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ABC Officers Week End Raids Net 12 Arrests

The past weekend was a bad one for those who like to drink and-or sell what the trade commonly calls stump-hole whisky. Lenoir County ABC officers indicted an even dozen on charge of violating the liquor laws.

Principal among those indictments was that of Thomas C. Jones of 15 C Carver Courts, who has not yet been apprehended. Jones is charged with reckless driving, failure to heed a siren and transporting 13 jars of that potent liquid lightening.

At about 10 Sunday morning the officers attempted to halt Jones, who was driving south on Queen Street but Jones had other notions. He swerved east onto Shine Street with the ABC officers hot in pursuit. When they attempted to pull up beside the Jones driven car, he forced them to their left and into the rear of a parked car and made good, at least temporarily his escape.

The car was found a few minutes later by the officers and the 13 jars of headache drops were still in it. The car belonged to the Harvey Motor Company and was being used over the weekend while Jones' car was being repaired.

Another case of transporting whiskey was filed against Robert Lee Williams of 1503 Caswell Street who was caught with one half-gallon jar. He was also booked for driving after his license had been revoked.

Others indicted over the weekend for liquor violations included Mary Whitfield of 407 Tampa Street, Frank T. Davis of 908 Thompson Street, Louise Redding of 506 Harvey Street, Norman Chesten of 422 1-2 Webbs Lane, Thomas Moore Jr. of 1161 Hadley Street, James Dawson of 501 Harvey Street, Jesse Meadows of 603 East Washington Street, Jack Sutton of Kinston route one and Rufus Gerald of 808 Thompson Street. Each of these except Gerald was placed under \$100 bond and Gerald's bond was set at \$500 since officers say he had a previous

Light to Heavy Hail Damage Reported in Jones and Lenoir

Damage estimates ranging from severe to slight were reported by Kinston insurance agencies as the result of a hail storm that struck scattered sections of both Jones and Lenoir counties last Thursday afternoon.

Well over 50 claims were filed with Kinston insurers alone for damage that was most predominant in the Falling Creek-Bucklesberry section of Lenoir County and in Beaver Creek Township in Jones County.

Heavy rains that accompanied the hail also posed a problem that many farmers had not experienced in several years, to wit, how to get water off their fields rather than onto them. Some drowning of tobacco were in evidence in Jones County in the area around Phillips Crossroads but not of a severely large quantity.

Kinston Swim Meet

Recreation Department officials of Kinston are hoping, if not expecting a much larger turn-out for the second AAU swim meet which is to be held in Kinston this weekend. Last year in spite of the National Collegiate swim champions from State College attending the meet, spectator attendance was very light. This year another outstanding list of entries, including several holders of world records are to take part in the meet which is being held in the Emma Webb Park Pool Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

record of jumping bond.

Gerald was given three months on the roads by Recorder Albert Cowper Monday afternoon and a few minutes later Superior Court Judge Joseph Parker invoked a two-year suspended sentence that he had given Gerald in March for an earlier liquor violation.

Highway Work Let Tuesday Includes Five Lenoir Jobs

Among the 32 projects let for construction by the Highway Commission Tuesday in Raleigh were five in the Kinston area, including a new bridge across Contentnea Creek to replace the old Edwards Bridge between Hugo and Scuffleton.

The other projects included a total of 10.95 miles off paving of rural roads in several parts of Lenoir County.

The bridge low bid was from Columbus Contractors of Whiteville at \$74,217.20.

Barrus Construction Company of Kinston had the low bid of \$55,668 on the paving work which includes one road running from Strabane, in the Moss Hill section, to the Wayne County line, another extending from almost in front of the Du Pont plant up to the Sharon Church section, and the other was the paving of a stretch running northwest from US 70 near the old Jimmy Barber filling station up to Fields Siding.

Another small project of 1.04 miles which includes the paving of approaches to new bridges on US 70 at Falling Creek and Bear Creek also went to Barrus Construction Company at \$37,332.

Child Hurt June 22 Reported Resting Well

Four-year old Lori Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Willis Jr., 305 East Capitola Avenue, who was seriously injured when she ran into the path of a truck last Wednesday afternoon is reported by her family to be recovering satisfactorily.

The tot suffered a fracture of the upper right leg, two broken collar bones and several cracked ribs when she ran from the drive way of the Willis Home into the path of a truck belonging to Johnson Automotive, Inc. which was driven by Billy Tilghman of 209 West Washington Street.

The child was moved to Duke Hospital after receiving emergency treatment in a local hospital. Investigation cleared Tilghman of any negligence in the unfortunate incident.

Five Lenoir Horses Take Honors In Suffolk Show Last Week End

Five Lenoir County horses ranked well among the 160 fine animals exhibited this past weekend in the annual Suffolk, Va. Horse Show.

Representing Lenoir County were four Kinston horses; two from Mrs. L. B. Jenkins' Idle-time Stables and two from the stables of B. W. "Skinny" Croom. The fifth Lenoir horse in the show belonged to teen-ager Helen Foss of the Jenny Lynn section.

Miss Foss with her prize pony took the first place ribbon in the five-gaited pony class.

Croom with his walking horse "Mizmaster" took the top honors in the open walking horse class and aboard the same fine stepping mount took the Reserve Champion honors in the Championship Stake.

Houston Crenshaw, trainer of

Kinstonians at Work



From left to right above Paul Waddell Young, Clarence Bland and Charlie Barwick pause Wednesday between hearings of liquor violation charges in Lenoir County's Superior Court. These men are the enforcement division of the local Alcohol Board of Control.

Their job, and it is a Herculean one, is to do everything possible to dry up the eternal and infernal supply of illegal whisky which pours into the county from a thousand and one different backwoods sources.

This past weekend, an another story on this page indicates, the local stump-hole whisky fraternity suffered painful if not fatal injury at the hands of this eager trio.

Bland is the chief of the enforcement division although he is the junior member of the "firm" in age. He was born May 22, 1925 and has just passed his 30th milestone along the road of life. Young was born on Christmas Day 1921, which makes him four years older than Bossman Bland and Barwick, coincidentally, also has a Christmas Day anniversary, but he arrived on the scene considerably before either of his associates, back in 1910, to be exact.

Bland is a native Lenoir Countian, son of Charlie Goldie Bland, a native of the Mescic section of Pamlico County, and Mrs. Lela Bell Brown Bland, a Craven Countian.

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Recorder Cowper Is Liberal With Time

Among those who drew jail sentences from Judge Albert Cowper in Recorder's Court last week the principal complaint was "The judge is mighty free with my time."

Nell Loftin of 617 Oak Street was given the longest jail term. She drew a nine-month term for violating the liquor laws, discharging a gun inside the city limits and running a disorderly house. She filed notice of appeal.

Hubert Marshall and James Blackman both received three-month terms for assault with a deadly weapon for an alleged fracas that took place around the Loftin house.

Mary Wheeler of 603 Sasser Street was given 60 days for possessing a small quantity of stump-hole whisky and Nathan Mitchell of 111 Stone Alley drew the same sentence for the same cause. Both filed notice of appeal.

Protest Meeting at 8:00 P. M. Friday Aimed at Stopping Air Base Expansion Program

Opposition has developed against further expansion of the Serv-Air Corporation's activities at Stallings Air Base. Monday farmers living in the Northern end of the county called a meeting to be held at 8 Friday night in the court house at which time both opponents and proponents of the proposed expansion of the local flying school are invited to be heard.

One leader of the group said the principal basis of the objection he is raising and one that is shared by most of those he has talked with is basing jet planes at the base. There has been no official notice up until this time that the location of jet trainers has been studied for the local base.

At present plans are underway, however, calling for the city and county which jointly own the base to buy an additional 200 acres of land to permit relocation of the barracks and other administrative buildings of the school which teaches fledgling air force pilots to fly under contract with the air force.

Another farmer of the air base section said he opposed the plan both because of the noise of the planes now and the much worse noise that would come with jet planes, and he said he further objected to the city and county spending an estimated \$30,000 so that a private corporation might increase its income.

The farmer said that he needed some new equipment and housing around his farm, and a little more land would make it possible for him to employ more people and increase his gross income and he said he felt that he had just as much right to ask the city and county to make an investment for him as the Serv-Air Corporation has to ask the city and county to spend \$30,000 to enhance its financial position.



There are two versions of how this truck-trailer wound up in the deep ditch beside the La Grange-Kinston highway at about 4:30 Wednesday morning. The driver, Billy Joe Keeling of route one Marklesville, Indiana, told Highway Patrolman Lloyd Pate that about three miles west of Kinston he was attempting to pass a car and the car swerved over and he hit the ditch to avoid being struck by the car. Pate says he doesn't know, but doubts very much that a truck as big as this ever

let a passenger car run it off the road. Pate's opinion is that the driver fell asleep. Prisoners are seen here transferring the truck's cargo of 680 cases of .38 caliber ammunition to other trucks so that wrecking trucks could make an attempt to retrieve the ditched vehicle. Pate said a Camp Lejeune Marine who had hitched a ride with Keeling escaped injury but was suffering from a severe fright. It seems that he had just gotten over injuries from another wreck.