

Lenoir Tobaccoist Indicted in Georgia

Paul Wooten, of 302 Atlantic Avenue in Kinston, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Bill Thomas Tuesday afternoon on a federal indictment issued by the Federal Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

The warrant charges that Wooten "unlawfully and knowingly falsely altered certain tobacco inspection certificates as to weight of tobacco inspected on four separate tobacco inspection certificates."

Wooten was placed under \$200 bond pending trial at the spring term of the Georgia Court.

The alleged alterations are supposed to have happened in a warehouse Wooten operates in Statesboro, Georgia.

Wooten said Wednesday morning that he knew nothing of the alterations, and had just recently learned that the indictments had been drawn against him, as operator of the warehouse where the changes were allegedly made.

Vance Smith Headed Back for 60 Days in Bad Check Indictment

Vance Smith, whose address is roughly given as "Deep Run", now has a new address for the second time in recent months.

Smith returned home just a few weeks ago, in time for the Christmas holidays after serving 60 days in jail.

Tuesday Magistrate Bill Thomas sent Smith back from whence he cometh for another 60 days, and for the same reason.

Switching License Is Illegal GI's Discover

A pair of servicemen home for the holidays found it irregular, illegal and embarrassing to swap driver's licenses.

A. B. Berry of 212 South Street, currently stationed at Fort Devens in Massachusetts was booked for using another person's license and Charlie Williams of Fort Eustis, Va. was charged with being the other person.

The pair was apprehended by officers of the sheriff's department while Berry was being indicted for driving a car with an expired license tag. He was unlicensed all around.

Year-End Review of Fatalities On Lenoir County Roads In '55

We certainly running a dangerous race to write a year-end story on highway fatalities, with two more days left in the year. Between the time this is printed and the dawn breaks on 1956 the figures in this may be knocked into the nearest graveyard. But to write such a story is much less risky than to ride on our highways; so here goes.

Unless death extracts a terrible toll on Lenoir County's highways in the next two days, 1955 will have been the safest year in many years on the County's 300-odd miles of streets and highways.

At this writing only 13 deaths have taken place on the county's roads this year. Last year the

toll was 18 and in 1953 there were 15 auto-caused deaths.

This year began in terrible fashion to extract its annual levy of lives striking twice in the first week of January.

On the night of January 3rd, Jesse Owen Sutton, a Goldsboro truck driver, was instantly killed at Falling Creek when he lost control of his large truck-trailer, hit the bridge and plowed head-on into a bus load of draftees just coming home from Raleigh. Now, the narrow, poorly designed bridge that killed Sutton has been replaced and a wide, properly engineered bridge makes travel a great deal safer between Kinston and La Grange. Continued on page 5

Coker 139 Debate Liveliest Facing Tobacco Planters Now

By Joe Kavace Jr., Lenoir County Farm Agent

Tobacco varieties are generally a subject of interest to tobacco farmers every year but at this time there is even greater interest than usual. The variety discussion most frequently concerns the advantages and disadvantages of a new variety — Coker 139 — released for commercial production in 1953.

This variety is a high yielding variety, has less brittleness, easy to handle, to have reduced storm damage and high level of black shank and Granville wilt resistance, all highly desirable characteristics for a variety to carry. About the only disadvantage that growers observed with the variety was that it was more difficult to get a stand with it in 1955 than some other varieties.

The main criticism of Coker 139 is that evidence from a good portion of the tobacco industry indicates that it failed to produce tobacco in 1955 which met the requirements for flavor and aroma. The variety is described by many as a neutral tobacco. It has been pointed out that the reason foreign countries want our tobacco is for the flavor and aroma. Foreign buyers of our

tobacco say they can buy the neutral (lacking in aroma and flavor) tobacco they want from Canada, Rodesia, India and others at much lower price than they have to pay for U. S. tobacco. Foreign growers of tobacco are grading their crops more uniformly and handling their tobacco better than U. S. growers. Since one-third of our crop must find a market in foreign countries, this is a matter to be considered.

At this time it is not fully known to what extent weather conditions and cultural practices influenced Coker 139 to produce tobacco in 1955 that was deficient in flavor and aroma. Further studies will be conducted with Coker 139 grown under varying seasonal and cultural conditions in 1956. Also studies on the aged leaf and its subsequent manufacture into cigarettes will be carried to completion.

The above statements summarize desirable and undesirable characteristics that have been raised about Coker 139. It is our belief that each grower will want to secure and make use of all available information

Former Kinstonian Receives Special Letter of Commendation



Chief Boatswain's Mate Cabbot T. Daniels

Chief Boatswain's Mate Cabbot T. Daniels, USN, son of Mrs. Annie C. Daniels of 618 Terminal St., Kinston, has been awarded a Commanding Officer's Letter of Commendation for meritorious action last November following the crash of a Navy bomber into the San Diego, Calif., based destroyer USS Hopewell. Chief Daniels is a brother of Plumer and Leon Daniels of Kinston and Mrs. Ernest Daughety of Kinston, Route four.

Chief Daniels is married to the former Barbara J. Hunt and they, with their two children, presently live at 2549 Berger Blvd., in San Diego.

The Chief Petty Officer was commended at a special commanding officer's mast ceremony for meritorious achievement in the performance of damage control and fire-fighting du-

ties after the crash of a single-engine Navy AD5N skyraider into the Hopewell. The plane had gone out of control while simulating an attack on the ship during fleet exercises off the Southern California coast.

In the crash, the plane's crew of three and two destroyer personnel were killed and five other destroyer men were seriously burned in the fire which followed the crash.

Following here is the official commendation.

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. S. Hopewell (DD - 981)

To: Daniels, Cabbot Thomas, 261 St 26, USN

Subj: Letter of Commendation

1. The Commanding Officer commends you for outstanding performances of duty on board

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Quiet Christmas in Kinston Except for Dynamite Blasts

on tobacco varieties in making his decision as to what variety to plant in 1956 and interpret the information in relation to his own individual situation.

Such a decision should take into consideration other important factors. One of these concerns pale and slick tobacco. The

The Kinston area didn't get a "White Christmas" but it did enjoy an unusually quiet one, at least officially. One of the lightest weekends in many months was reported by the various law enforcement agencies in the county.

The only "big noise" of the otherwise quiet weekend was a series of dynamite explosions which is still under investigation. Only one of these is reported as having done any property damage. In that instance a stick of dynamite thrown against the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wiggins at 601 Wake Avenue blew out a window at about 2 a. m. Christmas morning.

Still Blown Up

Somebody who was busily setting up for a little after-Christmas whisky business ran into trouble Tuesday afternoon when Lenoir County ABC Officers Clarence Hays and Paul Young found a 200-gallon copper still and 18 mesh barrels near Falling Creek and blew the whole rig sky-high with several well-placed sticks of dynamite. The officers said they had a few sticks of dynamite left if anyone had any old stills they wanted destroyed. They said the Falling Creek rig was just being set up to produce and apparently



The entire milling house was practically aflame when the fire was first seen by a passing truck driver who alerted the Fire Department. Fire Department trucks arrived at the scene and

job to contain the fire to the mill property and prevent its spreading to a number of nearby buildings. A constant hot wind north wind also kept the fire from spreading to the buildings immediately west of the mill.

no estimate early Wednesday of what their loss might run. Two trucks were destroyed in the fire. Kinston firemen were called at 7:30 to assist the Fire Department when it was learned that the Fire 200-gallon rig was about to