

# LENOIR COUNTY'S NEW HOSPITAL EXPANDED TO USE UP FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE JOB

For a case history of the gap between promises and performance in this Democratic Congress and Administration, the record on the rat control issue is sufficient to show how the politicians operate with sucker bait.

Last summer, there was a big to-do about rats in the Nation's slums. Finally, in September, Congress voted \$40,000,000 for

rat control projects. As of this Memorial Day, not one penny has been appropriated for this authorized purpose.

The history of this rat control legislation only goes to show what happens when an issue ceases to arouse public interest. In July a year ago, the Administration made a big drive for Congress to supply funds for

Federal aid against the rat menace in the Nation's slums . . . President Johnson, once the House had turned the bill down, issue a special statement bemoaning this "cruel blow to the poor children of America."

Wonderful rhetoric, wonderful support! And as a result of such barbs from Great Society proponents, the House last Septem-

ber reversed itself on the issue, and rat control legislation became law . . . As usual, the follow-through on the part of the Great Society zealots has been lacking. If the rat problem has improved in any slum in the land, it has been done by local initiative and funds mostly. The rat controversy in Congress last year at least called attention to

the seriousness of the rodent problem.

And that has been all that the rat issue has accomplished at this date. What this means actually is that the Democratic Congress and Administration, once it had the extermination law on the statute books, was in no hurry to get the project going.

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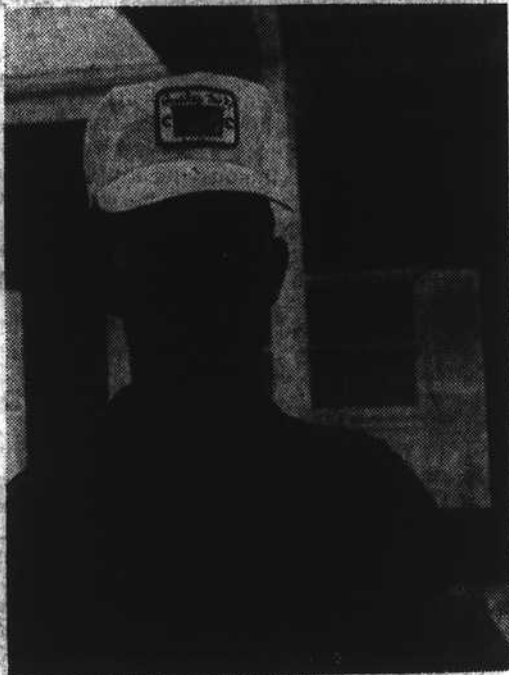
## THE JONES COUNTY JOURNAL

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### Quaker Neck Golf Pro Carl Ipock Calls Golf "Fascinating" Game



Carl Ipock takes a quick rest from his duties as Quaker Neck club manager, greens superintendent, and club pro.

Just a year ago Carl Ipock was the assistant county agricultural agent. Now he works as the club manager, green superintendent, and club pro at the Quaker Neck Country Club.

Pro Ipock is a native of Cove City where he graduated from Jasper High School in 1952. From there he went to State where he first started to play golf. In 1956 Mr. Ipock graduated from State with a degree in agricultural education.

Being interested in golf, Mr. Ipock was a member of the board of directors of the club when plans were first being made for the building of the

Country Club. Later the directors hired him to manage the club.

When asked what he thought of the game of golf, pro Ipock responded, "The game is just fascinating." Actually one can tell from seeing Mr. Ipock that he enjoys playing golf. Wearing golf shoes, golf hat, and golf clothing plus having a dark tan gives Mr. Ipock's profession away.

Commenting on the Quaker Neck course, Mr. Ipock states, "It's a difficult course, real tight, you have to be accurate. We don't have any problems with

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### Rochelle Returned

After nearly four months of legal dodging Virginia officials Wednesday vetoed the final effort of Martin David Rochelle to avoid returning to North Carolina where he along with Richard Rodesky will face trial for the February 6th murder of Jones County ABC Store Manager Albert Jones of Maysville. The pair admitted committing the robbery-murder while being absent without leave from Camp Lejeune. Rodesky waived extradition after his arrest at his home in Montgomery, Alabama but Rochelle has fought with every legal dodge since he was arrested in Norfolk shortly after Rodesky was caught in Alabama. No date has yet been set for trial of the pair.

### Fewer Farmers Growing More Per Acre Has Kept Farmers from Mass Bankruptcy

#### Recorder's Court Dismisses Case

An assault case against Robert Hill of Maysville was dismissed last week in Recorder's Court by Judge Joe Becton.

Other cases heard this week were:

Vernon Lenoir Brown of Trenton, David Ray Hill of Trenton, and Gloria Jean Wethington of Kinston, all charged with driving without a operators license, received nol pros from the state.

For failing to comply with the Inspection Law, Ernestine Eubanks Jones nad John Benjamin Yarnall were fined \$13.

Clifton Cox of Ayden was fined \$17 for being publicly drunk.

Floyd Brown of Trenton plead guilty to the charge of allowing an unlicensed person to operate a vehicle. Brown was ordered to pay the court's cost.

Archie Roland Gray of Kinston requested that he be tried for driving under the influence by a jury.

Victor Jordan of Pollocksville was fined \$16 for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

The farmer is a hardy breed but his number grows smaller with every passing year, and that is one half of the reason those left on the farm manage to survive, and the other half of the reason is that the reduced number of farmers manage somehow to produce more than before.

But this kind of arithmetic cannot go on forever. Nobody is able, or at least willing at this time to say how much further the farm economy can travel down this rocky economic path which sees the farmer's products selling for less per unit and the things the farmer has to buy, and pay — such as taxes — increasing with each annual turn of the screw.

The peak year for the wheat farmer was 1960 when they grossed \$2,368,000,000 on a per-acre production of 26.2 bushels at an average price of \$1.75.

Corn farmers hit their peak in 1965 with a gross of \$4,171,000,000 on an average yield of 73.1 bushels that sold for \$1.09.

Irish potato farmers "peaked out" in 1964, grossing \$840,090,000 on a yield of 18,500 pounds per acre that sold for \$3.50 per hundredweight.

Tobacco farmers hit their peak in 1962, grossing \$1,363,000,000 on an average price of \$65 per hundred pounds.

Soybeans are the only American crop from which the gross income continues to grow.

Chickens that averaged selling for 27 cents in 1945 sold nationwide in '65 for 14.4 cents, briolers dropped from 29.5 cents in '45 to 15 cents in '65, turkeys

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#### ARRESTED

Johnny Taylor Jr. of Maysville was arrested this past week on a charge of being publicly drunk.

### First Annual Quaker Neck Club Golf Tournament Held Last Week

The First Annual Quaker Neck Country Club Invitational Golf Tournament was held last week-end with eighty-two golfers from all over Eastern North Carolina participating. Golfers from Kinston, Jacksonville, Washington, Garner and New Bern played in the two day tournament on the eighteen hole country club course.

The tournament play was divided into seven flights based on the first round of play. The top prize was \$100 dollars in merchandise. The top three players in each flight received prizes too.

The number one prize was claimed by Jim Gurkin of Washington, North Carolina.

Coming in second in the Championship Flight was Bill McNally of Garner and third was Dan Herring of Kinston.

Other winners were: first flight, first — Bobby Orr, second — Norm Sears, third — Fred Shippis; Second Flight, first — C. Parham, second — Fred Whitaker III, third — Dick Wagoner; third flight, first — E. A. Peterson, second — John Shooff, third — Charles Amerson; fourth flight, first — Gene Tyndall, second — Ray Hassill, third — Ed Yarbrough; fifth flight, first Vandee Jaye, second — John Connolly, third — Jason Merris; and sixth flight, first — Bill Littleton, second — Bob Beck, and third — Bob Purifoy.

## HOSPITAL TRUSTEES FRIGHTENED BY RISING CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASK FOR HELP

By Jack Rider

This week trustees of Lenoir Memorial Hospital frightened by bids opened June 6th for Rocky Mount's new 300-bed hospital and by dire predictions of their architect asked the board of county commissioners to "hold their hand."

What they exactly asked was permission to move ahead with plans for opening bids in January on a 285 - bed hospital although there is a chance that the hospital may cost more than the \$8,775,000 originally estimated.

The commissioners agreed to "hold their hand."

The situation is about like this:

On June 6th when bids were opened for Rocky Mount's hospital the estimated general contract low bid of \$8,200,000 turned out to be in actuality \$7,126,666. When the cost of site, equipment and other fees were added up the total price tag for the

Rocky Mount hospital ran to \$8,495,627.

Even this figure, by itself should not have frightened the trustees of Lenoir County's new hospital, but when the architect got through coloring the picture a midnight-blue there was reason for concern.

These blue-black predictions include a minimum 4 per cent further price escalation by the time the Lenoir County project can be put to bids and a maximum escalation of as much as 10 per cent.

A year ago, June 8, 1967, when Wayne County put its 250-bed hospital out for bids things were a trifle better. They got their hospital under contract for \$8,275,000.

But in addition to a difference of at least 18 months in the time of bid-letting the Wayne County hospital has 60 per cent private rooms and 40 per cent semi-private. Both the Rocky Mount and Kinston hospitals are 100

per cent private nursing beds, as the trustees euphemistically refer to them.

The Wayne County hospital will cost \$33.91 per square foot, or \$23,642 per bed. The Rocky Mount hospital will cost \$39.22 per square foot, or \$28,317 per square foot.

The low projection for the Kinston hospital would give it a cost of \$40.38 per square foot, or \$33,491 per bed, and the high projection would push the cost to \$42.36 per square foot or \$35,192 per bed.

In addition to the bugaboo of rising construction costs the trustees also had to stare another equally frightening apparition in the eye: That of threatened loss of federal matching funds in the amount of \$3,000,000.

The Lenoir County hospital was the last to get under the wire for a maximum \$3 million grant under existing state and federal regulations. The maxi-

mum grant now is \$2 million.

It was feared that if delay help up the bid-letting on the local hospital beyond a stipulated point that this million-dollar blow might be suffered.

Jesse Pugh Wooten, who is chairman of the hospital building committee, assured the commissioners Monday that his board will still strive to build the hospital within the originally stipulated \$8,775,000, but he had been requested by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission to get the nod from the commissioners before proceeding further. The nod was given.

It, obviously cannot be known until the bids are opened whether the hospital will come within the money, or, if not, how much above the original projection it will go.

The voters of Lenoir County approved the issue of \$7,775,000 in hospital construction bonds last year, with the understanding that only \$5,775,000 would be

used along with the \$3 million federal grant. So authority is already available to the county commissioners to issue up to that full \$7,775,000 if they feel it necessary.

An analysis, from greater distance and with less fearsome projections than those of the architect tend to lessen the fears of the trustees.

It is too much to expect the 17.9 per cent minimum escalation of the Rocky Mount project, and certainly there is little prospect of the 24.3 per cent escalation feared in the maximum projections of the architect.

There is also an opportunity to tighten up the 236,400 square foot plans of the Kinston hospital, bringing it more in line with the 216,000 square foot Rocky Mount hospital. This would surely bring the local project well within original estimates.