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## Another Lenoir County Farmer Found With Hidden Tobacco On Jones Farm

### One Fair-Goer Who Didn't Get There

Newitt "Buck" Smith Lenoir County farmer and merchant of the Hugo section, has until Monday, November 9 at 2 o'clock to pay a \$1188 penalty to the Jones County Production and Marketing Committee as one result of having a 5.4-acre hidden field of tobacco on a farm he leases in Pollockville Township.

The 5.4 acres of hidden tobacco was not found until late in October, of course, long after all of the tobacco had been taken out of the field and after the majority, if not of all of it had been sold.

But a committee comprised of county and state PMA officials walked over the hidden 5.4 acres and agreed that it would have had a minimum yield of 1100 pounds to the acre which would give Smith and his tenants, David Seymour and Joe Buck, an excess poundage of 5,940 pounds and since the penalty that has to be paid on such excess plantings is 20 cents per pound this made mandatory a \$1188 penalty against Smith.

Smith denied "knowing anything in the world" about the hidden field but his tenants told PMA officials that Smith said "Go ahead and plant it and if we get caught, I'll pay the whole penalty."

In addition to the \$1188 penalty the tobacco acreage on the leased farm will be reduced 5.4 acres during the coming year.

Smith leased it from Vera Smith, a widow, who lives about a mile and a half north-east of Pollockville on US 17.

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## Kinston Tobacco Market Closing 10th

Kinston tobaccoists have given up hope of hitting the 70 million pound mark with sales on the local market for 1953 as they announce that the sales on the market will end on November 16th. In 1952 over 76 million pounds were sold on the local tobacco market, but this year one of the worst droughts in recent history combined with an eight per cent acreage reduction of flue-cured tobacco dropped sales to about the 60 million pound figure where it is expected to end. This slightly more than 11 per cent drop is about what most experts expected near the end of the growing season, but the overall money paid out this year will run slightly better than the money-paid-out for last year due to about \$3.50 per hundred pounds higher average paid for the 1953 crop. Local tobaccoists urge everybody to get their last offerings onto the sales floors as early as possible.

## Armistice Day Program Planned By Legion Post With Special Free Feed

Commander Allen Curtis of Joseph Dixon Rountree Post No. 43, of the American Legion says that a simple but impressive Armistice Day observance is planned by local Legionnaires at 11 a. m. on November 11th in honor of World War I dead and veterans.

A prayer by Post Chaplain, Jasper Phillips, the placing of a wreath on the courthouse square monument which is to be followed by the sounding of "Taps" will take place at 11 a. m. at the courthouse and this brief two minute program will be carried on each of Kinston's three broadcasting stations: WISE, WFTC and WELS.

At 7 that night a special barbecue will be served at the Legion hall at North and ... and Cyrus Edward ... of Greenville, another ... State Senator ... and Larkins of Trenton will deliver a special Armistice Day speech.

Carl Caudill, who is chairman of the Legion membership committee this year, points out that so far the drive has not done so well and he urges that every potential Legionnaire -- of World War I, World II or of the Korean Conflict join and become a part of the Nation's largest veterans' organization.

## Charged In Robbery

With the arrest Tuesday night of 25-year-old William Hassell Davis of the Moss Hill section of Lenoir County, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents felt they had tied the August 28th Garner bank robbery job in a neat little bundle. Last week two other men, Woodrow Stroud, a 32-year-old parolee neighbor ... and ... of Greenville, another ... were arrested and ... over to Federal Court in ... Continued on Page Five

Above Dr. F. H. Sasser is doing a little "barber work" on the head of ... the most ... of the several ... which took place ... Trent River Bridge and ... store. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

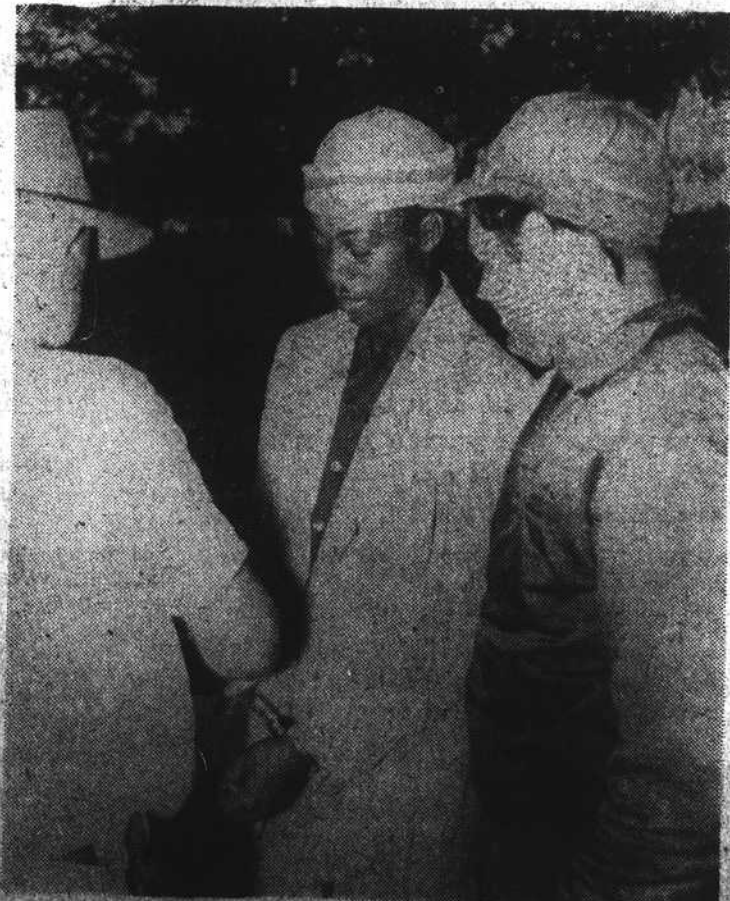
## This Was Really A 'Hot' Little Pistol



Above Greene County Prison Camp Superintendent James Langley holds gingerly at the end of a long stick, the .32 caliber "Owl Head" pistol that Escaped Convict Jesse Taylor dropped into the pit of the toilet at his home near Trenton when he was caught there last Tuesday six hours after escaping from a road gang some five miles away. Langley advised that the gun was still "too hot" to handle even after a considerable amount of paper had run over it. (Polaroid Photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

## Jones County Convict Caught in Embarrassing Hiding Place After Escaping Last Tuesday Morning

Above at left Lenoir County Prison Camp Steward Herbert Dunn with his back to the camera is placing handcuffs on Jesse Taylor, Jones County native, who had been captured a few minutes earlier after a six and a half hour chase through the Trent River lowgrounds after he escaped last Tuesday morning from a road gang working near Haskins' Chapel. Taylor, who is serving 7 to 10 years for the robbery of a Craven County botlegger along with two other Jones Countians last spring, managed to stay ahead of the persistent bloodhounds for six and a half hours but when he got to his home he only had time to change clothes, throw his prison clothes in the fire, grab a .32 caliber pistol and start out again when caught up with. He had taken up final hiding in the outdoor toilet of his family's farm home less than two miles from Trenton and had partially lowered himself into the toilet pit; where apparently his nerve failed him and he decided NOT to turn loose and drop into the mire below. He was still hanging by his arms when found with his tobogganed head peaking rath-



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