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Kidnap-Rapist Given So-Called Life Term

John Charles Callahan, 28, native of Laurel Hill, Tuesday pled guilty to kidnapping and raping a 10 year-old Lenoir County child in the Late Chapel section of Craven County.

Judge Walter Bone, presiding over Craven County Superior Court, gave Callahan the mandatory life imprisonment term upon the plea being accepted by Solicitor Robert Rouse.

Callahan, a trusty, at the Greenville prison camp, where he was serving time for a Halifax County rape charge, still faces kidnap charges in Lenoir and Jones County.

Under North Carolina law Callahan is eligible for consideration for parole after serving 10 years of this so-called life term.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker included the following:

From Clyde Tyndall to D. E. Taylor 21.4 acres in Chinquapin Township.

From Lee Thomas to Ernest Thomas 1.5 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From P. D. Register to William Frank Watson one lot in Cypress Creek Township.

From Abraham B. Smith to Frank Bullock .25 acre in Pollocksville Township.

From John Larkins, commissioner of court, to Jerry M. Riggs two lots in White Oak Township.

From Denford to Dalton Eubanks 28 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From J. S. Wilder to Della Mae Grady 5.95 acres in Trenton Township.

Shady Grove Harvest Festival on Friday

The annual Harvest Festival of Shady Grove Methodist Church is being held on Friday of this week. A barbecue pork or chicken meal will be served from 11 to 1 p. m. at Hilton Moore's store just outside of Kinston on the Trenton Highway.

From 4:30 until 7:30 the same supper will be served at the church and at 7:30 the annual auction sale of farm and home produce will be held in the church, with all proceeds going to the church building fund.

Shady Grove Revival

The annual revival of Shady Grove Methodist Church will be held September 18th through the 24th with its former pastor, W. E. Howard, bringing the message each night at 7:30 during the series. Howard is now pastor of the Mount Olive Methodist Church.

MONEY MAKING SCHEME

Half chicken or quarter chicken barbecued. That was the idea to raise money for the 4-H development fund in Jones County. But who was willing to cut up 350 chickens?

Mrs. Ann Brock, assistant home economics agent, says a local butcher trained the volunteers so they could cut up the chickens easily and quickly.

BREAK IN

Thieves took \$17 in cash from Ike Whitfield's store in the Moss Hill Section last week. Nothing else was reported missing.

Liquor and Highways Get Two Arrested in Jones Last Week

Mixing highways and whisky got two Jones Countians arrested during the past week:

Jimmy Lee Toodle of Trenton route 1 was accused of drunken and reckless driving by Highway Patrolman S. H. Newman and Joe Bender of Pollocksville route 1 was accused of being drunk and disorderly on a public highway.

Bobby Cox Putting on Purebred Hog Sale in Kinston Thursday

Bobby Cox of Trenton route 2, one of the top Poland China hog breeders in the South, is putting on his second sale next Thursday, September 21, in the Lenoir County Livestock Arena south of Kinston on the Pink Hill Highway.

Cox, whose hogs have won countless honors in statewide competition, is offering 16 bred gilts, 19 boars and 34 open gilts in this sale. All the hogs offered for sale in this event were sired by a Superior Meat Sire.

Hog breeders in this area need little introduction to the background of Cox's swine herd, and this sale gives all who would like meatier hogs an opportunity to get some of the meatiest bloodlines in American hog production today.

ENDS BOOT CAMP

Arthur B. Mallard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Mallard of Pollocksville, completed recruit training, Aug. 26, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jones County Towns Get Powell Bill Funds for Streets

The State Highway Commission this week announced the annual distribution of so-called "Powell Bill" funds to all corporate cities and towns of the state under a law which allocates one-half cent of the state tax collection on gasoline sales for maintenance and building of streets not on the highway system and located in the corporate communities.

This year \$7,356,135.97 was distributed among the 415 participating communities.

The largest check — \$662,782.50 went to Charlotte and the smallest check — \$292.09 — went to Fall-land in Pitt County.

In Jones County Maysville received \$4,806.51; Pollocksville got \$2,078.20 and Trenton's share was \$1,642.77.

Larkins Induction 15th

Formal induction ceremonies for Trenton Attorney John D. Larkins Jr. are being held at 3 Friday afternoon in the federal court room in New Bern, when he will become the junior district judge in the federal courts of Eastern North Carolina. Judge Henry Stevens Jr. of Warsaw will present Larkins for induction and Judge Algernon Bulter of Clinton will administer the oath of office.

Little Leaguers Enjoy Beach Trip

The Trenton Little League Baseball Team, along with their coach, Amos Taylor and their parents and friends, went to Topsail Beach Sunday for a day of fun and frolic.

They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Banks at their cottage, and before the fun and picnic began, worship services were held at the cottage with Amos Taylor in charge.

Sales Tax on School Building Costs Not Refundable, Booth Says

Monday night Kinston Schools Superintendent Jean Booth informed the trustees of the Kinston Graded School District that the new state sales and use tax law which became effective July 1st has created a king-sized problem in capital outlay projects the board is now engaged in, and in all future projects.

Booth said the state department of revenue has ruled that all purchases of building material for school projects must include the three per cent sales tax, and what's worse, Booth pointed out, this is not a refundable item.

Booth says it is his best guess that this will boost the cost of the new negro high school now being designed by about \$20,000.

Paradoxically enough, other direct governmental purchases are refundable at the end of each fiscal period.

Kinston City Clerk Marion Loftin says he has not yet had any reasonable understanding of the mess that was made of the tax pattern by the 1961 session of the General Assembly and he this week is seeking some clarification — if any is possible — from the state revenue department on what IS and IS NOT refundable.

Loftin says his present under-

standing is that the city and county governments may each obtain a refund of all sales tax they may pay. But such governmental operations as the schools, public library, health department and airport commission which operate their own fiscal affairs from cash grants are not eligible for sales tax refunds.

Adkin Grad Lectured For Post Game Fracas

Curtis Henderson, 19, a 1960 graduate of Adkin High School, was given a lecture and ordered to pay the court costs by Recorder Emmett Wooten Monday when he pled guilty to disorderly conduct.

Young Henderson, a member of the Adkin High football squad in 1960, was more than somewhat put out by the 20-to-8 trimming a Wilmington team handed his alma mater last Friday night.

As the New Hanover team was leaving Grainger Stadium, Henderson led — but briefly — a charge by saying, "Let's get 'em, boys!"

As pop bottles and bricks began to fly, Henderson deserted his shock troops and later apologized for his behavior.

Officers also charged him on Friday night with inciting a riot but found no law covering that point.

Two Negroes Confess Sunday Night Murder

Less than eight hours after the brutal shotgun slaying late Sunday afternoon of George Tebo McArthur in his produce stand on Highway NC 11 between Kinston and Grifton two negroes of the neighborhood were held on charges of first degree murder.

Jesse James Arnold, 23, who was born and had spent his entire life on the Winton Odham farm, which joins the McArthur farm, was first to be arrested at 12:30 a.m. Monday. George Dixon, 31, also of Grifton route 2, but a resident of the Scuffleton section of Greene County, was arrested about 4:30 a.m.

Arnold, armed with a 12 gauge automatic shotgun, and Dixon, armed with a single-barrel 12 gauge shotgun, went to the McArthur produce market about a mile south of the DuPont Plant shortly after six Sunday afternoon.

McArthur was told, "This is a stick up!" One of the men was in the front of the shop and the other at a rear screen door.

McArthur was first shot by Dixon at a distance of six to eight feet, with the full load of No. 8 shot hitting him in the left shoulder, neck, and face area.

Officers, attempting to reconstruct the slaying, then believe the wounded McArthur tried to get out the back door, which was closed by a sliding bolt latch. Bleeding profusely, but not mortally wounded, McArthur fumbled to get out Arnold placed the automatic shotgun against McArthur's left upper arm and pulled the trigger.

The full load — wadding and all — tore a hole through McArthur's arm and penetrated into his heart.

McArthur's lifeless body fell backwards to the floor and the negroes rifled his pockets — getting less than \$3 — and left the shop with an old cash register that had not been used for years, which contained not a single penny.

At about 7:30 Mrs. McArthur found her husband.

In minutes an intensive investigation was underway that included all the men of the sheriff's department, SBI Agent John Edwards, a number of Highway Patrolmen and Coroner Raymond Jarman.

Witnesses were found who had seen the two men approaching the shop armed with their shotguns. One was wearing boots, according to the witnesses. Bloodhounds and guards from the prison camp came to assist in the search.

At 12:30 Arnold was arrested. Shortly after his arrest he confessed his part in the robbery slaying.

Dixon was arrested at 4:30 and was not questioned until Monday night. He at first denied connection with the crime, but subsequently admitted his part.

Deputy Sheriff Kirby Hardy Jr. said both men were drinking, or had been drinking shortly before their arrest, but neither was heavily under the influence in his opinion.

Both were bound over to Superior Court without privilege of bond by Magistrate Bill Thomas after a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning.

An ironical facet of the McArthur murder, is that his father was also murdered; not in a robbery but after a squabble over a boundary.

One other unusual twist, is that the single-barrel shotgun used by Dixon in the slaying was struck a blast on the barrel by Arnold's gun as both men tried to stop McArthur from getting out the back door.

This dented the barrel of the Dixon shotgun and showered the shop with splinters from the fore-plate of the gun. These splinters puzzled investigating officers until the gun was found and it became apparent where the splinters came from. Many were imbedded in McArthur's

Two Divorce Actions Filed in Jones County

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Murray Whitaker reports the filing of two divorce actions in his office during the past week.

Lucy Carter Creel is asking a divorce from Norwood Creel. The complaint alleges that they were married September 7, 1953 and separated in November of 1958.

Rachel Bullock Smith seeks to divorce Jerry Millard Smith on the same grounds of two-year separation. Her complaint says they were married June 1, 1944 and separated August 17, 1959.

First PTA Meeting Of School Year is Held in Maysville

The first meeting of the Maysville Elementary PTA for the 1961-62 school year was held Monday evening.

Mrs. Richard Keyes, president, called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and introduced Principal Albert Hardison, who in turn introduced the teachers.

Old business was completed and the Executive committee read their selections for various committees which were approved. They presented their goals for the coming year and discussions were held concerning each.

Following adjournment, the teachers met the parents in a receiving line, the parents were shown the rooms and enjoyed a social hour during which refreshments were served.

Marriage License

Jones County Re-register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the issue of marriage license in the past week to:

Levie Roberts, 28, of Chinquapin Township and Mattie Grace Wright, 18, of Elizabethtown.

Douglas Moore, 34, and Lurena Daniels, 31, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., U. S. A.

Slight Miscalculation

The Kinston School Board Monday night was perplexed, and a little irked by a paving assessment from the City of Kinston for \$7,613.04 for sidewalks, curb and gutters around some school property.

Their reason: Of three estimates of the cost of this work they had chosen the highest which had been \$3,925, and they felt that missing an estimate by \$3,688.04 was a pressing argument in favor of better education.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Serving aboard the guided missile light cruiser USS Little Rock, which returned to Norfolk Aug 30, following a seven-month cruise with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean was Stephen Jerkins, steward first class, UNS, son of Mrs. Nettie E. Jerkins of Pollocksville.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Johnny Hodges of 612 University Street pled guilty to being the father of a 6-month old child Friday in Recorder's Court, but told Judge Emmett Wooten he had gotten married four months ago — to another girl. He was ordered to pay \$35 medical bill and \$5 per week in to the court for his child until it is 18 years of age.

Sheriff Clay Broadway was high in his praise of the excellent cooperation his department was given by the Highway Patrol, Prison Department Guards, SBI Agent Edwards, Coroner Jarman and for the tireless effort of the men in his own department.