

JOURNAL

NUMBER LIII TRENTON, N. C. THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1956 VOLUME VII

Multiple Charges for Fellow Who Led ABC Officers Wild Chase

John Thelma Smith of 508 Fields Street is under bonds totaling \$2,000 following a wild chase through the streets of Kinston Monday night at about 10:30.

ABC Officers Clarence Bland and Paul Young "jumped" Smith just as he drove away from his home and turned north on Davis Street which parallels the Atlantic Coast Line railroad tracks.

Smith then sped away on a right on Washington street, then again onto Dennis Street, then left onto Fields Street and down Fields Street to its end at Adkin Street.

There Smith turned right with the officers roaring along behind. Another right turn at Tower Hill Road sent the racing cars west to the intersection of North and Independent streets. There Smith turned and sped north at speeds the officers say reached 75 miles per hour at times.

At the intersection of Independent and Highland, Smith failed to stop for a stop sign and jumped into a car driven by Tom Brown Jr. which was headed west on Highland.

After that crash Smith swerved west with the officers still close in pursuit. At the intersection of Queen and Highland, in spite of a stop sign, he jumped into the ABC officers' car slammed into the rear of the Smith car.

Smith was in the act of getting out of his flier — a '49 Buick — when Officer Young grabbed him. In the battered Buick 30 jars of stump-hole whiskey were found, partially explaining Smith's reluctance to pause and have a small talk with the officers.

For the liquor Smith was indicted under the federal law which makes easier the confiscation of an automobile. In that charge he was placed under \$500 bond by United States Commissioner Bill Thomas pending trial at the April term of Federal Court in Washington, N. C.

In the state courts Smith was indicted for reckless driving, hit and run driving, speeding 75 miles per hour in the city, failure to heed a siren and running assorted stop signs and lights. For this list he was placed under \$1500 bond.

Another Huge Wayne County Still Found

ATU Officer P. A. Lundell of Goldsboro and Lenoir County ABC Officers Clarence Bland and Paul Young Tuesday afternoon found and destroyed another of the huge backwoods whiskey stills that Wayne County is becoming famous for.

This latest find was about six miles east of Mount Olive on the Seven Springs road. It was located near Sleepy Creek Mill.

The monstrous rig consisted of a 1,000-gallon still sixty 250-gallon mash barrels, two 500-gallon coolers, one upright boiler, 12,000 gallons of mash and 95 gallons of freshly run stump-hole headache drops.

The entire rig was blown up with several charges of dynamite.

Deputy Sheriffs Nab Dozen in Poker Game

At least a dozen men were booked on charges of gambling Monday following a raid on the Liberty Hill Filling Station just north of Kinston on the Greenville Highway by officers of the sheriff's department.

Deputies Kirby Hardy Jr., George Hill and Ray Taylor Jr. made the raid on a backroom gambling arena which was populated by those who were indicted.

The list includes George Pharo, 1500 Charlotte Avenue; James L. "Peewee" Manning, 709 Stadium Drive; Douglas B. Quinn, 306 Woodlawn Drive; Albert A. Harris, 222 1/2 East Lenoir; Richard L. Helms, 470 Pollock Street; David C. Harris, 909 Waters Street all of Kinston.

R. H. and Stephen L. Kearney Jr. of Snow Hill route three; John O. Smith of Greenville; L. L. Thompson Jr. of La Grange and Herbert W. Whitfield of Kinston route four.

Government Census Reveals

retail stores in Kinston in the past few years has been accompanied by a corresponding rise in payrolls.

The 325 local retail establishments chalked up \$3,643,000 in business during the year 1954 as compared with \$2,791,000 six years earlier. The increase was 63 per cent.

At the same time their payrolls rose to \$4,970,000 from \$2,312,000. This represented an increase of 76 per cent. The number of employees was 1,837 as compared with 1,622 in 1948.

These sidelights on local retail operations are brought out in the Government's 1954 Census of Business just released. It is the first such study made by the Census Bureau since 1948. It covers every state, county and urban place in the country over 2,500.

It reveals that Kinston's 76 per cent payroll rise was greater than that shown throughout the United States generally, where the increase was 28 per cent. In the South Atlantic States there was a 41 per cent improvement.

The census, which has been eagerly awaited by the business community of the country, is expected to contribute answers to many questions.

One of these is: how have central city retail sales been affected by suburban development? Another: has the expansion of retail outlets been in line with population trends?

The big guns of retail activity locally during the year were stores selling food, eating and drinking places, and automotive equipment establishments.

The food store and eating and drinking group accounted for \$5,228,000, a rise from \$4,480,000 in 1948. Automotive was \$5,351,000 compared with \$5,124,000 previously.

Judgments for \$9,000 Damages are Awarded

In Lenoir County's Superior Court last week a jury awarded damages totalling \$9,000 to Columbus Butts and Roscoe Garner both on Grange route one from the Willis Hines Lumber Company.

Garner, father of Stanley Garner, who died in the accident, suffered in a wreck on February 1, 1954 between his car and a truck belonging to the lumber company was awarded \$3,000.

Butts, who suffered a broken left forearm, a mild cerebral concussion and other minor bruises was awarded \$3,000.

Garner asked \$25,000 for the death of his son and Butts had asked \$10,000 for his injuries.

The accident took place about a mile north of US 70 on Hull Road as the lumber company truck headed south and Garner drove north. Officer Walter Taylor, who has since resigned from the Highway Patrol, said at the time of the accident that he intended to indict Garner for reckless driving if he had not been driving the Garner car had struck the truck head-on as the truck proceeded on its side of the road.

Nathan Matthew Wiggins, driver of the lumber company truck, was not indicted at the time of the accident and was absolved of any fault by Officer Taylor.

Kenley Pastor Holding Gray Branch Revival

The Reverend B. L. Shook, pastor of the Kenly Baptist Church, will conduct the annual Spring Revival of the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run.

The series of revival services will begin Sunday, March 4th, and continue through Saturday night, March 10th.

Gray Branch Pastor J. B. Starnes will assist each night and special music will be offered each evening. Services will begin at 7:30 each night.

Dixon Property Sold at Auction Wednesday

H. B. Meiselman of Charlotte paid \$21,000 at public auction at noon Wednesday for the D. V. Dixon property housing the hardware stores and the Art Barber Shop, on Queen Street. A lot on the corner of Blount and McLewean Street used for storage was sold to Thomas F. Hewitt at the high bid of \$10,000.

Junior Class Play

The Grainger High School Junior Class is giving its annual play this weekend with performances at 8:15 Friday and Saturday evenings. The play, a three-act comedy, is "Pink Magic".

Similar gains were noted in the various other categories of retail trade locally. Despite these satisfactory results, warn the economists, consumers will not continue buying at such a rate in the near future unless they are persuaded to do so. A harder selling effort will be needed, it is felt, to induce them to dig into their huge backlog of savings.



An estimated \$1,500 damage and superficial cuts and bruises to a passenger resulted in this collision at 5:45 Tuesday afternoon at the corner of West Road and Lenoir Street. Mrs. Ed Plaski of Kinston route two was driving north on West Road and A. G. Gendreau of 1011 West Lenoir was driving east when their cars banged

together. Mrs. Plaski's 12 year old son, John, suffered a five-stitch cut on the top of the head and other less serious cuts and bruises. Damage to Gendreau's car is estimated as \$1,100 and Investigating officer J. H. Griffin estimated damage to the Plaski car at about \$400. In the picture here the Plaski car is on left and Gendreau's station wagon is lying on its side.

Jones - Lenoir Parents Urged to Get Children Vaccinated for Polio

District Health Officer Dr. B. J. Jones this week issued an appeal to parents in Jones and Lenoir counties, urging them to give their children the proven protection now available against infantile paralysis.

Dr. Jones says there is still a shortage of this latest miracle from the medical laboratories but even in spite of the shortage there is more available in Jones and Lenoir than in any other county.

He urged the public immunization. Dr. Jones reminds and this is a very small proportion of the children in the two counties.

The Salk Vaccine is available to all children up to 19 years of age either from the family physician or from the health department clinics in Kinston and Trenton. The shots are free if obtained at the Health Department clinics and the doctors make no charge for the vaccine, and are only charging a small fee for giving the shots.

Dr. Jones said that there has not been a single unfavorable reaction from anyone of the 4,100 children who have had the shots in these two counties.

The Health Officer adds that the mass inoculation last year has very clearly established that it gives not less than 81 per cent protection against this dreaded crippling.

The shots may be obtained any weekday, Monday through Friday, from 9 till 5 at either Health Department clinic. The shots for those children who were vaccinated last year are now in the office in Trenton and Jones urges that all those children who got the shots in Jones County last year come in now and get the final protecting shot.

Tenant Held on Murder Charge in Wednesday Killing

The Sheriff's Department is holding 42 year-old Jesse Frank Edwards a tenant on the Raymond Edwards farm, without privilege of bond on an open charge of murder. Edwards admits blasting 39-year-old Herschel Brown in the chest with the full load from a .12 gauge shotgun at about 8 Wednesday night. Brown, a resident of Greenville, died instantly.

Investigating officers say that Edwards and Brown's wife were living on the Cunningham farm, while efforts were underway on her part to get a divorce.

Brown had apparently come to see his wife in an attempt reconciliation, since Edwards says he saw them riding up and down the road in front of his home. When Brown drove his car into Edward's front yard, it was the claim of Edwards that he armed himself with the shotgun and told Brown, "Don't you get out of that car".

When Brown disregarded that warning and started to step onto the ground Edwards told the officers he "let him have it".

Judge W. J. Bundy to Hold First Term of Court in Jones County

Although Superior Court Judge William J. Bundy of Greenville is no stranger to Jones County and its Superior Court he will be making his first appearance in the county next week as presiding judge.

Bundy for many years was district solicitor and included among the courts where he served as prosecutor was that of Jones County.

Redistricting of the judicial districts last July led to the appointment of Bundy as judge of a new district which includes Pitt, Pamlico, Craven and Carteret counties.

On the rotating system used in North Carolina courts Judge Bundy will preside over the courts of Jones, Onslow and Duplin counties until June 30th of this year.

A mixed calendar, largely of criminal charges, has been prepared for trial during the court next week, Clerk W. Murray Whitaker said Tuesday.