

Coroner's Jury Orders Woman Held Monday

- Minnie Jackson Case To Go to Grand Jury
Witnesses Say She Shot in Self Defense

Minnie Jackson, Beaufort Negro who shot and killed Mosse Jackson last Saturday was ordered held for grand jury action Monday night by a coroner's jury.

Coroner David Munden called three witnesses to the stand. The three, who were at the scene of the shooting, testified that Minnie shot Jackson as he came at her with a raised ax threatening to kill her.

The first witness was Robert Norris, who said that he was sitting in Minnie's living room Saturday night when Jackson entered the apartment and started arguing with Minnie and swearing violently.

Norris then told how Minnie ordered Jackson out of the apartment, that he left, and going outside started pounding on the side of the house. He testified that he did not know whether Jackson was pounding on the house with an ax or his fists.

Susie Reed was the next witness. She said that she too was in Minnie's apartment when Jackson entered. Her testimony was essentially a substantiation of Norris's testimony.

The next witness, Willie Williams, told the jury that he was an eye witness to the actual shooting. Williams, whose house is next door to Minnie's apartment, said that he was in his yard when Jackson was pounding on the side of Minnie's house.

Williams said that he tried to warn Jackson that he would get himself in trouble if he didn't stop making such a disturbance. Williams then said that Jackson went to the woodpile and got an ax when Minnie came out on the porch to tell him to leave.

He said that when she returned with the gun Jackson started after her with the ax raised over his head saying that he was going to kill her. He said that Minnie fired when Jackson was about 15 feet from her.

Minnie's defense attorney, Luther Hamilton Jr. said that Minnie herself wasn't able to add anything to the evidence already presented so she did not take the stand.

Chief of police Guy Springle took the stand and told the jury that outside of a few minor incidents, Minnie had never been in trouble with the police before and added that Jackson was a habitual trouble maker, especially when he was drinking.

The jury retired at 9:05 and returned with their verdict at 9:22 p.m. Minnie was placed under \$500 bond for her appearance in superior court where she will be tried if the grand jury returns a true bill.

On the coroner's jury were W. J. Condie, George Smith, J. P. Harris, Jesse Lockhart, J. W. Sykes, and E. B. Fleming.

James Davis Conducts Quiz

A Rotary quiz, conducted by James Davis, was the program Tuesday night at the Beaufort Rotary club meeting at the Scout building.

Next week's meeting will be devoted to the election of officers for 1960-61, according to publicity chairman Glenn Adair.

The Rotary bell was returned Tuesday night. The bell has been out of use while it was being polished and engraved with the names of past presidents of the club.

Visiting Rotarians at the meeting were Jack Roberts, Edgar Swann, Bud Dixon, Albert Gaskill, and Harvey Joslyn, all of Morehead City.

Garage Burns Yesterday

Beaufort firemen were called yesterday afternoon to extinguish a garage fire at Van Potters on the corner of Broad and Pollock Streets. The garage which was used as a storage space by Potter was completely gutted on the inside, firemen said.

The alarm was received from box 32 at 1:05 p.m.

Council Officers



Officers of the County Agriculture Workers Council this year are David Warrick, left, secretary; Miss Ann Couch, vice-president, and Howard Garner, president.

Social Security Pays \$86,000 Here Monthly

With the delivery of 13 1/2 million benefit checks to homes all over the nation, the federal old-age and survivors insurance program this week completes its first twenty years of monthly benefit payments.

At the end of 1959, Miss Betty Perkinson, field representative of the New Bern Social Security Office, said, \$850 million a month was being paid out nationally in old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits.

Miss Perkinson pointed out that this is the 20th anniversary year of the social security law. Although monthly old-age payments had not been originally scheduled to start until 1942, she said, Congress amended the law in turn to move up the starting date to January 1940 and also to provide for the payment of dependents and survivors benefits as well as old-age insurance benefits.

Since January 1940, when monthly benefits first became payable, 21 million beneficiaries have received a total of \$50.4 billion in monthly benefit payments.

Over the 20-year period, Miss Perkinson said, retired workers and their dependents have received \$38.1 billion; \$11.6 billion in monthly benefits has been paid to the survivors of workers who have died (in addition to \$1.2 billion in lump sum death benefits); and since July 1957, \$750 million has been paid to disabled workers aged 50 to 65, and their dependents.

Citing the "remarkable growth" of social security over the last 20 years, Miss Perkinson said that payments certified for January 1940 amounted to only \$76,000 for the country as a whole, and went to only 4,000 beneficiaries.

Total payments for 1959 topped \$10.3 billion, compared with \$32.1 million for the entire year of 1940, a 320-fold increase.

Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits are paid as a matter of right, Miss Perkinson pointed out, based upon a worker's record of earnings in employment or self-employment covered by social security. When the program started, only about 26 million employees in commerce and industry were covered.

Today, about 9 out of 10 gainfully employed people, both employed and self-employed, are covered. About 76 million Americans have worked long enough under social

security to be fully insured for the payment of survivors insurance benefits.

Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance benefits are paid out of two separate trust funds maintained in the US Treasury. These funds have been built up with the social security tax contributions of employees, their employers, and the self-employed.

That money not needed for the current payment of benefits and administrative costs is invested in interest-bearing obligations of the US Government. The interest earned on these investments is added to the Funds.

At the end of the last fiscal year, in June 1959, the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund amounted to \$21.5 billion. Twenty years ago, it was \$1.7 billion. The Disability Insurance Trust Fund, established on Jan. 1, 1957, amounted to \$1.7 billion at the end of the fiscal year.

Court Conducts Brief Session

Four cases were brought up in Morehead City recorder's court Monday. Defendants in three of the cases failed to appear.

Forfeiting bond for failing to show up were Donald Cahoon of Morehead City, charged with being drunk and disorderly; Orville Alvin Willis of Sea Level, charged with making an improper left turn and Carl F. Knox, charged with issuing a worthless check.

A court order was issued for Knox to be brought in and stand trial Feb. 1. Bond for his appearance was set at \$250. He is charged with cashing a worthless \$50 check at the Rex restaurant.

An assault case against Genora Jones of Morehead City was dismissed. She had pleaded not guilty to the charge on July 20 and judgment was deferred for six months. She was charged with hitting Helen Mann.

Cases against Betty Sue Crouch, Walter Lee Holliday and Carl F. Knox were continued until later terms of court by judge Herbert O. Phillips.

Jurors Missing

Coroner David Munden said yesterday that jurors sworn in for the William Simmons inquest are out of town. If they return, or if other jurors can be found, the Simmons inquest will be held at 8 to 10 p.m. in the Morehead City municipal building, as scheduled.

Home Agent Announces Meetings for Next Week

Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics agent, asks that Home Demonstration Club leaders make a special effort to attend the following meetings next week at the home agent's office, Beaufort:

10 a.m. Monday, garden leaders: Mrs. Reynolds Searle, Mrs. Richard Whitehurst, Mrs. W. K. Williams, Mrs. Gordon Laughton, Mrs. Jim Kelly.

Mrs. Joe Barnes, Mrs. Rone Wallace, Mrs. J. E. Weeks, Mrs. R. P. Gooding, Mrs. K. M. Hurst, Mrs. Willie Page, Mrs. Roland Salter, Mrs. Cecil Morris, Mrs. L. D. Springle.

County garden leaders, Mrs. R. P. Gooding and Mrs. Jim Stallings are expected to attend also. The year's program will be planned and duties of garden leaders outlined.

The following crafts leaders will meet at 2 p.m. Monday: Mrs. Carol Lupton, Mrs. Stanley Gillikin, Mrs.

Eric Midgette, Mrs. Effron Smith, Mrs. Guy Styron, Mrs. Tom Carraway, Mrs. G. C. Dunn, Mrs. Clara Gagnon, Mrs. Milton Piner, Mrs. John Ives, Miss Mary Whitehurst, Mrs. M. M. Eubanks, Mrs. C. S. Rogers, and Mrs. E. C. McLawhorn, who with Mrs. Ives is a county leader.

Citizenship and international relations leaders will attend a training meeting for the February club meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday. They are Mrs. W. W. Bright, Mrs. L. D. Norris, Mrs. W. E. S. Hansen, Mrs. C. W. Taylor.

Mrs. Leslie Brinson, Mrs. Floyd Garner, Mrs. Fred Bell, Mrs. Guy Carraway, Mrs. Will Dail, Mrs. Glenn Winberry, Mrs. Ray Hilbert, Mrs. Hugh Pake, Mrs. Ann Morris, and Mrs. Ben Jones.

The county council meeting, postponed from this week, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the home agent's office.

Five Awards Will be Given By JC's Jan. 29

The annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Awards dinner will start at 7:30 Friday night, Jan. 29, at the Morehead City Country Club.

State senator Jimmy O. Simpkins of New Bern will be the guest speaker at the affair which will be held jointly by the Morehead City and Beaufort Jaycee clubs.

Highlighting the program will be the presentation of the distinguished service awards. These will include a citizen's award, a key man award and a sparkplug award to be made by the Beaufort Jaycees and a distinguished service award and an outstanding teenager award to be made by the Morehead City Jaycees.

The Beaufort citizen's award can be given to any person living in Beaufort, while the key man and



J. O. Simpkins... banquet speaker

sparkplug awards will be made to a member of the Jaycees. Nominations for the various awards are made by members of the Jaycee club.

For the distinguished service award in Morehead City nominations are made by civic organizations and churches and a specially appointed committee selects the person named on the most ballots. The name of the person to receive the award will not be known, except to the committee, until the presentation at the banquet.

Officers Search For Burglars

Marshall Ayscue, county ABC officer, reported yesterday that the Newport liquor store theft is still under investigation.

Thieves entered the store some time between midnight Sunday and 1 a.m. Monday and took between six and seven cases of whiskey. Officer Ayscue said entry to the store was gained by the front door.

The glass was not broken, but wrecking bars were used to crack the wood and pry off the door's two locks. The safe was not tampered with.

The ABC officers said more might have been missing than the whiskey, but perhaps something scared the intruders before they could complete the job.

The theft was discovered by W. B. Allen, store clerk, when he went to the store Monday morning.

This is the third time the store has been entered in several years. On the two prior occasions, the burglars were apprehended. One was stationed at Cherry Point and the other was a prisoner recently released from the Newport prison camp who, with some friends, broke into the store.

Morehead Jaycees Meet Monday

Discussed at the Morehead City Jaycee meeting Monday night was the distinguished service awards banquet which will be held Jan. 29 at the Morehead City country club in conjunction with the Beaufort Jaycee club.

Cliff Lynch reported that Mrs. Charles Hassell has offered to direct the variety show that the club hopes to sponsor in the near future. A committee of Cliff Lynch, Bill Singleton, Tommy Bennett, L. G. Dunn and Garland Scruggs was appointed to confer with Mrs. Hassell regarding the show.

In other business the club voted to attend the First Baptist Church Sunday in a body, in observance of National Jaycee Week.

Tide Table

Table with columns for HIGH, LOW, and times for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

News-Times Editorial Page Wins First Place in Contest

Republicans Will Meet Friday, Feb. 5

Republicans of the county will meet in convention at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the courthouse, Beaufort.

I. D. Gillikin, chairman of the Republican executive committee, announces that those attending the convention will elect a county committee and delegates to the Republican state and national conventions.

Ocracoke Men Visit Raleigh

A delegation of Ocracoke civic club members left Ocracoke Wednesday for Raleigh. The president of the club, Jack Willis, arranged for a conference with officials of the North Carolina highway commission on Thursday morning.

Subject under discussion related to a permanent landing on the north end of Ocracoke Island for the state-operated Hatteras Inlet, ferry and recommendation for the most suitable location for such a landing.

The committee is also investigating possibilities of an air strip for Ocracoke Island.

At yesterday's meeting they conferred with J. Melville Broughton, chairman of the highway commission; W. F. Babcock, director; John Swain, director of secondary roads; and Harold Makepeace, secretary to the governor.

Making the trip were R. S. Wahab, chairman of the committee; Benjamin E. Spencer, dredge operator and technical advisor; Jack C. Willis, president, Ocracoke civic club; Theodore Rondthaler, principal, Ocracoke school; Jesse Garrish, store owner and merchant.

Montford Garrish, US Coast Guard (Ret.); Oscar Burrus, US Engineers (Ret.); and hunting and fishing guide; Charlie Ahman, US Maritime Service (Ret.); and C. F. Boyette, manager, Wahab Village Hotel.

They will return to Ocracoke today.

Coast Guard Removes Sailor From Freighter

Coast Guardsmen from Fort Macon assisted in removing a sick seaman from a freighter Tuesday night. The seaman, Miguel Torres, 37, of the ship SS Perryville apparently suffered a nervous breakdown.

Torres was taken aboard the Coast Guard 40-footer and transported to Fort Macon where he was transferred to an ambulance and taken to the Morehead City hospital.

Serving as crew on the 40-footer were Eugene Carpenter, BM-3 and Norvie Gillikin, EN-2.

Honorable Mention Given For Photography

For its editorial page, THE NEWS-TIMES has won first place in the semi-weekly division of the annual North Carolina Press Association contest. The award was presented last night at Chapel Hill at the opening session of the mid-winter institute of the NCPA.

Accepting the award from Sen. Sam J. Ervin, senior senator from North Carolina, was Mrs. Lockwood Phillips, Beaufort, who with Mr. Phillips, publishes THE NEWS-TIMES.

The newspaper also received, in photography, honorable mention.

In the 1958 contest, THE NEWS-TIMES won first place in photography and second place for its editorial page. Those awards were presented last January.

Miss Ruth Peeling, editor, expressed appreciation for the recognition on behalf of the entire NEWS-TIMES family. "Awards are won by the combined efforts of many," she remarked. "In the case of the editorial page, columnists, writers of letters to the editor, poets, readers who offer ideas for editorials — all help to make the page outstanding."

Even the best material becomes shoddy if it is not reproduced well on the page, the editor continued. Credit for good reproduction and an attractive editorial page goes to the men in "the shop," where the type is set and the press rolls, she added.

Reproduction figures with extreme importance in the publication of pictures. After the picture is taken by photographer Larry McComb, and he presents the print to be "run off," the rest is in the hands, again, of "the shop."

This year's recognition of THE NEWS-TIMES continues a consistent record of award winning by Carteret County's newspaper, on both the state and national level.

Mr. Phillips, publisher, said, "These are honors in which everyone living in THE NEWS-TIMES area can share. Many people judge an area by the newspaper it produces. We like to think that THE NEWS-TIMES does its share in selling the advantages of, and bringing recognition to Carteret County. We hope to continue to produce a newspaper of which all of us can be proud."

A. L. Winberry Appeals Decision

Judge L. R. Morris, in county recorder's court Tuesday, suspended sentence in the case of A. L. (Arbie) Winberry, charged with trespassing and destroying personal property.

Winberry was ordered to pay costs. Winberry appealed the decision to the next term of superior court and bond for his appearance was set at \$50.

Two other defendants entering appeals to the higher court were George and Naomi Worthy who were ordered to pay \$10 and court costs each for public drunkenness and resisting arrest. The warrant for Naomi also charged her with using loud and profane language. Bond for each of the defendants was set at \$50.

Other defendants, their charges, and the findings of the court were as follows:

John Wesley Tyson Jr.—Careless and reckless driving, improper registration and no insurance. Found guilty of following too close, improper registration and no insurance. Fined \$25 and court costs.

Nathan D. Jones—Drunk driving. Warrant was amended to appearing on a highway in a drunken condition. Costs of court levied.

James Edward Truran—Speeding. Fined \$10 and costs.

James Marvin Miller—Driving drunk. Three months in jail and roadwork suspended on payment of \$100 and costs within 24 hours.

Alex Taylor—Failing to yield the right of way. Paid costs.

Marvin Linburg Williford—Speeding, improper lights. Fined \$15 and court costs.

Macon Cleveland Young—Speeding. \$5 and court costs.

Lambert Vaughn Davis—Having improper lights. One-half court costs levied.

Nancy Whitehurst Knox—Speeding; pay costs.

James R. Lewis—Careless and reckless driving. Bond forfeited.

Benjamin Doyle Tootle—Speeding. Paid costs.

Kenneth Newsome—Speeding. Fined \$10 and court costs.

Alton Ray Long, Edward Henry Butt, Harold Joseph Hoy—Speeding. Ordered to pay court costs.

Charles E. Westerbeck—Speeding. Fined \$15 and costs.

Aaron George—Speeding. Court costs levied.

Delbert T. Lineberry—Speeding. Fined \$35 and court costs.

Emmit Simmons—Failing to allow a vehicle to pass and driving on the wrong side of the road. Paid court costs.

James Johnson—Having no rear reflectors. One-half costs paid.

Lambert Vaughn Davis—Speeding. Fined \$5 and court costs.

Charles Norwood Fuichers—Speeding. Paid costs.

Jimmie Alfred Morris—Improper registration and muffler; court costs levied.

Andrew Reels—Insufficient brakes. Paid court costs.

Albert Earl Boyd—Speeding. \$10 and court costs.

Harold Roger Pollack—Speeding, improper use of dealer's plates. \$10 and court costs.

Gerald Russell Austin—Speeding. One-half court costs.

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Children Enjoy Library



Pupils enjoy the new elementary school library at Morehead City school. The library is located in one of the recently-built quonset huts. Standing at the left is Judy Morton and seated at left is Jean Sanders. Both are pupils in Mrs. Leland Day's fourth grade. Miss Hortense Boomer, librarian, is seated at the desk at right.

Rescue Squad, Firemen Meet Monday Night

A training session for Atlantic Beach firemen and members of the Civil Defense rescue squad was conducted Monday night. The session was planned by William Barts, fire chief, and Jack Savage, director of Civil Defense.

An alarm was sounded at 7 p.m., after the chief started a fire in a vacant lot.

Eighteen of the 21 fire department members reported and seven of the eight members of the rescue squad answered the call.

Members of the rescue squad are Carl Bell, chief; Tom Webb, assistant chief; Jimmy Leonard, Marvin Willis, Jim Fox, Allen Shelor, Don Fox, and Ervin Glover.

The rescue squad meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday nights at the town hall. New uniforms and helmets are due to arrive soon. Bill Moore, chief of police, said that auxiliary police were well represented at Monday night's session.

Firemen meet the second Thursday of each month at the town hall.

Fire Damages Negro Elks Club

Fire damaged the Negro Elks Club on Fisher Street in Morehead City early yesterday morning. Firemen received the alarm at 5:50 a.m. and men from both the main station and the west end station went to the scene.

According to the firemen, the blaze apparently started from a stove at the rear of the club, a one-story frame building. Most of the damage was to the ceiling and roof.

Firemen remained at the scene about an hour to make sure the blaze was out.

Fort Macon Park Retains Appeal

Ray Pardue, superintendent of Fort Macon State Park, has reported on park attendance in 1959.

The total was 440,178, or 1,700 fewer than in 1958, but the park still holds first place in popularity, by a wide margin, over other state parks.

Second in popularity last year was Mt. Mitchell with 237,241, and third was Morrow Mountain with 230,419.

Mr. Pardue attributes the 1,700 drop to three successive rainy weekends in June this year. Park attendance in 1958 was 441,896.

Of the 1959 visitors, 46,940 were picnickers, 86,722 swimmers, 7,672 hikers, 49,685 fishermen, and 257,467 went through the fort.

The park opens the first week in June and closes Labor Day.