

# Fireworks Expected Monday as New Board Takes Over

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Above Kinstonian Jim Brown surveys the pile of junk that a short while before had been a new Mercury with just over 3,000 miles on its speedometer. The car, belonging to Herbert Batchelor of Potter's Hill, was classed a total loss after it skidded 210 feet, leaped 75 feet, hit and leaped another 54 feet before coming to rest about two miles north of Pink Hill last Thursday night shortly before midnight.

Batchelor was driving and passengers included Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kennedy of Pink Hill route 2 and Mrs. Kenredy's twin sister, Jean Mercer. All suffered serious injuries and are still under treatment in Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston.

Patrolman S. H. Newman says he will indict Batchelor for speeding and reckless driving. The accident took place on a straight stretch of road.

### Grand Jury Refuses True Bill Against Robert Lee Hicks

The Jones County Grand Jury this week agreed with Highway Patrolman B. W. Oakley, whose investigation indicated no criminal liability on the part of Robert Lee Hicks for the death on October 7th of Charlie Joyner.

After Oakley had reached this conclusion a member of the dead man's family signed a warrant against Hicks, accusing him of manslaughter and reckless driving.

The evidence indicated that Joyner walked away from a truck upon which the headlights were burning, and walked into the path of the car driven by Hicks, who was blinded by the truck lights. There was no evidence of speed or other recklessness on the part of Hicks, Oakley said.

### New Register of Deeds Will Be Sworn in on Monday for Jones Co.

Monday William D. "Bill" Parker will be sworn in as Register of Deeds of Jones County, succeeding Mrs. Darris W. (Dorothy Noble) Koonce, who has held the post for the past four years.

Parker, a newcomer to county politics, defeated Mrs. Koonce in a very close election this spring by a margin of 1,153 to 1,087.

### Dies From Burns

Clarence Williams, 70, of the Sasser Mill section of Jones County died early Tuesday morning at Duke Hospital, where he had been under treatment for a week from burns he suffered last Tuesday afternoon in an accident near his home. Williams either fainted or stumbled into a fire that had gotten away from him as he was trying to burn weeds off a graveyard near his home. He was given numerous transfusions, but the severity of his burns and his age were a combination the specialists could not cope with.

guilty as charged. Brock was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and the court costs and lose his driving license for 12 months.

### Tobacco Meeting

There will be a county wide tobacco school December 8 at 2 in the court house with Roy Bennett, extension tobacco specialist of State College as speaker. He will discuss varieties and all phases of tobacco production.

### Man Who Stole Pumps From Sheriff Yates Caught in Onslow

William Henry Dickerson, alias L. B. Pollard, is under indictment in Onslow County, charged with stealing tools and equipment from building projects in and around Jacksonville.

Investigation of Dickerson after his arrest led to his further indictment on charges of stealing a pair of water pumps from the home Sheriff Brown Yates has under construction and at the same time stealing a number of tools from Nelson Riggs and his helpers, who are building the Yates home.

Lenoir County authorities are also attempting to connect the Florida man with a number of similar construction site thefts in and around Kinston.

### Transferred Officer Convicts Frank Brock

Newly promoted Corporal Lloyd Pate of the Highway Patrol told a Jones County jury Tuesday that Frank Koonce Brock of Trenton had threatened to get him transferred "all the way to Murphy" if he indicted him for drunken driving.

Pate charged Koonce with that offense, and Solicitor Robert Rouse asked Pate if he had been transferred.

"Yes sir", Pate admitted. "Where to?", Rouse inquired. "To Mount Airy", Pate replied. "That's almost to Murphy, isn't it?", Rouse wanted to know. "Mighty close," Pate admitted. A jury, including 12 men, who all admitted knowing Brock all or most of their lives, agreed with Patrolman Pate and found him

### New 4-H Club for Tuckahoe Section is Named Rattlesnake

In the Tuckahoe community a new 4-H Club is being organized. Monday night Beaman Narce, assistant farm agent, and Mrs. Fayette Gray, home agent, met with 14 club members and four adults to form this club which is being sponsored by the Tuckahoe Home Demonstration Club.

The meeting was called to order by Lee Mills and the pledges were given by Rosemary Brown and Cecil Banks. Songs were led by Cellie Green followed by the devotion given by Alva B. Howard, adult leader.

Then an explanation of the 4-H community clubs was given by Mrs. Gray and Narce. Officers were then elected as follows: Lee Mills, president, Marvin Banks, vice-president, Cecil Banks, secretary, Ann Brown, treasurer, song leaders, Frankie Green and Cyrus Whaley, historian, Cellie Green, reporter, Lillie Faye Banks and recreation leaders, Morris Pike and Gerry Brown.

The name picked for the club was "Rattlesnake 4-H Community Club". The explanation of the odd name given this club is that Rattlesnake Creek runs through the community.

The club will meet once a month, beginning with the second Monday night in December, which is December 12, at 7:30, in the home of Mrs. Garland Pike. The program will consist of two demonstrations by Rosemary Brown and Juanita Mills on "Dairy Foods", and demonstrations on "Artificial Respiration and Life Saving" by Lee Mills and Marvin Pike.

### PS to 'Buddy Story'

Last week Private William J. Privitti was found guilty of stealing \$192 from his buddy, Private Thomas Tinston, with whom he had spent a weekend in a Kinston hotel. Judge Emmett Wooten sentenced Privitti to serve 6 months in prison, but suspended the jail term on condition that he pay a \$50 fine. Privitti's commanding officer refused to stand good for the fine and it began to look as if the Marine were headed for prison. But then Private Tinston stepped forward and paid the fine.

### WEDNESDAY COLLISION

Cars driven by William J. Ferguson of Wilmington and David Eubanks of Trenton route two tangled at the corner of Queen and Broadway last Wednesday, with damage estimated at \$530. Eubanks was charged with following too closely.

One of the bitterest Jones County political hassles that has smoldered since the May elections is expected to flare up again on Monday when an almost-new board of county commissioners takes office.

Three incumbent members of the board were defeated in a hot contest that was fanned by a squabble over rentals paid by private users of space in the court house. The fourth incumbent, D. A. Jones, who threw "the overalls in the court house chowder", did not seek reelection.

The four new commissioners who will be sworn in Monday are Fred Foscoe, Horace Lee Haddock, Nelson Banks and Eugene Simpson. Harold Mallard is the lone incumbent returned to office. Defeated commissioners were Chairman John W. Creagh Jr., Ralph Scott and Braxton George.

On the basis of statements made during the spring primary it appears that the official scalp of County Attorney George R. Hughes is the No. 1 target of the new ruling board.

Hughes, who has served 15 years as county attorney, this week refused to make any statement on whether he would resign, if he had been asked to resign or even if he had been approached by the new board.

In the spring the new commissioners and their backers talked of making a "clean sweep" in the court house; just exactly what they had in mind is not clear since it was never spelled out in detail.

Most "political experts" feel that once the new group is installed in office they will find, as so many other "reform" groups have found in the past; that things look a lot different on the inside than from the outside.

Appointments subject to the approval of the board include the tax collector, auditor, county accountant, county attorney, county fire warden, county health officer and county tax listers.

### Jones Still Destroyed

Last Thursday afternoon ABC officers destroyed a small backwoods still in the Caswell section of Jones County after they captured Elijah Green, 65, operating the rig which had a 20-gallon capacity and one flour barrel of mash. The officers also found a half gallon of the home made herbs in Green's home.



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### Pvt. Calvin C. Hewitt Completes Training



Pvt. Calvin C. Hewitt, whose wife, Nancy, lives in Maysville, recently was graduated from the 82d Airborne Division Jump School at Fort Bragg. Hewitt received his paratrooper wings after completing four weeks of intensive ground and aerial training which included five parachute jumps. The 20 year-old soldier was last stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Hewitt, son of Mrs. Maude Hewitt of Morehead City, attended White Oak High School, and was employed by Berea Rice, Plumbing & Heating, Morehead City, before entering the Army.



'NO HANDS' FLIGHT—Two new supersonic F-105 Air Force jets, above, are shown as they flew from Florida to California under robot control. The 1,400-mile-an-hour fighter bombers flew each of the two 1,600-mile legs in 3½ hours, their pilots handling the controls only during take-off and landings. The nuclear bomb-carrying F-105s have been described as "a reusable guided missile" capable of striking a target anywhere in the world in a matter of hours.