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## Six of Beaufort's Oldest Homes Open To Public on June 27th and 28th

Six private homes, three churches and three historic sites will be open to the public June 27 and 28 as Beaufort's Annual Old Homes Tour and Antique Show and Sale are held in this colonial fishing village. Sponsored by the Beaufort Historical Association and the Beaufort Woman's Club, the following buildings and sites will be available to the visitor:

**The Longest House (1857) 219 Moore Street** — Home of Susan Piver Longest who smuggled food, medicine and supplies to local troops during the Union occupation of Beaufort. Presently owned by B. G. Hudgins.

**The J. Davis House (1817) 201 Ann Street** — Typifying the Bahamian influence in its double front porches and slope of the roof, this house was built by James Davis, a local builder responsible for many houses during the early 1800's. Presently owned by Dr. and Mrs. John Costlow.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1857) 207 Ann Street** — In 1724 Carteret County Precinct was designated as St. John's Parish of the Church of England. Church services were held in private homes or in the Court House. St. Paul's was built in 1857 and consecrated in 1861. One should note the fine woodwork throughout the Church.

**The Joseph Bell House (1767)**

## Child Drowned

Three year-old Tony Levon Cannon, son of Willie Mae Cannon of Kinston route 6, drowned in an irrigation pond on the Wheeler Kennedy farm just east of Kinston at about 2:15 Sunday afternoon. The child was playing around the pond with a five year-old brother when he slipped in and there was no one in the vicinity to prevent his drowning.

**Turner Street** — The first building purchased by the Beaufort Historical Association, this town house of Col. Joseph Bell has been carefully restored and furnished according to the tastes of an eighteenth century gentleman of means. Wainscot, mantels and floors are original to the house as are the colors used in its interior and exterior restoration. Open to the public during summer months.

**The Asa Canady House (1830) 122 Craven Street** — Lot No. 12 Old Town was sold to John Shackelford in 1730 by Nathaniel Taylor, a leading citizen of Beaufort, and by Richard Russel of Bath. The old brick cistern still remains beneath this two story clapboard house. The original beaded weather boarding of the front of the house is thought to have been imported. Presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden Thompson.

**Old Burying Ground, Ann Street** — Deeded to the town in 1731. Graves range from simple cedar markers to imposing marble monuments. Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers buried here.

**Ann Street Methodist Church (1854) Ann Street** — The Ann Street Methodist Church was organized in 1778 and has occupied three church buildings. The first church was taken over during the Revolutionary War when the Anglican minister returned to England. The second was Purvis Chapel, built in 1820, and Bishop Francis Asbury, First Methodist Bishop, visited here in 1784 and 1815.

**Purvis Chapel (1820)** — This church was used as the Methodist Church until 1854, when it was given to the A.M.E. Zion Congregation. The original church was built with a balcony for slaves.

**Old Beaufort Jail (1836) Courthouse Square** — The Old

## Narcotics Charge

James Dale Witherspoon of Camp Lejeune was booked this weekend in Jones County on the charge of driving under the influence of narcotics. He was released on \$125 bond. One other arrest was reported during the past week. James Mack Gray of New Bern was charged with driving under the influence.

## Adel Haddock In Vietnam

Specialist Four Adel Haddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Haddock, Route 1, Pollockville, was assigned May 23 to the 1st Signal Brigade in Vietnam, as a technical controller.

His wife, Brenda, lives in Pollockville.

Jail, on loan by Carteret County to the Beaufort Historical Association for use as a museum, contains many interesting relics. The living quarters of the jailer and his family have been restored. This building is also open to the public during the summer months.

**The John Rumley House (1772) 114 Marsh Street** — Facing the water because there were no houses in front of it when it was built, this home was constructed of heart pine lumber with wooden pegs. Its doors still have hand wrought iron hinges and the rooms the original chair-board molding. Windows have nine panes in the upper sash and six in the lower. Presently owned by Miss Emily Loftin.

**The Owins-Bedford House (1730) 113 Live Oak Street** — Original deed indicates that William Owins, a tailor, and Thomas Bedford, a carpenter, bought on October 17, 1729 for the sum of "three in hand", Lot No. 29 New Town property on which house now stands with the stipulation that a house be built within two years. Its position indi-

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## Maysville Youth Survives Tangling With Freight Train on Log Truck

Not too many people survive a serious disagreement with a freight train at a highway intersection but John D. Provost of Maysville did Tuesday.

The 19 year-old Provost was driving a log truck on a rural road near Hubert in Onslow County Tuesday when it struck a freight train pulling equipment on the way to Camp Lejeune from Morehead City.

Provost did suffer serious injuries but barring unforeseen complications he is expected to recover.

Marine Angelo Lopez suffered broken leg when he was thrown from the train because of the impact of the log truck.

Damage to the truck driven by Provost was estimated at \$10,000 and damage to the train and the equipment being hauled was estimated at \$20,000.

The engineer of the train said he was travelling at about 10 miles an hour and had blown the locomotive whistle several times before getting to the intersection.

## Plane Crash Claims One Life in Lenoir; Two Escape Safely

Two members of the crew of an Air Force RB-66 reconnaissance plane parachuted safely but the third member died in the crash of the plane just South of Kennedy Memorial Home in Lenoir County at about 11:30 Tuesday night.

Air Force officials said the plane was on a routine training flight, based at Shaw Air Force Base, but having taken off on this particular flight from Myrtle Beach Air Force Base.

Pilot Major Jimmy Cornwall and Navigator Major R. H. Henshel were unhurt after ejecting from the plane.

The body of the third member of the crew was not found until just before 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The plane was in the process of a practice re-fueling from a KC-135 tanker from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base when it developed trouble and crashed.

The plane burst into flame on landing in a swampy area of the Wilton Sutton Farm on the Potneck Road which runs southwardly from US 70 at Falling Creek.

Rescue and fire fighting units from Kinston, Goldsboro, Seymour Johnson, Seven Springs, Mount Olive and LaGrange aided by numerous law enforcement units from the same general area fought the fire and aided in the search for the third crew member's body, which was found near an engine and wing section that had not burned but had fallen a considerable distance from the main section of the plane.

## Routine Session of Jones District Court

The following cases were heard during the past week by Judge Walter Henderson in Jones County District Court.

Leon Williams was ordered to make restitution to the court for passing two worthless checks and pay the court costs.

William P. Duff Jr. was ordered to pay the court costs and a \$5 fine for speeding.

Horace M. Gower was found not guilty of having no operator's license.

Clifton E. Metts was ordered to pay the court cost and a \$5 fine for speeding.

The state took a nol pros against Ellis Roberts and Jessie May who were both charged with passing worthless checks.

Donald Marshburn was ordered to pay the court cost and a \$25 fine for having no operator's license.

Ed Green was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and the court cost for his second offense of driving without an operator's license.

Jerry S. Foy was ordered to pay the court cost for having improper exhaust on his car.

The case against Grover B. Carter was continued. He was charged with driving under the influence and reckless driving.

The cases against Allen Davenport Jr. and Sterling Rouse who are charged with three separate counts of assault were continued.

## ENROLLMENT DROPS IN MOST AREA SCHOOLS BUT TEACHING STAFF SHOWS BIG INCREASE

By Jack Rider

In the past four years since the impact of large doses of federal money has been felt in public schools the trend has been to fewer students, more teachers and vastly expanded total cost of school operations. For the state as a whole during this four-year period there has been a very slight increase in total public school enrollment, from 1,181,583 for the first month of the 1965-66 school year to 1,195,583 for the first month of the 1968-69 school year. An increase of 14,031 students or just slightly more than 1.1 per cent.

But in Eastern North Carolina the majority of public school systems in this period have less enrollment today than four years ago, since this end of the state is where the majority of the state's Negroes live and where resistance to racial integration has caused many children to be withdrawn and sent to private schools.

In that four-year period when there was 1.1 per cent increase in the state public school enrollment there was an increase of 11.1 per cent increase in the number of teachers, from 48,821

System	1965 Enrollment	1965 Staff	1968 Enrollment	1968 Staff
State	1,181,552	48,821	1,195,583	54,225
Craven	8,659	382	8,896	408
New Bern	5,950	235	5,937	262
Jones	3,209	136	2,875	142
Lenoir	8,502	374	8,150	400
Kinston	6,429	275	6,288	304
Pitt	13,623	542	12,745	590
Greenville	5,882	237	6,063	275
Wayne	12,617	540	13,695	639
Goldsboro	8,637	338	8,284	382
Greene	5,008	182	4,671	223
Duplin	10,839	435	10,392	507

to 54,225. This reflects a situation in which personnel was increasing ten times as fast as students.

In Lenoir and its bordering counties the situation was worse in that in most of these local systems there were fewer students but a great many more teachers.

The Craven County system had a small increase in students for this period largely due to the expanded activities around Cherry Point brought on by the Vietnamese War. Enrollment in this system rose from 8,659 to 8,896 — an increase of 237 stu-

dents and the number of teachers jumped from 235 to 262.

The New Bern System had a tiny drop in students of 13, from 5,950 to 5,937 but in that same time its teaching staff rose from 235 to 262 . . . 13 less students and 27 more teachers.

In Jones County the student body dropped from 3,209 to 2,875 and it's still dropping but while losing 334 students the Jones County system's teaching staff increased by six, from 136 to 142.

The Lenoir County system lost 352 in total student enrollment for this period but gained 26

teachers.

The Kinston system lost 141 students but gained 29 teachers.

The Pitt County system lost 878 students but added 48 teachers.

The Greenville system gained 181 students and added 38 teachers.

The Wayne County system added 1,078 students from expansion of Seymour Johnson Air Base and added 99 teachers.

The Goldsboro system lost 353 students but gained 44 teachers. The Greene County system lost 337 students while adding 41 teachers.

In Duplin County the public schools lost 447 students but added 72 teachers.

In summary, Lenoir and its bordering counties had a net loss of 1,359 public school students in this four-year period while experiencing an increase of 564 teachers.

In 1968 of the total teaching staff 4,144 were in non-teaching jobs such as principals, superintendents, counsellors. But 1968 the number of non-teaching teachers had grown to 4,932. An increase from 8.1 per cent to 9.3 per cent.

Glancing at this situation from the money point of view the State of North Carolina allocation to the nine-month school fund in the 1966-67 school year was \$280,407,170 and for the current school year (1969-70) the state allocation is \$384,543,648... an increase of more than \$104 million.

In 1966-67 the state allocated an average of \$250.76 per student and in the current school year the state allocation is \$377.39.

In 1966-67 free transportation to school cost \$8,589,428 and this year transportation will cost \$13,110,303.

In 1966-67 state contributions to retirement funds amounted to nothing and in the current school year the taxpayers will contribute \$43,673,135 to retirement funds for all public school personnel.

## BURKETT IN VIETNAM

Specialist Four David L. Burkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burkett, 317 East Washington Ave., Kinston, was assigned to the 62nd Maintenance Battalion May 22 near Pleiku, Vietnam, as a signal man.