

District Court

Man Tells Of Kidnaping In Court

A Raeford man was found guilty of DUI by District Court Judge Joseph Dupree here Friday after he testified that he was forced to consume a "pill" and a fifth of liquor by a person holding a knife at his throat.

George S. Crawford, Lewis St., Raeford, testified that he was on his way home on Dec. 10, and stopped to help some Ft. Bragg soldiers who were stranded on the side of the road that goes through the Ft. Bragg Reservation from Southern Pines.

He testified that on their way to Raeford, one of the soldiers put knife to his back and took his billfold and told him that he was going to take them to South Carolina.

He said after a while the soldier handed him a "pill" and told him to take it and drink a bottle of liquor.

"They said to keep drinking," he said.

Crawford said he woke up somewhere between Bowmore and Five Points and was "so drunk, I didn't know where I was."

Crawford admitted that he knew that he got into his car and tried to drive to find help and was eventually stopped by Trooper C.A. Bennett.

He said the soldiers took \$120 from his billfold.

Crawford's attorney, Palmer Wilcox, said Crawford did not willfully drive his car because he did not know where he was and was going for help.

Assistant District Attorney Duncan McFadyen claimed that Crawford admitted to getting into his car to find help, and did not report the incident.

Dupree found Crawford guilty and sentenced him to 90 days, suspended for 12 months and ordered him not to drive for 12 months except for limited driving

privileges and fined him \$150 and costs.

Blood alcohol content was recorded as .30.

In other cases, Charles W. Phillips, Jr., Rt. 3, Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding in excess of 100 MPH and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and ordered not to drive for 12 months except for limited driving privileges and was fined \$100 and costs.

Lee Ervin Smith, Rockingham, pleaded guilty to driving while his license was revoked and was sentenced to four months, suspended for two years, and ordered not to drive until licensed to do so and fined \$200 and costs.

Joe Ingram Parker, Fayetteville, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was fined costs.

William Harley Thompson, Sr., Rockingham, pleaded guilty to no financial responsibility and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and fined \$50 and costs.

Marvin Lawrence Rhoden, Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to speeding 69 in a 55 MPH zone and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$15 and costs.

James Lewis Holt, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding 68 in a 55 MPH zone and was fined \$10 and costs.

Edmond Frederick Baddour, Laurinburg, pleaded guilty to speeding 67 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs.

David Ryan Locklear, Rt. 1, Pembroke, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed, and was fined costs.

Earl Jr. Dockery, Rt. 3, Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding 100 in a 55 MPH zone and reckless driving and was sentenced to six months, suspended for two years and was ordered not to drive for 12 months and was fined \$250 and costs.

Ronnie Carol Craven, Concord, pleaded guilty to speeding 66 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Freddie Gilchrist, Rt. 1, Red Springs, pleaded guilty to speeding 51 in a 35 MPH zone and driving left of center and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$10 and costs.

Johnny Gaston Clark, Fairmont, pleaded guilty to driving while his license was revoked and was sentenced to four months, suspended

for two years, and ordered not to drive until licensed to do so and fined \$200 and costs.

Michael Vance Poplin, Albemarle, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed, and was fined costs.

Aruritos Jones, Pinehurst, pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Ephrom Isaac Crosby, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded guilty to driving without a license and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$25 and costs.

Willie Hampton, Jr., Fayetteville, pleaded guilty to driving with a blood alcohol reading of .10 and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for 12 months, and ordered not to drive for 12 months except for limited driving privileges and was fined \$150 and costs.

Harry Dan Parker, Fayetteville, pleaded guilty to driving 65 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Charles Greer Crowder, Donaldson Ave., Raeford, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was fined costs.

Johnny Johnson, Rt. 1, Red Springs, pleaded guilty to speeding 68 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued for two years upon payment of costs.

Norman Wayne Eaton, Mocksville, pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was fined costs.

Fredrick Ray Locklear, Pembroke, pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Jerold McAllister, P.O. Box 489, Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding 61 in a 35 MPH zone and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and ordered not to drive for 30 days except for limited driving privileges and was fined \$25 and costs.

Larry Smith, Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$10 and costs.

David Coy Page, Fairmont, pleaded guilty to speeding 65 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Carl Edgar Brock, Green St., Raeford, pleaded guilty to speeding 67 in a 55 MPH zone and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

James Matheson Holmes, P.O.

Box 482, Raeford, was found guilty of DUI and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for 12 months, and ordered not to drive for 12 months, and was fined \$150 and costs. Holmes gave notice of appeal.

Carrie Eula Tyson, Raleigh, pleaded guilty to speeding 68 in a 55 MPH zone, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Gary Lee Adkins, Stewart St., Raeford, pleaded no contest to greater than reasonable speed and was fined costs.

Vanaster Singletary, Rt. 2, Raeford, pleaded guilty to DUI, second offense, and was sentenced to six months, suspended for two years, and placed on probation for two years and was ordered not to drive for two years and was fined \$250 and costs.

John Wesley Hill, Wagram, pleaded guilty to DUI, third offense, and was sentenced to 18 months, suspended for three and one half years and placed on probation for three and one half years and ordered not to drive until licensed to do so and fined \$500 and costs.

Harrison Southerland, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded guilty to a stop light violation and DUI and was sentenced to six months, suspended for two years, and placed on probation for two years and ordered not to drive for 18 months and was fined \$150 and costs. He also pleaded guilty to speeding 90 in a 45 MPH zone and reckless driving and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years, and placed on probation for two years and fined \$100 and costs. The latter sentence is to begin at the expiration of the previous one.

Norman Warren Johnson, Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to driving while his license was revoked and was sentenced to eight months, suspended for two years and placed on probation for two years and ordered not to drive until licensed to do so and was fined \$200 and costs.

Roy Lee Monroe, Jr., Rt. 1, Shannon, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended and fined \$50 and costs.

Kenneth James Enoch, Ft. Bragg, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended and fined \$150 and costs.

Larry Dean Locklear, Rt. 1, Shannon, pleaded guilty to non-support and after the court hear the case, was found not guilty.

George Lee Smith, Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge, pleaded not guilty to non-support and was ordered to pay \$15 per week support after a 60 day sentence was suspended for two years and he was placed on probation for two years.

Neal James Gilchrist, Rt. 1, Red Springs, was found guilty of trespassing.

Hilton T. Ferguson, Pinehurst, pleaded guilty to a hunting violation and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended for 12 months and was fined costs.

Thomas Lee McCrimmon, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and prayer for judgment was continued and he was placed on probation for two years upon payment of costs.

Leverine Blue, Raeford, was found not guilty of worthless check.

Clarence McIntosh, Rt. 1, Raeford, was found guilty of obstructing an officer and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$35 and costs.

No probable cause was found against Curly Chavis for two counts of receiving, but probable cause was found for charges of breaking and entering and larceny and he was bound over to Superior Court, for action by the grand jury.

Charles Handon, Rt. 1, Raeford, pleaded guilty to two counts of worthless checks and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years, and fined \$130.86 restitution and costs.

Timothy Nelson Parrish, Department of Correction, McCain, pleaded guilty to escape and was sentenced to 90 days to run concurrently with his previous sentence.

Joe Lee McNeill, Raeford, pleaded guilty to worthless check and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended and fined \$40.15 restitution and costs.



ACADEMY GRADUATE -- Army M/Sgt. Billy R. Martin, whose wife, Mary Sue, lives on Rt. 1, Raeford, was graduated from the Army Sergeants Major Academy Jan. 22 at Ft. Bliss, Tex. The 22-week course at the academy prepares selected noncommissioned officers for positions of greater responsibility. Sgt. Martin entered the Army in 1957 and was last stationed at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

Service Personnel

Army Pvt. Anthony McLeod, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McLeod, Raeford, on Jan. 22 completed nine weeks of advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, Ft. Polk, La.

He received general training as a light weapons infantryman and as a mortar and recoilless rifle crewman, in addition to specialized weapons instruction.

Pvt. McLeod entered the Army last September and completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

A 1974 graduate of Hoke County High School, the private attended Sandhills College in Southern Pines. Before entering the Army, the private was employed by Burlington Industries in Raeford.

Farm Items

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Crop producers should take a close look at costs before deciding on the type of crops to plant this year. Several of the economists at North Carolina State University did some figuring on variable costs for producing various crops. They came up with the following: \$208.80 per acre for cotton, soybeans \$68.80 and corn \$103.90.

The returns to management and fixed resources in cotton would be \$94.20 if you produced a 500 lb. bale and sold it for 55 cents per pound. A 25 bushel soybean yield would give a return of \$56.20 if sold at \$5.00 per bushel. Corn that produced 70 bushels and sold for \$2.65 per bushel would return \$81.60.

You should decide what you can do on your farm and make your own management decision.

Federal funds for the trial boll weevil eradication program in the Virginia-Carolinas area are included in the fiscal year budget proposed by President Ford. The proposed funds total \$1.7 million for a first year operational phase. The funds must now be approved by Congress and would be channeled through USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Plans for the trial program call for states and producers in the area to share in the costs.

The summary of the N.C. Cotton Variety Tests were received from Glenn Toomey's office on the tests at Dundarrach and in Northampton County. Here the top yielding variety was McNair 3,036; second was Stoneville 504; third was McNair 612; and a tie for fourth with Delta Pine 652 and Coker 304.

A complete listing of yields, ginning per cent and micronaire is available from the County Agent's office.

LIVESTOCK INCOME

North Carolina's leading livestock producing county is Duplin. It leads in the production of broilers and hogs and ranks third in eggs, Wilkes County, with its large egg and broiler industries, ranks second ahead of Chatham, Moore and Union.

SCS News

The venerable plow is steadily yielding ground to a more modern way of farming: minimum tillage and related methods. Indeed, a USDA study predicts that by the year 2010, American farmers will practice conventional tillage methods on only 5 per cent of our cropland. Many names have been coined to describe local variations of minimum tillage, including wheel-track planting, zero tillage, crop-residue planting, and slot planting, among others. By whatever name, this modern method of planting enables farmers to obtain good crop yields while providing a complete soil cover that retains moisture and prevents erosion.

Minimum tillage gained its initial impetus after World War II as farmers began feeling the pinch of chronic labor shortages. Anxious to complete planting on time, enterprising farmers began learning how to save time and labor by planting row crops in narrow strips of soil cut open by a coulter blade or chisel; the narrow seedbed was then compacted by the tractor's wheels. Variations and refinements have come with the passing years. Today's minimum tillage farmer plants a winter cover crop, typically rye, after the fall harvest. In the spring, he kills the rye with herbicides, then seeds the main crop into the resultant mulch with a special planter. Not a furrow is

turned, nor does the farmer need to re-enter the field until harvest time, when he begins the cycle anew.

Plowless farming is now underway on more than six million acres in this country, and expanding rapidly. Minimum tillage methods are not without their problems, however. Insects once held in check by deep plowing tend to thrive in undisturbed soil and mulch. Farmers who fail to anticipate this problem and to select the proper insecticides, court disaster. Furthermore, herbicide applications must be made on a precisely timed basis to establish enough mulch to check erosion, yet not smother the seedlings.

Science will help remedy these and other problems related to minimum tillage farming, a concept recently cited as a "truly basic change in the history of our agriculture." Minimum tillage unquestionably saves farmers time, labor, and money. Its long term benefits, however, may well lie not in farm economics but in conservation. For the untended soil, protected by its layer of mulch, can retain 50 per cent more soil moisture than a plowed field, and cut erosion and runoff on sloping fields by up to 90 per cent. This is good news in these times of environmental awareness and consequent social constraints. Not only can minimum tillage help save a life-sustaining resource - it can also greatly abate the critical problem of pollution and siltation of our waterways. It is an idea whose time has come.

The above information on minimum tillage was taken from an editorial in the February 1976 Agriculture Research magazine. If you desire any additional information on minimum tillage, please contact your district Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, in Raeford.

Lye or chemical drain cleaning products can be very damaging to garbage disposers. So avoid using commercial drain cleaners in drains that contain disposers, advises Kathryn Wooten, extension home equipment specialist, North Carolina State University.

Disposers really don't need to be cleaned, she adds. They are permanently lubricated and self-cleaning, if used regularly.

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