

# JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VOTE TO TAX 32,000 ACRES OWNED BY FORESTRY GROUP

Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to list for taxes the 32,000 acres of Hofmann Forest owned by the North Carolina Forestry Foundation, Inc.

And the board went further to order the property listed retroactively for five years prior to 1969 with full penalties to be assessed for that five-year period which is the limited permitted under laws pertaining to such matters.

The Forestry Foundation which owns the huge tract in Jones and Onslow counties uses the income it receives from the forest to help underwrite the school of forestry at North Carolina State College.

But the corporation is private and it has the power to use the income from this property for other purposes if its trustees wish to do so.

The more than 80,000 acres in the forest is leased to the Albemarle Paper Company, or some of its subsidiaries for a 99-year period at a specified annual rental.

G. E. Jackson of New Bern, an official of the foundation, and Trenton Attorney Donald Brock, who is a trustee of the foundation, took exception to the unanimous ruling of the commissioners, but they did not indicate whether an appeal to the State Board of Allotments and Appeals would be made.

Attorney General Robert Morgan has informed Jones County Attorney James Hood that it is his opinion that the lands are privately owned and have no tax-exempt status. Previously, the attorney general's office had ruled in the opposite direction since the income from the property was being donated to State University.

The current view is that the

profits from the lease of the land are not taxable because those profits do go to a state institution, but this does not remove itself from the reach of the taxpayer.

No estimate has been made of the specific value to be placed on the 32,000 acres of the land in Jones County, but it is presumed that it will be taxed in the same fashion that other privately owned timber tracts are being taxed.

On that basis the acreage would yield between \$7,000 and \$9,000 per year.

The Foundation had offered to pay the county 10 per cent of its annual net profits from its operation of the forest, indicating their attitude on the subject.

## Aside from Levying Of Hofmann Forest Board Meet Quiet

Monday's meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners include little of exciting nature after the matter of taxing the 32,000 acres of Hofmann Forest in the county had been cleared.

Agreement was unanimous on the transfer of \$2000 from the dependent children fund to the disabled fund of the welfare department.

Agreement was also unanimous on approving \$105 for the Neuse River Economic Development Commission for a study of law enforcement in the area.

An unanimous opposition was expressed to Senate Bill 389 which has to do with record-keeping systems in the offices of registers of deeds.

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## Maysville Mother Gives Kidney to Her Son Last Week

Mrs. Howard Dudley of Maysville was donor of one of her kidneys last week to her son Vernon in an operation performed at Duke Hospital.

The transplant was done last Wednesday and both were reportedly recuperating satisfactorily. Vernon is 21 years old and specialists had agreed that he could not survive much longer without a new kidney to replace his own inadequately functioning kidneys.

## Trenton Student To Be Honored

Samuel Jones, a senior geography major from Trenton, will be honored during Awards Day ceremonies Friday at North Carolina College.

Jones will be recognized as a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon, geography honorary.

## Fifth Grading Period Honor Roll for Jones Central Released by Principal

### Snow Hill Boy Killed

Eighteen year-old Tony Mark Britt of Snow Hill died from injuries he suffered last Thursday night near Hookerton when he lost control of the car he was driving and crashed into a tree. Charlie Albritton of Hookerton, another teenager riding with Britt, suffered serious injuries but is expected to recover. The car practically disintegrated when it crashed broadside into the tree. This was Greene County's 2nd traffic death of 1969.

### SWINSON ON SEATTLE

Electrician's Mate Third Class Larry L. Swinson, son of Mrs. Della G. Parker of Pollocksville, is serving aboard the newly-commissioned fast combat support ship USS Seattle.

The following Principal's List and Honor Roll was released by William H. Bowen, Principal of Jones Central High School. In order for a student to make the Principal's List, he or she must have all A's. In order for a student to make the Honor Roll, he or she must have all A's and B's.

The Principal's List by grades is as follows:

Eleventh Grade: Marlene Jones and Susan Morgan.

Twelfth Grade: Jay Bender, Tony Criscitiello and Wanda Mills.

The Honor Roll by grades is as follows:

Ninth Grade: Minnie Ellen Jones, Ivey T. Riggs and Earlene Yeomans.

Tenth Grade: Bonnie Banks, Teresa Cumbo, Janie Meadows, Murray Jones, and Dotty Rogan and Larry Thompson.

Eleventh Grade: Norma Davis, William Pruitt, Tommy Provost, James Maides, Michael Thompson, Louis Toler and Thomas Waller.

Twelfth Grade: Dalton Ange, Joby Arthur, Carol Cauley, JoAnne Crowder, Jackie Hammond, William Hawkins, Sylvia Hargett, Marianna Hawkins, John Mallard, Sherwood McDaniel, Benjamin Miller, Carolyn Mills, James Moore and Storma Thomas.

## Sp-4 Billy Smith is Promoted and Gets Award in Korea

Specialist Four Billy G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Smith, Trenton, was promoted to his present rank and named soldier of the month for the 7th Infantry Division's Support Command in Korea March 3.

A safety specialist with the 7th Aviation Battalion's Company B of the division, Spec. Smith was selected for his soldierly appearance, knowledge and performance of duties and military courtesy.

His wife, Hilda, is the daughter of Mrs. Agnes Hancock of Route 1, Seven Springs.

## Sgt. Wesley Eubanks Re-Enlists



Technical Sergeant Wesley R. Eubanks (left), his wife, Hilda and Brigadier General Michael C. McCarthy, commander of the 3615th Pilot Training Wing . . . following the sergeant's re-enlistment ceremonies at Craig AFB, Ala.

### JERKINS IN VIETNAM

Private First Class John M. Jerkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jerkins, Route 1, Trenton, was assigned as a mortarman with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, April 5.

Technical Sergeant Wesley R. Eubanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Eubanks of Route 2, Dover, has re-enlisted in the Air Force at Craig AFB, Ala. Sergeant Eubanks is a purchasing specialist at Craig with a unit of the Air Training Command. The sergeant is a 1956 graduate of Jones Central High School.

## Senator Sam Ervin Praises ECU President for Stand on Campus Disorder

The American people have witnessed a multitude of unlawful demonstrations and riots on our college campuses during the last year. Judging from a recent Gallup Poll, most hard-working American taxpayers find these student activities appalling particularly at State institutions which the taxpayers are subsidizing.

Equally frustrating to the taxpayer has been the response of many university administrators to the student challenge. All too often, we have seen college presidents capitulate to student demands after they have vandalized school buildings, destroyed research papers representing years of effort, and rifled personal files and correspondence.

The recent surrender of Cornell University's administration to armed bandoliers was no isolated event, but characterized a growing reign of anarchy on campuses across the nation. Americans are dismayed by many of the actions that are taken by a handful of students in the name of reform. What is worse, administrative permissiveness of outrageous conduct has led to a virtual break down of an educational atmosphere at some of our most honored universities and colleges.

It is with a great deal of relief that I note that Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, President of East Carolina University, took a firm stand on student behavior several weeks ago. Continued on page 6

## DON'T GET IN A HURRY, YOU'LL GO SOONER THAN YOU LIKE ANYWAY SO AVOID ACCIDENTS

By Jack Rider

The summer months are when accidental deaths take their greatest toll; so a very good piece of advice to everyone is: Don't get in a hurry, you'll go sooner than you like anyway, so avoid accidents!

The North Carolina State Board of Health, which keeps up with such unhappy figures reports for the last full year so far tabulated 3,492 North Carolinians died in accidents.

Of that number the vast majority were men — 2542 to just 950 women, proving that women are far smarter than men when it comes to staying on this side of that well known veil of tears.

In Fair Tar Heels traffic accidents accounted for just over half of these accidental deaths.

1778 out of 3492 and here again sudden death caught 1322 men on the roads and only 456 women, which says a little something about which sex is the safer driver.

After cars, falls claimed the most lives with 361 deaths attributed to such missteps. For some strange reason women — at least white women — were more prone to death from falls than men . . . with 158 white women and just 130 white men killed in falls. Negro women were more sure-footed with 27 Negro women dying from this cause while 46 Negro men died from falls.

Deaths caused by burns ranked next in this tragic toll with 258 deaths attributed to burns of all kind, and expectedly men suffered worse in this category

than women, by 169 to 89.

The fourth ranking accidental cause of deaths in North Carolina was drownings with 215 lives lost either in swimming, boating or accidental falls into water. And men again suffered the brunt of this type of dying and by the wide margin of 191 to just 24.

Reflecting the trend to air travel the fifth ranking cause of accidental death in this year was aircraft deaths which took 135 lives; 105 men and 30 women.

In sixth place deaths resulting from accidents with fire arms took 116 lives and of that total 95 were male and 21 were female.

Accidental poisoning ranked seventh, claiming 104 lives and of that toll men accounted for

71 deaths and women 33.

These were the kinds of accidents that claimed 100 or more lives in North Carolina in 1967; which means in one sense that each county of the state was likely to have suffered such a loss at least once during the year.

In Lenoir County that year there were 36 accidental deaths. These included 18 killed by cars (17 on the roads and one off the roads), four died in home accidents, two in farm accidents and two others died in accidents at state institutions (either Caswell or The Dobbs Farm).

In Jones County that year 13 people were killed accidentally. Four died on the highways, five in a single air crash, one in a farm accident and the other three causes were not specified.

With more and more farm machinery being added around ev-

ery farm, with nearly ever farm having some kind of pond either for irrigation, flood control or just beautification and with every farm every year using more deadly poisons in a very wide range it is vital that every farmer, and especially every farm owner exercise common sense with all of these potential killers.

That per cent of farmers who have neither the brains or the time to take logical precautions in all of these areas had better find sufficient money to buy themselves a lot of liability insurance, because there is the possibility that they may suddenly be put out of the farming business as the result of a big damage award from a soft-hearted jury which may take a very dim view of such precautions not being made.