

"Parade of Values" in Kinston Friday and Saturday

Trenton ABC Store Opening Planned for December 6th

Present plans call for the opening of Jones County's first legal whisky store in two generations on Friday, December 6th.

The legal grog shop will be located in Trenton in the building formerly occupied by Jenkins Furniture Company, three doors north of the post office. The building is owned by Attorney Darris W. Koonce.

Ray Harrison, former post office department clerk, of Trenton route one has been employed to serve as the first legal dispenser of whisky in Jones County since the Furlington Act drove North Carolinians to bootleg whisky and hypocritical voting. Harrison has been working in Lenoir County ABC stores learning how to handle the "hard stuff".

Moving rapidly along are plans for the opening of another store at the intersection of US 258 and NC 41, at Hargett's Crossroads. This store will be located just south of Raiford Blizard's filling station in a building yet to be built.

This Hargett Crossroad store is to be opened in spite of loud squawks from some of the people in that neighborhood, who tendered a petition with 112 names opposing the store in that location, but had their protests and their petition ignored.

State ABC officials have also turned thumbs down on complaints from that end of the county, reminding Representative John Hargett, one of those who objected, that the Township in which the store is to be located voted heavily in favor of legal whisky.

Marriage License

The office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of only one marriage license in the past week and it went to Wesley Clifford Howard, 22, of Kinston and Betty E. White, 16, of Pollocksville.

Jones County Hog Growers Urged to See Demonstration

Reminding Jones County hog growers that practically all live-stock markets are now paying a premium for meat-type hogs, the Jones County extension department is urging a large turn-out for a hog-grading demonstration on Monday, December 2nd.

This demonstration will be held at the Jones County Livestock Market, between Trenton and Friendship Church and its purpose will be to let the farmer learn how to produce, grade and market the kind of hog for which the premium price is currently being paid.

Lon Edwards to Succeed Flake Shaw

Alonzo Clay Edwards of Hookerton has been named to succeed Flake Shaw as executive director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. This action was taken Monday by the board of directors who were unanimous in their choice of Edwards, a former president of the Federation.

"Lon", as Edwards is known by practically every farmer in North Carolina, is a native of Greene County, born in Hookerton September 29, 1904, son of Dr. G. C. and Catherine Herman Edwards.

A veteran of eight terms in the North Carolina General Assembly and an unsuccessful candidate for lieutenant governor in 1956, Edwards has served in practically every capacity available in the Farm Bureau.

He is a graduate of Duke University, a Methodist, married to the former Betty Hardy Taylor and the father of one son, Alonzo Clay Edwards, Jr.

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Threats Allegedly Made by Dead Man Basis for Defense Plea Offered By Metts in Jake Koonce Death

In a surprise move at the conclusion of evidence both for defense and prosecution Metts, through his counsel, pled guilty to manslaughter, which was accepted by the court although he was on trial for second degree murder. Presiding Judge Paul Frizzelle sentenced Metts to serve a term of 4 to 7 years in prison, and court was adjourned for the week.

An ancient and seldom used principle which defense counsel believe will be sufficient to support a contention of self defense has been evoked in behalf of Comfort Storekeeper Jasper Metts who is on trial this week in Jones County Superior Court for the February 26th killing of Jake Koonce.

Evidence for the state repeatedly revealed that Metts first started toward Koonce, who was roughly a hundred yards away from Metts' store at another Comfort filling station owned by C. A. Battle.

Metts' brother, Joseph, disarmed him and persuaded him to return to his filling station-home. Then the determined Metts obtained a .22 caliber automatic rifle and stood with it by the door of his place until Koonce, a native of the Comfort section, but then living in Pollocksville, emerged from the Battle station and started

toward his car.

Metts, as well as numerous witnesses testified that he opened fire at this point, running across the road, chasing Koonce around his car until the automatic rifle fire got so hot that Koonce decided to retreat northward along the west wall of the Battle store.

Then as he fled he received the wounds in the back of the head which caused his death.

Metts does not deny the facts presented in this fashion by the prosecution, and adds only the fear on his part that Koonce was running to his car to arm himself.

Metts testified that Koonce said, "Wait until I get mine!"

Testimony offered by Metts and his wife states that Mrs. Metts had left her husband and had taken up with Koonce, living in Norfolk and Kinston. Mrs. Metts alleges that Koonce was attempting to force her to get money from her husband, and that numerous phone calls had been made for that purpose, attorneys had been retained and discussions had been held on Metts giving his desertion.

After a lengthy separation Metts found his wife in Kinston and persuaded her to return home on December 8, 1956, at which time both he and his wife say she was in a beaten, bruised condition, allegedly inflicted by Koonce.

After her return on December 8, Mrs. Metts testified she continued to steal money from her husband's store and take it to her boy friend. Her excuse was that Koonce had threatened to kill her, her husband and burn them in their store if she did not take him money.

Metts and his wife swore Tuesday that on February 26, also a Tuesday, Koonce had promised to come and do them in if more money was not given him.

When Metts saw Koonce he said he knew, "It was me or him!" So Metts' attempts to let it be "him" began, first with the pistol and later, successfully with the rifle.

On cross examination Metts ad-

R. P. and Nellie P. Bender to Willie E. Hassell three acres in Pollocksville Township.

Jasper Metts to Jake D. Metts 61.7 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

mitted to Solicitor Robert Rouse of Farmville that he intended to kill Koonce, explaining again, "I knew if I didn't get him, he'd get me!"

Defense Attorney Jesse Jones argued at great length to convince Judge Paul Frizzelle that there was a sufficient element of self defense based upon ancient court ruling to take the matter to the 12 Craven Countians who are sitting in the special jury drawn for the specific purpose of hearing this one case; which is one of the most controversial and widely watched in the history of Jones County.

Haskins Chapel CWF Observing Woman's Day at 3 Sunday

The Christian Woman's Fellowship of Haskins Chapel is observing "Woman's Day" at 3 p. m. Sunday and all members of the congregation as well as members of the Fellowship are invited to attend.

Principal speaker for the observance will be Mrs. H. T. Brown of Robersonville.

The program is centered around the part the modern woman must play in the home, in the church and in the business world.

Goldsboro Youth Gets In Wrong Town With Car Stolen Friday

Folks in Beulaville thought they recognized a car moving along a street Saturday afternoon.

It looked just like the car owned by Robert E. Price of Beulaville who had reported the car stolen in Kinston Friday. Price had left his car parked on a street in Kinston and it was missing when he returned.

A friend of Price's shouted to the driver of the car when it appeared in Beulaville Saturday afternoon. The driver swerved around a corner and abandoned the car.

A chase followed and Police Chief B. F. Brown arrested 17 year-old Kenneth Hamm of Goldsboro.

Brown said Hamm apparently had no idea that the owner of the car lived in the little town of Beulaville.

Widespread Search for Two Men Wanted for Kidnapping, Criminally Assaulting Young Girl on Sunday

Sunday night at shortly before 7:30 18 year-old Shirley Waters, an employee in the installment loan department of Kinston Commercial National Bank, was driving north on Queen Street, riding alone. She stopped for a red light at Queen and Washington.

As the car came to a stop a man, described as white, young, neatly dressed, opened the right hand door of her car, jumped quickly in and aimed a small caliber automatic pistol at her, telling her to "Be smooth and pull around the corner." Which Miss Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters of Hugo, did.

Just around the corner she was ordered to stop her car and another man of the same general description got in the car on the driver's side and took over the driving.

Still at pistol point the terrified young woman was forced into the back seat of her car. She begged the man with the gun to take her car, her money and just let her walk. He refused as his partner sped out of town in the direction of Fort Barnwell.

The gunman forced Miss Waters to strip completely and he then raped her.

His partner continued the chauff-

fer job and they returned to Kinston, warning Miss Waters not to notify police. Near the same intersection where this terrifying episode began the man stopped the car, got out and fled.

In a state of near shock, bloody and almost out of her mind the young woman managed to get to her mother at Lenoir Memorial Hospital, who immediately called the police. Miss Waters was hospitalized. Already in the hospital, her father, in an extremely critical condition was not permitted to know of the brutal crime committed upon his daughter. Miss Waters was enroute to the hospital when she was kidnapped.

Immediately an alarm was sounded throughout North Carolina for the two neatly dressed, crew cut young white men.

Monday Miss Waters, still highly nervous, but coherent was able to recall that the men said in the course of the ride that they were from "out of state", one mentioned Tennessee, but did not say if that were his home.

Civil and Military Police are in the process of conducting an all-out investigation to apprehend these perpetrators of one of the most brutal premeditated crimes committed in recent years in Eastern North Carolina.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following:

R. P. Bender to Rosa Lee Matlocks four acres in Pollocksville Township.

William D. Ballard to Garland R. Ballard 95.2 acres in Pollocksville Township.

This is not a load of hay, but is a new style way of moving tobacco around. Moved from temporary storage in the Tapps Warehouse on West King Street in Kinston is the huge load of low grade tobacco which is in such large current demand because of the boom in filter tip cigarettes which can be made with trashier types of tobacco. This tobacco is packed loose, baled much as hay, kept in open storage and then processed into some of the cheap filter tipped or menthol camouflaged cigarettes which are the current rage among nicotine fiends.

