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William Banks Attempts Suicide after Assaulting Wife

William Banks, 33 year-old resident of Tuckahoe Township in western Lenoir County, is recuperating in a Kinston hospital from a suicide attempt Tuesday afternoon that was preceded by an attack upon his wife with a .22 caliber rifle.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Mallard reports that he was driving north on a rural paved road near Oxley's store shortly before 5 p. m. Tuesday, when he came behind a car that was being driven erratically. Upon getting the car to stop, Mallard recognized that Banks was the driver, and that he was in a bloody, drunken condition.

Banks got out of the car and tried to run but was so weak from loss of blood that he could not travel but a few steps. Mallard found a small paring knife protruding from Banks' windpipe.

After getting Banks in his car, Mallard met Sheriff Brown Yates on the way to the home of Mrs. Banks' father, Guion Thigpen, where he had been called because of the rifle assault on Banks' estranged wife.

A radio call to Kinston brought an ambulance which met Mallard near Leslie White's station and rushed Banks in for an emergency operation to remove the knife from his windpipe.

Officers say Banks shot twice in the general direction of his wife, after which members of her family disarmed him. He stopped at a tenant house where he borrowed the knife he used in his suicide attempt.

Happersville Negress Kills Mate on Sunday

Elnora Baysden, 33 year-old Happersville negress, stabbed her 38 year-old husband, Faroy, in a fight early Sunday morning in their home and Coroner Raymond Jarman has attributed his death shortly after that to bleeding from that stab wound.

Police report that the woman came into the police station just after 4 a. m. Sunday to secure a warrant against her husband, charging that he had beaten her.

Lt. Clemmie Strayhorn Ends Police Course

FORT GORDON, GA. — Second Lt. Clemmie H. Strayhorn, 22, son of Mrs. Bettie Strayhorn, Route 2, Trenton, recently completed the military police officer basic course at the Army Provost Marshal General School, Fort Gordon, Ga. Lieutenant Strayhorn received instruction in personnel management, criminal investigation and law enforcement.

A member of the Scabbard and Blade society, he is a 1953 graduate of Jones High School and a 1958 graduate of Hampton (Va.) Institute.

La Grange Negro is Given 6-8 Years for Secret Shotgun Blast

Woodrow May, La Grange negro, Tuesday morning was given a 6-to-8 year prison term in Lenoir County Superior Court after he admitted shooting another La Grange negro, Jim Sutton, through the window of a home where Sutton was visiting.

May told the court that earlier in the same evening Sutton had threatened him with a knife. Judge Chester Morris reminded May and the court that the trial might be a little premature, since Sutton is still in a local hospital, and if he were to die May would be guilty of first degree murder.

Officials told the court that doctors said Sutton was getting along all right and is expected to recover from the 12 gauge shotgun blast which struck him in the lower stomach.

Baysden's body was found at about 9 a. m. in a parked car, where he had apparently gone after the stabbing and had bled to death. The butcher-knife wound cut a main artery to the left arm, Jarman said.

Monday morning Judge Chester Morris appointed Attorney Graham Phillips to represent the woman, after she had told the court she had no means of retaining counsel. She is held on an open charge of murder.

Kinston Red Cross Gives Nursing Course

The local chapter of the Red Cross is offering to each and every person, beginning January 26, a free training course in Home Nursing. There will be seven two-hour training periods, either in the morning, afternoon or night. This course will be extended over a period of three to four weeks.

Red Cross Home Nursing instruction doesn't take time—it saves time—and eases your burden—not only when you must care for the sick at home—but also every day, around the clock, as you perform daily household tasks.

Learn how to:
Prevent illness and recognize symptoms.

Save time, energy and money and keep the rest of the family's routine undisturbed.

Keep the house running smoothly in spite of illness.

Bathe a bed patient, change his linens and make him comfortable.

Carry out doctor's orders in giving food, medicine, and simple nursing skills.

Be of valuable service to your family, friends, neighborhood and community in time of sickness, emergency or disaster.

Prepare yourself—be smart—be quick—learn what to do when someone's sick.

Call the Red Cross Chapter, JACKSON 3-4528 and let them enter you in one of the three classes beginning January 26. They will be happy to put you in the class of your choice, morning, afternoon or night.

Sgt. Gene Noble on Maneuver in Germany

MUNICH, GERMANY — Army Sergeant First Class Gene A. Noble, 29, son of Mrs. Emma W. Noble, 902 N. East St., Kinston, recently participated in a field training exercise with the 34th Armor in Germany.

A tank commander in the armor's Company C in Munich, Sergeant Noble entered the Army in 1946. He arrived in Europe in November 1957.

The sergeant is a 1945 graduate of Grainger High School. His wife, Rose, is with him in Germany.

Tobacco Varieties Being Discussed in Jones Meetings

Although a county-wide meeting was held in December for Jones County tobacco growers in which the latest and best information on all aspects of the tobacco program was discussed in detail, County Agent Jimmy Franck has set up a series of meetings about the county for further effort along this line.

Franck points to repeated cautioning from the cigarette industry that quality and varieties of tobacco and certain other practices are going to be even more vital, price-wise in 1959 than before.

Meetings were held at Comfort Wednesday, at Wyse Fork Friday and will be held at 7:30 Friday night at the Maysville School, at 7:30 Monday night in the Pollockville school and at 7:30 next Tuesday night in the ag building in Trenton for those farmers who would like to know more about variety recommendations.

Other questions on fertilizer, sucker control and disease control are being briefly touched upon in this series of meetings.

Traffic Charges

Indictments reported in Jones County during the past week include two for serious infractions of traffic laws. Johnnie Frank Brown of Pollockville was booked for speeding 80 miles per hour and reckless driving and Charles H. Tobin of Craven County was accused of drunken driving and driving after the revocation of his driver's license.

Land Transfers

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

One lot from Frank Watson to P. D. Register in Cypress Creek Township.

One acre from Francis Swinson to Samuel S. Swinson in Tuckahoe Township.

One tract from Raeford Blizard to William S. Mills in Tuckahoe Township.

Woman's Life Saved Wednesday In Heroic Fight in Hospital

A heroic fight that involved many people saved the life of 44 year-old Mrs. Nettie Cunningham Jernigan of Snow Hill route two in Lenoir Memorial Hospital Wednesday.

At 11:15 Tuesday night Mrs. Jernigan, wife of Albert Jernigan, was admitted to the hospital, suffering from massive internal hemorrhage.

Doctors realized the patient had to have blood in large quantities if her life were to be saved. The supply of blood at the hospital was already low from transfusions given other patients earlier Tuesday.

An emergency call was made to the Kinston Police Department and by dawn members of that department, the fire department and street department and other volunteers had given 31 pints of blood—25 of which were administered to Mrs. Jernigan. The average person has from 12 to 14 pints of blood in their body.

By 11 Wednesday morning attendants at the hospital breathed a sigh of relief and announced, "She's out of the woods. We have plenty of blood now."

As the fight went on to stop the bleeding the supply of plastic containers for holding blood ran

short, and a hurry-up call was made to Raleigh for a fresh supply, which was rushed to the hospital by the State Highway Patrol. When the urgent delivery was made the staff at the hospital was using the last bag.

Ordinarily supplies of blood are obtained from the area bloodbank in Norfolk, but there was not time for deliveries from that source in this case, and but for the quick response of those volunteers Mrs. Jernigan could not have survived.

Members of the fire department who gave blood were Chief Joe Hailey, Prentice Stallings, Linwood Chestnut, Charles Howard, Harry Westbrook, Hugh Stroud, Charles Southerland, Buren Trott, Joe Clark, Leslie Green and Major Barwick.

Donors from the street department were Floyd Cannon, Casper Smith, Jacob Cox, Ashley Heath, David Heath, J. B. Fields and Wade Vester.

Hospital Administrator Ellis Pierce was high in his praise of laboratory workers, nurses, student nurses, doctors and other staff members who had worked straight through in the fight for Mrs. Jernigan's life. Some of these worked for a 24-hour stretch, Pierce said.

Cigarette Consumption in '58 Good and Bad for Producers

Final 1958 sales figures for the nation's cigarette manufacturers are of a mixed version insofar as tobacco growers are concerned. Gross sales of cigarettes were up 3.6 per cent over 1957, which was good. But filter-tipped cigarette sales jumped 23.1 per cent over '57 while non-filter-tips dropped 12 per cent for regulars and 7.1 per cent for king-sizes. Total '58 sales were 424 billion compared to 409.4 billion in '57.

The top three spots for '58 were still held down by non-filters, but only one of these showed a gain over '57.

Camels, still the nation's No. 1 smoking habit, had sales of 82.5 billion, but this was a 5.3 per cent drop from 86 billion in '57.

Pall Mall came in second with 55 billion, a gain of 1.9 per cent over its sales of 54 billion in '57.

Lucky Strike held down third place with 46 billion, a drop of 11.5 per cent from its 52 billion in '57.

Still holding down fourth place is the King of the Filters, Winston, with a 3.7 per cent increase from

37.5 billion to 38.9 billion.

A newcomer to fifth place is Kent, with an amazing 177.7 per cent increase which shot its sales from 13.5 billion in '57 to 37.5 billion last year.

Chesterfield was pushed from fifth to sixth by zooming Kent and wound up the year with 29.2 billion sales, a drop of 8.8 per cent from the previous year sales of 32 billion.

L&M still held onto the seventh rung of this sales ladder despite a 6.1 per cent drop in sales from 24.4 billion in '57 to 22.9 billion in '58.

Viceroy dropped from sixth to 8th with 6.1 per cent less sales in '58 than in '57; actually from 27.3 billion to 22.2 billion.

In spite of the tattooed men Marlboro slipped from 8th spot to 9th spot with a modest gain of 1.5 per cent, on comparative sales of 19.5 billion in '57 and 19.8 billion in '58.

The first ranked cigarette among those camouflaged with deodorants as well as filters was Salem, which jumped from 13th to 10th in the sales parade on sales

of 19.5 billion over 11 billion in '57.

Both the filter and regular Kools combined sales of 13.7 for and increase of 11.4 per cent to put this Brown & Williamson entry in 12th place.

All flavors and sizes of Old Gold dropped a combined 15.8 per cent from 15.8 billion to 13.3 billion for 12th place in the smoke derby.

Philip Morris was "called for" 12.9 billion times in '58, which was a drop of 16.8 per cent over its record of 15.5 a year before.

All flavors of Herbert Tareyton located it in 14th spot with sales of 8.5 billion each of the two last years.

Raleigh put out a filter in '58 which helped it hold onto the 15th rung in the nicotine ladder. An increase of 7.5 per cent to 6.7 billion in '57 and 7.2 billion last year.

Parliament rung up one of the largest gains, percentage-wise, 129.2, on sales of 5.5 billion in '58 over 2.4 billion in '57.

Hit Parade hit the skids with a 20 per cent drop from 3.5 billion

to 2.8 billion in '58.

Other also-rans in this annual "smokathon" included Newport 2.8 billion, Oasis 1.4 billion, Cavalier 4 billion, while all other brands accounted for another 2 billion.

Filter-tips accounted for 197.6 billion of the 1958 consumption, non-filters were the other 226.4 billion. In 1957 this comparison was 160.5 filters, 252.6 non-filters.

One thing clearly indicated by the 1958 returns from all cigarette makers is that smokers are now beginning to exercise the same degree of selectivity among the filter-tips that they once did among the regular brands. For a great many years Camels, Luckies, Chesterfield and Old Golds were the top four.

Then along came the lung-cancer publicity and anything that had a filter on it grabbed a part of the market. But now as filters approach something like 46.6 per cent of the entire cigarette market, the smokers are exhibiting the same kind of filter selectivity that was the practice BLCS (Before Lung Cancer Scare).

Right Pig, Short Tale'

After hearing the scant state evidence against Kinston Grocer Lyman Grant Tuesday Judge Chester Morris told Solicitor Walter Britt, "You have the right pig, Mr. Solicitor, but you can't get him to the trough!" Six cases of snuff stolen from Gray & Oglesby Wholesale Company on September 4th of last year were found a few minutes after they were stolen in Grant's store on East Bright Street. Police failed, however, to catch the man who actually did the stealing, and without that positive link no proof could be established that Grant had "knowingly received stolen property."

EXPENSIVE BARBECUE

A fire believed to have started by faulty wiring destroyed a farrowing house on the farm of Ruth Faulkner in Kinston Township last week, causing the death of 36 hogs, which included 26 top hogs, two sows and 10 suckling pigs.