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## The Past Week in Review

Tuesday afternoon the Lenoir County Grand Jury began an investigation of the charges made by the local daily newspaper which have repeatedly alleged that Kinston is a hot bed of gambling in practically every form except horse racing. A number of witnesses were called before the grand jury for questioning. Among these was Chief of Police Marion Haskins who told the jury that his department would be happy to do everything in its power to check on specific charges against persons, but the chief reminded the jury that it is impossible to move against the broad generalizations that have been hurled at the community in this editorial assault. Editor Galt Braxton of the Daily Paper was called before the jury also but he was only able to reiterate his written words that there is gambling going on in and around Kinston. No specific names were offered and no charges against places or persons were forthcoming. The Grand Jury will continue work today on this particular phase of its duties to get to the bottom of the charges made by Editor Braxton, in spite of the fact that the editor was unable to substantiate his written allegations.

Tuesday night around midnight a young Camp Lejeune Marine was found in a weakened condition near the Kinston bus station from loss of blood from several cuts.

neck first revealed his story that he had been attacked by an unknown individual who had inflicted the wounds on him. Later, however, the young man admitted that he had received a "Dear John" letter from his girl friend back home who had decided not to wait for him and was latching on to someone else. The frustration caused by this letter from the unfaithful home town gal caused the marine to slash his wrist in a suicide attempt. He was removed to the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune after receiving treatment in a local hospital.

In spite of the fact that he admitted that he doubted the legality of his action, Judge Chester Morris Tuesday changed the sentence of 17 year old Hazel Pigford who had earlier been sentenced to a two year prison term in state prison by Judge A. R. Crisp, for attempted arson. Due to a peculiarity in the law which forbids acceptance of girls under 18 years old in the state prison system and another quirk of the law which forbids the acceptance of a girl convicted of a felony in reform schools or training schools such as the Dobbs Farm the girl has been kept here in the county jail since she was sentenced in April by Judge Crisp. Judge Morris changed her prison sentence to a two year tour of duty at the county jail. Judge Morris pointed in making his unusual judgment that the girl has the right

Lenoir County PMA Chairman Whitford Hill says that Thursday night is the deadline for tobacco farmers to make up their mind about what they are going to do with the excess tobacco they have on their farms. After Thursday night those farmers who have not made clear their intentions will be automatically put on the list for a red marketing card.

Mrs. Dan Parrott has been named chairman of the Kinston library association succeeding Paul LaRouque who has ended a two year term as head of the local group which supervises library activities in the county.

Fire from an undetermined origin Sunday afternoon destroyed a 30 by 60 two story packhouse on the Currin Howard farm in upper Jones County and the 27 acres of oats that had been stored in this pack house.

A number of highway patrolmen well known in Eastern Carolina were included among the 39 who were promoted Friday by the motor vehicles department. T. W. Fearing, who was stationed in Kinston for eight years has been promoted to sergeant, John Laws, the patrol's top pistol expert, who was stationed in Morehead City and Greenville is now sergeant John Laws. Bill Clagon who served 10 years at Trenton is now Sergeant Bill Clagon, and Clerk Teague

## Editorial

### 'For This Relief Much Thanks'

We print below the full text of the report filed Wednesday by the Lenoir County Grand Jury, which eloquently speaks for itself and gives Kinston and Lenoir County a clean bill-of-health insofar as the loosely thrown charges of Newspaperman Galt Braxton are concerned. It is to be hoped that Newspaperman Braxton will in the future attempt to discover facts before he turns his typewriter loose with a slanderous attack against what we considered to be the finest town in the world.

TO HIS HONOR CHESTER MORRIS, JUDGE PRESIDING, GREETINGS:

We have received 21 bills and found 21 true bills. We inspected the Lenoir County Prison Camps and County and City Jails and found them to be in good condition.

In the regular line of our investigations and under definite instructions of the court, we have diligently undertaken an investigation of current rumors of gambling in Kinston and in Lenoir County. This particular subject has been impressed upon the minds of the members of this body because of recent particular discussions of the subject in the "Kinston Daily Free Press," a newspaper published in Kinston. Very naturally we called before us Sheriff S. R. Churchill, of Lenoir County and Chief of Police Marion Haskins of the City of Kinston, and Mr. H. Galt Braxton, editor and publisher of the "Kinston Daily Free Press." Both the Sheriff and the Chief of Police advised that they had no substantial information as to who, if any people, are carrying on such violations of the law in their respective jurisdictions. Notwithstanding they have been diligent in seeking evidence of the character which would justify indictments. Mr. Braxton advised in effect that he knew nothing of sufficient force to justify indictments for violations of any laws against gambling and that such information as he had was merely of a hearsay nature. The sources mentioned are those from which this body had hoped to obtain information; but in the light of such investigation, it has concluded that the alleged violation of the laws has been greatly magnified, and it does not believe that this city and county are any worse, if as bad, with respect to such violations as the normal other cities

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S. R. WOODRUFF  
Foreman of the Grand Jury

## Jones Family Biggest Listed In New Directory of Kinston; But Smiths Are Not So Far Behind

The 1951 directory for the city of Kinston has been distributed to Kinston business houses, offices and other advertising subscribers during the past week and like all previous directories it includes a wealth of valuable information which makes it practically indispensable to most offices.

The principal part of the directory includes an alphabetical listing of all persons living in Kinston at the time the directory was compiled at the end of 1950. Another section lists the persons living on the five rural free delivery routes of the Kinston post office and another section gives a chronological listing of telephone numbers in the city.

A classified business directory includes the name and addresses of all business and professional offices and lists the officers of all organizations.

Kinston fits fairly comfortably into the national pattern of cities since in this directory of more than 18,000 persons the Jones Family comes out at the head of the list with 255 names in the Kinston directory. There are listed eight John Joneses in Kinston and seven Bill Joneses.

Resting in its usual number two spot on the popularity parade is the Smith Family which has 190 listings in the directory and only four of these are John Smiths.

Close to the heels of the Smith Family is the Taylor Family which has 182 listings in the new 1951 directory. Among these 182 Taylors there are eight Robert Taylors and four of these eight are Robert L. Taylors.

Just behind the Taylor family with 159 listings is the Williams

Family and after the Williams listings there are 152 Suttons, including seven John Suttons.

The Davis Family is the next most familiar name in the directory with 140 Davises including seven John Davises.

Close on the heels of the Davis Family is the Moore Family with 139, Brown Family with 120 and the White Family with 109 listed make up the family names with more than 100 living in Kinston.

John and Mary are, of course, the most popular given names in the directory.

Alice B. Abbott, a bookkeeper for the daily paper in Kinston has the honor of being first in the listing and Edmund J. Zulkoskie, a mechanic with the Ferrill Motor Company brings up the rear of the listings.

City Manager Bill Heard has the distinction of being one of the few persons listed in the directory who has his name misspelled. The top administrative officer of the community is William J. Head.

### Trenton Scouts Spend Week at Scout Camp

An even dozen Trenton Boy Scouts spent last week at Camp Charles near Wilson and enjoyed the training and fellowship afforded by this annual encampment. Scout Leader Mack Griffin reported this week.

Local Scouts at the camp last week were Graham, Aaron, Wesley and Osborne Mallard Jr., Bradford Jenkins, Osborne Coward, Worth Turnage, Roy Killingsworth Jr., Earl Harrison, Donald White, Billy Hammond and Macon Harriet.

### 30 Days Per Check

Trenton Magistrate J. K. Dixon this week paid Frank Davis Jr. off in days for his infringements of the laws pertaining to passing bad checks. Davis was before J. P. Dixon on five counts of passing worthless checks from three to 25 dollars. Dixon gave Davis 30 days on the roads for each check.

## Pollocksville Robbery Similar to Series That Plagues Onslow Officers

Jones County Sheriff Jeter Taylor says there is very little evidence to go on in searching for the thief or thieves who last Thursday night removed the window from the Bender Candy Company in Pollocksville and hauled away some \$2,000 worth of assorted wholesale items stored in the company's warehouse.

A series of similar robberies up and down US Highway 17 have Sheriffs in Jones, Onslow, Craven and Pamlico counties scratching their heads, Taylor reports. It is the feeling of officers investigating this series of robberies that the work is being done by a well-organized group that is thoroughly familiar with the business of stealing.

Gloves were apparently worn by those who removed the window from the Pollocksville warehouse since no fingerprints were

## Time Now to Dust for Controlling Boll Weevil

### Crop Conditions

But for two neighborhoods, crops in Jones and Lenoir counties at this time are in good to excellent condition. The Comfort section of Jones County and the Moss Hill Community in Lenoir County are both suffering from lack of rain and to a lesser degree water in considerable quantities is needed in the eastern section of Lenoir County's Contentnea Neck Township.

Landowners up and down the Trent River this week were busy using various kinds of irrigation equipment to pump the river waters to their thirsty crops.

Jones County Farmers with cotton acreage are urged to start dusting or spraying operations this week. Spot checks made in various fields of Jones County made by Wayland Reams, Jones County County Agent, during the week ending June 23 showed that boll weevils have started to puncture squares. The percentage of damaged cotton squares varied from none to a high of six per cent, with an average of four percent for all of the eight fields checked.

It is considered profitable to start boll weevil control treatments as soon as the percentage of punctured squares reaches eight to ten percent. It is believed that the average cotton field in Jones County should be sprayed or dusted starting with the first treatment this week. To check boll weevil infestation the following procedure is followed: Start at the nearest corner of the field and work diagonally across to the far corner. Examine 100 squares across the field and keep the punctured and damaged ones in mind. After 100 squares have been examined at random, figure the percentage of punctured and damaged squares. If 10 squares are damaged of the 100 squares examined, the percentage of damaged squares is 10 percent.

There are three materials which are recommended to control the boll weevils and the boll worms. They are Toxaphene, Alderin, and Benzene hexachloride. The directions of the manufacturer should be followed in mixing and applying these poisons.

Hogs, sheep, and beef cattle are being used by M. L. Cooke, Route 2, Granite Falls, to develop a diversified program on his farm.