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New Jones Election Board Chosen

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One Jones Arrest

An arrest report from the Jones County Jail reported by Sheriff Brown Yelch with only one indictment for the period and that was against Robin Street of Trenton route six who was charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds George Noble reports the issue of just one marriage license during the past week and it went to Billy Lee Cannon, 21, and Betty Jane Ferrell, 18, both of White Oak Township.

Holiday Schedule for Court House Workers

At its first Monday meeting the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted the following schedule of holidays for court house workers: April 2 for Easter Monday, May 30 Memorial Day, July 4th, September 3 Labor Day, November 24, 25, 26 Thanksgiving.

Holidays for the Christmas season will be set at a later meeting the board decided.

Jake Koonce Gets 60 Days on Three Counts

Jake Koonce of Trenton route two was tried on three charges in Lenoir County Superior Court Tuesday and received sentences totaling 60 days.

A jury found Koonce guilty of simple assault in a case that charged him with a pistol assault on Happersville Filling Station Operator Ernest Rhodes.

Koonce pled guilty to reckless driving and disorderly conduct. Judge Walter Bone sentenced Koonce to 60 days for the reckless driving charge and then gave him 30 day sentences in the other two cases to run concurrently with the first jail term.

Roosevelt Kinsey Gets 18 Months to 3 Years

Judge Walter Bone, presiding over the current term of Lenoir County's Superior Court sentenced Roosevelt Kinsey to a term of not less than 18 months or more than three years Tuesday afternoon.

Kinsey was convicted of forging a number of checks on local citizens and possessed a record of former breeches of the peace in several different categories.

Four Men Charged in Sand Hill Murder Case

Four men of Kinston route six in the Sand Hill section have been indicted by investigating officers in connection with the death of Duke Garner, a tenant on the Zeb West farm in the eastern section of Lenoir County.

Preliminary hearing is to be given at 2 Thursday afternoon for Willie Joyner, William Reese, Richard and Lott Lawson, all of the same community who have been indicted on an open charge of murder.

SBI Agent John Edwards assisted the Sheriff's Department in the murder investigation which began on Sunday, shortly after Garner's death.

Information released Monday stated that Garner had been thrown from a car Friday night after suffering a bad beating. Landing in a ditch, Garner managed to crawl 300 yards to the home of Lehman Dall, who took him to his home on the West Farm.

Garner died early Sunday morning and medical testimony indicates that he died from internal bleeding and exposure.

W. F. Hill, pictured happily here, was named the new chairman of the Jones County Board of Elections last Friday in a meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Elections in Raleigh. Hill succeeds John D. Jenkins of Pollockville, who retired after a

decade as the top election official of Jones County. Hill is a Trenton filling station operator.

Named to serve along with Hill were Jeff Conway of White Oak Township and Waddell W. Melard of Trenton Township, the Republican Member of the board.

Spokesmen Heard at Meeting Opposed to Lenoir Bond Issue

Monday afternoon after several hours to think the matter over the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners voted to eliminate one of the four items in a bond order that had totalled \$2,494,500. The eliminated item — the smallest in the proposal — for \$22,500 was to provide the county's share of current land purchases to provide expansion space for Stallings Air Base. The board found that it would be able to find this relatively small item from current revenues. Left

in the bond order which will be voted upon, on May 26th are \$2,162,000 for schools, \$200,000 for hospital use and \$100,000 for a new library — the last to be issued only if the City of Kinston appropriates a matching \$100,000.

The only "interested citizen" who spoke Monday morning to the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners on a proposal to call a bond issue election voiced disapproval to the issue of further county bonds at this time.

Lenoir County Farm Bureau President Richard Llewellyn said, "In view of the present economic outlook for farmers and in view of the present situation regarding segregation in our public schools; now just doesn't seem to be the time to issue more bonds."

Former County Commissioner Cameron Langston said, "Gentlemen, if this amount of bonds (\$2,494,500) is issued the principal and interest commitments required will make it impossible to allocate any capital outlay funds for schools

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Catching's Easy, But Convicting's a Vastly Different Story



These two pictures are of the front and back entrances to the gaming room of the Liberty Hill Filling Station. The back door —



the one with four locks — is designed primarily for keeping the law out and suckers in. The front entrance is actually just half of

the front entrance since after passing through the door at left, another door must be unlocked before one is in reach of the tables.

These pictures illustrated two things: First, the obvious fact that a professional gambling operation was located in the back room of the Liberty Hill Filling Station where these pictures were taken and second, to show how it is virtually impossible for officers to obtain entry to this air-conditioned game in a manner that will permit them to get sufficient evidence to support the charge of operating a gambling house against the operator of the filling station.

The station and gambling room are located just outside the Kinston city limits on the Greenville highway. For years it has been commonly known that a gambling operation was going on in the filling station.

But with four locks on the back door and entry through the front possible only after entering the filling station and passing through two stoutly locked doors officers are frustrated before they begin in any effort to convict the game's

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This picture shows one of the two tightly sealed windows in the gaming room of the Liberty Hill Filling Station and the large poker



This picture shows another of the two windows in the Liberty Hill poker parlor which is tightly sealed and includes an air-con-

ditioning unit for the summer-time comfort of local suckers who may be sweating out their house rent over a hot little game of "stud".

SPEED COST \$100 FINE

Willie Cleveland Murphy was found guilty of speeding in Lenoir County Superior Court Monday and was fined \$100 and the court costs by Presiding Judge Walter Bone of Nashville.

Greensboro Driver is Badly Hurt in Wreck

Charles E. Tetter of 2704 Richard Street, Greensboro suffered a badly mangled left leg in an accident at about 2 a. m. Wednesday near Falling Creek on the Kinston-La Grange highway.

Tetter, driving a newspaper delivery truck east on US 70, lost control of the truck after coming out of a curve just west of Falling Creek. In the wreck Tetter's left leg was almost severed just above the ankle.

Eight Divorces Open Lenoir Court Term

Eight Divorces were the first order of business as Judge Walter Bone of Nashville convened a one-week mixed term of Lenoir County's Superior Court Monday.

Divorces, each on grounds of two-year's separation, were granted to the following couples:

Betty Outlaw Jones from Gerald Jones, John Cannon from Perdie Bell Cannon, Lila Marie Ezell from David Milton Ezell, John-Mae Mae Stephens from Marvin Stephens.

William Laurence Easterling from Marguerite Garcia Easterling, Lancy Green Burgess from Raymond Burgess, Viola Bonner Everette and Henry Vaughn from Mable Waters Vaughn.