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PERSONALITIES

C. E. Phillips, who is much better known as "Ed" Phillips, next month will begin his 50th year as a Kinstonian. And he will soon round out 31 years as a law enforcement officer in Kinston and Kinston Township where he now serves as Constable.

Phillips was born January 25, 1882, in Pitt County, and he was legally in his manhood at the age of 21 when he moved to Kinston on October 10, 1903. He remembers the date very well for it was the same day that Kinston, then a thriving village of just over 4,000 souls started getting its first paved streets.

That was the day, so Phillips recalls, that the first brick was put into place and Queen Street changed from a sand and mud lane into a "street."

For the next 13 years Phillips worked with the Kinston Cycle Company, and as he recalls today, he did plenty of "cycling," since one of his duties was to collect for the company and this collecting was done all over the county on a bicycle. Which was some job, with the mud and sand that made most of the county's roads in that day.

Finally, Phillips recalls that Spear asked him if he couldn't do a better job with a motorcycle. He admitted that he could probably cover more territory than with the bicycle. On the next morning a brand new motorcycle was on hand for him to tackle.

It required some little "tack-



ling" and he was tossed for a loss several times in sand beds but he stuck with it and learning to ride the gas-powered two-wheeler led to his being employed as the first motorcycle officer of the City of Kinston in 1920.

At that time Kinston had only five other policemen. Chief Frank Bursell, Tom Stroud, Charlie Moore, George Canady and Willie Leggett.

Kinston and police work both have grown a lot since that day 33 years ago but Phillips, as Constable of Kinston Township, is still very much on the job and he says he has every intention of staying on that job for some little time to come.

Laws Pushes Enforcement Hard

Sgt. John Laws, commander of District 5 of Troop A of the State Highway Patrol, is a firm believer in stricter enforcement of the traffic laws on the books and to back up his argument he points to a chart on his Kinston headquarters wall which tends to corroborate him.

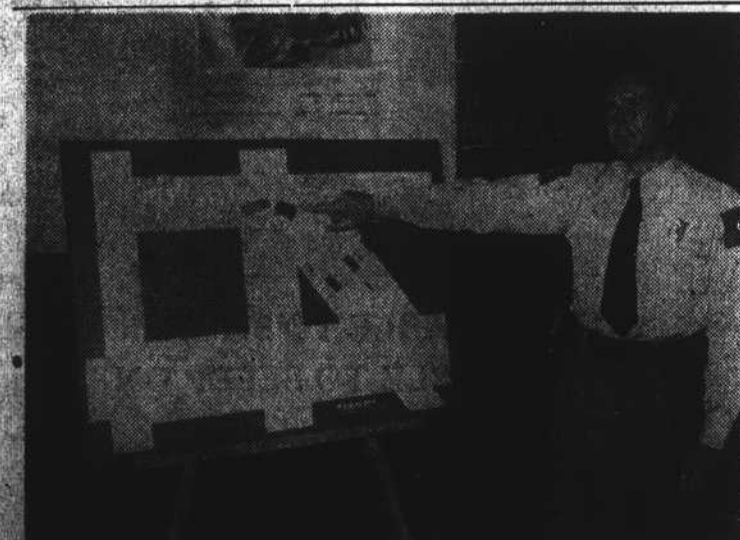
In the first six months of 1952 the local patrol unit made 1212 arrests and investigated 116 accidents that involved as much as \$25 damage.

In contrast to that, during the first six months of 1953 Laws' chart shows 1508 arrests but the number of reportable accidents was only 128.

There were more accidents reported, Laws admits, but he points out that there was far more traffic and a great many more vehicles registered in the county than in the previous year.

Laws says the pressing need in Lenoir County at present, so far as his department is concerned, is one more man. At present he has five men in Lenoir County. Arthur Fields, stationed at LaGrange, Lloyd Pate, Wesley Parrish, Walter Taylor and H. H. Stokes stationed at Kinston.

The major problems in Lenoir County are US 70, US 258—the Marine Corps' private speedway—and NC 11—the du Pont Boulevard. Efficient patrol would require at least dawn to midnight patrol of these three major arteries but five men cannot possibly do the job. Especially when two men have to work all night Sunday night to half way keep the flying Marines on the ground as they head back to their landing fields at Camp Lejeune.



Highway Patrolman Walter Taylor is seen above using the new illustration board in Recorder's Court in Kinston. Magnetized vehicles of every type can be used to clearly illustrate

any accident and to make understanding a given situation easier for all parties concerned. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

Jones County Fair To Be Held In October, 26th Through 31st

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jones County Agricultural Fair Association held Monday night in the ag building in Trenton it was announced that the annual Jones County Fair will be held the last week in October — the 26th through the 31st.

Fair Superintendent Nelson Banks reported that a much more advantageous contract had been secured with the "All America Shows" this year than has been enjoyed in the past. This contract guarantees \$1,500 to the fair association plus all of the gate receipts for entrance to the fair grounds and 20 per cent of the gross receipts of all rides in the fair grounds.

Association President John Hughes Pollock announced committee heads to serve for the coming event, including Director Nick Nobles, Advertising and Publicity Chairman Mrs. Rom Mallard, Program Director William Shackelford and Beauty Queen Contest Chairman, Mrs. Wilma Mallard.

Association Attorney John Larkins reported that in order to secure a waiver on the federal amusement tax of 20 per cent on all admissions it will be necessary for the fair association and the Trenton American Legion Post to reverse their roles in this annual event.

Larkins and other Legionnaires of the local Legion Post looked with favor on this swap of positions.

In the past the Fair Association has received 10 per cent of the net profits of the fair and the Legion 90 per cent, but the federal tax man has ruled that this small percentage for the non-profit fair group is too small to qualify it for an amusement tax waiver.

It was agreed that the proper resolutions would be drawn up by the two cooperating groups as quickly as possible in order that application might be made for this tax waiver in time for this year's fair.

Hidden .8 Acres Tobacco Found On Herbert Jones Farm In Beaver Creek

Jones County Production and Marketing Administration officials report this week that another .8 acre of tobacco has been found on the Herbert Jones Farm in Beaver Creek Township. This additional .8 acre brings the total overplanting for the year by the Kinston auto dealer up to 31.1 acres in Jones County and another 8.1 acres in Lenoir County for a total of 39.2 acres.

The last small tract to be found on the "Webb Farm" was hidden in a corn field, so PMA officials report, and it was uncovered after PMA officials were told that they "still hadn't found all of the over planting" on Jones' farms.

Jones, the largest tobacco grower in Jones County, had earlier agreed to pay a \$255-per-acre penalty on his Jones County overage of 30.3 acres for a total of \$7,726.50 and the finding of this small hidden tract brings his Jones County penalty up to \$7,930.50.

On the 8.1 acre overplanting in Lenoir County Jones agreed to pay a penalty of \$260-per-acre for a total of \$2,160, which, when added to the Jones County penalty makes the well known Kinston and Pink Hill business name have a total penalty for his 1953 overplanting of \$10,036.50.

In addition to this dollars-and-cents penalty Jones cannot sell any of the crop from these farms on a white marketing card, which automatically denies him the protection of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation and its parity price support for tobacco.

The Jones County PMA official also points that the 1954 allocation of Jones in that county will be cut by .8 of an acre, since hidden fields may be subtracted from the succeeding

Baysden Case Nearing End?

The State Bureau of Investigation is hopeful of a break soon in a 16-months-old unsolved murder mystery.

The SBI has announced plans to give lie detectors tests to all persons giving information about the mysterious strangling of Corinne Baysden at Carolina Beach.

SBI Director James F. Powell says in Raleigh there is an "excellent chance" that the Baysden murder case will be broken soon. He says most of the persons asked already have agreed to take lie detectors tests.

SBI agents have been working on the case since the garrotted body of Mrs. Baysden was found in her car at Carolina Beach May 18th, 1952.

William Earl Baysden, husband of the slain woman, said he believed she was abducted while he was asleep in another part of the house on the night of May 18th.

year's allotment to the offending landowner.

The official had no comment, at this time, on the possibility of the Jones allocation for 190.5 acre which was found to be over 4.8 acres when first measured early in the spring, but a late-summer check found the overplanting to be 30.3 acres even after the 4.8 acres had been cut down. A similar recheck in Lenoir County which followed this finding in Jones County uncovered a discrepancy of 8.1 acres, in Jones' favor.

Lt. Hargett Takes Reserve Training

Working with Marine Corps tanks was not a new experience for Lieutenant Harold B. Hargett Jr., USMCR, of Trenton, N. C. The Lieutenant saw the highly specialized Marine tank-infantry teams in action on the Korean battlefronts as an officer in the famed First Marine Division.

Recently undergoing two weeks training here, Lieutenant Hargett was assigned to the Second Marine Division's Second Tank Battalion. This type of "on-the-job" training as outlined by Headquarters Marine Corps, is designed to bring Reservists up to date on the latest Marine Corps activities pertinent to the trainee's particular field of military specialty.

The Lieutenant's wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Ann, reside in Trenton.

Hargett, a graduate of Princeton University, is employed in civilian life as a general store merchant.



North Carolina cotton farmers estimate this year's total production at 480,000 bales (500-pound gross weight), or 19.2 per cent less than their 1952 production.