

MOORE COUNTY RECORDER'S COURT

Youth Sent to Prison For Stealing Gifts From Under Christmas Tree

A petty crime which marred a peaceful Christmas in Moore was revealed Monday in Moore County Recorder's Court as Deputy Sheriff J. A. Lawrence told the story in the case of State vs Zack Nicholson, Jr., 19-year-old Jackson Springs Negro.

Nicholson had pleaded guilty to larceny of goods valued at about \$30. The goods were Christmas gifts stolen from beneath the tree in the home of Roger Paschal, basketball coach of Pinehurst High School, at Shamrock Farms between Pinehurst and Jackson Springs.

The five gifts—a jewelry case, a billfold, a carton of cigarettes, a child's pocketbook and a weaving set—were court exhibits. They had been reported missing when the Paschals returned home from Sunday School on the day before Christmas.

Lawrence said a trail of footprints led him about a mile across country to the home of Zack Nicholson. Under questioning on Christmas Day, Zack admitted having walked over to the Paschal home but not, he said, to steal. Another man had stolen those presents, he said—he knew, because he had seen them. But he denied having anything to do with the theft.

The day after Christmas, Lawrence said, he had talked to Zack again, telling him, "I have checked out your story and it doesn't hold water. Now, come on and show me where you have hidden those things." Zack then admitted the theft and took him to a hiding place in the woods. He had taken just one pack of cigarettes from the carton.

For the theft, Nicholson drew three months on the roads, with an additional two months on a trespass charge, to be served on expiration of the first sentence. The trespass, unrelated to the larceny charge, grew out of an incident of January 7, when he slipped into the Carolina Hotel and "did occupy and sleep in a room without obtaining permission from the manager." He was arrested by Pinehurst police.

**Suspended Sentence**  
Mrs. Hazel Patch Kobleur, a 27-year-old Southern Pines woman, pleaded nolo contendere on two counts of forgery, specifically the obtaining of drugs by presenting false prescriptions. Haywood R. Starling, chief narcotics agent of the SBI and the only witness for the State, said she had obtained 50 tablets of Dexamadrine, a stimulant drug, from each of two drugstores, one at Vass and one in Aberdeen, through use of prescriptions wrongfully

taken from the office of a Chapel Hill physician. Though the incidents occurred last March and April, the arrest had not occurred until October, following an investigation sparked by the arrest of a young Fort Bragg soldier in Southern Pines for the possession and sale of stimulant drugs. When arrested, Mrs. Kobleur was in process of commitment to a state hospital for help in her addiction. Recently returned from the hospital, she was brought into court.

Defense counsel pleaded for leniency in the case of Mrs. Kobleur, the mother of several young children, as he said the hospital treatment had helped her, her husband was standing by her and he felt she had put her addiction behind her. Judge J. Vance Rowe sentenced her to six months in the Women's Division of State's Prison, then suspended the sentence for 12 months on payment of costs and on condition that she refrain from the use of all narcotic drugs except when lawfully prescribed by a licensed physician, also that she not violate any of the narcotic laws or those against forgery in any of its forms.

With the defendant in court were her husband and other members of her family, including a brother who is a federal narcotics agent.

**Assault Cases**

Two sisters and a brother, Connie, Sylvia Jane and David Junior Purcell, Negroes of Carthage, were in court under indictment by their brother-in-law Richard McGoogan, and McGoogan was also there under a cross-indictment, all charged with assault with deadly weapon. The charge against the Purcells included the intent to kill, with the infliction of serious and permanent injury.

The charges arose from a family fight on the afternoon of Christmas Day, when McGoogan, who allegedly had been drinking, abused, struck and knocked down his young wife, the mother of an infant then just three days old. The Purcells, who were her sisters and brother, jumped on him and in the ensuing melee he received a knife cut across the back which required a hospital visit and 40 stitches to close. But he could not identify the wielder of the knife, and the Purcells all denied having cut him or having seen anyone cut him. McGoogan was acquitted, while the three Purcells were found guilty of assault and battery and engaging in an affray, each receiving a 60-day sentence to be suspended on payment of \$25 and one-third of the costs in

both the cases.

It was a long court session, and as it grew dark outside several cases were continued. Others were disposed of as follows:

Olen Evande: Fishel, Jackson Springs, driving while drunk, 60 days suspended on payment of \$100 and costs, payment of damage, license revoked for 12 months; Herbert Wayne Martin, West End, driving while drunk, \$100 and costs, license revoked for 12 months; Freddy William Kelly, Vass, driving without license, \$25 and costs; William Harmon Goins, Carthage, careless and reckless driving, accident, injury, 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs, defendant to pay or cause to be paid medical expenses of the two boys who were with him; Jean Louis Bradley, West End, speeding, judgment continued on payment of \$10 and costs; Everett Delbert Gattie, Spring Lake, driving while drunk \$100 and costs, license revoked 12 months; Ronnie K. Danieley, Fort Bragg, careless and reckless driving, \$25 and costs; Jerry Kenrie Sheffield, Eagle Springs, Route 1, careless and reckless driving, accident, 30 days or \$50 and costs.

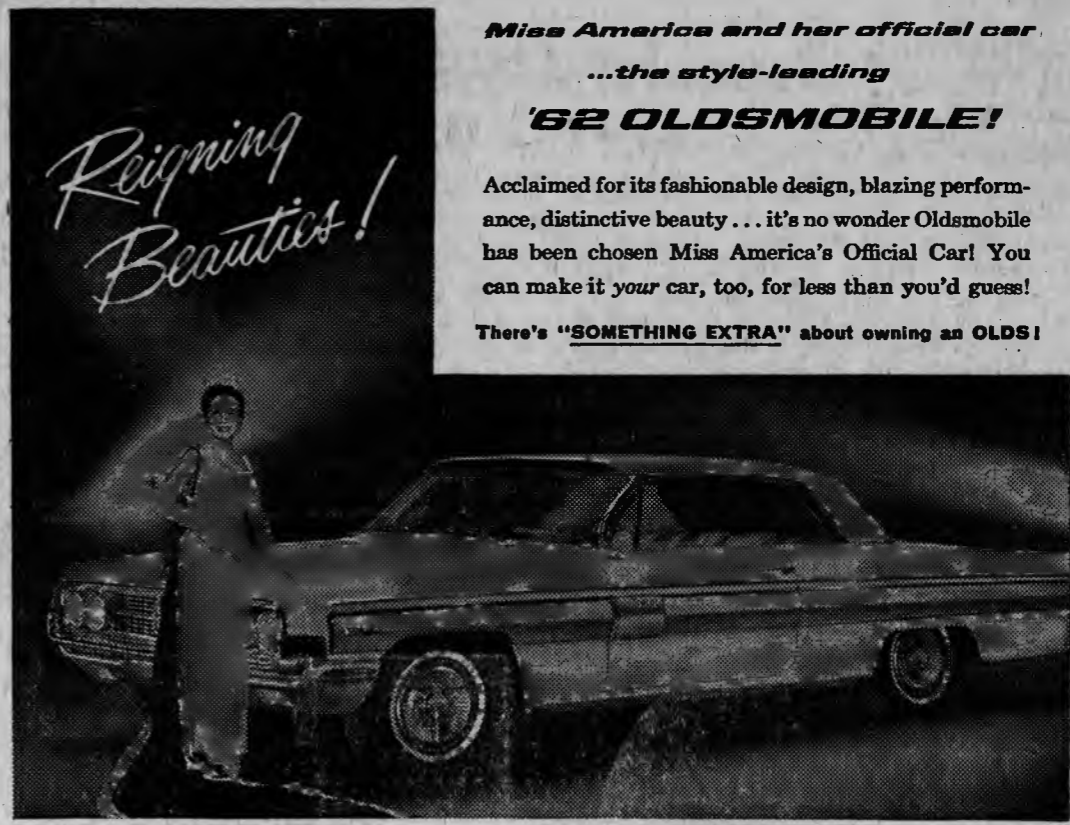
Fred Junior Martin, Carthage, driving after license revocation, careless and reckless driving, 60 days suspended for two years on payment of \$200 and costs, not to operate car till he obtains license and also complies with all laws pertaining to liability insurance; Marvin Willis Lucas, Jr., Spring Lake, speeding, 30 days or \$25 and costs; James Edward Luttrell, Southern Pines, driving while drunk, \$100 and costs, license revoked 12 months; Don Johnson, failure to comply with non-support agreement, continued to next Monday, defendant to appear in court and show whether or not he has made definite arrangements to support his wife, an invalid; Lane Columbus Coble, Sr., Albemarle, speeding 90 in 60-mile zone, found guilty of speeding in excess of 80, \$75 and costs; Howard Timothy Price, Robbins, Route 1, driving without proper license and with improper registration, judgment continued on payment of costs; Lynn VanBenschoten, Southern Pines, exceeding safe speed resulting in accident, court finds defendant lost control of car due to a slick or slippery place in dirt road, and it was an accident and not result of speeding (no damage to anyone except defendant); Lehman N. Barefield, Jr., abandonment and non-support, nol pros on payment of costs on request of prosecuting witness, his wife; Patrick Grier McKenzie, West End, Route 1, driving without proper registration plates, judgment continued on payment of costs; George W. Shropshire, Chattanooga, Tenn., escaping from prison camp, larceny of property from prison department,

three months on each count, the second to begin at expiration of the first; David Lee Williams, Walnut Cove, Route 2, escaping, 60 days; Norman Mangum Callcutt, Southern Pines speeding 85 in 60-mile zone, 60 days suspended on payment of \$70 and costs license to be revoked as provided by law; Zero Mitchell, Cameron, Route 1, exceeding safe speed, judgment continued on payment of costs.

**CONCERT POSTPONED**

The Curtis String Quartet's performance at Laurinburg, previously announced for tonight has been postponed until Monday, February 12, due to the illness of Jascha Brodsky, first violinist of the chamber group. The February 12 concert by the string quartet is scheduled at 8 p. m. in the National Guard Armory. Admission to the performances in the series is by season membership.

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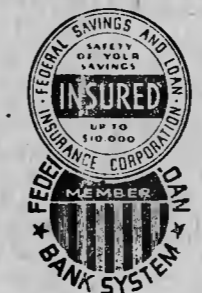
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