

Jury Chosen for September Term of Jones County Courts; Koonce Murder Trial Scheduled

In its September session Tuesday the Jones County Board of Commissioners approved the jury list for the September 23rd term of Superior Court.

Sheriff Brown Yates said he felt there would be no trouble in securing a jury from this venire of 34 for the trial of Jasper Metts, who faces trial for the February 26th murder of Jake Koonce.

The Metts-Koonce affair which ended in the rifle slaying of Koonce in Comfort caused as much comment as any recent event in Jones County and was the major topic of conversation in the county for many weeks after the shooting.

In spite of the wide-spread interest Sheriff Yates says he thinks it will be possible to get a jury from this list that has not made up its mind one way or the other about the case. The panel includes the following:

William B. Burkett, W. H. Banks, C. C. Jones, Matthew McArthur, J. R. Jarman, Raeford Blizzard, L. L. Eubanks, James Stille, Paul H. Taylor, W. Bryant Hargett, Clarence Marshburn, Dal Banks.

E. N. Riggs, Ervin Holloman, Malvin Banks, Guy N. Jones, George B. Simmons, Hubert Jenkins, Max Harrison, J. C. Gray, Preston Banks, W. L. Moore, Harvey Small.

Senator Ervin Reports on McClellan Committee Activities

WASHINGTON — I believe you will be interested in some of the activities of the McClellan Committee of which I am a member.

ELEVEN FIELDS

There are at least eleven fields where major investigations should be made. As Senator McClellan recently reported to the Senate, these fields are labor and management collusion; undemocratic processes; misuse of union funds, including welfare and pension funds of any source; racketeer control; secondary boycotts; extortion and robbery; organizational picketing; violence; paper locals; political activities; improper activities by management to prevent organization.

This does not mean that the door is closed to other fields, other problems which need investigation may well arise as the work of the Select Committee progresses. Since the creation of the Committee at the first of the year, over 50,000 letters, complaints, or related information have come to the Committee, the staff has stated. Some of these letters and communications have provided valuable leads.

UP TO NOW

You have read of the work of the Select Committee up to now. Perhaps a quick review of the work to date will be of help to you. So far, we have conducted public hearings on seven major subjects and areas. First, you will remember the Portland, Oregon, Teamsters racketeer case; then there was the charge of misuse of union funds by Frank Brewster; the third was the Dave Beck hearings on the charges of misuse of union funds; fourth, the violence arising out of activities of certain labor leaders in Scranton, Pennsylvania; the fifth was the series of hearings on improper activities and misuse of union funds by the ranking officers of the Bakers' union; the sixth dealt with the charges of misuse and misappropriation of union funds by the president and treasurer of the United Textile Workers; the seventh was the recent hearings into racketeer invasion into the field of labor in the New York City area, and the use of gangsters and hoodlums to control of the Joint Council

Edie Robertson, Albert Taylor, Eugene Smith, James Barbee, H. V. Wilson, R. C. Tyndall Jr., J. F. Davenport, Hubert Battle, Walter Blizzard, Jesse Walter Pelletier and F. R. Pollock.

Two Named Tuesday To Collect Delinquent Jones County Taxes

For purposes of delinquent tax collection the county was divided about in half Tuesday and two men were chosen to collect what the county says it has coming to it.

Hugh Loftin of Oliver's Crossroads will chase down the back tax customers in Trenton, Pollocksville and White Oak Townships and Faison Nobles will perform the same task in Cypress Creek, Beaver Creek, Tuckahoe and Chinquapin Townships.

Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports that only two real estate transfers have been recorded in the past week in her office.

One of these was for a tract of land from Ida King to J. B. Blizard in Tuckahoe Township and the other was for 3.17 acres in Pollocksville Township from Uray Thomas to Sadie Thomas.

16 in that area.

BACKGROUND

The bipartisan Select Committee was created by Senate Resolution 74 which passed on January 30, 1957. It was named to the Committee at that time. It has a long name, the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field, now usually referred to as the McClellan or Labor Rackets Committee. To date the hearings have been held in Washington, and this practice will probably continue because it is more economical. I might add that the cost of carrying on an investigation of this scope is high at best, and all efforts at economy should prevail. The job is tremendous; the need is pressing.

USEFUL PURPOSE

The function of this Committee is to establish facts upon which wise legislation can be based. Therefore, a careful record of need for legislation to protect the workman is being developed so that laws can be passed which will be constructive in nature and not punitive. I am convinced that the hearings have produced clear evidence to reveal the need for remedial legislation.

'Rurbanization' Claiming Over Million Acres Per Year of Nation's Top Quality Farming Land

The vanishing American is no longer the Indian... it's the farmer and the land he tills.

A recent agriculture department report shows that one million acres of farmland are being withdrawn from production every year. And much of this lost acreage is farmland located near cities... urban areas, spreading out and swallowing up agricultural land, particularly in the East.

"Rurbanization" it's called... The increasing conversion of productive farmland into airfields, super-highways, suburban communities and airports.

Rurbanization was the subject of a soil conservation meeting in Wilmington, Delaware last week... A conference of Eastern soil

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Jones County Lawsuit Revives Memories of Brutal Murder of Twenty-Two Years Ago

This week a restraining order signed on August 29th by Resident Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw was filed in Jones County's Superior Court by Stephen J. Phillips against Jack Whaley and Paul Gilbert. Although there was no direct link between this litigation and the 1935 murder of Edward R. Stilly, the suit in itself did revive memories of that most brutal and pathetic of crimes, 22 years ago.

The suit filed this week temporarily restrains Whaley from turning over any part of the 1957 crops on the Stanley Farm to Gilbert, who served for six years as guardian for the late Herbert Stanley, a mentally incompetent of Chinquapin Township.

Stanley, acting in league with his moron stepmother, killed his father in 1935 and attempted to cover up the crime by faking a suicide scene, but with no success.

He and his stepmother, Betty Stanley, were found guilty of second degree murder and the court ruled that each had the intelligence of a 10 year-old child. Stanley was sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years in prison and his stepmother was given a 10 to 18 year prison term.

The murdered father and husband, recognizing the mental condition of his only son had willed him a life estate in the 123-acre farm near Phillips' Crossroads between Kinston and Trenton. At his son's death the Elder Stanley's will bequeathed the farm to Stephen Phillips, son of a close friend and an adjoining farm neighbor.

After Herbert Stanley was released from prison in 1947 his nephew, Paul Gilbert, was appointed his guardian, and took care of him until his death December 28, 1956. The old man had died after a long and expensive sickness and Gilbert, acting as guardian, had already "traded with" Whaley to farm the Stanley place for another crop year.

Phillips' lawsuit alleges that the farm automatically became his on December 28, 1956 with the death of Stanley. This is not in controversy, but Gilbert contends that he is entitled to recover the heavy medical and funeral expenses incurred late last year. There is no squabble over the ownership of the land, at least on the surface.

The Stanley wife and stepmother died in prison and had no children

so there appears to be no question over the validity of the will, giving the farm to Phillips.

The temporary restraining order signed August 29th by Judge Steven is returnable September 9th before Judge Paul Frizzelle in Sampson County Superior Court in Clinton at which time both sides will be heard on the question of either dissolving or making permanent the restraining order.

The farm this year has a tobacco allotment of 4.37 acres and Phillips is seeking to recover his one-third interest in the tobacco and all other crops grown on the farm this year.

There is apparently no argument that Whaley will receive his two-thirds tenant share, but the argument is over the other one-third. Gilbert seeks it to reimburse himself for the bills incurred in the death sickness of his uncle; while Phillips says the land has belonged to him since December 28th of last year.

Officials report that Gilbert took good care of the late Herbert Stanley and all records in the office of Court Clerk Murray Whitaker as to the guardianship are in proper order. It was agreed that Gilbert did an exceptionally good job of taking care of his uncle, a job that nobody else would have at any price, at least a job that no one else did take.

Rough Marine Landing

Massachusetts Marine Wayne Wainwright landed on a rocky shore under harassing fire Wednesday night of last week. Speeding away from Clinton White's filling station on Hull Road west of Kinston with a tankfull of gas which he forgot to pay for, the Bay State native wound up a few minutes later in the company of Patrolman Wesley Parrish, who had been alerted of the gas theft by radio. Parrish also found that the Camp Lejeune leatherneck was driving without a driver's license. When Military Police looked the junior commando over at headquarters they found he had been absent without official leave from Onslow County since July 17th. When FBI agents checked the ownership of the car Wainwright was driving they found it was stolen

Maysville Negro Held For Slicing His Wife

Sheriff Brown Yates reports only one arrest during the past week and that was of Henry V. Moore of Maysville, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon his wife Mozella.

Yates says Moore sliced his wife with a pocket knife about the arm, chest, breast and side to such an extent that 22 stitches were required to close the wounds.

Jones Commissioners Veto Beer License For Fannie Gardener

Among other actions taken in the September session of the Jones County Board of Commissions was study of a request from Fannie Gardener of Pollocksville for permission to buy a beer license.

After hearing Sheriff Brown Yates on the subject the board unanimously agreed not to issue the beer selling license.

Season Opener

The first game of the 1957 football season for the Jones Central High School squad begins at 8 p. m. Friday night in Grainger Stadium in Kinston against the Grainger High School Red Devils. This non-conference tangle between the Lenoir and Jones County teams is heavily favored to go to the heavier, more experienced Kinston eleven, but the Jones County pigskinners recall that David knocked off Goliath, and they have no intention of going to Kinston to be run over without plenty of opposition.

Saturday Fish Fry

The Community Association of Maysville will sponsor a Fish Fry Saturday, Sept 7 at the Fire House from 11 a. m. to 10 p. m. The event is to benefit the tennis courts of the community park. The menu will consist of file of flounder, hush puppies, french fries, cole slaw. Service is available at the fire house and plates can be called for.

August 24th in Massachusetts. Stealing gas, driving without license, AWOL and stealing a car are now included among the charges in state, federal and military courts that this young marine has to face.

Harper Family's 7th Annual Meet Sunday

Kinston Attorney Jesse Jones will be the principal speaker Sunday for the seventh annual reunion of the Lenoir County Branch of the Harper Family.

The annual Harper get-together will begin at 12 Noon in the auditorium of Deep Run High School and will include business reports and entertainment in addition to Lawyer Jones' address.

The well-filled picnic baskets will be opened on the school grounds at 1 p. m. at the close of the indoor meeting.

HIGHEST PRICE SINCE '55

The Tuesday sale on the Kinston Tobacco Market hit the highest average price since October 10, 1955 with 2, 052,328 pounds of tobacco selling for \$1,158,576.52 which is an average price of \$56.45 per hundred pounds.