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Former Pink Hill Banker Robert Holt is Paroled

The United States Board of Paroles gave former Pink Hill Banker Robert F. Holt, the nicest Christmas present he could have dreamed of — parole from the 10-year prison term he was given November 15, 1960 for embezzling funds of the bank he managed.

Holt, who entered prison on December 7, 1960, was released December 23rd and reached his home early Saturday morning of last week. He will remain under parole supervision until June 1970.

Holt pled guilty to misusing \$97,317.32 of the funds in the Pink Hill branch of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, which he had managed from its opening in 1946.

But Holt contended that he had not taken the money for himself but had juggled the banks accounts to cover up bad debts, worthless checks and defaulting co-signers on notes upon which money was borrowed from his office.

At the time of his trial the names of eleven persons were read into the court records who allegedly had received \$45,557.94 of the total.

This list, according to Holt, included all those persons who had been "helped" to \$200 or more. Other instances of his covering up included dozens of accounts, some ranging to as little as \$1.25.

After his imprisonment a petition was circulated and signed by several thousand people of Jones, Lenoir and Duplin counties asking executive clemency for Holt.

Judge Algenoa Butler of Clinton, who imposed the sentence, made possible Holt's early parole by indicating that he would not oppose Holt's parole at any time the federal officials felt inclined to do so. Ordinarily federal prisoners must serve at least one-fourth of their sentence before they are eligible for parole consideration.

Get Your Baseball Passes and Make Final Payment Before 1st

The more than 1300 baseball fans in the Kinston area who purchased season passes to the 70 home games of the Kinston Eagles for 1962 may pick up their passes at the offices of the Kinston Auto Finance Company at the corner of Queen and Lenoir Streets any day from 9 until 5.

Persons are urged to bring along their receipts which they received at the time they bought their passes. This will make possible quicker service but if one has lost his receipt the duplicate is on file and it can be checked out there when one calls for his or her ticket.

Club President Jack Rider also urges all those who made down payments of either \$5, \$10, or \$15 on these \$20 season passes to make their final payment on or before the end of December.

The opening date for the 1962 season has not been finally set, Rider said, but it will be either April 18th or 19th, depending upon whether Kinston opens the season at home or on the road.

The Kinston team is affiliated with the Pittsburgh Pirates, who have promised to put a hustling team in the local ball park that will play 500 or better ball.

Persons who want to buy a season box seat may do so at the same

NC 41 Wreck Monday

Burrell Wayne King of Trenton route two was charged with failure to give a proper signal after a fender-bending incident Monday afternoon about a mile east of Comfort on NC 41. Lee Douglass Hawkins of Trenton route one was driver of the other car. Estimated damage to Hawkins' car was \$250 and to King's \$100.

Nine Injured in Two Jones County Highway Accidents

Highway accidents Saturday night injured nine people in Jones County.

The Saturday night accident involved only one vehicle, a 1961 Buick, driven by John Deas of Brooklyn, who was visiting relatives in the Maysville area.

Driving north on US 17 about three miles north of Maysville, Deas lost control of the car which suffered an estimated \$1800 damage and sent Deas, Cal Joyce Deas, also of Brooklyn, Clarence Lawrence and Samuel Stang of Maysville and Robert Bender of Cove City to a New Bern hospital for treatment of injuries described as painful and serious but not critical.

Sunday night at 6:45 at Oliver Crossroads Carl Edward Davis of Pollockville route 1, coming south of the Dave Field road failed to yield the right of way to Alvin Westly White of Trenton route one, who was headed east on NC 58.

Cora Annie Bell Loftin of Norfolk, Edna Parrott of Trenton route 1 and Willie Moore of Pollockville route 1 suffered slight injuries in the tangle. Damage was estimated at \$200 to Davis' car and \$250 to White's. Davis was charged, with failing to yield the right of way.

Christmas Eve Wreck In Jones County has Three Hospitalized

Three men from Pink Hill route two were hospitalized Christmas Eve morning shortly after 1:45 a.m. after a wreck in the western edge of Jones County about four miles east of Pink Hill.

Patrolman J. A. Crumpler says a car driven by Henry Jackson Marshburn jumped Beaver Dam Creek and raimed a tree, pinning the driver in and injuring painfully but not critically Ervin Whaley and Reginald Quinn.

Marshburn was charged with reckless driving.

THIEF 'DRAPPED' ONE

Mrs. Hortense Thompson of 1108 Macon Street was pleasantly surprised last week to find a frozen turkey in her back yard. All cleaned and ready for the oven. Police fear the "surprise" was one of several turkeys stolen from a freezer in a nearby elementary school that was cracked during the holiday school recess.

Rise in Meat Consumption Healthy Sign for Farmers

Americans are eating more meat this year a trend which should stimulate North Carolina's livestock industry.

"Consumption of meat per person in the United States is reaching a record in 1961," says Clayton P. Libeau, poultry and egg marketing specialist at North Carolina State College.

Total consumption of "red" and poultry meat is estimated at 198.1 pounds per capita — two pounds higher than last year and 1.8 pounds more than the record year of 1956, says Libeau.

"Record production of both beef and poultry meat has more than offset a decline in veal and pork supplies from the high levels in 1956," says Libeau.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture expects per capita consumption of all meats to remain at about the same level as this year in 1962, Libeau says. "Declines in lamb and mutton and poultry will be about offset by small increases in pork and beef," he says.

In 1951, the per capita consumption of all meat in the U. S. was 164.1 pounds per year. Red meats were at 138 pounds, compared to 160.6 pounds this year; poultry, 26.1 then and 37.5 now.

More specifically, in 1951 people were eating 56.1 pounds of beef compared to 86.7 pounds today; 6.6 pounds of veal then, 5.9 this year; 3.4 pounds of lamb and mutton compared to 5 today; 71.9 pounds of pork then and 63 today.

"Consumers have enjoyed large supplies and low prices of meat, in large part due to the increasing supplies and declining prices of feed grains," notes Libeau. "Corn prices received by farmers declined from an average of \$1.63 per bushel in 1953 to 96 cents in the crop year ending September 30 — in the Chicago area."

The Chicago area is still the main source of feed grains for North Carolina, Libeau points out. "Therefore, lower freight rates could help reduce feed costs and make North

Terrible Year on Jones Roads; Death Toll is 8

Young LaGrange Area Negro Killed Saturday

Twenty two year-old Ervin Lee Waters became Greene County's fourth highway fatality of 1961 Saturday afternoon at about 5:30 when he wrecked the car he was driving at Arba Crossroad.

No other vehicle was involved in the fatal accident and two other members of his family escaped serious injury in the crash.

The dead youth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Waters of La Grange route two.

Expensive Accident

Last Saturday morning at 10:30 Shade Dawson of 109 Rochelle Boulevard was charged with reckless driving after he swung his flivver a bit too widely at the corner of Macon Street and Tull Alley and hit the parked car of Penina Sutton of 114 Macon Street, causing it to then strike another parked car belonging to James Albert Sutton of 116 Macon. Dawson's 1956 model car and Miss Sutton's 1958 car were both judged to be total losses, and \$200 damage was estimated to the third vehicle.

BRICK TROUBLE

Morris Farmer of 116 Broadway Street was charged last week with hitting Iristine Grady with a brick, but not seriously injuring him.

This year has been one of the worst in the history of Jones County insofar as traffic deaths are concerned. The county has suffered eight deaths so far this year, with just three more days to go.

Worst of all; five of these deaths came in just two accidents.

The first traffic deaths of the year came when a car, blinded by lights left the road and swerved into the front yard of Charlton West a few miles east of Trenton on the early evening of March 11th. West's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, 16, was killed instantly and Lee Mills Jr., 17, of the Comfort section of the county was so badly injured that he died a few days later in an upstate hospital.

The third fatality on Jones roads came on June 9th when Jacob Harold Moore, 52, of Kinston was instantly killed when the pickup truck he was riding in went out of control at Hargett Crossroad at about 5 in the afternoon.

On July 15th Carroll Ervin, 45, of Richlands route two was killed when he lost control of his car east of Comfort at about 4:30 in the afternoon.

August 23rd brought one of the worst traffic tragedies Jones County has ever suffered. A pickup truck and trailer, loaded with logging workers, was headed west on NC 41 about half way between Comfort and Hargett Crossroads. The truck swerved to avoid striking a truck that had pulled from a side road. Truck and trailer plunged into a large drainage ditch and the truck caught fire. Three men were burned to death before help could reach them. They were J. D. Clark, 44, Sullivan Foy Lloyd, 19, and George Lee, 47, all from the Atkinson section of Pender County.

At this writing the last Jones County traffic death came on October 16th, when Dr. Pleasant May Williams, 27, of New Bern was burned to death in his car which was wrecked east of Pollockville on the James City road.

STOPLIGHT CRASH

Grant White of Washington, D.C. was charged with running a red light after his car and that of Dave Bronstein of Kinston tangled Wednesday morning at the corner of Carey Road and Vernon Avenue.

Sweetest Corner in Lenoir County



This is part of the sweet cargo that was dumped out last Friday morning just north of Kinston on Highway US 258.

Nearly 10,000 pounds of sugar, being hauled in a rented truck from Long Neck, New York were spread about the intersection of the highway with a rural dirt road that passes the towers and transmitter of Radio Station WFTC.

The capsized cargo was found at about 7 a. m. Friday by Harper Sutton. The driver of the truck had fled and has not yet been identified. The truck belonged to "Lee Fleet Plans, Inc." of Long Neck, New York.

The circumstances indicated rather strongly that the sugar was headed for a whisky still somewhere in the area just west of Kinston since the truck had been headed south and was trying to turn right when it flipped over.

ABC officers gathered up all the sugar that was not saturated with gas or oil from the overturned truck and have stored it, pending it being claimed by its "owner".