

## District Court Begins Operation in Jones County with Monday Oath-Taking

Monday the new district court set up which replaced the recorder's court system in Jones County got underway with District Judge Walter P. Henderson administering the oath to those who will help operate the court in Jones County.

Magistrates Joe Becton and R. L. Edwards officially went on the state payroll at \$3600 per year as they took their oath of office Monday.

Becton was judge of the now-closed recorder's court and Edwards has served for many years as Justice of Peace in Trenton Township, another office which was abandoned under the new court system.

Henderson, who is one of four district judges in the judicial district which includes Jones, Duplin, Onslow and Sampson Counties, has been assigned to hear juvenile cases on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Onslow County and assigned for the entire rest of the month of December to the civil and criminal docket of the court in

Jones County.

Henderson said Tuesday that so far no regular day has been set for holding court in Jones County, and probably will not be until the four judges have had time to study the overall workload they are inheriting under this new system in the four counties.

The first person to get officially in the toils of the new court set up in Jones County was Ray Haddock, who posted bond, pending trial on a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road.

Under this new system magistrates may accept guilty pleas for offenses in which the punishment is no more than 30 days in jail or the fine is no more than \$50. They are not permitted to try any cases and they receive no fee other than their \$3600-per-year salaries.

Henderson's office in the court house is on the third floor in the old office of the county surveyor and the magistrates have been allocated office space on the ground floor on the north end of the court house.

## Jones Board Votes Five-Day Christmas Holiday for Workers

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted to give all county employees a five-day holiday at Christmas, including December 23rd through December 27th, and they also voted that New Year's Day would be another day of rest for county workers.

The Board also allocated \$175 to the Neuse Area Development Association as part of the prize money given to participating communities, and sent \$25 to Caswell Training School to help with the annual Christmas Party at that institution.

The board also voted to release a car owned by Nathaniel Hill from Jones County taxation since Hill had listed the car in Wake County, where taxes are higher.

The board also accepted the 1967 tax settlement from Tax Collector Julian Waller.

### GIBBS COMPLETES COURSE

Army Private Charles D. Gibbs, son of Mrs. Martha Gibbs, Route 1, Maysville, completed an 11-week welding course at the Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Nov. 5. He was trained in oxyacetylene, arc and metal inert gas welding.

## Wyse Fork Community Association is Winner Again for Continued Activities

Members of the Wyse Fork Community Organization have been very busy for the past 12 months. Through their accomplishments, their community organization was judged the most progressive in Jones County this year in the rural non-farm category.

The organization has been active in many areas. It is presently adding to its building a kitchen and bath rooms. Some of their projects this year included:

A campaign to comply with extension recommendations in the R6P program. This program is aimed at reducing six tobacco pests by destroying tobacco stalks immediately after harvest. An estimated 95 per cent of the farmers of their community participated in this drive.

Continued landscaping of the community building lot and grounds. Six dogwoods, four crepe myrtles were set and the lawn improved. Also, playgrounds improved.

A drive to encourage and promote a good 4-H program. Sixteen new members were enrolled.

Workshops resulted in 7 picture frames, 2 tables and 1 chair

## Charlie Winberry is Chief Prosecutor in 7th Judicial District

Charles Bryan Winberry Jr., who has served since September 1967 as one of Federal Judge John Larkins' law clerks got a promotion this week.

Winberry, a native of Statesville, was sworn in Monday as chief prosecutor of the district court of the seventh judicial district.

Winberry plans to make his home in Wilson while serving in this capacity for the courts in Wilson, Edgecomb and Nash counties.

Judge Larkins has not yet completed the task of finding a successor for Winberry on his staff.

## Two Killed Monday in US 17 Crash in Jones County Near Pollocksville

### Tax Listers for '69 Named Monday by Jones Commission

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners named the tax listers and farm census takers for the county for the coming year, and also passed a resolution asking the legislature to authorize an increase in the amount paid each county for taking this annual farm census.

The listers are W. E. Raiford in White Oak Township, Harry C. Mallard in Pollocksville Township, J. J. Chadwick in Chinquapin Township, Yvonne Metts in Cypress Creek Township, Alva B. Howard in Tuckahoe Township and J. P. Danvenport in Beaver Creek Township.

Annie Mallard will continue listing for Trenton Township in the office of the tax collector at the court house.

Propagation, August — Fun night — Covered dish supper and September — Function of County Health Department.

Organized recreation — organized soft ball team, bought balls and bats.

Promoted and worked with fire department in all its activities including fund raising projects.

Many of the members of the Wyse Fork Community Organization are also members of the Home Makers Club. They have been active in all areas of work. This work includes the planting of 56 Crepe Myrtles, made mattresses, refinished furniture, bot-tomed chairs, sewing, freezing, canning, cancer drive and many other projects.

Because of the good work done by this organization they are \$75 richer. They won \$50 for first prize in the county contest and \$25 in the area contest.

Two teen-aged New Bern women were killed instantly at about 7:10 Monday morning when their car crossed the center line and crashed into a northbound car driven by Mrs. Aretha Berry of Pollocksville route 1.

The dead were Frances Pauline Carawan and Gwen Moore Wainwright. Mrs. Carawan was driving the southbound car.

Mrs. Wainwright, a former resident of Kinston, had recently been making her home in New Bern. Both were 19 years old.

Patrolman R. R. Mason said the Carawan car crossed the center line about a half mile south of the Craven County line, where the four laned portion of US 17 ends.

Both cars were classified total losses and miraculously enough Mrs. Berry escaped serious injury. These were the 7th and 8th highway deaths of 1968 on Jones County highways.

## Jones Officials Are Reappointed

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners reappointed all appointive officials of the county and re-elected James Barbee chairman of the board and Horace Phillips vice chairman.

Reappointments included those of County Tax Collector and Supervisor Julian Waller, Accountant Mary Elizabeth Brock, Auditor E. E. Franck, Attorney James R. Hood, Veterans Service Officer W. D. Parker, Secretary to the Board W. D. Parker, Surveyor E. C. Armstrong.

### TWO JONES ARRESTS

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports booking two persons at the county jail during the past week: James Bruce Iiston of Wilson was charged with drunken driving and hit and run driving and Anthony Golden Smith of Pollocksville was charged with drunken driving.

# THIS IS THE SEASON OF HOLLY AND VOLUMINOUS SPECIAL GOVERNMENTAL REPORTS

By Jack Rider

In addition to December being the season to be jolly, with holly and other joyous gadgetry, it is also the season for voluminous special reports to fall with heavy, expensive thuds upon the backs of Ye Olde None-Too-Merry Taxpayer.

When the time has come for the biennial gathering of the General Assembly the many branches of government who look to that small gathering for their grits and gravy begin to lift their hungry mouths in their favorite furnished nest and make noises like many another hungry but rapidly growing consumer on the wing.

Education being the heaviest eater of tax dollars generally winds up with the most terrific squawks for more.

Already we have seen, at the state level one huge request in the general realm of higher education with a \$236.98 million price tag.

And close on the heels of the higher education cry of hung-

er has come another for \$300 million PER YEAR from the public school sector. At least the college and university boys and girls were modest enough to spread their \$236.98 million request over a six-year period; planning to let the operating costs of this expansion come up once the baby was fully born.

And these are not the last special reports. The Highway Commission has one that is to be unveiled Friday, and it will make the others seem pale with their insignificance, because it will talk in terms of billions rather than in mundane millions.

And as these heavy volumes fall across the state and especially in the laps of those 170 men and women who will comprise the 1969 General Assembly there grows more evident with every expensive tick of the governmental clock: The biennial sessions of the General Assembly are an economy the taxpayers of North Carolina can hardly afford.

Meeting generally less than a

half year in each two years these 170 mere mortals are expected to swallow and digest with some degree of intelligence all that it has taken a full-time set of bureaucrats the worst part of two years to prepare.

All too frequently this results in converting the General Assembly into a rubberstamp for all these worthy causes.

The executive affairs of North Carolina are conducted by full-time salaried employees. The judicial affairs of North Carolina are conducted by full-time salaried employees.

But the most vital function of government is left to parttime penuriously paid people, whose grasp all too frequently of the hugeness of state government is such that too many of them end up being simply overwhelmed to that point where floating downstream with the great tide of government is far easier than trying to test the current and to determine if somewhere along the line one or two of the flood-gates of government might not

be practically slowed a notch or two to the best interest of everyone, including the aforementioned taxpayer.

No crystal ball is needed to reach the conclusion that we need better education, and better highways, and better hospitals, and better libraries in North Carolina. The only real issue is how to finance these things without killing the goose that is laying these golden tax eggs.

The public is generally oriented to the view that federal government is the big bugaboo, but even a casual look at the overall picture turns up the incidental intelligence that there is a little expansionism in state and local government as well as in the federal establishment.

In 1940 there were 3,206,000 people working in governments below the federal level. This year the payrolls of city, county and state government have risen to include 9,685,000 men, women and children, which is several notches more than a 300 per cent increase.

During this same period the federal payroll proliferated from 996,000 to 2,690,000, which is slightly less than a 300 per cent increase.

And if we look at the current decade the growth has been most astronomical in state and local governments. In 1960 state and local payrolls included 6,083,000 and the federal payroll in '60 stood at 2,270,000 hired hands.

In 1940 the American labor force included 54,870,000 workers and governmental employees of all jurisdiction accounted for eight per cent of the total. In 1960 the governmental employment had risen to 12 per cent of the 69,628,000 work force and this year with a total labor force of 77,447,000 all facets of government consume 16 per cent of that total; or one person out of each six.

If one adds to the pensioned, the military payroll and the mil-

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