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## Capital Charge Made Against Young Jones County Negro

A warrant was issued against 20 year-old Tyrone Gooding, Jones County negro, charging him with the capital crime of first degree burglary.

The warrant against the young negro was signed by Floyd Brown, also a negro, and it accuses Gooding of breaking into the Brown home on the night of May 14th.

The warrant further accuses Gooding of breaking into the house with the intention of raping a young negro girl, Mary Daniel, who was alone in the home at the time of the alleged crimes.

Gooding has not yet been apprehended.

Anyone who may know anything about Gooding's present location is urged to contact Sheriff Brown Yates or any other officer.

Other activity during the past week reported by Sheriff Yates includes the arrest of June Dalton of Greensboro who is accused of drunken and reckless driving and driving without a driver's license.

Albert Royce Bone of New Bern was booked for public drunkenness.

Ed Brown of Trenton was accused of being drunk on the highway.

## Auto Accident Near Woodington Kills Child Wednesday

Six year-old Carol Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of the Southwood School community, was killed instantly last Wednesday night, May 20th, when thrown from a car, driven by Pocahontas Harper, 16 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Harper of the Woodington section.

The accident happened just before 8 p. m. about a mile and a half west of Loftin's Crossroads on a secondary road. Miss Harper suffered a severe concussion and her twin brother, Henry Clay Harper Jr. Charles Watson Jr. and Carol Cauley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cauley were given emergency treatment and examination for less serious injuries.

Miss Harper says she does not know what happened, other than that she lost control of the car.

This week Miss Harper remains unconscious, suffering from the severe concussion. All the other children have been discharged from the hospital.

## Transferred to Duke

Sixteen year-old Pocahontas Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Harper of the Woodington Community, was transferred to Duke Hospital Wednesday for specialized treatment of a severe concussion she suffered last week in an accident between her home

## Friendship Church Homecoming Sunday

The annual Homecoming of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church will be held Sunday, May 31st and all former members and pastors of this well known Jones County Congregation are invited to join the present membership in worship services at 11 followed by the famed Friendship Picnic on the church grounds after the worship hour.

## Back to Prison

Johnnie Brimmer, on parole in Jones County from an old prison term, is now back "under the gun" after being picked up last week on charges of generally violating the terms of his parole and specifically stealing an automobile.

## Jones County Wreck Injures Dover Man

An accident last Thursday morning a mile east of Wyse Fork on US 70 hospitalized Graham W. Merritt of Dover with a fractured leg, collar bone and serious cuts and bruises about the face and head.

Merritt, driving a pickup truck toward Kinston, tangled with a Swift & Company truck from Kinston that was driven by J. B. Reason and was headed toward Dover. Reason was not hurt.

Rain falling at the time of the accident made it impossible to tell from skid marks exactly where the tracks met, but the Merritt truck was struck in the left front fender and door area and the Swift truck was damaged across the front.

Merritt's condition in Lenoir Memorial Hospital this week is reported as "good".

## Jones Countian Dies from Wednesday Accident Injuries; LaGrange Man Indicted for Death

### County Nursing Home Plans on Time for July Bid Lettings

Architect Bob Ferguson says this week that plans for the county nursing home are moving along "on schedule" and will be ready for advertisement on or about June 10th or 15th with a view to receiving bids on or about July 15th.

This schedule Ferguson says will permit construction to get underway about August 1st and possible completion of the facility by June of 1960, depending to some degree upon the weather in early stages of the work.

The Highway Commission has agreed to pave the roadways into the building which will be located 800 feet off the public highway, but the commission will not place the section on its system for maintenance, Ferguson reports.

Plans for the facility have been approved by the Medical Care Commission, the State Board of Welfare and sewage disposal plans have been approved by the state board of health.

and Southwood School, when her car went out of control and turned over about a mile and a half west of Loftin's Crossroads. She has been unconscious most of the time since the accident, which claimed the life of six year-old Carol Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson of the Southwood Community.

Walter Daniel Meadows died Friday in a New Bern hospital from injuries he suffered in a Wednesday wreck between the tractor he was driving and a truck driven by Carl Richard Harrell of La Grange route one.

Investigating Patrolman L. S. Meiggs has indicted Harrell for reckless driving and manslaughter.

According to information available in Trenton Meadows was driving his tractor with one rear wheel on the paved portion of NC 58 near his home, when the tractor was rammed from the rear by the truck driven by Harrell. Meadows was knocked to the ground and suffered the injuries which caused his death two days later.

Harrell was owner of the truck he was driving but it was under lease to Barrus Construction Company at the time of the accident.

Funeral services for Meadows were held Saturday from Maysville Methodist Church.

'Meadows' is the first highway accident in Jones County in two years.

## Land Transfers

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

From L. D. Sutton to Carter William 25.5 acres, township not listed.

From Charlie Brown to Horace and Joyce Brown two lots in White Oak Township.

## Judgements Listed in Civil Actions Cleared from Jones Superior Court Calendar

The May Term of Jones County Superior Court cleared away considerable parts of the calendar, many in non-suits of consent dismissals. The cases cleared included the following.

Gladys Cox Coston, Isaac Coston, Elmer Lee Coston Yates and F. J. Yates against Wade Mallard, Emma Mallard, Otis Taylor, Fannie Taylor, Vance E. Swift and the Farm Security Administration . . . A consent judgment which declares Wade W. Mallard and wife the "owners in fee simple of the 71.3 acre tract of land in Trenton Township over which the dispute arose. The farm is known as the W. R. Coston Place.

Charles Lindbergh Dudley was granted a divorce from Willie Baker Dudley, Sudie O'Neal Butler was divorced from Lawrence W. Butler, Carl Sutton Whaley was divorced from Ann Coker Whaley and Gertrude Loftin Nelson was divorced from Christopher Nelson all on grounds of two years separation.

A suit brought by M. A. Roycroft against Cheatham W. Perry was non-suited by consent.

In a suit brought by Ethan C. Mills and Lillie Brown Mills against Wesley Jones, Raeford Blizzard and William S. Miller Attorney Donald Brock was also declared a "party defendant" since he is trustee in a mortgage on the property that is involved in this law suit.

A boundary dispute between Wade W. Mallard and Emma B. Mallard and Murray and Beadie Boyette and Nelson and Dorothy Boyette was dismissed by consent with the unpaid costs charged to the Boyettes.

An action brought by R. C. Tyndall against Lois E. Brock, Jesse Wilson, Charles Brown, Frazer Koonce and A. J. Harrell was settled in a consent judgment under which Miss Brock will pay Tyndall a total of \$2,498.80 for a barn and corn destroyed by fire as employees of Miss Brock were loading corn. All defendants except Miss Brock were freed of any liability in the matter. Tyndall was to pay all costs of the action.

The last will and testament of Lemuel H. Reynolds was declared valid by a jury and Presiding Judge Rudolph Mintz awarded attorney three fees of \$750 each to Darris W. Koonce, Jones, Reed & Griffin of Kinston and George R. Hughes from the estate.

Another boundary dispute between J. V. Hofmann against Ralph

M. Conway, Stella Conway and Fred Ivister was settled under a consent judgment which awarded the Conways and Ivister \$1,150 for timber cut from the disputed land and gave them two years in which they will be permitted to cut any timber measuring as much as five inches in diameter 10 inches above the ground. The Conways and Ivister were also ordered to pay the court costs.

A suit over ownership of land in White Oak Township brought by Sarah Hill for minors Eleanor, Paulie, Sarah Joyce and Zella Mae Ray against Chariee Murphy ended in a consent judgment which declared these minors to be owners of the tract of land which joins the property of E. S. Godwin and Pete Jones.

A divorce action brought by Ben Hill against Dora Hill was transferred to Onslow County Superior Court.

A divorce action brought by J. L. Murphy against Josephine Jordan Murphy was dismissed.

A suit brought by Alma Thompson Payton against Frank Payton was non-suited.

A suit brought by Floyd Phillips against Haywood Philway was non-suited.

A suit brought by Durwood Green against Jedius and Peggy Metts was non-suited.

Attorneys Darris Koonce and George Hughes were given the Court's permission to withdraw as counsel for Dr. A. L. Hyatt in an action brought against Hyatt by Johnson & Wimsatt Company, which charges Hyatt with cutting timber from their property.

Attorney Koonce also was permitted to withdraw as counsel for Lindsay V. Maness and wife in a suit against Rudolph Howard.

A non-suit was ordered in the action brought by Hugh Marshburn and wife against Mrs. Lucy Killingsworth.

A magistrate's judgment of \$114.94 plus interest against Archie Stanley to L. Harvey & Son Company was affirmed.

Another magistrate's award for \$98.50 against Mr. and Mrs. K. D. West to the same firm was affirmed.

A separation agreement between Dora Hill and Ben Hill was approved with a \$30 per month award to Mrs. Hill for life upon the condition that she not remarry.

A labor lien against Dr. A. L. Hyatt for \$125.20 plus interest from January 1, 1958 was affirmed for Edna Thomas Lawson.

## Maysville School Graduation Exercises Held May Twentieth

Graduation exercises were held for eighth graders of the Maysville Elementary school last Wednesday night in the school auditorium. "God Of Our Fathers" was used for the processional. The invocation was by the Rev. Robert F. Moore, following a welcome song from the class. The salutatorian, Gary Melville gave the welcome speech.

A dramatic prophecy of the future of the class 20 years hence featured Barbara Hay, seated on a silver moon. The mood music for this prophecy was songs about the moon.

Following the prophecy the class history was given by Shirley Johnson. Corrine Foy read the classes last will and testament. Giftorians Patsy Jarman and Gerald Jones presented gifts to each member of the class and to the mascots.

The certificates and awards were presented by principal Clifton Philyaw. The Valedictorian award went to Shirley Barbee, salutatorian to Garry Melville, the activities award to Barbara Hay, citizenship award to Wayne Simp-

son. The most athletic girl was Shirley Barbee, the most athletic boy Gary Melville. The annual history award of the W.O.W. went to Cathy Meadows.

The six girls who made up the basketball team were given trophies. These girls were Brenda Smith, Ann Smith, Linda Humphrey, Breda Collins, Shirley Barbee, and Barbara Hay. Three boys received trophies, Joe Mattocks, Gary Melville, and Gerald Jones.

Football trophies went to Bertran Meiggs, and Gary Melville. Mascots of the class were Susan Morgan and Michael Thompson. The marshals were Dug Henderson, James Budd, Cathy Meadows, Patsy Eubank, Betty Humphrey, Brenda Smith, Alton Meadows, Roland Pridgen, Eugene Mask and Albert Bracey.

Certificates of graduation were presented to the following: Thomas Arthur, Shirley Barbee, Ronnie Byrd, Brenda Collins, Donald Doster, Charles Ferrell, Corrine Foy, Bessie Godwin, Pam Griffin, Barbara Hay, Linda Humphrey, Pat-

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## Queen Victoria Misses Two Annulments

A quick glance at the calendar prepared for the May term of Jones County Superior Court might have caused a casual reader to believe a stenographer's error had been made.

Case No. 28 as docketed was an annulment for Queen Victoria Koonce Turner from Paul A. Turner and Case No. 29 was an annulment for Queen Victoria Koonce Turner from Bland Lamb Carter.

However, the docket was correct since Queen Victoria had found, much to her concern that neither of the two men she had

married was single.

Queen Victoria is a carnival worker, who insists on marrying all the men she lives with. She retained (without fee) a Trenton lawyer to straighten out her somewhat tangled marital affairs; accompanied by still another young carnival worker who was eagerly—at that time—contemplating marriage with Queen Victoria.

Once the suits had been filed Queen Victoria packed her kerchief and went off to whatever place carnival workers go and has not been seen in Trenton since.

Both annulment actions were non-suited and Queen Victoria was ordered to pay the accumulated court costs. Now Clerk Murray Whitaker has only one small problem in connection with the case: To find The Queen.

Anyone who has lately attended a circus or carnival sideshow where a woman of regal name, if not demeanor is exhibiting four mamillary glands is urged to alert Clerk Whitaker so that proper attachments can be made to collect what's owing the local court.