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Free Food Hand-Outs Reach 18.8 Per Cent of Greene Countians, 14.6 Per Cent in Jones, 5.8 in Lenoir County

Department of Agriculture food programs aided 187,486 needy North Carolinians during March, 1,322 persons less than the number that took part in the programs during February.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said 144,554 persons in 64 counties took part in its commodity distribution program and that 42,932 persons in 23 counties took part in its food stamp program.

During March, Bladen and Union Counties entered the food stamp program. However spring cultivation caused a general increase in employment in most areas.

In North Carolina, the commodity distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Foods distributed during March to needy North Carolina families had an estimated retail value of \$1.2 million. These foods included dried beans, corn meal, flour, grits, lard or shortening, margarine or butter, cheese, chopped meat, dried milk, peanut butter, dried split peas, raisins, rice and rolled oats.

Low-income families taking part in the food stamp programs traded \$327,451 of their own money during March for \$624,750 worth of USDA food stamps coupons. Then, these families received \$297,299 worth of free, bonus coupons to boost their buying power at local grocery stores.

In Jones County there were 1,460 people, or 14.6 per cent of the county's population receiving this free food. Lenoir Countians on the free-food list totaled 3,518, or 5.8 per cent of the county's total population and in Greene County 3,389 people or 18.8 per cent of the total population got this hand out from the taxpayers.

VANDALS SOUGHT

Bob Scott Langley who has a house under construction on Sweetbriar Circle has posted a \$200 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals who have repeatedly damaged the house.

Friday 'Not Guilty' Day in Kinston

In recorder's court last Friday the majority of defendants brought to trial were found not guilty.

This not-guilty list included Reno James for public drunkenness, Dwight Kennedy for larceny, Jack Stump for assault, R. C. Tyndall Jr. for assault with a deadly weapon, Herman Arnette for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident, Susan Harrison for failure to yield right of way and Ben Sutton Jr. for failure to set hand brake when parking on a hill.

Convictions included court costs to William Hines for disorderly conduct, \$100 fine for drunken driving to Clifton Parish, six months in prison to Pauline Sanders for contributing

Fitzhugh Wallace to Co-Chair Group Studying Elections

This week the North Carolina Board of Elections named a 25-member committee to study and make recommendations for the improvement of the state's election machinery.

Lenoir County Election Board Chairman Fitzhugh Wallace Jr. and Lincoln County Election Board Chairman L. A. Grooms were named to co-chair the committee.

State-wide complaints about prolonged delays in voting and even longer delays in tabulation of the vote brought about the study to see in what areas reasonable improvements might be made.

Also named to serve on the study group are Mrs. John McLean, Republican member of the Lenoir County Election Board, and Mrs. Floyd Rains, executive secretary to the local board.

to the delinquency of a minor child and Jesse Thompson asked for a jury trial of a 2nd drunken driving charge.

Local Science Students Place At International Science Fair

by Jan Rider

William H. Cobb and Charles G. Pattison, both of Grainger High School of Kinston, placed in the 18th International Science Fair which was held last week in Detroit, Michigan. Both Kinston entries were among the 414 finalists.

William Cobb, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cobb of Kinston won second place and a \$75 cash award. Cobb's second place project was the "Physiological and Histological Studies on the Effects of *Aerobacterium Tumefaciens* on Sunflowers and Mice," which was in the category of Medicine and Health. Cobb also received an honorable mention plaque from the American Society for Microbiology.

Cobb was able to attend the International Science Fair since he was the first place winner in the biological division at the State Science Fair.

William Cobb has had many high school honors. He has served as President of the National Honor Society, has been a Marshal three years, and was a Morehead Scholar Nominee. Other activities of this outstand-

ing science student include Sports editor of the school paper, member of the Dramatics club, Keyboard club, French club, Science club, JV and Varsity Football player, and Rotary Boy for the month of January.

Cobb plans to attend Davidson College and then go to medical school. He hopes to become a surgeon.

Charles G. Pattison, 17, also a senior at Grainger, placed fourth in the category of Chemistry and Biochemistry for his project, "Test Tube Formation of Liesegang Rings." Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pattison, was awarded a special certificate from the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers. Pattison was able to attend the Detroit Science Fair after winning in the Physical science division at the State Science Fair.

Pattison was a member of the Track team his first two years of high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, and also a member of the Science club. Pattison plans to attend N. C. State University in Raleigh next year where he plans to study

Maysville Town Council Names Group To Aid in Industry Search, Fixes New Garbage Collection Regulations

In its regular May meeting the Maysville Town Board heard a report from Mayor Nolan Jones on current county-wide efforts to bring industry to the county and named a six-men committee from Maysville to help with this effort.

The committee includes W. E. Raifford, Robert Frost, Robert DeVaugh, Rudolph Pelletier, Siegy Long, C. W. Lancaster and Jones.

This group met with the county planning group last Wednesday night in Trenton.

Mayor Jones also told a citizen who complained about his yard being messed up by recent road work that the yard would be levelled off.

The town clerk was instructed to send a copy of Maysville's water rates to the Town of Bayboro.

Discussion was held but no action was taken on a motor grader the town has been trying out which has a \$3000-price tag.

Town Attorney Donald Brock discussed the legal aspects of dog control, and was also asked to advise the council at its next meeting on aspects of legality involved in the employment of a police officer.

The board voted a \$5 per week raise to Robert Moore effective with the week ending May 10th.

The board also voted to place an advertisement in the paper, informing all residents that a town ordinance requires that all licensed vehicles in the town limits must also have a city license tag. All citizens who have not complied with this regulation are urged to do so at once to avoid penalties and embarrassment.

Joint Boards Act on Airport Expansion

Monday the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners and Kinston Board of Aldermen scraped up an additional \$4250 each to finance the \$197,635 extension of the main runway at Stallings Field.

The boards also appointed E. L. Scott to serve another 5-year term on the airport commission.

The commissioners also named the county's first zoning board, which includes R. E. Mewborn Jr., Harold Hardison, Tyson Creech and David Phillips to three-year terms and Ely Perry Jr., Finley Lee and Thomas Heath to two-year terms.

They both happily accepted checks from the Kinston Housing Authority totalling \$19,635 as the authority's annual payment in lieu of taxes.

They both voted to boost the subsidy to Sutton Ambulance Company from \$100 to \$300 per month.

The commissioners took no action on a request that the tax levy for the county hospital be increased from seven to 10 cents, and no action on a request that a full-time county civil defense director be hired.

In its Monday night meeting the city council spent most of its time tussling with the problem of left-turn-caused accidents on Vernon Avenue, for which it found no immediate solutions.

Lenoir Traffic Toll for Year Grows To Seven With Four Deaths Last Week

In the first four months of 1968 Lenoir County got by with only three highway fatalities but in one week of May three accidents south of Kinston pushed the toll to seven.

On May 19 a pair of Camp Lejeunes Marines were killed when their car crashed into a bus on US 258 south of Kinston.

Then last Thursday afternoon at 7:45 another Marine was killed when the car in which he was riding had a flat tire and crashed into a tree about 11 miles south of Kinston on the same highway. The dead Marine was Victor Corbett and the driver of the car was Marine Anthony Day.

The fourth death in this deadly 7-day period came at 7 Saturday afternoon when Charles Linwood Potter of Kinston route 2 lost control of his car on Rural Paved Road 1911, was thrown from the car and crushed to death when the car landed on him.

Patrolman Earl Edwards, who investigated both accidents says Potter would very likely have survived if he had been using his seat belt.

Edwards says Day, who has already been charged with speeding too fast for existing conditions, will also be charged with manslaughter.

Jimmy Stroud of Deep Run route 1, who was in the car with Potter, suffered superficial injuries in the crash, and Day and another Marine, Edmond Crenshaw, suffered minor injuries in the crash that claimed Corbett's life.

KINSTON COUNCIL TO OPEN BIDS JUNE 3rd FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND LINES

After many years of delay, planning and debate the Kinston City Council is scheduled to open bids in its June 3rd meeting for a sewage disposal plant and collector lines that will serve all the city, Caswell Training School and several commercial establishments in the area just west of the city.

The collector mains will begin at Frosty Morn Packing Company and continue down Neuse River to the foot of North Street, then over to Heritage Street and then continue down Heritage Street to the river lowgrounds once again and then over to the site of the sewage treatment plant, which will be located be-

tween Davis Street and the right of way of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad on a site where an experimental 25-acre lagoon has been in operation for the past several years.

Kinston is the last major polluter in the Neuse River Valley, since Goldsboro's system of lagoons went into full-scale operation last year and the orthodox treatment system of New Bern has been in operation for two years.

All other cities and towns in the Neuse System that have central sewer systems had much earlier installed treatment plants with the single small exception of Trenton, which is still dumping

its sewage into Trent River, a tributary of the Neuse, and there is no plan in the immediate offing for elimination of the pollution — small that it is from Trenton.

Last week Trenton, Pollocksville and Maysville citizens heard outlined plans for economic development of the county which included federal grants for half the cost of central water and sewage systems and federal loans at low interest rates over long periods for the other half of the cost of such projects.

Pollocksville, which is also on the Trent River, does not have a central sewage system at present, and Maysville is on the White Oak River and it does

not have a central sewage system, although it recently put in a water system.

With completion of the Kinston plant the waters of Neuse River will be more nearly pure than they have been since the first city sewer system was installed in the area well over a hundred years ago.

Only the uppermost waters of the valley will be classified as suitable for human consumption without treatment even after all this work has been done to clean the river's water.

With the end of untreated sewage in the river and the ultimate control of flooding by the system of dams proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers land

values along the immediate Neuse Valley will take a turn upward, since fishing, boating and bathing will again become popular in the area; sports that have sharply declined in the past 30 years as the flow of untreated sewage into the river increased.

It is expected that at least two years will be required to complete the construction of the collector lines and the treatment plant for Kinston, and when this work is done the last major pollution of the river will have been ended, and it is likely that by the time the major Kinston project is completed the much smaller plant needed to serve Trenton will also be designed and built.