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Phillip Banks Attends 4-H Conference



Jones County 4-H Electric Project winner Phillip Banks (center) is shown at the State 4-H Electric Congress held in Black Mountain, July 1 through 3. With the contestant are Lee Williams of CP&L (left) and Mrs. Nelson Banks, 4-H Leader. The project winners were selected on the basis of achievement in their 4-H farm and home electric projects. Carolina Power and Light Company sponsored their trip to the Electric Congress.

Hearing Set 26th

A hearing has been scheduled for July 26th for Martin David Rochelle and Richard Rodeski, who are accused of the February 6th murder of Jones County ABC employee Albert J. Jones Jr. Rochelle was recently returned from Virginia after a five month fight of extradition to face the charges that have been placed against him.

Traffic Violations Monopolize Jones Court Activities

For failing to stop at a stop sign Samuel Roberts of New Bern was fined \$13. Karen Louise Henry of Chapel Hill was also fined \$13 for improper passing.

Spencer P. Weber of Folsom, Penn. was fined \$26 for failing to see that a movement could not be made safely.

Four were fined \$13 for having expired inspection certificates. They were Waverly Harold Branch of Chapel Hill, Fred Dalton Riggs of Kinston, Burwell Temple of Kinston, and Mitchell Kornegay of Trenton.

In other action in Recorder's Court, Christine Kinsey of Pollocksville was ordered to pay \$24.25 for passing a worthless check.

John Rooks Succeeding J. W. Allen as Jones County School Superintendent

Chairman of the Jones County Board of Education, J. C. West Jr., has announced the appointment of John E. Rooks, principal of Millbrook School in Wake

County, to the office of Superintendent of the Jones County Schools.

Rooks will succeed J. W. Allen who resigned recently to accept another position in the Piedmont.

Rooks, 42, received his MA degree from Appalachian State University and has done graduate work at the University of Georgia and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Rooks, who holds a superintendent's certificate, has completed one year of work on his doctorate.

West said that Rooks has 11 year's experience as a principal, the last two at the Millbrook School. He has also served as principal at Union Grove, Sparta and Ansonville.

Rooks is married and the father of three children, ranging in age from nine to 16.

Allen's departure, so far as the public is concerned was most unexpected, since he was highly regarded in the county and it was generally felt that he was getting along well with the school board and staff.

But silence has remained the order of the day since news leaked out three weeks ago that he was leaving the county. He has refused to comment, and other school officials have joined him in saying nothing.

Rumors declare that Allen is leaving because of the county's decision to fight federal bureaucrats in the courts. . . whether he was in favor of fighting in another way, or simply surrendering is just one more part of the mystery surrounding his decision to pursue his career in the immediate future in Davidson County.

Donnal Kennedy on Dean's List for Methodist College

Donnal Kennedy of Pollocksville was among the 152 students on the 1968 second semester Dean's List at Methodist College, according to Dr. Samuel J. Womack Jr., Dean of the College.

Miss Kennedy, a 1967 graduate of Jones Central High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey W. Kennedy.

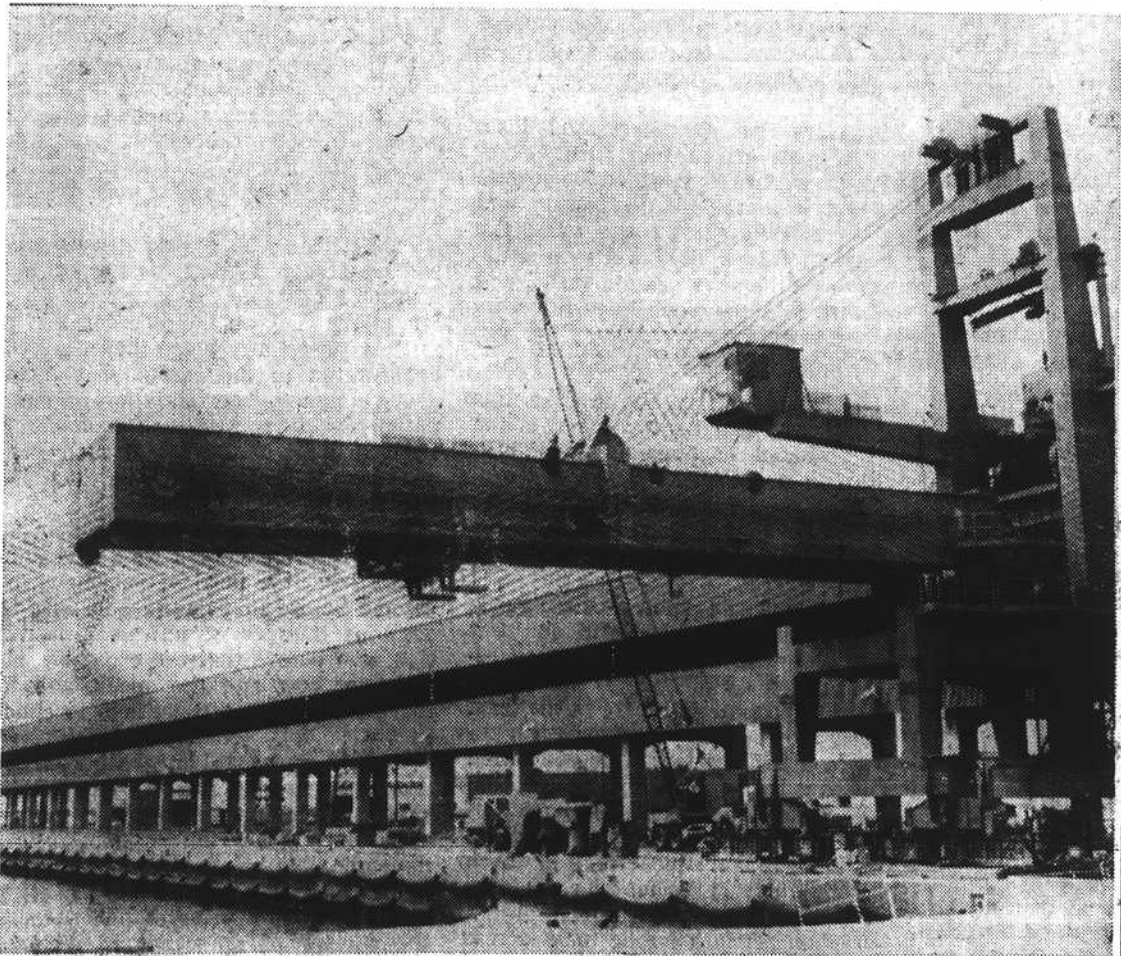
To qualify for the Dean's List a student must earn at least a "B" average on 15 or more semester hours.

Methodist College completed its eighth academic year having enrolled 1,069 students during 1967-68 from 64 counties in North Carolina and 17 other states.

BILL STROUD IN VIET NAM

Marine Sergeant William B. Stroud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Stroud of Route 1, Trenton, and husband of the former Brenda K. Mills of Route 2, Grimesland, is serving with Marine Attack Squadron 311, of the First Marine Aircraft Wing at Chu Lai, Vietnam.

HUGE PHOSPHATE HANDLING FACILITIES AT MOREHEAD NEARING COMPLETION



This Broddingnag apparatus is scheduled to begin dumping endless tons of phosphate into ships at the Port of Morehead City this month. The arithmetic of this business end of this \$12 million dollar facility is more fantastic than even its cost. From this pier a minimum of 150 ships per year will be loaded with the rich mineral being mined at the Lee's Creek plant of Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, and this product will pour into ships through this warehouse-conveyor system at the rate of 6,000,000 pounds per hour. Just north of this dumping end of the conveyor system a huge warehouse, capable of holding 160,000,000 pounds of phosphate has been completed and the first six barge loads of phosphate from Lee's Creek have been dumped into the mammoth storage area. Each barge has a capacity of 1,000,000 pounds, so loading 150 ships each year with an average of 1,000,000 pounds of phosphate will generate a lot of barge traffic between Morehead City and Lee's Creek. The steel boom of the conveyor system, extended over the dock area weighs 174,000 pounds, and it was swung into place and final wiring and tuning up were in process this week. Dedication of the facility is not scheduled until August but trial runs of the system are expected in mid-July. This conveyor moves the entire length of the 1,000 foot pier, and is capable of processing two ships in a matter of hours.

This week as final touches were being put to the \$12 million dollar phosphate handling complex at the Port of Morehead City another scientific exploration is underway to determine if coastal North Carolinian doesn't hold other mineral wealth comparable to that being tapped at Lee's Creek mine of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, which will export part of its phosphate production through the Port of Morehead City.

This latest exploration is being done of a highly scientific scale by a combine of petroleum interests, and it is not expected to bear any actual fruit for at least five to six years.

For 40 years there has been intermittent drilling for oil in Eastern North Carolina, but now the entire continental shelf from Maine to Florida is under systematic examination by the New Orleans ship "Bull Tide" which was picking up supplies last week in Beaufort.

This ship was originally designed to serve off-shore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico but it has now been loaded with the very latest scientific equipment for seismic examination of the land below the sea.

A member of the crew said last week that the work had begun in Florida last winter and was progressing up the coast on schedule. The method of exploration is the lowering of a mile-long cable of about two-inch diameter to the ocean floor. In this cable are instruments which react to vibrations set up hydrostatically aboard the ship. The reactions of these many instruments when put together enable geologists to have a definite picture of the formations below the sea and from this picture they are then able to de-

termine the presence, or at least the possible presence of commercially exploitable quantities of oil.

Explorations more than 10 years ago, conducted on a different scale revealed the huge deposits of phosphate rock beneath the tidal estuary of Pamlico River. Who knows: In another 20 years the coastal area of North Carolina may blossom into another Galveston-Houston complex.

Motorcycle Death

A chain stretched across a private road near the Sleepy Creek subdivision south of Goldsboro claimed the life of 13 year-old David Siler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Siler, former residents of the Seven Springs community, who now live at Sleepy Creek. The youth with others was riding through wooded areas on motorcycles when the tragedy occurred at about 5 Sunday afternoon. The chain caught the child under the chin and flopped him onto the ground. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at a Goldsboro hospital.

CHESTON IN VIETNAM

Army Private First Class Milton L. Cheston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Cheston, Route 2, Trenton, was assigned June 18 to Company 3, 3rd Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 22nd Infantry near Tay Ninh, Vietnam, as an infantryman.