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Jones County Negress Pleads Self Defense in Husband Killing

Twenty two year-old Letha Mae Davis Gooding, accompanied by an eight month-old infant, is in the Jones County jail at Trenton charged with the murder of her husband, Floyd Haywood Gooding, a tenant on the Carl Tyndall Farm near Comfort.

Sheriff Brown Yates says the young mother of five children admits shooting her husband in the heart at about 5:30 Sunday afternoon when he broke down the front door of their home in an attempt to get to her to continue a beating which she said had begun Saturday night when he came home in a drunken condition.

Yates says the woman did have some bruises about the face. She further told Yates that she fired the rifle once as the door flew open and she then fled through the back of the house. Only witnesses were the small children of the negro couple.

She further claims that the single shot rifle had been loaded by her husband, who had told her he was going to use it to kill her.

Bond has been set at \$2,000 and Sheriff Yates admits he is most anxious for someone to sign the bond, since it's rather tedious having an eight month-old infant in jail.

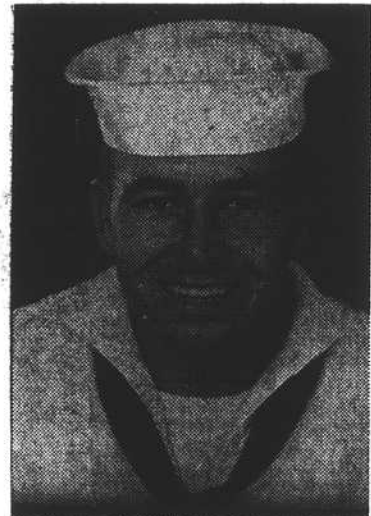
Jones Court Has Two Divorce Suits Filed

In the past week two suits asking "divorce absolute" have been filed in Jones County Superior Court.

Marshall Bryant Whitfield has brought suit for divorce from Carolyn Faye Hill Whitfield on grounds of two year separation.

Ruth E. Sparrow has filed suit for divorce from Eric E. Sparrow on grounds of adultery.

Raymond Conway is Acting Gunner's Mate Of Recruit Company



GREAT LAKES, Ill. — Raymond S. Conway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colonel S. Conway of Maysville, has been appointed gunner's mate of his recruit company at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

As a recruit petty officer he will wear a miniature rating insignia as a badge of authority during the remainder of his nine weeks of "Boot Camp."

He was chosen for the position in recognition of leadership qualities displayed while undergoing recruit training. He is scheduled to graduate Aug. 16.

Maysville Negro Held On Numerous Charges

Sheriff Brown Yates says Maysville Negro Rulius Dillahunt is under numerous indictments that resulted from a recent breaking and entering of Henderson Brothers' Garage in Maysville.

An estimated \$170 in merchandise, including a large number of cigarettes was stolen and Dillahunt has admitted the theft. Yates reports that Dillahunt admits selling about \$25 worth of the loot he got. He hid the remainder in a weeded area, and someone "thief without honor" stole the loot from the original thief.

Dillahunt is also charged with public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and with being a "public nuisance".

Yates says he believes Dillahunt is the same person who made a raid almost identical in method on the same garage last year, but Dillahunt has not confessed any knowledge of that robbery.

Pollocksville Man is Held After Accident

A wreck near Pollocksville Sunday night that fortunately did not result in personal injuries and only slight property damage has led to multiple indictments of David Gladson of Pollocksville.

Gladson is charged with hit and run driving, drunken driving and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Four Kinstonians are Killed Monday Near Fremont in Accident

Four Kinston negroes were killed at about 5:30 Monday afternoon near Fremont on US 117 when the car in which they were riding crashed into the abutment of an overpass bridge and burst into flames. The fifth passenger in the car was also burned and bruised by the crash but is not classed as in critical condition in a Goldsboro hospital.

Dead are listed as the driver of the car, William Henry Fair (Phillips) and his 16 year-old son, Charlie Lee, both of 715 South Davis Street, the owner of the car, Floyd Cox of 604 Lincoln Street, and Rosa Lee White of 613 University Street.

Annie White, 15 year-old daughter of the dead woman, was hospitalized for minor burns, cuts, bruises and a banged up ankle.

Weekend Fight Over Woman Jails One and Hospitalizes Another

Scott Davis of Jones County is in the county hospital in Kinston and Jesse Taylor of 308 Detroit Street is in jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after an early Sunday morning fight that Kinston police say was "over a woman".

The fight which took place after midnight Saturday on Detroit Street left the Jones County negro with severe slashes on the arm, neck, chest, head and back. He lost a great deal of blood and is listed as "serious" at the county hospital.

Three Hurt Monday In Tuckahoe Wreck

Mrs. Bill (Myrtle) Morgan of Jacksonville and two cousins, 21 year-old H. L. Oxley of Trenton and 10 year-old Hazel Green of Comfort, were injured painfully but not seriously at about 8:55 Monday night in an accident near Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Morgan was driving her father, Dan Oxley's car, and they were on their way to a Kinston hospital where Oxley was a patient.

Mrs. Morgan says just south of the Tuckahoe Creek Bridge near Dave Hussey's farm the steering gear locked and the car went off the road and into the creek bed, not quite reaching the creek itself.

Mrs. Morgan suffered cuts on the right leg, back, bruises and sprains. The other two were largely victims of shock and slight concussions. The car was badly damaged.

They were all treated at the same hospital where Oxley was a patient. He was scheduled for discharge Thursday morning, but Mrs. Morgan was still under treatment. The younger victims of the accident were discharged earlier in the week.

Stepfather Charged With Rape of Minor

Jamie D. Holloway of 117 McDaniel Street this week had an indictment for rape returned against him by the Lenoir County Grand Jury.

The series of alleged events which led up to the capital charge began more than a dozen years ago when the prosecuting witness then was less than 12 years of age says Holloway threatened to kill her and her mother unless she submitted to his advances. This situation lasted over a period of years, she has stated.

Recently the stepdaughter now married was again threatened by Holloway, and for the same purpose. She finally told her husband who shot Holloway on the night of August 2nd, inflicting a superficial wound in the chest.

The subsequent investigation of the shooting led to the issue of a peace bond against Holloway because of his reported threats and later the warrant for rape was signed by the stepdaughter and on Monday the grand jury returned a True Bill after listening to her story.

SON JOINS FATHER

Twenty three-year old Norman James Holloway Tuesday afternoon was lodged in the Lenoir County jail charged with striking Second Hand Clothes Dealer John Pasternak and threatening him with a knife. The young man's father, Jamie Holloway, was already in jail charged with raping a stepdaughter. The young man says he has spent seven of his 23 years in prison.

Land Transfers

Transfers of real estate recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week included the following:
From Emmett McDaniel to James Miller, 34 acres in Beaver Creek Township.
H. M. Hines to Edward D. Oliver one lot in Pollocksville.

Elective, Administrative Jones County Employees Voted 15 Per Cent Pay Hike

After considerable discussion at a special meeting Tuesday night the Jones County Board of Commissioners voted a 15 per cent pay raise effective July 1, 1958 to all elective and administrative employees in the county court house.

This action was the direct result of a long-growing resentment among constitutional and administrative employees over the wide gap between their pay and the salaries of "matching fund" workers of the county.

These matching fund workers in the welfare, school, extension and health departments were specifically excepted from the retroactive pay increases.

The vote for the 15 per cent pay hike came after discussions over either a 15 per cent or a 20 per cent increase.

Commissioners Bruce Simmons and Charlie Davis, who are retiring from the board in December, led the discussions, with Simmons supporting the lower increase.

Simmons said that the succeeding board which will be sworn in on the first Monday in December could make further adjustments if it were felt that this was needed, but he felt that 15 per cent was enough at present. This line of reasoning finally prevailed.

The changes made by this action Tuesday night are indicated in the table below:

Position	Old Pay	New Pay
Sheriff	\$3,600	\$4,140
Court Clerk	2,880	3,312
Reg. of Deeds	2,760	3,156
Accountant	2,640	3,036
Tax Collector	2,640	3,036
Assistant Clerk	1,980	2,277
Reg. Deeds Asst.	1,980	2,277
Janitor	2,400	2,760

July Legal Whisky Sales Are \$18,635.95 in Jones

July was the seventh full month that Jones County's ABC whisky stores have been open and it was, by far, the biggest month the stores have had with gross sales of \$18,635.95.

In the first fiscal report which covered six months and three weeks operation of the stores, from early December 1957 until June 10, 1958, the stores grossed \$80,233.05; an average of \$11,886 per month. In that first fiscal summary net profits amounted to \$5,880.15, which was 7.2 per cent net profit.

ABC officials, recognizing the additional costs of "going in business" which were reflected in the June 30 profit and loss statement are confident that the net profit rate will climb in the present fiscal period to better than 10 per cent, and they declare that if the volume of business done in July can be maintained this net profit may reach a couple of points beyond 10 per cent.

The fixed operating costs such as rent, wages and utilities will not differ greatly on a higher volume of business, explaining this optimistic attitude. Also from August to December sales in other ABC systems generally are at their highest for the year.

The July figures reveal that the three stores presently operated in the system are selling very nearly the same amounts of alcoholic beverages.

Store No. 1 at Trenton grossed \$6,630.95. Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads grossed \$6,439.00 and

Cy Beddard Signs Bonus Contract With Los Angeles Dodgers

Cyrus Beddard, a football, basketball and baseball star of Jones Central High School has been signed to a Los Angeles Dodger contract.

Scout Tex Jones signed Beddard for a bonus, amount not disclosed, after the "New Baseball Talent Hunt," held at Griffith Stadium in Washington.

Beddard, a 6-foot, 180 pound righthanded pitcher who had a 10-2 record for Jones Central last spring, was one of three youths signed out of 300 hopefuls trying out in the two day camp.

Beddard, in 66 innings of hurling for Coach Ben Hester's team, struck out 127 and gave up 23 hits and 7 earned runs last spring. He pitched one no-hitter, two one-hitters, three two hitters and six shutouts. He also had a .580 batting average.

Beddard was assigned to the Dodger Class B Green Bay team in the Wisconsin Three-I League.

Freak Fire Cause

Tragedy was narrowly avoided last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman King and her 98 year-old mother, Mrs. Nettie Tilghman in the Southwest Section of Lenoir County. A fruit jar of water on the back porch magnified the sun ray sufficiently to set the porch on fire, but Mrs. King discovered the blaze before it had gotten out of control. Her mother is bedridden and Mrs. King said, "I was terrified at what would have happened to mother if I had been to the grocer's or away from the house at the wrong time!"

Woman Dies in Fire

Nancy Washington, 92 year-old bedridden negress, was burned to death Thursday afternoon at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Willie Sutton, whose husband is a tenant on the Charlie Broadway farm at Grainger Station. The fire is believed to have started from an oil cook stove. Firemen were able to save about half the house but the "ell" with the kitchen and the elderly woman's bedroom was totally destroyed. Members of the family were busy at a tobacco barn nearby when the fire broke out.

Cops Seeing Double

Kinston Policemen Gerry Broadwell and Leslie Parsons early Friday thought for a moment that their eyes needed examination but after a brief moment the trouble was cleared up. They had picked up a very drunk man at the corner of Park Avenue and Queen Street, who on the way to the station complained of losing a shoe. They returned to look for the shoe and while searching Parsons called, "I've found another drunk one." Broadwell explained, "It's the same fellow; just crawled out of the car and passed out." Parsons says, "No, that one's still in the police car." Explanation? Simple: The drunks were identical twins, dressed alike and filled to the same capacity.

the newest store, No. 3 at Wyse Fines, grossed \$5,566.00.

Big Values in Kinston on Dollar Days!