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PRICE OF JUSTICE GOING UP WHEN DISTRICT COURTS OPEN UP DECEMBER 2nd

The inflationary spiral will hit the local courts effective December 2nd when the court reform system approved by the voters nearly 10 years ago becomes operative in nearly all counties in Eastern North Carolina.

In the 8th judicial district which includes Wayne, Greene, and Lenoir Counties four district judges will replace five recorder's court judges, who previously held courts in Snow Hill, Goldsboro, Mount Olive, La Grange and Kinston. At present the pay scale of such recorder's court judges ranges from \$8000 in Kinston down to \$1800 in the smaller courts. All of the four

district judges will be paid \$15,000, furnished offices and supplies and one of the four who will be designated chief judge by Chief Justice Hunt Parker will receive an additional \$500 per year.

In addition to assuming the trial responsibilities of these five recorder's courts these four district judges will also have to

And this is not all of the additional work load that will be picked up by these four judges. They will also have to assume all of the trial work previously done by justices of peace.

Under this reformed court set up the justice of peace joins the dodo bird and is replaced by a salaried officer called a magistrate.

The new magistrate will have no trial jurisdiction in any cas-

es, civil or criminal, but can accept pleas of guilty in cases involving a punishment of less than 30 days in jail or a fine of \$50 or less.

Magistrates will still have the power to issue warrants and certain other legal papers. Salaries for these magistrates range from \$5280 in the larger towns down to \$1800 in the smaller towns.

The bill of cost which previously has been about \$12 will become \$15 as it is in all district courts in every part of the state, for both civil and criminal cases.

This \$15 will be divided as follows: \$2 to the county if a county officer makes the arrest, serves the warrant or writ, \$2 to the city if a city officer makes the arrest or serves the paper or writ and if a state officer performs these duties that \$2 will go

to the state.

The next \$2 slice of this \$15 bill of cost goes to the governmental unit that is furnishing offices to the magistrate.

Another \$3 goes into the retirement fund of all law enforcement officers.

The other \$8 goes to the state.

Witness fees will be \$3 for all except "expert witnesses" whose fee is set by the trial judge and officers who are not permitted fees of any kind.

Jurors under this new system will be paid \$7 per day.

Also under the new system the office of clerk of court comes under state control and all employees of that office will be under the supervision of the state, although the clerk will still be an elective office in the county in which he serves.

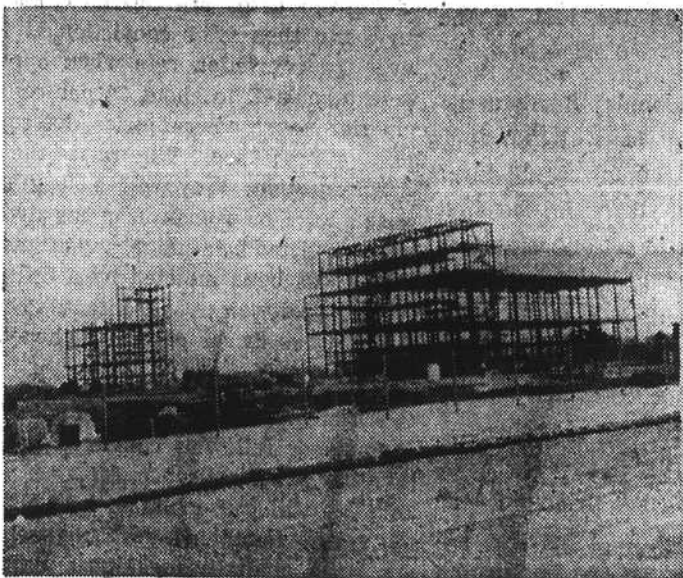
Salaries range from \$10,000 upward for court clerks, depending on the population of the county in which he serves.

All office supplies, printing desks, typewriters are furnished by the state.

Office space for judges, magistrates, clerks and their aides must be furnished by the county in which they serve, but compensation will be returned to each county that is based upon a flat payment for each case — civil or criminal that is handled in a given year.

The office space fee is \$2 for each criminal case tried in the magistrate or district court and \$15 for each criminal case tried in superior court, and the civil fee is \$2 in magistrate and \$5 in either the district or superior court.

Huge Craven Paper Plant Going Up



This is a view of a very small part of the \$50 million paper mill now moving rapidly along on Neuse River at Streets Ferry between Kinston and New Bern. The plant is the latest major investment in North Carolina by The Weyerhaeuser Paper Company, and it will include a square mile area of plant, pollution control ponds and storage areas. On completion it will be one of the largest and most modern kraft paper plants in the nation. It will provide jobs for about 500 people in the plant operation and stimulate employment considerably all over the central coastal plain section of North Carolina in all phases of forestry.

Three Murders, Robbery-Assault Top Next Week's Term of Jones High Court

Next week's term of Jones County Superior Court is topped by three murder charges and one charge of robbery and assault with intent to kill.

As usual the vast majority of cases docketed for trial by Solicitor Luther Hamilton Jr. are drunken driving cases, but the more serious side of the docket includes the following:

A first degree murder charge against Donna Muntz of Washington, D. C. who is accused of following her boyfriend, Robert Bruton, to North Carolina to kill him.

Murder charges also face Chester Roberts and Robert

Chapman of Pollocksville route 1 for the pistol and meat cleaver slaying of Don Boomer earlier this month in a drunken brawl at the Robert's Home. The dead man was a son-in-law of Roberts, who has a lengthy court record in Jones County involving numerous assault charges.

Finally, when and if he is apprehended, Ellison Rhodes Jr. is scheduled to stand trial for the robbery last summer of the Jones County ABC Store at Hargett Crossroads and the assault committed on the operator of the store in the process of the robbery.

Jones Central 'Liniment Tournament' Pancake Supper Set for Friday Night

Jones County basketball fans will be able to warm up for the 1968-69 season by taking a look at some of the players of the past (slightly mellowed by age) Friday night, November 22 at Jones Central High School.

These fans, prior to the game (5:30-7:30), can also warm up to some excellent eating in the Jones Central High School Cafeteria at a pancake supper featuring "all you can eat for \$1." Game time is 7:30.

Both of these events are being sponsored by the Jones Central Boosters' Club to help raise mon-

ey for the school athletic program, according to Booster Club President Jimmie Franck.

The basketball show will start at 7:30 with the women's game which will pit women of all ages (almost) from the eastern half of the county against their counterparts in the western half.

Following this, the men's game will start with the elderly males (30 up) playing a 5 minute quarter followed by an eight minute quarter played by the 28 and under group. The second half will be a repeat of the first.

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Know-Nothings' Hurt

The emergency room at Lenoir Memorial Hospital just after midnight Saturday patched up a real live pair of "Know-Nothings". First to arrive was Seymour Johnson Airman Benjamin Ramsey who had a five-inch hole cut in his stomach, and the next to make the scene was Lee Thomas Cooke of South Hill, Va., who had a bad case of shotgun measles, from being peppered about the posterior with bird shot. Aside from their general miseries the pair has this much more in common: Neither know who "done it" or where they were when it happened to them. Both were patched up and sent on their mysterious ways.

AIRMAN CARR

Airman Levon Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Carr, of Route 1, Trenton, has completed basic training at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas.

Rogers Pollock Appointed Clerk of Jones County Courts Effective Dec. 2

Resident Superior Court Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton Tuesday announced the appointment of Trentonian Rogers Pollock to fill the unexpired portion of Court Clerk Walter Henderson's term, which ends on the first Monday of December 1970.

Henderson has resigned, effective December 2nd of this year to become one of the four district judges in the judicial district which includes Jones, Onslow, Duplin and Sampson counties.

Pollock, a former Trenton oil dealer, is a native Jones Countian, whose only previous public office was a membership he held for two terms on the Jones County Board of Education.

Under the new court system which becomes operative on December 2nd of this year Pollock will serve as clerk of both the superior and district courts.

His office will include an assistant clerk, with a pay range from \$4380 to \$5556 per year and a deputy clerk whose pay range will be between \$3312 and \$4176 per year.

The office of clerk will still be elective, but the amount of salaries and number of people working in the office will be controlled by the new court system out of Raleigh.

Pollock will retain the right to employ the personnel of his office, but their pay rate is determined by "experts" from Raleigh after they evaluate the volume and quality of such staff work.

Jones County Free Will Baptists Give \$1496 to College

The Free Will Baptist Churches of Jones County contributed \$1,496.02 in gifts to Mount Olive College at their annual dinner or the College on Saturday evening, November 9. The dinner was held at King's Barbecue Restaurant in Kinston with an attendance of 41.

President W. Burkette Raper presented the program depicting through a narrated slide film presentation the life of the College and outlining its plans for the future. Gail Boyette, a member of Friendship Church and a student currently enrolled at Mount Olive College, spoke on "My Appreciation of Mount Olive College."

Monies received through a series of dinners in Jones County since 1963 have raised \$10,406 for the College. Chairman of the Steering Committee which planned the 1968 dinner was Miss Margaret Carol Banks of Trenton. Other members of the Committee include Mrs. Dorothy Whaley of Kinston and James Batchelor of Richlands.

Participating churches and chairmen of their committees were: Friendship, Miss Margaret Carol Banks of Trenton; Pilgrim's Home, Mrs. Dorothy Whaley of Kinston; and Whaley's Chapel, the Rev. Lloyd Vernon of Richlands.

Larry Mercer of Trenton, and Emmanuel Scott Moore of Trenton route 1.

Busy Week as Jones Recorder's Court Nears End of Line on November 29th

When November ends there will no longer be a Jones County Recorder's Court, since its functions and many more will be taken over by the new district court.

But last week was one of the busiest weeks in the brief history of this Jones County Recorder's Court with 24 cases cleared, either by pleas of guilty to the clerk or by trial before Judge Joe Becton.

Becton is reduced in rank, effective December 2nd, from judge to magistrate, but he is able to console himself with the fact that his pay jumps from \$1800 to \$3600 per year. He and R. L. Edwards were named magistrates at that salary last week by Superior Court Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton.

The 24 cases cleared included an unusually large collection of public drunkenness offenses against Clarence Edmundson of Kinston route 4, Talbert King of Kinston route 3, Hilton Munday of Dover route 2, Maggie Moore of Kinston, Joe Stanley Kinsey of Trenton route 2, Cleveland Roberts of Trenton route 2 and Eddie Roberts of Dover route 2. All had to pay the court costs.

Leo Morton of Onslow County paid \$19 for public drunkenness and simple assault.

Two of the non-traffic cases include preliminary hearings on murder charges given to Chester Roberts and Robert Chapman of Pollocksville route 1, after which both were bound over to superior court under \$5,000 bond.

In the only other non-traffic case a larceny charge against Elmer Hall of Trenton was dismissed.

Speeders who paid off included Nickie Kinner, and Robert Moyer, both of Camp Lejeune, Thomas Seagrave of Kinston, G. T. Swinson Jr. of Aurora, Sam Reid of New Bern and James Ronald Ellis of Greenville.

Lenwood Bryant Watson of Cove City route 1 was found not guilty of drunken driving and Donald Ray Shivar of Trenton route 2 was fined \$26 for reckless driving.

Rosetta Dixon of Kinston was found not guilty of driving without a license, and other minor traffic offenders who paid the court cost included Frank Marshall of Onslow County Ben Dillinger of Nebo, Milan Monroe Boyd of New Bern, Benjamin