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## Air Force Lieutenant Charged With Manslaughter in 11th, 12th Lenoir Traffic Death This Year

Lt. Walter R. Davis of Stallings Air Base is in military custody and under \$5,000 bond to civilian authorities charged with manslaughter, drunken and reckless driving following the Saturday night deaths of a Kinston couple.

Investigating officers report that the Air Force lieutenant's '55 model car rammed into the rear of a car driven by Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins King of Kinston route one, in which Glenn Dall Jackson of 1404 Charlotte Avenue, Kinston was riding. Both Mrs. King and Jackson died from burns suffered when they were pinned in the car and flooded with burning gasoline from the exploding tank of the '55 model car they were riding in.

The accident took place at 10:15 Saturday night, one mile east of the main gate of Stallings Air Base. Both were headed toward the base, when the Davis car, apparently traveling at an excessively high rate of speed, rammed into the rear of Mrs. King's car.

Davis was not seriously injured. Both Mrs. King and Jackson were dead before fire apparatus from the air base could bring the fire under control.

Preliminary hearing for Davis is scheduled to be held Thursday in Recorder's Court.

The deaths of Mrs. King and Jackson were the 11th and 12th of 1955 on Lenoir County highways. At the same date a year ago 17 persons had been killed on the county's highways.

## Hog Grading Demonstration Tuesday At Trenton; Prizes For Top Hogs Offered In Show

A Hog Grading Demonstration will be held at the Jones County Livestock Market at Trenton next Tuesday, December 6 according to Jones County Farm Agent Jimmy Franck. This event will feature extra money for top grade hogs, awarding of \$25 in prize money, and a meeting for farmers at 2 p. m.

Franck states that J. K. Butler Jr., Extension Swine Specialist from State College, will be at this market from 7 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. to grade all hogs.

Elijah Smith, operator of the market, says that he will pay brought in during those hours, 50c per 100 pounds above market price for all hogs grading choice No. 1 on that day.

Smith also states that he will give a \$10 prize to the farmer who brings in the largest number of choice No. 1 hogs that day and another \$10 prize to the farmer whose group of hogs has the highest percentage of hogs grading choice No. 1. Also the farmer bringing in the most ideal market hog will be awarded \$5.

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## Donald Brock Gets Another Honorary Veteran Position

Donald Brock has been designated by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell as a volunteer Reemployment Rights Adviser to assist ex-service men in securing their rights under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, it was announced today.

As a Reemployment Rights Adviser, Brock will cooperate with the program of the Department's Bureau of Veteran's Reemployment Rights to assist ex-service men who wish to return to their preservice employers. He will advise employer, labor, veteran, and other interested groups of the employment laws and where necessary, will refer problems requiring technical assistance to the Bureau's field office located at 651 Peachtree - Seventh Building, N. E., Atlanta 23, Georgia.

The Bureau has announced that the proclamation setting termination dates for several veterans' benefits on January 31, 1955 did not effect reemployment rights. Those leaving jobs to enter military service as inductees, enlistees, or reservists will continue to have rights if they meet the conditions of eligibility.

## Ex-Marine Asking For \$50,000 Damages In Lenoir Court Action

Ex-Marine Herbert Hoover Price of West Virginia this week prosecuted an action for \$50,000 damages against another Ex-Marine Ralph Osborne, also of West Virginia. The action was made in Lenoir County Superior Court, in that the defendant in spite of repeated notices did not appear to defend the action and was not represented by counsel.

Price testified that he was permanently injured in an accident at the corner of Queen and Bright Streets on May 8, 1953 in a car which Osborne was driving. He suffered a mangled ankle and remained under treatment many months.

The jury, faced with only one side of the situation, readily agree to award Price the \$50,000 damages he was asking. But court officials agree that the actual cash value of that \$50,000 award was debatable.

The defendant Osborne was a Marine at the time of the accident, and had to have at that time at least the minimum liability insurance coverage which is required by the Marine Corps for use of a vehicle on any military installation. But it appears that Osborne carried insurance with some out-of-state company which only sold insurance on the military reservation and did not come under the supervision of the North Carolina Insurance Commission and by a freak Indiana insurance laws (home state of the company) the company was not even under the regulations of that department.

The amount of insurance carried by Osborne is not known since up until now it has been impossible to force the company carrying his insurance to present the policy or reveal its coverage. And the failure of the company and Osborne to answer the allegations of Price, and his further refusal to defend itself is a continuing indication that difficulty lies ahead for those who hope to secure conviction on this \$50,000 judgment.

## Tobacco Performance Check Being Made In Jones County

A Tobacco Variety Performance survey is being conducted in Jones County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1955.

As many farmers as possible are being contacted so that the information gathered will represent a sizeable portion of the tobacco grown in the county. Growers are being asked what total yield and value he received from each variety he grew in 1955.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the County Agent's office.

Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low or high. This is essential if the summary of the variety data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county and state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties, and a summary of the county, belt, and state results will be available for growers to see as soon as it has been summarized.

County Agent Jimmy Franck urges full cooperation from all farmers who get these survey forms.

## LUCK HOLDS OUT

Patrolman Wesley Farris reports it to be more luck than anything else that no injury resulted at 11:45 a. m. Monday when a car driven by Andrew Harris of Kinston route one ran into a ditch two miles north of the Caswell Training School. Harris suffered a fainting spell, causing the car to swerve off the road. A small child riding in the car and Harris both escaped injury Farris reported.

## Sheriff Yates Reports Three Arrest In Week

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports three indictments during the past week in Jones County, neither of which was of a very serious nature.

James Grady of Trenton was booked for passing a worthless check, James McDaniel also of the Trenton section was arrested for Lenoir County on a warrant charging him with non-support of several minor children and William Strayhorn, also of Trenton, is also indicted for non-support.

## New Patrolman Nabs Old Offender With Backwoods Brewery

Patrolman J. A. Crumpler, one of the newly assigned highway patrolmen in Lenoir County, last week apprehended one of the county's more frequent offenders when he finally stopped a car driven by Isaac Fordham of uncertain address.

In the car Fordham was driving was a complete whisky still and a most frightened couple from Dover route two, John and Estella Jackson.

Without a driver's license, Fordham was booked for driverless driving, failing to heed a siren and transporting the stump-hole still.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were booked for aiding and abetting in the latter.

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Kinston's Eastern AA football champs will play Hendersonville on Friday night for the state championship.



This is the car in which Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins King and Glenn Dall Jackson were burned to death Saturday night. The car after being rammed by another from the rear driven by Air

Force Lt. Walter R. Davis, ended up in a ditch beside the Airport Road north of Kinston, lying on its right side and aflame through out its interior from flaming gasoline spread by the explosion of the car's gas tank.



This is a side view of the car of Lt. Walter R. Davis, indicating the force with which it struck the car of Mrs. Marjorie Jenkins King. Lt. Davis is charged with manslaughter, drunken

and reckless driving as a result of the wreck which claimed the lives of Mrs. King and Glenn Dall Jackson of 1404 Charlotte Avenue, Kinston.



This is a frontal view of the car Lt. Walter R. Davis used to hit the 11th and 12th highway

victims of the year in Lenoir County.