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Teen-aged Imbeciles

Four teen-aged residents of Pink Hill route two were booked Tuesday by the Lenoir County Sheriff Department on charges of breaking, entering and larceny. And although the charge of imbecility was not made there is strong evidence to support it. Nineteen year-old Steve E. Kennedy, Johnnie-Ray Kennedy, Rayburn Houston and Ray Turner, all 17, are charged with stealing 20 cases of dynamite from the warehouse of T. A. Turner Company and using a goodly part of it as "fire crackers". A number of bridges in Duplin and Jones County have been damaged by these super-kingsize fire crackers, the officers report.

News Briefs

FAST BOOTLEGGERS

Kinston Policemen Aaron Brooks and Jim Naylor lacked the speed to catch a pair of negroes who jumped out of a 1947 Ford at 4 a. m. Wednesday at the corner of Queen and Washington and left it with 24 jars of stumphole whisky. The car was registered to James R. Fleming of Post Office Box 56 at Pikesville.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Thomas Mann of East King St. in Kinston was arrested Wednesday on a warrant charging him with forgery of a \$75 check on E. L. Brinson of New Bern.

LICENSE ON SALE FRIDAY

Sale will begin at 9 a. m. Friday of 1959 auto, truck, trailer and motorcycle license. This year, it will not be necessary to have a form from one's insurance company but one must have the 1959 registration card to get a license. On this registration card there is a place for the car owner's signature in which he must certify that the vehicle is covered by liability insurance. Simply have the title

Legal Safecracking

Tuesday a well-equipped, but very legal safe cracker visited the office of Jones County Tax Collector Zella Pollock. The large safe in that office had suffered an extreme case of "jammed door" and in order to put it back into operation a crew from New Bern was necessary to get it out of the tight spot in which it was fitted and then to get the door off and the necessary repairs made. The safe is now in proper working order and Miss Pollock says she'll be happy to accept any tax payments that come along. In fact even without the safe being open on Tuesday she still took all the tax dollars that came along.

Marriage License

The only marriage license issued in the Christmas Season by the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce went to Ram Dixon III, 19, of Richlands and Ruth Banks, 17, of Trenton route two.

to the car will not be enough to get the new license tag.

STEALS TWO VEHICLES

Herman Lee Smith of Grifton route two had a bad attack of just wanting to ride during the Christmas holidays. First he stole a car from Bernice Braxton, drove it until it ran out of gas and then stole a truck from Johnnie Hardison.

TWO FORGERY CHARGES

Harold Lee of Deep Run route one and Albert Grady of Kinston route four were charged last week with forging a \$20 check on H. B. Johnson of Trenton and cashing it in a Kinston store.

JUVENILE PILFERING

A pair of juveniles—brothers—last week admitted raiding the coin box of a number of Coke machines over the holiday period. Officers say this is about the "umpteenth" time these same brothers have admitted the same kind of work.

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:

One-half acre from Walter Blizzard to Kermit Whaley in Tuckahoe Township.

One acre from Lucy Taylor to Ludie M. Cox in Tuckahoe Township.

From Lovell Driver to Halifax Timber Company 41.47 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

From Lemmie L. Reynolds to Hubert L. Jenkins 20 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

From R. C. Tyndall to Walter L. Adams 191 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

From Walter L. Adams to Carlton H. Brown 8.5 acres in Tuckahoe Township.

From J. and Lena Conway to G. S. and J. R. Pelletier two lots in White Oak Township.

Safe, Smokes Stolen

Thieves broke into Kirby Loftin Jr.'s store and filling station north of Kinston Monday night and carted away a safe and about 100 cartons of cigarettes. The safe was found Monday morning in front of an empty tenant house on the Ernest Faulkner farm several miles north of the station. Loftin says only a small amount of silver was in the safe, but the cigarette loss is estimated at \$250.

Mama Sent Away

Ethel Baker Latham of 508 Thompson Street finally this week managed to separate herself from her five small children. Fined \$200 in June and \$75 in July for peddling stumphole whisky she was found Monday with eight more jars of the same stuff and had a six-month suspended jail term invoked along with another six months that Judge Emmett Wooten gave her for this most recent violation.

Highway Death Toll Doubles For Lenoir County in 1958

Twice as many people were killed on the streets and highways of Lenoir County in 1958 as in 1957; 16 to eight is the unhappy comparison.

Only twice before in the history of the county has this toll been equalled and beaten just once. Sixteen were killed in 1953 and 18 were killed in 1954.

Lenoir's 16 deaths came in eight of the 12 months with May, June, September and November getting by without a fatality.

August and October share the worst records of the year with three deaths in each.

March, April, July and December each had two.

The first auto death of last year came January 18th when Marine Corporal Nathaniel Catledge was instantly killed at Jonestown in a car driven by Sgt. Clarence Hudson, who was indicted for manslaughter and later turned loose by the courts.

Auto Death No. 2 came February 7th when John W. "Popeye" Sutton made a left turn into the path of a car driven by Donald Murphy of Kenansville, against whom a technical charge of manslaughter was made and in which "no probable cause" was found. This happened two miles south of Kinston on the Pink Hill road.

Highway deaths No. 3 and No. 4 came together on the night of March 15th just north of the Neuse River Bridge on South Queen Street. Sidney Earl Hill and Leon James Turnage were killed when Hill, driving north in the wrong lane of the four-lane road, rammed headon into a truck driven by Mrs. Lindsay King.

Highway death No. 6 came on the morning of April 9th to Jack Kinsey Gray of Hookerton, when he was thrown from a car north of Kinston on the Snow Hill highway after its driver had lost control. The driver was found not guilty of negligence.

Helen Loftin Turnage of Kinston was auto death No. 7 in Lenoir County for '58. She rammed the car of her boy friend into an abutment at the Austin Carolina Tobacco Company, killing herself instantly on the night of April 18th.

From April until July highway death took a brief holiday. Until the rainy afternoon of July 15th when a car driven by Sgt. Cornelius Smith of Camp Lejeune and

Kinston skidded on a curve south of Kinston on the Richlands road and rammed into another car headed north. Smith's wife, Freddie Kinsey Smith, and her son by a previous marriage, 12 year-old Sylvester Kinsey, were killed in this crash. Smith was charged with manslaughter, but the case was later not pressed in Superior Court.

On August 6th 14 year-old Willie Weldon of Vance Township toppled from a tobacco trailer and died from a broken neck after the trailer ran over him. Driver was found not at fault. Weldon was highway death No. 9.

On August 16th 34 year-old Sybil Sutton Mumford became highway death No. 10 when thrown from a car north of Kinston on the Greenville road. The driver of the car was later acquitted of manslaughter.

On August 29th John R. Boykin of Kinston was killed instantly at the Kinstonian Motel on Highway 58 when the car he was in went out of control. William E. Bennett also of Kinston is under indictment for manslaughter in this death, the 11th of the year. He maintains, however, that Boykin was driving.

On October 2nd 75 year-old David Williams, one of the county's best known citizens, made a left turn at the intersection of Highways 70 and 258 into the path of a truck and died from the injuries he suffered. No probable cause was found against the truck driver in this 12th auto death for '58 in Lenoir.

On the night of October 4th Jake Dawson of Contentnea Neck failed to stop at an intersection near Savannah Church, rammed his car into a tree and became statistic No. 13.

On the night of October 19th Cecil Ray "Jack" Brown of the Woodington section became death No. 14 when thrown from the car of Lionel Harper in a wreck in their home neighborhood on a rural road. No probable cause was found against Harper, who was indicted for manslaughter.

The last two deaths on Lenoir roads came in December, and paradoxically were the only pedestrian deaths of the year.

On the night of December 3rd James Loftin stumbled into the side of a bus just out of Kinston

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Jones Countian Learning Law in Classrooms and at Court in Chapel Hill

He attended the schools of Trenton before coming here to the University, where he received his B.S. degree in business administration in 1954.

But Mr. Loftin did more than study here. "I worked my way through school mopping floors, washing pots and pans, and doing other work at Lenoir Hall," he said. Also during his senior year he was married to Miss Emma Sue Larkins of Trenton.

Serving his term with the United States Army from July, 1954, to June, 1956, he was a personnel management specialist at the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va.

Once out of the Army he moved to Chapel Hill where he entered the University Law School and became the assistant clerk of the Recorder's Court. Even though the work takes much of his time, Mr. Loftin said that it was an experience he values "because I love the work, I appreciate the experience it gives me in criminal procedure, I receive compensation to supplement my manager G. I. Bill income and because B. J. Howard, the clerk, is a wonderful man to work with."

A candidate for the LL.B. de-

been a member of the Law Students Association Speakers' Committee, the Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial, and the Law School Legislature, vice-president of the Law Students Association, chairman of the Law Student Association Orientation Committee, voting delegate to the American Law Students Association annual convention in Los Angeles last August, and custodian and operator of the Law Students Association duplicating machine. He added that he played golf when he had time and that amounts to about twice a year. As the father of two sons, John Dalton Loftin, 3, and Hugh Merrill Larkins Loftin, 1., Mr. Loftin spends time baby-sitting with the two "great men of our times."

A typical Tuesday for him is to rise at 7 a. m., attend an 8 o'clock class, be at Recorder's Court from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, go to a 12 o'clock class, get a bite of lunch and return to Court by 1:30 p. m. and stay there at least until 5 o'clock. Then he plays with the children while his wife cooks supper. From 8 p. m. till midnight he studies.

His duties as assistant clerk of the Court here entail (1) the preparation of returns, (2) of out-

filing envelopes, judgment sheets, bonds, commitment papers, Highway Commission reports, criminal record cards, monthly reports to the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen, monthly reports to the State Bureau of Investigation, semi-monthly reports to the State Treasurer, capii, subpoenas and certain correspondence; (2) receiving and disbursing non-support payments, receiving fines and court costs and restitution payments; (3) recording judgments; (4) keeping finance records and (5) assisting in almost all duties of the clerk except swearing in witnesses and issuing warrants.

When asked what his plans were after he gets his degree, he waited a bit before answering. Then he said, "It would be impossible to live and work among the people of Chapel Hill without becoming deeply attached to them. I've been here about a third of my life and that part has been my adult life. It will be hard to leave. On the other hand, I had always thought I'd return to Trenton to practice law as soon as I had my degree. We have strong ties in Trenton, a town of 500, in which I am by blood and marriage related to many people. I have six brothers and

sisters, my father had 11 brothers and sisters, and my mother had 21 bothers and sisters, and we have many more relatives there.

Mr. Loftin gave the following account of his wife: "As for Emma Sue and myself, we had only known each other for 18 years when we got married. Her father brought her down to my house in 1936 to see the animals in our zoo, which consisted at the time of one bear, four squirrels, two flying squirrels, six foxes, two raccoons, one possum, and four boys. I was also raising guinea pigs at that time for W. C. Flowers who worked for the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development. Of course, it was 'on' from the moment Emma Sue and I met. She is a graduate of Salem College in Winston-Salem, where she took an A.B. degree in English in 1953. Although she has only taught school for two years, she has taught in three states, North Carolina (Hillsboro), South Carolina (Columbia), and Virginia (Warwick).

The philosophy that motivates him, he said, was "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, love thy neighbor as thyself, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

By Helene Ivy
A familiar figure these days at the Town Hall is Dalton Hartwell Loftin, 37, the assistant clerk of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court. He works there nearly all day Monday and on other days he is there for several hours. A native of Trenton, Jones County, N. C., Mr. Loftin talked his way through the University of