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## Judge Cowper Clears 180 Criminal Cases, Seven Civil Actions from Jones County Court Docket

Judge Albert Cowper of Kinston last week accomplished the amazing job of clearing 180 criminal cases and seven civil actions from the docket of Jones County Superior Court.

Despite the fact that 105 of the criminal actions were guilty pleas in absentia for speeding charges, court officials do not recall a week in which so much work was done in the Jones County court.

On the civil calendar six divorces and settlement of a suit for damages growing out of an accident were cleared.

Damages totalling \$2900 were awarded to Danny Lee Coombs, a minor, for injuries he suffered when he was hit by a dog truck. Donald Brock, attorney for the child was granted a \$580 fee for handling the suit which was against Willie L. Jones, owner of the truck.

The divorces went to the following couples:

Marie Jackson Demarest from Melville A. Demarest, Mary Montgomery Carr from Clyde Carr, Ella Mae Harris Coward from Lora Coward, Michael P. Cyran from Grace Cyran, Don Graham Harrell from Jean Juanita Hobgood Harrell — all of these on grounds of two year separation, and Mamie Forrest Willard from Elmer Claud Willard, on grounds that Willard was impotent at the time of their marriage.

The criminal calendar was headed by murder charges against Raymond Earl Koonce, who drew a suspended 5-year term in prison on condition that he enter Morrison Training School and comply with all the rules and regulations.

Escaped Convict John Charles Callahan pled guilty to kidnapping Mrs. Clifton Noble and drew a 20-year prison term.

The only other prison terms handed out by Judge Cowper went to Levi Robert McMillan who got 6 months for driving without a driving license, without liability insurance and with improper brakes, and to Jerry Dean Richardson, who got two years for auto theft.

Convictions of pleas of guilty to drunken driving charges were entered against the following, each of whom was fined \$100 and the court costs and had his driving license suspended for 12 months:

Joseph Leon Craft Jr., Benjamin Leroy Parker, Ben Moses Smith, J. D. Todd, Arlandrew Barfield and Willie W. Jones.

Not guilty verdicts on drunken driving charges were entered in the cases against William Edward Phillips, Robert R. Howard, and Johnnie A. Thompson, William Tillman Banks, who was charged with drunken driving and driving without a driving license was found guilty of the latter charge.

Aside from the 105 pleas of guilty in absentia to speeding charges the most numerous case on the docket was driving without a driving license. The following were found

guilty of this charge:

Henry Wade Fields, William Harvey Grant, Lillian Grant, Ben Westbrook, Montro Turnage, Ransom Becton Jr., Kirby Eugene Spencer, Eddie B. Thompson, Ralph Bell Gibbs, Bobby Ray Roberts, and George Walker Jr., each of whom was fined \$25 and the court costs.

Elvin Gray Squires, driving without license and improper registration, fined \$35. Not a true Bill was found in driving without license charges against James Melton Grimsley.

William Edward Johnson was fined \$200 and costs for driving after revocation of his driving license. Lewis Ermino Adreoli was found not guilty of reckless driving.

Everett Lee Williams, Carlene Nobles Tyree, Allen Olander Jones, Walter Vernon Dennings Jr., Raymond Talmadge Meshaw, Guy L. Hamilton Jr., pled guilty in person to speeding and were fined \$1 for each mile above the speed limit that they were charged with going.

Noah Tilden DeBruhl pled guilty to speeding 100 miles per hour and had his driving license revoked for a 2-year period.

James Burney was found guilty of speeding and driving without a license and was fined \$50 and costs.

Robert Glenn Coombs was found guilty of reckless driving and had a 6-month jail term suspended on condition he remain on good behavior for 3 years and pay a \$25 fine and court costs.

Carson Roosevelt Hester was fined \$50 for reckless driving. James Murrell Jr. was fined \$25 for reckless driving.

Roy Laneau Cribb was ordered to pay court costs for driving a car with an improper muffler. He was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

A larceny charge against James V. Cucinotta was not pressed with leave.

Marion Hill was fined \$10 for violating the liquor laws.

Charges of speeding against Ray J. Wood, non-support against Jessie James Brimer, permitting an unlicensed person to drive against Chester Roberts, violating the driver license law against George Badger, failure to give proper signal against Roy Prentice Pugh were all not pressed.

James Edward White was ordered to pay costs and \$10 fine in two charge of assault on a female.

Roy Kinsey was ordered to pay the costs for disorderly conduct and simple assault.

Cruso Murrell, Cleo Kinsey and Emmanuel Murrell all had to pay the costs for assault and disorderly conduct.

Freddie Murphy was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and violating the liquor laws.

Minnie Bell Jenkins was found not guilty of violating the liquor laws.

William Young, Jimmie Toodle and Freddie Lee Toodle were each fined \$50 for violating the liquor laws.

James Farrow, Frank Davis Jr., George Lee Kinsey, were each fined \$10 for violating the liquor laws.

Mable Moore was given 6 months in jail suspended for 2 years for violating the liquor laws and she was ordered to pay the court costs.

George Washington Brown was ordered to pay costs for failing to stop for a stop sign, and found not guilty of violating liquor laws.

Julius Jordan was ordered to pay the costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

Paul Foy was ordered to pay \$9.20 per week for support of his minor children.

George Earl Gooding was order-

## Maysville Boy Scouts Have Fast-Growing, Active Troop

The Boy Scouts of Troop 209 and their scout master, J. R. Brock, last week enjoyed a five-mile hike, carrying out part of their second class requirements. Leaving at 7:30 p.m. and returning at 9:30 p.m. their hike took them to Gibson's Bridge and back.

Upon their return, their scout master held a discussion period, pointing out the do's and don'ts of hiking, particularly to the younger and less experienced scouts. Each boy filled the requirement of wearing a white handkerchief around his right leg.

The Maysville Scouts, along with other scouts from Jones County are helping in the parking of cars at the Jones County Fair at Trenton this week. The American Legion is paying \$100 to the scouts for this work and it is to be divided equally among the troops.

As another part of their second class requirements, the boys are planning to cook an outdoor meal on the grounds of the Community building and to make it a special occasion by inviting their parents.

Scoutmaster Brock advised the boys that Tuesday, Oct. 3 is National Uniform day and by request of the National Council of Wilson, they are asked to participate by wearing their uniforms throughout the day. Each scout pledged to support this occasion.

In approximately 3 months the membership of the Maysville Troop 209 has risen from 16 to 33.

## Judge Stevens Names Viola C. Baker as Jones County Reporter

An order signed by Judge Henry Stevens Jr. of Warsaw, resident judge of the Jones County Superior Court, was entered last week, naming Viola C. Baker of Greenville as official court reporter.

Miss Baker's salary is set by statute at \$125 per week, plus \$9 per day expenses and seven cents per mile travel allowance.

This is paid by the Jones County Superior Court.

## Edmund H. Russell Sued for Balance Due on Automobile

Jones County Clerk of Court Murray Whitaker reports the filing of a suit by Community Chevrolet Company of Maysville against Edmund Russell.

The suit alleges that Russell owes the Maysville company \$858.50 as balance due on a 1960 Chevrolet he purchased and which was repossessed.

The complaint says that when the repossessed car was sold at auction it lacked \$858.50 paying off the balance Russell owed under the conditional bill of sale he entered into with the company.

Interest on this balance is being asked from September 12, 1961.

## Commissioners Ignore Johnson Estate Plea

### Old Offender Caught With Load of Liquor

Zeb Parker, one-legged bootlegger of 500 Orion Street, was caught over the weekend by officers of the sheriff's department.

Parker was driving a car in which 12 half-gallon jars and one gallon jug of stumhole whisky were found.

He was also accused of driving without a driving license.

ed to pay the costs in three worthless check charges.

Monday the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners ignored a request through counsel from the estate of Andrew Johnson that the county accept a half settlement of the \$1080 spent by the welfare department for nursing home care of Johnson who died earlier this year.

Counsel said that Johnson's estate did not include sufficient funds to cover funeral and other expenses and also pay the county the full \$1080.

Johnson was one of the county's best known farmers. He lived on Kinston route 6. Prior to his acceptance on the welfare lists he had holdings. He sold his last farm in 1952 to the Harvey Enterprises for \$55,000.

Acting Welfare Department Superintendent Mrs. Martha Dixon Bovient said the department had recognized that Johnson was generally felt to be a very well-to-do landowner and it was only after careful investigation that he was approved for welfare aid.

In the event that liens with higher priority than the county's exist against the Johnson estate, there appears to be no way the county can collect the \$1080 it spent in his behalf.

### Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers during the past week:

From John Hughes Pollock to Roger L. Wilson two tracts in Trenton Township.

From Frances Brimage to Alton R. Brimage one acre in Trenton Township.

From Herbert Quinn to Herbert Quinn and others 70.94 acres in unlisted township.

From D. L. Smith Jr. to Manley Howard one tract in White Oak Township.

### PTA Meeting Monday

The second meeting of the Maysville Elementary PTA will be held Monday evening, Oct. 9 in the school auditorium beginning at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Amanda Hodger fifth grade will present the program.

## Bond Issue Blues on November 7

Those voters who take the time on November 7 here in North Carolina will be confronted by a ballot 14 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide and millions of dollars in size.

The ballot includes 10 propositions, all asking for money for various presingly needed projects that range from tenant houses on state experiment farms up to the marble palace on Capitol Hill that will be tenanted four months in each two years by the General Assembly.

Such a many-splendored ballot has something for just about every branch of government, plus the bill for old John Q. Taxpayer.

These 10 propositions total \$61,675,000. They break down as follows:

1. \$2,858,000 for construction of needed buildings for state purposes in the Capitol area.
2. \$1,110,000 for improvements at the state's correctional schools.
3. \$31,008,000 for improvements in the state's educational institutions.
4. \$1,483,000 for grants-in-aid for community college capital outlay.
5. \$2,560,000 for a state library and archives and history building.
6. \$13,500,000 for improvement of state port facilities.
7. \$7,396,000 improvements at state mental institutions.
8. \$300,000 for grants-in-aid for local hospital construction.
9. \$961,000 for improvements in

the conservation and development of natural resources of the state.

10. \$289,000 for improvements at the state's agricultural research stations.

All of this, of course, goes on top of the mountainous budget increases that were voted by the 1961 session of the general assembly.

Governor Terry Sanford who promised long before his election that he was in favor of spending more and more money that would come from the expanding economy of the state has found in his freshman year that the expanding economy is not enough and so he has ramrodded through the general assembly this king-sized package of increased taxes plus this fair-sized bond issue proposal.

To "sell" this bond issue to the innocent yokels across the state the governor has named a 32-member committee headed by Spending John Umstead of Chapel Hill. Two of these committeemen are from East of Highway 301. The others come from the area where the voters more generally dwell, in the Piedmont.

This paper feels that only two of the 10 proposals is worthy of support: The tiny issue (\$1,483,000) for grants-in-aid to community colleges and the \$13,500,000 for expansion of our ports facilities.

Everyone of the other eight proposals falls into that special cate-

gory of things that should be done out of current income rather than on borrowed money.

The most monstrous and unnecessary assault on the taxpayers is the \$31,008,000 for making big colleges too big. This is in addition to more than \$18,000,000 that was voted for these same state schools by the free-spending '61 General Assembly.

The next biggest chunk is aimed for the pet project of Chapel Hillian Umstead, who is chairman of the hospitals board of controls. Not a dollar is allocated to research into mental illnesses, but they desire to build, build, build marble monuments to house the mentally sick.

Less money is spent on research in the sphere of mental illness than in building swimming pools for the mentally sick. This tends to support the supposition that all of the mentally deficient are not yet hospitalized.

But of all the major spending programs none is more utterly out of proportion than the building of an Assembly building that will cost over \$10,000,000 on completion with the cost of land added. And this edifice will be used less than five months every two years. The general assembly is exactly the same size it was 50 years ago—50 senators and 120 representatives, but they have found the need for a \$10 million building that will cost \$100,000 a year to maintain.