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Grand Jury Lists Repairs Most Needed in Schools of County

Tuesday the Jones County Grand Jury filed its report with Presiding Superior Court Judge Albert Cowper of Kinston, who received it with thanks and ordered that a copy of the report be handed to the county board of education and the county board of commissioners.

The jury reported that it had visited all offices of the county and the jail and had found them in excellent condition, but it found a number of repairs needed in five of the county's schools.

The report says a folding door in the J. W. Wiley school is too thin and has too many cracks in it to render it servicable as a partition between classes.

Alex H. White school a number of window panes missing in its gym.

Maysville Elementary School needed window repairs, had several leaking radiators and its underpinning was in need of inspection and repair.

The Comfort School drive way needed patching and the jury recommended that a system be set up so that the school ground could be closed except during school use to prevent "parking."

The jury also recommended that more chairs be purchased for the bar enclosure in the court room, a sentiment which Judge Cowper said he shared completely.

Malcolm Banks Given Suspended Prison Term for Embezzling

Malcolm Leroy Banks was given a three year prison term by Judge Albert Cowper this week in Jones County Superior Court for embezzlement of \$280.57 from the Coastal Plain Life Insurance Company of Rocky Mount.

Judge Cowper, however, suspended the prison term upon the condition that Banks pay back the money to the insurance company by June of 1962. If he fails to do that the prison term will have to be served.

Charge Dismissed

In Jones County Superior Court Monday a charge of manslaughter against Bobby Glenn Warren of Kinston was not pressed, or not prosecuted when Solicitor Robert Rouse decided the evidence would not support the charge. Warren, driving an Orkin truck from Kinston, lost control of it just north of Hargett Crossroad in June of this year and Harold Moore, another Orkin employee, was killed in the crash.

Number of Drunken Driving Cases are Cleared by Court

During this week's term of Jones County Superior Court a number of drunken driving charges were cleared from the court docket.

Mark Thomas Shackelford was found not guilty by a jury.

The charge against Frank James Puret was not prosecuted.

Ruth Cash Small pled guilty and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and the court costs. Swindell Dunn and Joan Coward Jr. received the same penalty.

Hit and Run Charge

In another driving offense charge Carlton Hargett was found guilty of hit and run driving and was sentenced NOT to drive a motor vehicle for two years and pay the court costs.

Other Misdemeanors

David Lee Perry was not prosecuted on an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

R. L. Kellum was ordered to make pay off \$99 worth of bad checks.

Roy and J. C. Hill were not found guilty of breaking, entering, and larceny.

Charlie Crawford was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Harry Edward Barfield, James Clifton Foy, Isaac Cleo Koonce and Linnie Marie Jones were all found not guilty of violating the liquor laws after Virginia Brown, who was riding in a car with them claimed a piece of a pint of stumpy-whisky that officers found in the car. She was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs.

Sgt. George L. Jones Completes CBR Study

Army Sgt. George L. Jones, 20, son of Mrs. Maggie Jones, Route 1, Maysville, completed two weeks of training at the 101st Airborne Division Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) School at Fort Campbell, Ky., Nov. 3.

Sergeant Jones received instruction in the various methods and equipment used by the U. S. Army and the armies of other nations in the waging of CBR warfare. This training will enable him to act as a CBR instructor for other personnel from his unit. Jones is a squad leader in Company E of the division's 187th Infantry at the fort. He was graduated from White Oak High School in 1958 and entered the Army in November of that year.

His wife, Glynda, lives in Tennessee City, Tenn.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the issue of three marriage license in the past week to:

Joseph McKinley Murrell Jr., 31, and Susie Perry Hunter, 27, both of Trenton route 1.

Lee Morris Jr., 27, and Mabel Lee Hill, 20, both of Pollocksville.

David Lee Perry, 20, and Annie Mae Davis, 18, both of Dover route 2.

DOE COSTS MAN \$100

Robert Burrell pled guilty to shooting a doe deer when brought to trial Monday in Jones County Superior Court. Judge Albert Cowper fined Brown \$100 and the court costs.

Incestuous Negro Gets 15 Years for Attempt Rape 8 Year-Old Girl

Tobacco Meeting 7th

There will be a Countywide Tobacco meeting December 7 at the Court House at 7:30. All Jones County Tobacco farmers are invited to attend. R. P. Bennett, Tobacco Specialist and T. A. Todd, Tobacco Disease Specialist of State College, will be the guest speakers and give the latest information on all phases of tobacco production.

Toy Collection Sunday

Toys will be collected Sunday afternoon from 3 until 4 by members of the Womans Club, to be repaired and given to needy children at Christmas. If you have toys to give please call Mrs. Pippin or Mrs. Paul Huffman, if you forget to call, do remember to leave the toys on your front porch to be picked up Sunday.

Johnny Payton, negro of the Pollocksville section of Jones County, pled guilty to assault with intent to commit rape upon his 8 year-old daughter when his case was called for trial Tuesday in Jones County Superior Court and Judge Albert Cowper sentenced him to 15 years in state prison.

In March Payton was found guilty of rape with a recommendation of mercy from the jury, which carried an automatic life prison term. The state supreme court granted Payton a new trial because of technical errors it found in the first trial.

Payton, a Cherry Point civil service worker, has a history of mental derangement and has been in the Goldsboro insane asylum since his first trial. He was found, however, to be legally sane and able to stand trial.

Thanksgiving Fire Hits Sears Store in Kinston

White Oak Group Organizes 4-H Club

By Linda Humphrey

The White Oak Community organized a 4-H Club Tuesday, November 21, with approximately twenty members present. The club was given the name White Oak 4-H Club. The question of where we would meet was discussed. It was agreed that all members help to fix an old house in the community. Most of the members were present.

The officers are: President, Wayne Simpson; Vice-President, Betty Humphrey; Secretary-Treasurer, Roger Collins; Reporter, Linda Humphrey; Song Leader, Shirley Humphrey; and Recreation Leaders, Ernestine Humphrey and Doris Toler.

The officers held a discussion meeting on Monday, November 27, with the agents, Mrs. Gray and Mr. Nance present.

Two Marines Shot Early on Saturday On East Bright Street

Camp Lejeune Marines Page T. Anderson and Leon J. Smith suffered painful but not serious shotgun wounds in the right knee area at about 2 Saturday morning on the 400 block of East Bright Street in Kinston.

Smith told the officers that they did not see who was shooting at them or which direction the blast came from. Anderson was in a berserk rampage at the emergency room of Lenoir Memorial Hospital and had to be forcibly restrained for medication to be given. He made no coherent statement on what had happened.

Anderson has been arrested twice recently in Kinston for using vulgar and obscene language in public places and along with six other negro Marines from Camp Lejeune was indicted for stealing a crate of chickens earlier this month from Pharo's supermarket. When the prosecuting witness "chicken out" because he was scared of Marines the chicken stealing charges were nolle prossed in Recorder's Court. Police and hospital attendants, including nurses on duty were exposed to an exhibition of the most vulgar and obscene language by Anderson while they were trying to doctor his birdshot wounds.

AUTO THEFT CHARGED

Margaret A. Smith of Albertson route 1 was booked Friday night and charged with theft of an automobile.

Fire discovered shortly before 6 p. m. Thanksgiving Day did damage that will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Kinston store of Sears, Roebuck Company.

Fire Chief Joe Hailey says the fire apparently began in a second floor storage room and obviously it had been burning sometime before it was discovered because it had built up sufficient pressure in the store to blow out a large plate glass window in the front of the building at about the same time it was discovered by a passer-by in the rear of the store.

Kinston's first rainfall of consequence — 1.93 inches — fell during the period when firemen were most pressed by the blazes that roared through the roof of the building. The rain, however, kept crowds out of the way and lessened danger of the fire spreading from flying debris from minor explosions in the store.

Monday Ely Perry, owner of the building, and Sears officials announced that rebuilding of the outlet would begin just as quickly as insurance adjustors had completed their review of the damage and after all salvageable materials had been removed. During the rebuilding Sears will operate from another building in the downtown area.

Fortunately for the firemen, who were aided by units from Snow Hill, New Bern, Deep Run and Cove City, the wind was blowing from the southwest, which helped prevent the spread of the fire to adjoining buildings.

Neither of the next-door-neighbors of Sears reported any damage to their establishments.

Firemen were overwhelmed by the coincidence of this holiday fire since Kinston's last disastrous fire came on Christmas Day of last year when four businesses on the 100 block of Queen Street were totally destroyed.

Land Transfers

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

From Dan Oxley to Marvin Thigpen a lot in Trenton Township.

From Richard Morton to Lemeul B. Jarman a lot in Trenton Township.

From Nellie Gray Koonce to Elbert Andrews one acre in Cypress Creek.

Ram Neuse Hits Economic Snag; Archaeologists Want \$14,000

Negotiations were still going on Wednesday between the three amateur archaeologists who have started the raising and restoration of the Confederate Ram Neuse and local officials.

A special meeting of the Kinston Board of Aldermen and Lenoir County Board of Commissioners Tuesday morning finally got out into the open a figure upon which the three men, Lemuel Houston, Tom Carlyle and H. C. Casey agreed to sign over any rights they may have to the Lenoir County Confederate Centennial Commission.

A suggestion that \$4,000, plus all they had collected, plus all the Kinston Junior Chamber of Commerce had collected by given the trio was vetoed by the three, who after a brief private consultation fixed \$14,000 as their bottom price.

For just over a month the three men, with the occasional volunteers, have been clearing the accumulated silt and debris of 96 years from the charred remains of the Ram Neuse just beyond Kinston on a sand bar on the east bank of Neuse River.

County Attorney Tom White said in the Tuesday meeting that officials at Camp Lejeune are apparently looking with favor upon lending a hand with the project as a training exercise for Marine engineers.

It was also pointed out that \$2,000 is available from the Richardson Foundation for help with this project, and that the city and county have authority under a 1955 state law to use non-ad valorem tax funds for use on historical preservations and restorations.

But the help of the Marine Corps, availability of the Richardson funds and legality of the use of city and county funds all hinge upon the Ram Neuse restoration being changed from a private project upon

which Houston, Carlyle and Casey have some moral if not legal claim to a public project in which the element of personal gain would be removed.

Another meeting was set for 2 Wednesday afternoon at which time further effort would be made to bridge the gap between what the city and court officials tendered on Tuesday and the amount the three men said was their lowest offer.

Bazaar Saturday

The women of Chinquapin Chapel Christian Church are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar from 4 until 9 p.m. Saturday in the ag building at Trenton. Free refreshments will be served and a home-sewn quilt will be given away as a door prize. Many kinds of home and farm produce will be offered for sale at the bazaar and the public is urged to come by and see the display, and, of course, make a purchase or two.

Whisky Store Robber Gets 5-to-8 Years

Monday Judge Albert Cowper, presiding over Jones County Superior Court, sentenced Ellison Rhodes Jr. to a term of not less than 5 nor more than 8 years in state prison for the armed robbery in July of the Wyse Fork store of the ABC system.

Rhodes, a native of the Comfort section, who had recently made his home in New York City, stuck up the whisky store while visiting his father. Another man who assisted in the robbery has not been apprehended. Using 12 gauge shotguns and a stolen car, the pair got away with \$155 and three pints of cheap whisky.