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Heavy Docket Dominated by Traffic Charges in which Many Plead Guilty

The Jones County Superior Court this week under Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor was very largely concerned with a long string of traffic violation charges. Fifty eight of the 94 defendant's docketed for trial faced traffic charges ranging from speeding to hit-and-run driving.

Tuesday afternoon a true bill for murder was returned against Letha Mae Davis Gooding of the Comfort section, who shot her husband, Floyd, on August 18th. She admits the slaying but has claimed self defense.

James Edward Rhodes, a Craven County negro, Tuesday pled no'lo contendre (which the lawyers call "guilty in latin") to charges of resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. Rhodes engaged in a fight with a patrolman after he had wrecked his car after a high speed chase in March of this year which began in Craven County and ended in Jones.

The negro suffered a pistol wound in the stomach. Judge Parker after much deliberation on the conflicting testimony in the case sentenced Rhodes to consecutive terms of two years on each of the two charges, but suspended the jail term upon the condition that he remain on probation for five years and pay the court costs.

Solicitor Robert Rouse "complained" that the bookkeeping job was terrific when some over 20 speeding defendants—largely Marines and Yankees—pled guilty in absentia and paid small fines.

The most peculiar charge among the 94 on the docket was against Willie and Ernestine White who were charged with "Discharging Fireworks in dog pens".

Which caused one court official to comment, "I knew it was against the law to discharge firearms anywhere in the State of North Carolina but I didn't know there was a particular law against throwing fire crackers in a dog pen."

Class Rings Arrive

The Jones Central Senior Class of 1959 received their class rings September 23. A variety of types of rings were displayed by the members of the class. Some Seniors wore the larger, heavyweight rings with "JC" engraved on the stones and others wore lighter-weight rings with plain stones. The Seniors ordered their rings last spring.

Rockets Wallop Lejeune High 19-6 for Second Win of Year

The second win of the 1958 football wars for the Rockets of Jones Central High highlighted the annual Homecoming Day celebration of the county's consolidated high school. The Rockets walloped Camp Lejeune High 19-6.

Lejeune won the toss and received the opening kickoff to lose the ball on downs four plays later. Rocket Quarterback Jerry Pelletier in the next series of plays handed off to Freddie Spence who went into pay dirt for the first Jones Central tally.

The next visit to touchdown land for the Rocket eleven came with a short pass to Clifton Hood who scampered across to make the score 12-0.

The final Rocket tally came in the third quarter when Spence went through the center of the Lejeune line for a six-pointed and Donald Mallard booted the pigskin through for the point after to make the score 19-0.

Later in the third quarter Lejeune scored its lone TD with a beautifully executed end sweep.

Lana Bonner Named Homecoming Queen At Jones Central

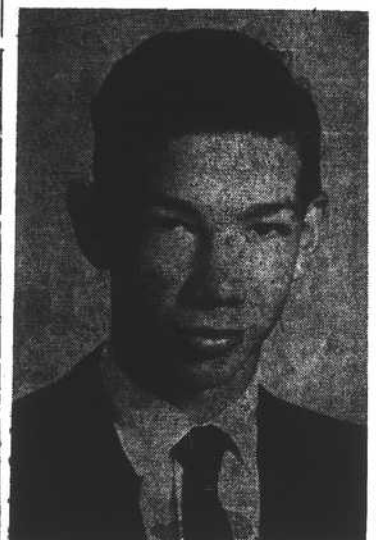
At half-time ceremonies in the Homecoming Game last Friday night Lana Bonner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bonner of Comfort, was crowned Homecoming Queen by 1957 Queen Kay Harrison.

There were eight contestants for the Queen crown, including Miss Bonner, Lilly Banks, Wanda Ballard, Mary Jo Bender, Lucille Green, Helen Mattocks and Billie Parker.

Before the home stands after the crown had been placed on Queen Lana's head Rocket Captain Jerry Pelletier placed the red and white Homecoming Queen banner around her shoulders.

The contestants were dressed in misty greens, pale pinks and blues and hues of rose and lavender. They carried wrist corsages of white.

Peyton Abbott III Wins State College Scholarship



North Carolina State College last week announced the awarding of 32 major scholarships to students who began their studies at the college this week.

The scholarships are, for the most part, four-year awards amounting to \$500 per year or more. The winners were chosen through

the "Talent for Service" Scholarship competition, the principal annual scholarship selection program for entering State College freshmen.

Seventy-seven additional top competitors were recognized by smaller, one-year awards.

The total annual value of the new awards amounts to \$30,785.

Each of the recipients has been designated a "Talent for Service" Scholar.

Dr. Keith McKean and Dr. Lyle B. Rogers, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the State College Scholarship and Student Aid Committee, said the award winners were selected from among the top graduates of North Carolina high schools.

The "Talent for Service" Scholarships were established at State College in 1953 by the college's Development Council, headed by C. A. Dillon of Raleigh.

Among the 77 freshmen winning the smaller, one-year awards was Peyton Bryant Abbott, III of Pollockville.

Onslow Businessman Caught with Cold Cash

An Onslow County merchant, long felt to be one of North Carolina's biggest "operators" in countless fields of illegal profit taking, was indicted last Friday morning on charges of possessing nearly one million dollars worth of counterfeit twenty dollar bills.

William Earl Baysden, 41, of Richlands and Jacksonville, waived preliminary hearing at 3 Friday afternoon before United States Commissioner W. J. Thomas and posted a \$15,000 cashier check as bail for his appearance at the next term of federal court in Wilmington.

Close cooperation between federal, state and county officers led to the "visit" just after 8 Friday morning to the Baysden Furniture Company at 818 Newbridge Street in Jacksonville where in the middle of a large display of freezers and refrigerators a locked freezer with a "sold" tag was found to contain the king-sized collection of phony money. Packed tightly into 20 stationery boxes the money was not complete since the seal and serial numbers had not yet been printed.

Baysden, who was under investigation for more than a year for the death of his wife in May of 1952, and is recognized as a very close lipped individual only told the officers that he "knew nothing" about the money. He was present when the freezer was opened, however, and one officer described his appearance thusly: "I was afraid he was having a heart attack!"

The freezer full of bogus bucks had been under close surveillance for several days, the officers reported and had been moved from Baysden's store just west of Richlands to Jacksonville on the day before the raid.

The plates and printing equipment used in manufacturing the money have not been found and the officers are exerting every possible effort to get them before they can be used again since the quality of the bills was classed as "above average" for counterfeits.

The usual cloak and dagger air of secrecy under which Secret Service operatives move was quickly thrown about the case, but two points that did sneak out were: Close watch of a former counterfeit violator was the key that unlocked the case and 2. There is a strong belief that the bills were earmarked for Middle East use, perhaps with the cooperation of Marine Corps personnel at the nearby Camp Lejeune base who are now shuttling back and forth between Onslow County and the Mediterranean area.

Baysden's most spectacular tangle with the law was in 1952. His wife's body was found in a parked car at Carolina Beach on May 18th of that year. She had been strangl-

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Jerry Pelletier is Senior Class Prexy; Donations Made

At the first meeting of the Senior class of '59 it was decided to donate \$100 to Library and \$95.65 toward a school television set.

Class officers were also elected as follows: President, Jerry Pelletier; Vice-President, Lynwood Griffin; Secretary, Lana Bonner; Treasurer, Billy Parker.

The class had a total of \$195.65 left from the Junior-Senior magazine sale of last year. The \$100 is for purchase of library books. The television set is to be used in the U. S. History classes to audit the course being taught over station WNCT.

The president appointed Marie Price, Jean Pollock, and Mary Jo Bender, to suggest class colors, flowers and class mottoes at the next meeting.

Rotarians Planning Scholarship Fund Drive and Dinner

Trenton Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night with Jim Allen presiding. Allen announced that a football contest was in progress in which each member was to select the winning team and high scorer each week.

The winner, at the end of the season will receive two tickets to the Dixie Classics. Each member contributed \$2 to the pool to purchase these tickets.

Tickets for the Loan Fund dinner will be available the latter part of the week, and G. N. Noble announced that Billy Carmichael will be the after dinner speaker.

Martha Oliver Starts Senior Year at UNC School of Nursing

Martha Elizabeth Oliver daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Oliver of Pollockville, has returned to Chapel Hill to begin her Senior year in the University of North Carolina School of Nursing.

Miss Oliver is enrolled in a four-year program leading to the degree of B.S. in nursing. Dr. Elizabeth L. Kemble, dean of the School of Nursing, states that Miss Oliver is preparing for professional nursing and at the same time receiving a college education.

DEATH

Mrs. Rozara Koonce White

Funeral services were held at 4 Tuesday from the Dover Baptist Church for 70 year-old Mrs. Rozara Koonce White, who died early Monday in a New Bern hospital.

N. C. Net Farm Income Off Sharply in 1957

The net farm income to North Carolina farmers in 1957 is estimated at 466.7 million dollars — the smallest of record over a 9-year period extending back through 1949. According to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service, this total for 1957 is 25.6 per cent below the 627.0 million-dollar income for 1956 and is 37 per cent below the record high 742.9 million-dollar total established in 1951.

The estimates of net income are contained in a revised series of income figures recently published by the Agricultural Marketing Service covering the 9-year period 1949 to 1957, inclusive.

Due in large measure to smaller acreage and production of tobacco,

cash receipts from farm marketings during 1957 dropped to 875.8 million dollars — 12.7 per cent below the 1,003.2 million-dollar total for 1957 and to the lowest level since 1950.

Total realized gross income, which includes cash receipts from marketing, along with Government payments, gross rental value of farm dwellings, and value of home consumption, is estimated at 1,090.5 million dollars, also the smallest since 1950. On the other hand, farm production expenses have continued to increase.

Despite substantial acreage reduction in 1957, total expenses of 590.9 million dollars for 1957 was the second highest of record, fall-

ing only 400,000 dollars below the previous record of 591.3 million dollars total for 1956.

The total net farm income of 466.7 million dollars for 1957 represents only 42.8 per cent of 1,090.5 million dollars total gross income. During each of the remaining eight years of the series, total net farm income represented more than one-half the total gross income.

Total net income per farm in 1957 is estimated at \$1,685. This is 24.5 per cent below the \$2,231 average for 1956; almost one-third short of the record high \$2,493 average for 1951; and is the smallest of record for any of the years 1949-57.

The net farm income statistics,

both for the State as a whole and average per farm, are in terms of actual dollars earned from farming in excess of production expenses. They do not take into consideration changes in purchasing power of the dollar.

Although indexes of consumer costs are not available for individual states, such costs for the Nation as a whole have increased almost without interruption during the entire period.

For the calendar year 1957, the National consumer price index for all items stood at 120.2 per cent of the 1947-49 base, compared with 101.8 per cent for 1949, according to published reports to the Department of Labor, Bureau of La-

bor Statistics. Thus, the cost of consumer items in 1957 was 18 per cent above that for 1949.

Maysville Rotarians Will be Hosts 30th To Community Group

The Maysville Rotary will play host to the Maysville Community Association, Inc. and their families by serving a chicken salad dinner September 30 at the community building at 7 p. m.

At this meeting new officers for the coming year will be elected and policies formulated for the use of the newly completed community building and facilities.