South Carolina paid \$31 for speeding 60 in a 45 mph zone; Corporal Larry D. Clark from Camp Lejeune paid \$26 for doing 70 in a 60 mph zone; Sergeant Edward Charles Jones of 717 University Street in Kinston paid \$26 for 70 in a 60 mph zone; Lance Corporal Vernon L. Reisinger, another Camp Lejeune marine paid \$31 for 75 in a 60 mph zone; and Bruce Wayne Taylor of 1105 College Street, Kinston, forfeited \$31 for speeding 70 in a 55 mph zone.

In the miscellaneous department, Senas Wesley Whitfield Jr. of Route 2 Trenton and Henry Nelson Ward of Route 1 New Bern both paid \$13 each for failing to comply with inspection laws.

Leo Ember Morton of Route 1 Maysville paid \$16 for failing to

Mad-Dog Murderers Sought for Tuesday Death of Jones County ABC Employee

A nation-wide alert has been posted for two young white men who stabbed the manager of a Jones County whisky store to death Tuesday afternoon and robbed the store of about \$300 in cash, and possibly some whisky and wine.

Forty one year-old Albert J. Jones Jr. of Maysville, manager and only employee of the store on Highway US 17 between Pollockville and Maysville, was the victim of the vicious attack.

Although fatally wounded Jones managed to get to the phone and called the operator, who immediately reached Sheriff Brown Yates at about 1:45 p.m. at his home. Yates in turn called Deputy Milton Arthur whose home is much nearer the whisky store, and although Arthur was not at home, Pollockville Township Constable Nick Mallard and District Game Protector Douglas Ward were reached and they were the first to reach the scene of the crime.

Jones was still conscious but in great pain. Minutes after Mallard and Ward arrived Sheriff Yates and Arthur arrived. Jones was placed in Arthur's car and rushed to Craven County Hospital in New Bern, where he died at about 5:30.

Before his death Jones was able to tell officers that two young white men were the guilty parties.

Jones, had been manager of the store for about a year. He is a native of Jones County and is married and has one child. His death was caused by massive internal bleeding caused by 19 different deep stab wounds.

The State Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation are assisting Jones County authorities in the investigation.

Busy Session for Trenton Firemen, Rescue Squad Unit

The Trenton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad held its regular monthly meeting Monday night in the Trenton firehouse after enjoying a fishstew cooked by Fire Chief Edward Eubanks and Walter Moore.

As of Monday night, Fire Chief Eubanks will no longer

reduce speed to avoid an accident; Paglo Rodil Mojica, Coast Guardsman from Morehead City, paid \$13 for driving to left of center line; and Stanley Lemuel Johnson of Magnolia paid \$13 for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Trenton Now Has Certified Attendant For Rescue Squad

Travis H. Batchelor of Trenton is the first, and at the present time, only member of a Jones County Rescue Squad to become a certified ambulance attendant under the recently imposed stringent specifications of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Batchelor, a charter member of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, obtained his ambulance attendant certificate after attending a three-day school last week. The school classes, conducted under the direction of medical doctors, were held in Jacksonville on Tuesday and Thursday and in Greenville on Wednesday.

According to Trenton Rescue Squad member Glenn Spivey, although Batchelor is the only certified attendant who has received his certificate, there are several members of both the Trenton and Comfort Rescue Squads who have recently completed an eight-weeks ambulance attendant's course taught by Dr. G. W. Davenport in the adult education program at Jones Central High School. These graduates expect to receive their certificates soon.

An unfortunate accident gave an ironic twist to Batchelor's accomplishments at the end of last week when a power chain saw he was operating got out of control and did enough damage to his right hand to require a skin graft. However, Batchelor did not require ambulance service to the Hospital in Kinston.

School receives their certificates. serve in the double capacity of Rescue Squad leader also. Charles Jones of Trenton has been elected to that post, and the Fire Departments and Rescue Squad will meet on different nights in the future in an attempt by members to increase efficiency of the dual volunteer services.

The Rescue Squad has set its meetings for every second Monday night of the month.

A 40-watt generator that will provide power for a searchlight on the fire truck has been obtained and will be ready for use immediately.

According to Captain Glenn Spivey, the number of rescue squad members who are certified ambulance attendants is expected to increase to about ten members as soon as the recently graduated adult education class of Jones Central High