

## License Revoked Permanently For Man Convicted In Recorders Court Monday

### \$500 Fine Imposed In Case Involving Repeated Offenses

Charged with his second offense of drunken driving and his third offense of driving after revocation of operator's license, Roy David Rowan of Carthage, Route 3, felt the power of the North Carolina motor vehicles law in recorders court Monday when Judge J. Vance Rowe imposed a \$500 fine and directed that Rowan's driver's license be revoked permanently.

Two Connecticut drivers may lose their privilege to drive in their home state because they were convicted Monday of speeding 85 miles per hour in Moore County. James Black was charged with speeding and Robert Lewis May with speeding and also with having no valid operator's license. Each was handed a 60-day road sentence, suspended on payment of \$100 fine.

A young Durham man's visit to his estranged wife at the home of his father-in-law, Eli Maness, near Jackson Bridge on Deep River Sunday afternoon, brought him plenty of trouble in recorders court Monday.

Jonah Powers, 30, was convicted of public drunkenness, making threats, drunken driving and driving without valid operator's license. He was sentenced to 60 days on the roads to begin at expiration of a three-months sentence previously imposed in recorders court and put into effect Monday when it appeared that he had violated terms of the judgment by not keeping up support payments for his children.

Sheriff C. J. McDonald said that he and Deputy Lambert went to the Maness home Sunday afternoon in response to a call when Powers was creating a disturbance there.

It turned out that Powers had no driver's license, as his right to drive had been revoked after conviction of drunken driving in Lee County last August. The defendant's troubles continued to pile up after he appeared in court Monday. He had not at first been charged with drunken driving, but the warrant was amended to include this, because of testimony given at the trial.

Judgment was continued for two years, at the request of the defendant's wife who said she did not want to prosecute, for P. B. Paris, Jr., whose address was given as Sanford, Route 1, but who was arrested at Pinebluff November 21 on charges of striking his wife and five-year-old child.

Probable cause was found against T. I. Sutton of Raleigh on charges of larceny of truck body and malicious destruction of property and the case was bound over to Superior Court. Bond was fixed at \$250.

One of the oldest defendants ever to appear in recorders court was John Fry, 81, of Carthage who was sentenced to six months in jail or at the county home on conviction of possessing nine and a half gallons of illicit whiskey for sale.

Other cases heard Monday; listing defendant, charge and disposition of case, all with costs added unless otherwise indicated:

Robert Thompson, Cameron, carrying a concealed weapon, 30 days or \$50; Herman Hunter, Washington, D. C., careless and reckless driving resulting in accident, failure to stop and render aid, not guilty; Thomas Junior Shamberger, drunk and disorderly, motion for non-suit allowed as warrant did not allege a crime; Wilbur Horner, Carthage, public drunkenness, judgment continued on payment of costs. Hansell Townsend, Linville, careless and reckless driving, drunken driving, causing personal injury and property damage, pleaded nolo contendere, 60 days or \$100 and pay damages to the Boggs' auto, license to be revoked for 12 months.

Eugene Spencer, Eagle Springs, operating motor vehicle without valid registration card and valid operator's license, \$15; Paul Raymond Pearce, Franklinton, Route 1, careless and reckless driving resulting in accident, leaving scene of accident, leaving scene of accident, found not guilty of leaving scene, guilty of careless and reckless driving, 30 days suspended on payment of costs; G. L. Boles, Niagara, drunken driving, pleaded not guilty, \$100, license to be revoked 12 months, appeal to Superior Court entered, bond set \$250; Harvey Lowe 19, Carthage, auto larceny, entered plea of guilty of simple trespass (offense described by defense attorney as a boyish prank) defendant taxed with the costs; Marlin Runk, Camp Rucker, Ala., speeding 75, 30 days or \$35.

Letha Beatrice Armstrong, Robert Allsbrook, Cornell McCrimmon, all of Aberdeen, bedding and cohabiting—Letha Armstrong 60 days sentence to run concur-

rently with sentence to six months at Woman's Division of State prison on a charge of temporary larceny of truck (warrant amended to charge this during trial), with commitment not to issue if she pays costs and makes provision by next Monday to go to Fayetteville or San Francisco, Calif., where she has relatives; sentence also suspended on condition she stay out of Moore County for two years; Allsbrook and McCrimmon, 30 days or pay one-third of costs each.

Unreported from last week's session: Hurley McKeithen, Vass, possession of illicit whiskey for sale, three months to start at expiration of four-months sentence imposed for violation of previous judgment, appeal to Superior Court entered, bond set at \$500.

Lacy Hill, Midway, non-support of wife and two children judgment continued on condition of payment of \$5 per week or one-half of wages, whichever is greater, for support of wife and children.

Court adjourned earlier Monday morning out of respect for the funeral services for Mrs. W. T. Huntley, wife of the Moore County tax collector. Court was resumed in the afternoon.

### OPEN FOR PRAYER

Emmanuel Episcopal Church was to open for prayer at midnight Thursday (New Year's Eve), but there was to be no formal service at that time. Regular services will be held at the church Sunday, announces the Rev. Charles V. Covell, rector.

## Social Security Rate Increase Starting Today

Beginning today (Friday), the social security tax is increased from 1 1/2 percent to 2 percent of wages up to earnings of \$3600 a year. Employers will pay an equal amount. The new rate applies to all wages paid on or after the first of January, even if some of these wages were actually earned before that date.

This new rate is not a recent change in the law. It is in accordance with the 1950 Amendments to the Social Security Act, and was written into the law by Congress at that time toward meeting future obligations of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program. The rate is scheduled to go to 2 1/2 percent each for worker and employer in 1960.

These social security tax contributions from employers and employees go into the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and are used to pay monthly benefits to eligible workers and to their families. Old-Age insurance benefits go to insured workers when they retire at age 65 or later; certain members of their families also get payments. When an insured person reaches age 75, monthly payments may be made to him and to his dependents even if he is still working.

The social security tax rate for self-employed persons has been increased also. Beginning with 1954 earnings covered by the law, it will go from 2 1/4 to 3 percent. However, since the new rate begins with 1954 earnings, self-employed people will pay the present 2 1/4 percent social security tax on their 1953 earnings. Their first payments at the 3 percent rate will be due March 15, 1955.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Huntley Conducted Monday

### Beloved Sandhills Resident Succumbed After Long Illness

A large throng attended graveside services held Monday morning at Old Bethesda cemetery near Aberdeen for Mrs. W. T. Huntley of Pinebluff who died Saturday night at Moore County hospital after an extended illness.

Officiating were the Rev. Zeb A. Caudle of Albemarle, former pastor of the First Baptist church of Aberdeen, and the Rev. D. Hoke Coon, Baptist pastor of Southern Pines.

Pallbearers were Eutice Mills and Gordon Keith of Pinebluff, Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, Chris Shamberger of Southern Pines and Charlie Pleasants and W. P. Whitlock of Aberdeen.

Mrs. Huntley was the former Miss Della Deaton, daughter of the late J. M. and Henrietta Deaton of Troy. Her husband has been throughout their long residence in the Sandhills. They lived for many years at Aberdeen. They moved about four years ago to Southern Pines, and about two years ago to Pinebluff. Recently they observed their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Huntley maintained her membership in the First Baptist church of Aberdeen. Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Dan I. Allred of Pinebluff; three sons, W. T. Huntley, Jr., of Southern Pines, Charles E. Huntley of Hendersonville and Courtney E. Huntley of Aberdeen; and several grandchildren.

## Farmers Advised Not To Sell All Their Beef Animals Despite Low Prices Now

By JOHN A. DINAN

Asst. County Farm Agent With the prevailing price of beef, many farmers are getting discouraged and threatening to sell all of their cows. This may be satisfactory in a few instances, but for the average farmer it is not advisable. The price of beef is low, but the prices of farm commodities fluctuate from year to year and season to season and when beef prices start up again many farmers are going to wish they hadn't sold out completely but rather maintained a few good animals so that when the market improved they could get back in the beef business in a relatively short period of time.

All cattle farmers are asking the question, "When will beef prices be back to normal?" That is a difficult question to answer because the future price of beef will be determined largely by the cattle producers themselves. Too many farmers are dumping all of their cows onto a low price market which naturally lowers the price of beef even further.

The next logical question is, "Where do we go from here?" or "What can we do to help ourselves in the coming months?" The answers to those questions will depend on how the individual farmer is prepared to care for the cattle he now has on hand.

The dry weather last summer which ruined a large portion of the hay crop is causing a serious feed shortage now in some areas, and the condition of many cattle indicates that they are not receiving adequate feed. Cows that are in poor condition will produce weak calves which are susceptible to disease and parasites, and we all know that sick livestock lose money for us.

If we don't have the feed or pasture available, it will be neces-

sary to sell all our cattle, but if a limited supply of feed is on hand it will be advisable to cull and sell the inferior cows and use our feed to maintain the best cows through the winter.

No one can say for sure when the price of beef will go up again, but when it does, the farmer who has kept a few good cows will be the first one to enjoy the high prices.

## Mrs. Banigan Is Held At Chicago; Release Sought

Mrs. Julia Banigan, former local real estate agent whose extradition to North Carolina is sought by Kemp Willett, Sanford bondsman, is now a federal prisoner in Chicago, it was learned this week from Sheriff C. J. McDonald.

Convicted of real estate fraud in Moore County Superior Court, Mrs. Eannigan disappeared after she was permitted bond, supposedly to get funds from a safe deposit box in Connecticut to pay a claim of several thousand dollars due Wayne D. Boring, New York man who advanced the money for purchase of property here.

Several weeks ago, Mrs. Banigan was held in Oregon and Sheriff McDonald had been informed that federal authorities, there were prepared to turn her over to the State of Oregon for extradition to North Carolina where she has been transferred by federal authorities to Chicago.

The sheriff said he had been informed that the efforts of Congressman C. B. Deane are being solicited to obtain release of Mrs. Banigan to North Carolina.

## Writing Contest Deadline Jan. 1

Monday, January 11, is the deadline for entering this year's good writing contest sponsored by the North Carolina English Teachers' Association, contest director Dr. Francis E. Bowman of the Duke University English faculty has announced.

Open to high school juniors and seniors throughout the State, the annual competition offers recognition for outstanding prose and poetry. Winning entries will be published next Spring in a special student issue of "The North Carolina English Teacher," journal of the NCETA.

High school teachers may obtain contest information and entry blanks for their students by writing to Dr. Bowman, Department of English, Duke University.

## Finance Adviser Of Girl Scouts To Visit Sanford

Miss Jean Templeton, Girl Scout national staff member, will be in Sanford January 4 and 5.

Miss Templeton, who is a member of the national Finance Department, acts as finance adviser to local Girl Scout councils. Before coming to the Girl Scouts she worked with the American Red Cross as Assistant Field Director in the North Atlantic area.

While in Sanford she will confer with leaders of the Central Carolina Girl Scout Council on finance matters. The Council includes troops in Moore County.

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Come in and let us get acquainted.

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