

Jones County Criminal Docket Greatly Improved After Busy Court Week

One of the most productive weeks of Jones County's Superior Court last week saw more than 40 of the 68 pending criminal cases cleared from the court docket, and very few were cleared by the "not pros route".

Most severe sentence handed out to the 38 defendants before the court went to Aubrey Lee Morgan, a Maysville youth, only recently released from prison who was found guilty of breaking into the store of Pelletier & Weeks twice this fall. Morgan, who has a record beginning in his early teens was sentenced to serve from three to five years in state prison.

Only two other jail terms were passed: Timon Lewis was given an eight-month prison term, and in the other case Clayton Hall was found guilty of drunken driving and was sentenced to serve seven days in the county jail.

The bulk of the charges before the court were for traffic and liquor violations. The other cases in which judgements were signed by presiding Judge Henry Stevens included the following:

Randolph Edwards, drunken and reckless driving, nine months suspended on payment of \$125 fine, court costs, and two years of good behavior. Moses Nathaniel Moore, speeding over 75 miles per hour, \$50 fine and costs. Hubert Jones, drunken driving, not guilty. James Headen, larceny, not pros for the third term of court the prosecuting witness has failed to appear.)

L. T. Jones, violating liquor laws, not guilty. Luther W. McDuffie, illegal passing, not guilty. William Henry Smith, non support, not guilty. William Humphrey, violating liquor laws, one year suspended on payment of \$150 fine and two years good behavior.

Arlan Andrew Barfield, speeding 75 miles per hour, \$25 fine and

costs. Jack Ranson Jr., drunken driving, \$100 and costs. James Coleman Delevie, reckless driving, pay Felix King \$400 and pay a \$25 fine. Jerry Robert Barbour, drunken driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Lenoy Koonce, assault with a deadly weapon and trespassing, two year probationary sentence invoked. Spencer Hasting Jr., assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty. Arthur Simmons, violating liquor laws, one year suspended on payment of \$50 fine and two years good behavior. R. O. North, selling mortgaged property, not prosed. Marrell Bryant, non support, one year suspended on payment of \$40 per month for wife and two minor children.

Ivory Jones, violating liquor laws, four months suspended on payment of \$50 fine and two years good behavior. John Cooper, assault on a female, not guilty. Carl Benjamin Westbrook, violating liquor laws, pay court costs. Bob Williams, violating liquor laws, six months, suspended on payment of \$25 fine and two years good behavior.

George Williams, violating liquor laws, two years suspended on payment of \$250 fine and two years good behavior. Ben Cannon Frizzelle, violating liquor laws \$50 fine and costs. Luther Edward McCoy, violating liquor laws pay \$50 fine and be on good behavior for two years. John Gieger, violating liquor laws, \$5 fine and costs. Robert Lee Whitley, reckless driving, not prosed.

Wright A. Hill Jr., non support, six months suspended on payment of \$30 per month for minor child. William Strayhorn, non support, 18 months suspended on payment of \$15 per month for child. Lawrence Smith, reckless driving without an operator's license, \$35 fine and costs and Chase Roberts, assault on a female, not guilty.

Important Tobacco Meet For Jones County on 13th

Jones County Farm Agent Jimmy Franck urges a full turnout next Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Trenton Elementary school to hear Sam Hawkes try to unravel some of the knotty problems facing tobacco farmers in the coming year.

Hawkes, one of the top tobacco specialist with the Extension Department, has the benefit of having seen a great deal more tobacco under more varied conditions than the average farmer and his job is to pass on what he believes to be the best possible information to the farmer, without any pressures from tobacco buying companies or seed-selling companies.

Both white and colored farmers are urged to attend this meeting which will, perhaps, relieve their minds a great deal on some of the many questions they must answer in the next few days before seeding their plant beds.

Jones Tax Listers For 1956 Are Named

At its Monday meeting the Jones County Board of Commissioners named the tax listers for the seven townships in the county.

The list includes: Harold Matthews for the White Oak Township.

ville Township.
Mrs Annie Booth Mallard for Trenton Township.
D. A. Killingsworth for Chinquapin Township.
J. C. B. Koonce for Cypress Creek Township.
J. P. Davenport for Beaver Creek Township.
Alva Howard for Tuckahoe Township.

Progress Made on Important Bridges for Traffic-choked Kinston

There's a vast difference in the size and cost of the two bridges pictured above under construction, but they are both important to traffic - choked Kinston.

At right in the early stages of construction is the latest span across Neuse River in the Kinston area. It will be part of the by-pass around Kinston that will remove US 258 and US 70 traffic from the necessity of passing through the heart of Kinston, as at present.

This view of the by-pass bridge was taken from the South bank of the river looking the White Oak Motor Company, where the road will join the present US 70 west of Kinston. The lower structure seen in this view is merely the work bridge, and one 60 foot girder has been partially placed as a "foot log" to permit workers to drive nearer to the

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Tobacco Farmers Really Confused Over Best Variety to Plant This Year

Lenoir County Farm Agent Joe Koonce Jr. this week admitted that most local tobacco growers are confused and he also admitted that there is plenty of good reason for them to be confused.

The controversy stems around what used to be a very simple question: What kind of tobacco to plant. And it's just about time now for the farmer to start making up his mind what kind of seed he will have in his plant bed.

But from State College, where the most arid biggest brains on the tobacco growing business are located, there is a complication.

First, one of their top men says to farmers that Coker 139 and Coker 140 varieties of tobacco are no longer recommended for planting. This does not tell the farmer that he can't use these varieties, but merely recommends that he turn to other brands. The reason for this peculiar recommendation is that some tobacco buying companies have said that they do not like Coker 139 and 140 varieties of tobacco. They say it

is too light and has little or no flavor and aroma.

But just about the time this particular State College boy got through saying this another report is made from all of the flue-cured tobacco experiment stations which show that Coker 139 and Coker 140 has not only greatly out-produced every other kind of flue-cured tobacco but has sold for a higher average price per pound than any other kind. A difference of about \$240 per acre — and to a tobacco farmer \$240 per acre is a lot of difference.

So the farmer wonders, and naturally wonders what to do. Whether to accept the first recommendation that he NOT plant this Coker 139 or to take another look at those experiment station figures which show it to be vastly better in pounds, in dollars and above all in resistance to black shank and Granville wilt.

County Agent Koonce says that one Lenoir County farmer has told him that he is going to plant two varieties in his plant beds, and then when the planting time rolls around next April

he'll be ready to jump in the direction that looks best at that time.

This is an expensive burden for the tobacco farmer to have to assume. And Koonce says he doubts that many will go this far.

Koonce says it is his belief that the majority of farmers will plant the un-recommended Coker 139 in spite of the bad name it has been given in certain tobacco buying circles. But he thinks it will be less than the amount that would have been planted if this confusing news had not popped up.

There are two reasons why farmers will still be planting Coker 139 or 140: First, there will not be nearly enough of the new Dixie Bright 244 to go around. This is the new variety that has been highly recommended by the State College experts, and secondly, the record made by Coker 139 this year — not only in the various North Carolina experiment stations but on the farms and in the pockets of those thousands of farmers who planted it, housed it and sold it.

Ain't the Work; It's Decisions That're Tough

Tuesday morning an official of a Kinston bank called the police department to report that he suspected someone was trying to "hustle" his little ole bank out of \$75.

Police immediately began an investigation which resulted in the arrest a half hour later of a young, frightened couple in a local hotel and a six month-old baby girl that was feared to be very sick.

The slender thread of evidence against this couple consisted of a phone call to the bank, asking that a \$75 check be cashed for a young woman supposedly the secretary of a bank official in Washington who was passing through Kinston. The suspicion of the bank was arisen because the call was supposed to be coming from Washington, yet the bank official knew it was a local call. Well the police had the young

couple — not married — a sick baby that sounded as if it had pneumonia and looked as if it might be undernourished.

The couple very freely admitted that they were not married, but protested love and affection for each other as well as great concern for their tiny baby. They also informed the police that another infant was expected in the spring.

The officers called the solicitor and told of the sick baby and their reluctance to put the couple in jail with the baby.

The solicitor called a doctor and arranged an examination. The doctor found the baby not to be as sick as the police had feared. But still hanging over the police were the charges which might be placed against the couple. They admitted living together in a local hotel, which made them automatically guilty

of several violations of the law. And they did not deny their attempt to clip the local branch of Fort Knox.

But still the coughing baby, the pregnant mother and the young and frightened father.

The cops called the solicitor, they talked with the chief, they looked about, searchingly for advice and/or sympathy and found only the latter.

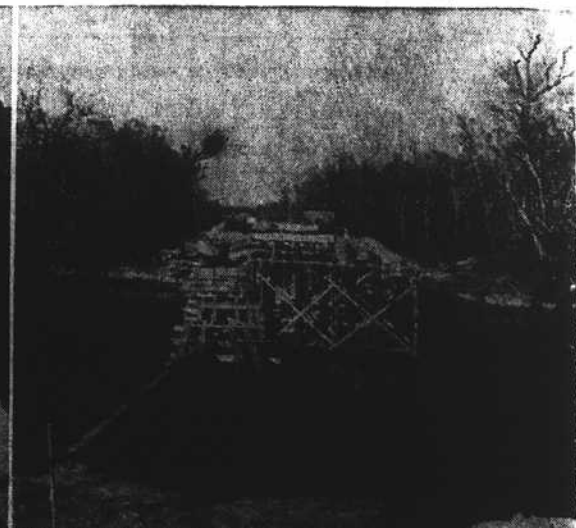
Finally, after an anxious hour the couple was booked but was summoned back to court "some time next week".

The solicitor agreed that if they didn't turn up in court a non pros could be taken in the case.

One policeman said, "Maybe they'll go on back to Norfolk; where they say they come from. We got enough problems of our own here in Kinston without three more from Norfolk".



The other bridge is across the Adkin Canal at what will ultimately be the Daniels Street Crossing of that stream which



drains a big portion of Kinston. This work was authorized last August to make another access road to the new Teachers Memorial school but it is doubtful that it and its roadway will be ready for much use during the current school year.