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Jones and State PMA Officials Hit Buck Smith's Tobacco Quota In Jones County A 10.4-Acre Lick

"Buck" Smith who lives at Hugo in the upper end of Lenoir County and operates several Jones County farms under lease has been hit a resounding whack by the Jones County and State offices of the PMA.

Last fall, after all tobacco was housed and most of it sold, Jones County PMA officials found a 5.4 acre field of tobacco hidden on the farm of Mrs. Vera Foscue near Pollockville which Smith was operating under lease. The farm had an acreage allocation of 16.3 acres for the 1953 crop year. Smith and his tenant had stretched it to 21.7 acres by the simple method of hiding 5.4 acres in a corn field.

A survey of the farm by PMA officials along with the tenant on the farm reached the mutual agreement that the crop had averaged 1100 pounds to the acre. Which would have given the total 21.7 acres a yield of 23,870 pounds but on Smith's sale card for the Foscue farm only 18,350 pounds had been had been sold. On the excess acreage Smith was fined the usual 20 cents per pound for a

total of \$1169.63. Smith promised to pay this penalty shortly after he was caught but he changed his mind after making the promise to the Jones County PMA Committee. Instead he retained a lawyer Leroy Scott of Washington.

So when time came around this year for passing out acreage allocations the State PMA office not only cut the 16.3 acre allocation on this Smith-leased farm by the 5.4 acres that was hidden in a corn field but also cut another five acres off because of Smith's failure to show where and how he disposed of the 5,520 pounds of tobacco that are agreed to have been grown on the farm but did not show up on the marketing card for that particular farm.

So for 1954 instead of 16.3 acres on the Foscue farm Smith will have to make out with 5.9 acres, having been cut a total of 10.4 acres.

On top of this he will still have to pay the \$1169.63 this fall when he sells any tobacco, anywhere in the United States. He has been placed on the Register of Indebtedness of the United

States Treasury for that amount.

The exact language of the State PMA office in confirming this drastic action against Smith was: "There were three identifiable violations involved in the case, namely, 1. False acreage report, 2. Disposition not shown and 3. Non-payment of penalty. The false acreage report phase consisted of 5.4 acres. The failure to show disposition phase consisted of 5,520 pounds (production of 23,870 pounds minus 18,350 pounds sold) which is the equivalent of 5.0 acres. The total acreage involved in both violations is 10.4 acres."

World Day of Prayer

The Kinston Council of Church Women has urged everybody to join in observance of the annual "World Day of Prayer" which is to be observed Friday of this week. A special service will be held in Kinston at the First Baptist Church at 8 p. m. and the public is invited to attend.

This Young Fellow Is Badly Wanted

This is a reasonably good likeness of a "Daring Young Man" that police in North Carolina and Virginia, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and North Carolina Prison Officials would like to have a few words with.

He is Johnnie Myers who escaped on February 8th from the Currituck County Prison Camp where he was serving time for

stealing a car and breaking in a filling station.

On February 10th he stole another car in Norfolk which he drove to Kinston.

In Kinston on the night of February 10th he stole a 1954 Model Dodge from the Thompson Motor Company, leaving the Norfolk car as a down payment.

Monday, February 15 he visited Kinston again, carefully remov-

ing the plate glass window from Spear's Sporting goods shop and carrying off three rifles and two shotguns while early "Birds" on Queen Street watched him, thinking that he was working for the store.

Then with the arsenal Spear's had so reluctantly donated to his wandering cause Meyers once again headed north.

Between Gatesville, N. C. and Suffolk, Va.—just inside Virginia, he wrecked the car Thompson Motor Company had "loaned" him and managed to borrow money on it to make cash bond after being indicted by the investigating officer for reckless driving.

Shortly after walking out of the Suffolk cop station he stole another car in Whaleyville, Va. and changed his direction to due south again.

He wound up on the night of February 19th trying to break in the rear of the Loftin Building on East Gordon Street where the local offices of the FBI are located.

Frightened away from that job Myers and a companion left in such a hurry that they forgot their car from Whaleyville, Va. in which police later found four of the five missing guns.

Earlier the Sheriff of Bertie County had retrieved an automatic shotgun from a filling station operator who had bought it from Meyers for \$25 and a tank of gas.

Since then Meyers has been seen and reported in every part of the state.

If you see him notify the nearest police at once and don't try to be a hero by taking him yourself since he is likely to be heavily armed and in no humor to be taken without a little "argument."

Meet The Fiend



Here at left Policeman Guerry Broadwell with Policeman Durwood Smith on the right are seen rather carefully eyeing part of their police work for Sunday night. A puzzled resident of Northwest Kinston, who thought for a minute that he "might be seeing things", called the police to report that he had just run over an alligator. Not before he had checked with a neighbor to see if he was "all right." The police arrived with a landing net and lard stand and retrieved the viciously snapping young animal seen swinging between Smith and Broadwell

above. In spite of being run over by a car this young character still has plenty of bite left in his system and he had a mouth equipped for the job with dozens of needle-sharp teeth. A few minutes after this picture was taken Dr. Fleming Fuller with his three children arrived on the scene to claim their pet "crocodile." Latest reports from the Fleming Crocodile and Tomato Farm indicate that the Sunday night rambler is recovering satisfactorily and is able to take light nourishment—such as fingers and parts of one's hand. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).

Unusual Witness In Court

Pictured here is undoubtedly the most unusual "witness" ever to offer evidence in a Lenoir County court room. This gal—for the doctors say it is a female—was used last week to illustrate the injuries and treatment given to Sybil Gray Suggs of LaGrange who had brought suit against Marietta and Rachel Whitfield of Moss Hill in Lenoir County and against McCoy Kennedy and the estate of the late Earlie Carr Newton of Kenansville.

Miss Suggs was riding in a car owned by Marietta Whitfield that was being driven by Rachel Whitfield when it collided with a car belonging to Kennedy that was being driven by Newton.

The accident which took place at about noontime on January 20, 1952 on Rockford Bridge in the western edge of Lenoir County claimed the life of Newton and badly injured Miss Suggs left ankle and less seriously damaged her right thumb.

After over five days of trial the jury at 11:15 Friday night reached its decision, finding the Whitfield girls to be primarily at fault and Kennedy to be secondarily at fault.

The jury passed out a \$48,000 award to Miss Suggs, which is the largest single damage award ever made in a Lenoir County court. The case was appealed to the State Supreme Court by Attorney A. H. Jeffress



and Albert Cowper who were representing the Whitfield girls and by Attorney Fitzhugh Wallace who was appearing for Kennedy. Tom White and Brantley Aycock represented Miss Suggs. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).

