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Guilty Pleas End Trials of Four on Bawdy House Charges

After two days of hearings and one night session before a Nash County jury last week in Lenoir County Superior Court four defendants involved in numerous charges that grew out of a bawdy house fight south of Kinston on April 26th pled nolo contendere and were handed heavy probationary sentences by Presiding Judge Joseph Parker.

The principal defendant, Mrs. Eunice Rhodes McLawhorn, drew the heaviest sentence. She was charged with assaulting with a deadly weapon with intent to kill upon prostitute Aileen Hopkins Simpson, attempted bribery of two deputies, and operating a house of prostitution.

Mrs. McLawhorn was given a 5-to-7 year prison term suspended upon the condition that she remain on probation for a five-year period, pay all court costs in all cases, pay a \$500 attorney fee for a padlock procedure that had been instituted against her "tourist court," pay \$5,000 in damages to the woman who was badly beaten, and upon the final stipulation that for a two-year period she have nothing to do with the operation of the tourist court but that she be permitted to visit it once a month to check on whether it was being maintained properly.

Mrs. McLawhorn's adopted son, Jimmy, was given a 2-to-3 year prison term, Bonnie Faye Carter, another prostitute, was given the same sentence and Eugene Ellington was given a 3-to-5 year term. Each of these jail terms was suspended upon condition of a 5-year probation period.

This consent judgment which was worked out late Thursday night cancelled all of the criminal and civil actions in the court that grew

Pre-School Planning Meet Held by Jones Central FHA Members

Before the opening of school this year Future Home Makers Margaret Jones, Rebecca Foscoe, Ann Janman, Martha Pruitt and Mary Elizabeth West met with Home Ec Teacher Mrs. Alma Phillips to make plans for the 1960-61 school year.

Two of the four suggested objectives were adopted and FHA programs for the year were mapped out to include panel discussions, role playing, skits, demonstrations, films and a guest speaker. A number of speakers will be invited to speak on "Education Versus Marriage for high school students."

Goals for the year include writing a club constitution, revising scrap books and writing a club history.

Land Transfers

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

William T. Kinsey to Isaac Murphy one tract in Chinquapin Township.

Charlotte White to Edward H. Atkinson one tract in Pollockville Township.

Lem S. Meiggs to Albert B. Bracey one lot in Maysville.

Catherine E. Foy to T. D. Foy seven acres and to Etta Foy Miller eight acres in Trenton Township.

out of this April brawl.

King-Sized Still is Destroyed Tuesday in Tuckahoe Township

Tuesday afternoon Jones County Deputies Roy Mallard and Milton Arthur, assisted by Lenoir County AEC Officers Clarence Bland, Paul Young and Leo Harper destroyed a large whisky still in Tuckahoe Township on the old Goldsboro Lumber Company farm.

The operators of the still apparently had gotten a trifle nervous with their "industry" since the still was partially taken down, indicating that it was scheduled to be moved within a day or two.

A 1000-gallon steam-type still, 20 mash vats of 220-gallon capacity were destroyed by dynamite. Such a still could make close to 1,000 gallons of stump-hole whisky per week.

Drainage District Litigation Ended In Brief Session

A day and a half of Jones County Superior Court was all needed to put an end to all but one of the long-pending law suits that were a hangover from Jones-Lenoir Drainage District No. 1.

Consent judgments were entered that accepted the findings of Referee L. A. Stith of New Bern by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn C. Ferrell of Kinston, Mrs. Delia M. Zimmerman Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Waller of Kinston route four.

The final suit that involved Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Emerson had to go over for future settlement because of the death of Emerson, which causes the action to have to be made against the administrator of his estate.

Three Robbers Admit Marine's Murder on July 21st Near Kinston

Three young men held since July 23rd in Washington, D. C. for armed robbery have admitted the murder of Sgt. Robert Eugene Schroeder near Kinston on the night of July 21st.

Harold A. Smith, 20, native of Memphis, Tenn., and dishonorable dischargee from the Marine Corps; has admitted the actual murder and Eugene Jacobs, 21, of Durham, a dishonorable Air Force dischargee, and Jesse E. Perry, 20, also of Memphis, have admitted complicity in the brutal killing.

In a confession made by Smith

to Washington officers and SBI Agent E. B. Pearce of Kinston last Friday Smith told the following story:

The three involved in the crime were riding in a rented car between Richlands and Kinston and the car gave out of gas. The first car that stopped to offer help was driven by Sgt. Schroeder, who was alone.

The trio asked the Marine veteran to push their car to a filling station. Schroeder refused but offered to ride one of them to a station.

Smith accepted the offer of a ride and shortly after getting in pulled out a .45 caliber automatic and took command of the car. Schroeder told him, so Smith told the officers, that he had known him in the Marine Corps.

This frightened Smith, who forced Schroeder to get in the boot of the car and he drove on toward Kinston. Still worrying about having been recognized, Smith says he decided he would have to kill the Marine. He stopped his car on the US 70 bypass near the "motel" went to the rear, opened the boot and fired three shots into the Ohioan's body—either of which would have killed him.

Smith says he then turned around and went back to pick up the other two who were left with the rented car. Smith says he told them what he had done, they all went through the Marine's pockets. Then they all got in the dead man's car and drove it to George Robbins' filling station between Kinston and La Grange, where they abandoned it and hitch-hiked on to Washington, where on Saturday night they were caught after the armed robbery of a tavern.

Smith still had the murder gun, and was wearing a ring given to Schroeder by an Akron, Ohio girl.

The gun and ring led to the connection with the murder, and Smith's confession last week. An extradition hearing for the trio is set for September 28th in Washington.

Quad-County Home Ec Teachers Meeting is Held at Jones Central

Home Economics teachers from Duplin, Onslow, Pender and Jones counties met last Wednesday at Jones Central High School with Mrs. Alma Phillips as hostess.

The first meeting of the year for the four-county group was largely on the 4 objectives recently set up in a Home Ec Teachers' workshop at the Woman's College in Greensboro.

1. Exploration of all trends in home ec teaching, 2. development of programs that will more effectively serve families and individuals, 3. improving an understanding of those factors necessary for home and community that are most conducive to full family development, and 4. efforts to expand and strengthen leadership throughout the program.

After reports from various teachers an agenda for the coming school year was approved which includes consumer education, landscaping, housing, Christmas ideas, Civil defense and flower arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting set for September 21st at Swansboro when each teacher will bring two future home makers along to take part in the program.

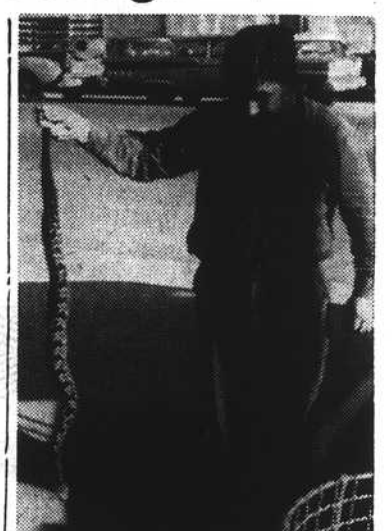
Wilds of Woodington Caper Clips Bootlegger's Wings



Above ABCman Paul Young Mitchell, who was dragging ABCman Clarence Bland about a field and then part of Bearwell Pocosin early Wednesday morning.



Agape at seeing his first "still" at left above Newsman Lloyd Whitfield, while ABCman Clarence Bland and ATUman Wallace Blizard count up to see how many charges of dynamite would be needed to destroy this new Lenoir County industry.



Here ABCman Clarence Bland holds another inhabitant of Bearwell Pocosin who was "captured" Wednesday morning shortly after George Mitchell's still had been blasted into small pieces. This timber rattler had 15 rattles and a bellyfull of frogs. The striped character still had enough reflex action left when this picture was taken to attempt to coil, and he, or she was given plenty of room in front of the police station where Bland was exhibiting it in the early morning light.

Last week Lenoir County ABC Officers Clarence Bland, Paul Young and Leo Harper learned that a backwoods distillery was being built in a wooded area on the Paul Williams farm in Woodington Township.

They watched the still, and decided that early Wednesday would be just about the time that this newest Lenoir County industry would go into production.

Shortly after midnight these Lenoir County officers accompanied by ATU Officers Wallace Blizard, Tom Dority and Joe Callister "moved in" on this industry.

Between 3 and 4 Wednesday morning a car came up to the still with three negro men; two of these got out and began unloading cylinders of bottled gas that was to be used to fire the boiler of this industry.

A sudden move and the men began to run in all directions. The driver of the car gunned the motor and tried to swerve around to get back on the cart path that led to "high ground". Chief ABC Officer Clarence Bland managed to get to the car and grab the steering wheel. The driver continued to gun the car and it slipped and

swerved across a grassy field and finally bull-dozed its way into the swamp.

Officer Bland lasted for only a few feet after the plunging car went into the bramble of the pocosin. He was "brushed off".

ATU man Blizard had caught one of those on foot, but seeing the trouble Bland was in he turned his man loose and ran to help Bland. ABCman Young was first to Bland. Two shots were fired at the roaring Ford.

"Are you hurt?", Young asked. "Not much", Bland grunted from his rude resting place in the briar-

zard count up to see how many charges of dynamite would be needed to destroy this new Lenoir County industry.

By then the car had finally rammed a tree and the driver had got out to make further progress afoot. Shortly after he landed Young grabbed him.

The other two made good their escape through the swamp.

Captured, George Mitchell, tenant on the Scarborough Farm of Upper Lenoir County, and a frequent liquor law violator. This is his third capture at a whisky still. His car, a 1956 Ford, is being held for confiscation and he is charged with operating an illicit whisky still and assault with a deadly

weapon, to wit an automobile, since he tried to run down two of the officers, who say that only Bland's grabbing the steering wheel saved them.