

ADMITTED BEER DRINKING

17-Year-Old Sentenced To First Offenders Camp For Manslaughter

"I misjudged the distance," a 17-year-old defendant in a manslaughter case told Judge Walter E. Johnston, Jr., in Moore County Superior Court Tuesday.

Just a short while before, pleading nolo contendere, Jimmie Sherrill Simpson of Route 1, Carthage, had admitted to having drunk four beers before the fatal accident, but added: "I felt no effects."

The accident occurred November 14 on NC 27 five miles west of Carthage, when young Simpson, attempting a left turn into the Highfalls road, cut too short in front of an approaching car. One person, Mrs. Bertha Cranford of Troy, was killed, and three persons injured.

In sentencing the youth Judge Johnston said gravely, "This is one of the most serious types of cases which comes before me. Drivers who drink, and think they 'feel no effects,' are just fooling themselves. He 'misjudged the distance'—there's the heart of the whole thing. As a result, a woman is dead." He sentenced Simpson to serve 18 months in a first offenders' camp.

Jimmie sat with his parents, who defense counsel said were divorced, both having remarried. The father, a Franklinville police officer, wore his uniform. Relations have remained friendly, Counsel W. D. Sabiston said; the father does his best for Jimmie and the other five children, coming often to take them to visit in his home.

The slight, undersized youth revealed that he had left school after the 10th grade. Among character witnesses for him were his employer, owner of a Carthage feed and poultry plant, and DeWitt Purvis, his Sunday School superintendent in Highfalls church.

Patrolman H. A. Hight, Jr., testifying as to the accident, reported that Jimmie had been "fully cooperative."

Sabiston said the boy had also cooperated in naming the place, a Southern Pines beer sales outlet, which had sold him the beer in violation of the law against selling to minors, and would work with local law authorities in seeing that "appropriate action was taken in Raleigh" regarding the violation.

Civil matters in the case have been or are being settled, he said.

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PINEBLUFF NEWS

By MRS EHRMAN PICKLER

Turkey Supper
The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Pinebluff Methodist Church will sponsor a turkey supper in the church basement on Wednesday, February 4, from 5:30 to 8:00 p. m. Come out and bring your family and friends.

New Assignment

Billy Marts has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and has been given a new assignment. He is being sent to Supply Specialist School at Amarillo, Texas and the following is his

new address: AB William A. Marts, AF14689297, 3366 Sturon, Amarillo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Talley and son Johnny of Sanford visited Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Tommy Bryant and Phillip Mather spent last weekend in Charleston with Tommy's aunt, Mrs. W. J. Stephen, and Mr. Stephen. While in Charleston they visited the campus of The Citadel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howie and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Adams of Greensboro came home Sunday

to be with their brother, E. G. Adams, Jr., who is a patient at Moore Memorial Hospital. Little Danny Adams returned to Greensboro with Mrs. Howie for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Adams and Mrs. Henry Smith and daughter Frances of Raleigh were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Carpenter, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese of Biscoe visited Mr. Reese's daughter, Mrs. Ethel Edwards, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Brooks and Azalea and Paul spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brooks, in Laurinburg.

Forest Fires In County Did \$1481 Damages In 1958

Moore County's forest fire damages in 1958 amounted to less than \$1,500, one of the lowest years in history, according to a report issued this week by Travis Wicker, forest ranger.

There were 19 fires, he said, which burned on 321 acres. He listed the causes as: campers and hunters, five; debris burning, three; incendiary, tires; lumbering, one; railroad, one; smokers,

four; and miscellaneous, two. Of the 321 acres that burned, Wicker said that 305 of them were forest land, the remaining portion open land. The actual damage figure was \$1,481, of which only \$32 was accounted for in fires that burned on open land.

The damage figures were based on a statewide damage appraisal system used by the North Carolina Forest Service.

This county, incidentally, has a total of 338,200 acres of woodland. That would mean that fires burned on approximately .09 per cent of the total.

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ABC Officers Report Activities During Past Year

More than 2,000 gallons of mash being used in the manufacture of moonshine whiskey was seized by Moore County's ABC officers during 1958, according to the annual report submitted this week to the ABC Board.

C. A. McCallum, chief enforcement officer, said that 163 persons had been arrested by the three men in his department and 150 of them had been convicted. Of the remainder, he added, five are awaiting trial and eight were acquitted of the charges.

Those who were convicted received total sentences of seven years, two months and three days in prison, together with fines amounting to \$8,910.

McCallum noted that only 14 stills had been destroyed, which would seem to indicate that moonshiners are on the run, at least in this county. The officers destroyed 19 gallons of home brew and almost one gallon of home-made wine. They also confiscated three automobiles being used by the illicit whiskey dealers, and seized 153 gallons of moonshine.

The three officers, McCallum, W. K. Marks of Aberdeen, and Wilson Thrower of Robbins, travelled a total of 67,187 miles in their duties, McCallum reported.

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