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## Two More File; Mallard For Commissioner and Conway for School Board

In the past week Jones County Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill reports the additional of only two names to the slow growing list of candidates whose names will be on the ballot in the May primary.

These additions are both incumbents: Harold Mallard of the county Board of Commissioners and J. J. Conway of the county school board.

Mallard became the 7th candidate for the five jobs on the county board of education, since three other incumbents, Nelson Banks, Horace Lee Haddock and Eugene Simpson, had already filed and three former commissioners, James Barbee, J. W. Creagh and Ralph Scott had filed before this past week.

### Most Interest

The race that has so far developed the most interest is that for Clerk of Jones County Superior Court. At this time two former mayors of Trenton, William Henry Hammond and George N. Noble, have their hats in the ring for this job, which is being vacated with the retirement of Incumbent Clerk Murray Whitaker.

There were faint rumors floating around the county this week that there might be at least one more candidate for the clerk post. No opposition is even faintly rumored for Incumbent Representative John Hargett.

### Bar Makes Mistake?

One veteran Jones County politician expressed the view this week that the Fourth District Bar Association, which includes Jones, Onslow, Duplin and Sampson county lawyers, had made a mistake in publicly endorsing Howard Hubbard of Clinton over Hubert Phillips of Duplin County for the superior Court post vacated by the retirement of Incumbent Judge Henry Stevens.

This criticism was based upon two premises: 1. That the action was obviously not the unanimous attitude of all the lawyers in the four counties, and 2. That it may hurt Hubbard far more than it helps him, since a great many people already hold the view that the courts are conducted altogether too much for the convenience of lawyers, rather than for service of the public.

## Critical Wound is Called Accident by Two Kinston Negroes

Two Kinston negroes who were involved in a Sunday night shooting have both told investigating officers that it was all an accident.

Ransom Dixon of 804 Thompson Street suffered a critical .22 pistol wound in the left upper chest and James Holmond of 634 East Lenoir Street has admitted the shooting.

The men were in the back yard of the Holmond home at about 1 a.m. Monday. Holmond said he was showing Dixon how to twirl the pistol when it accidentally went off. Dixon told officers the same thing.

Holmond was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and is free under \$300 bond, pending a hearing.

## Candidate List

**U. S. Senator**  
Sam Ervin\*

**U. S. Representative**  
David Henderson\*

**State Senator**  
Tom White\*

**State Representative**  
John Hargett\*

**Superior Court Judge**  
William J. Bundy\*

**District Solicitor**  
Cecil May

**County Commissioner**  
James Barbee  
Nelson Banks\*  
Eugene Simpson\*  
Horace Lee Haddock\*  
Harold Mallard\*  
J. W. Creagh  
Ralph Scott

**School Board**  
W. E. Phillips\*  
J. C. Wooten\*  
J. J. Conway\*

**Clerk of Court**  
W. H. Hammond Jr.  
G. N. Noble

### Constable

**Cypress Creek Township**  
Braxton Howard\*  
Carl Sutton Craft

**Chinquapin Township**  
Felix Allidge  
\*Incumbent

## Three Murder Charges On 52-Defendant List In Lenoir Court Term

Three charges of murder head the list of 52 defendants whose trial has been scheduled for the March 19th two-week term of Lenoir County Superior Court, over which Judge W. J. Bundy of Greenville is to preside.

Solicitor Walter Britt of Clinton has set the trial of George Washington Suggs for the first week of the term on Wednesday and Garland Purvis and Mary Jane Freeman will face murder charges during the 2nd week.

Suggs is charged with the January 7th rifle slaying of Walter Hutchins of 508 Harvey Street. Suggs lived at 1013 Macon Street.

Purvis is charged with the October 7th pistol slaying of Julian Baysden of Kinston at a drive-in just north of Kinston on the Greenville highway.

Mrs. Freeman faces the murder charge for the knife slaying of her husband, Isaiah, last fall at their home in Lincoln City.

Other felony charges set for trial during the term include that of James Edward Ruffin, charged with manslaughter in a traffic death in LaGrange of Mrs. Rosa Lee Radford.

Victor Gentry Walton, Roy Pierce, Villa Whitfield and Mary Hines are all charged with forgery.

James Patrick Jr., Robert Bright, Marvin Brown, James Bruce Turnage, Donald Hooks, James Edwards and Haywood Rhodes are all charged with forgery.

The rest of the docket includes traffic, liquor and domestic relations cases that fall in the misdemeanor category.

## Three Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports only three arrests in the county in the past week: Salena Koonce of Trenton route 2 was accused of drunken driving, Robert Whitfield of Trenton was charged with simple assault and James Harrison of Trenton was booked on a charge of public drunkenness.

## Land Transfers

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

From Helen Pollock Grant to Paul Williams a tract in Chinquapin Township,  
From Park Williams to Wesley P. Williams two tracts in Chinquapin Township.  
From Viette Gerock to Maysville Methodist Church one lot in Maysville.  
From Park Williams to Jessie Lee Williams Noble, to William David Williams and to Marjorie Williams Wooten tracts in Chinquapin Township.

## 'Misdemeanor Court' Clears Many Cases from Calendar

Last week's session of Jones County Superior Court was not planned to be but it did develop into "misdemeanor court" since no felony charges were heard during the term.

But Judge Walter Bone and Solicitor Robert Rouse Jr. did get rid of a great many of these minor cases in the three days the court sat.

The only felony cases scheduled for trial were against William J. Rhodes, charged with the armed robbery of the Wyse Fork liquor store and Claude P. Rhodes, who was charged with being an accessory to the same crime. One of these was already in prison, but had suffered a broken leg and was in the prison department hospital, unable to attend trial so both cases were continued until the next criminal term of the local court.

Judge Bone handed out only three active prison terms, but did give a number of suspended prison terms.

The three who were sent to prison were James Rodman, who got nine months for simple assault; Howard Moore, who got six months for assault with a deadly weapon and Rufous Dillahunt, who drew a 30-day term for assault with a deadly weapon. The latter two cases involved the same men. One cut the other, and then two weeks later the other shot the fellow who had cut him.

Gundell Brown was given a 6-month term, suspended on payment of medical bill of Willie Lee Bryant, who had charged him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Other cases cleared from the docket included the following:

Monroe Mercer, shooting a doe deer, fined \$100 and court cost.

Harvey Eugene Morton, speeding and driving a car upon which there was no liability coverage, 30 days suspended on payment of a \$25 fine.

William E. Dove, hit and run driving, 90 days in jail suspended on payment of \$100 fine and court costs.

Arie Lee Koonce, \$25 and costs for driving without a driver's license.

Lottie Koonce, permitting an unlicensed person to drive, \$25 and costs.

## Ten-Year Clerk Audit Shows Just Two Minor Bookkeeping Mistakes

### March 6th Accident Claims Lenoir's 3rd 1962 Highway Victim

Earl Eugene Gates, 37, World War II veteran of Kinston route 3, died in the VA hospital at Fayetteville Tuesday afternoon from injuries he suffered March 6th in a three-car wreck in front of King Brother's cafe east of Kinston.

Gates, driving east on US 70 hit the parked car of Burzelle Bryant in front of the restaurant. His car skidded and spinned to cross the dividing lane of the four-lane highway. In the west bound traffic lane his car was then struck by the car of Leroy Way of 113 Rochelle Boulevard.

Gates was given emergency treatment in a Kinston hospital and then moved to the VA hospital for specialized treatment which failed to save his life.

Gates' death is the third of 1962 on the highways of Lenoir County.

### SAW THIEFT CHARGED

Joe Stanley signed a warrant Monday against Maceo Arnold of 417 Beasley Street, accusing Arnold of stealing a \$300 chain saw.

The long-awaited audit of the books in the office of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Murray Whitaker was unveiled last week before the board of county commissioners, District Solicitor Robert Rouse Jr., Sheriff Brown Yates, SBI Agent John Edwards and County Attorney Donald Brock.

Accountant Earl Franck reported that his firm's analysis of the accounts and the detailed audit of all records had turned up only two minor errors.

One of these was over-payment to a minor child from a court-held account of some over \$200, and the other was the transferral of \$2900 too much to the county board of education. All fines collected in all courts go by law to the board of education, but court costs go to a number of other public funds, and this matter can be cleared simply by a bookkeeping entry that would withhold fines in that amount to balance these entries.

The over-payment to the minor child was a mistake of the clerk's office and has been repaid by Clerk Whitaker.

Thursday morning Solicitor Rouse said he had no further comment to make on the audit report, other than to say, "There was nothing indicated in this report that would require any further investigation or action by his office."

Clerk Whitaker said the minor who received the over-payment had married, while still a minor, had separated from her husband, and had a child that required considerable medical treatment. In this situation the over-payment was made.

The audit was ordered before, but became more important after the robbery of the clerk and the register of deeds offices last fall. This robbery took a considerable amount of cash from the clerk's office and a small amount from the register of deed's office.

In the process of examining the situation after the robbery it was learned that there is a state law requiring all county employees who handle public funds to make daily bank deposits.

Whitaker and all other court house employees had been guilty of violating that particular law since none of them had been making daily bank deposits and none of them knew of the law that required them to do so.

Since the robbery and the discovery of the law pertaining to daily deposits all offices have been making the daily deposits.

In view of the fact that it would be necessary to indict all county employees if one were indicted on this technical violation of a misdemeanor statute, nobody around Jones County expects charges to be preferred for this admitted violation by Whitaker and many others.

## Announcement

The Maysville Elementary PTA is sponsoring a Dime A Dip supper Thursday evening March 22 at the community building. Please come out and enjoy supper and fellowship together.

### WEEKEND LARCENY

Local thievery over the past weekend included \$50 from cash registers in the Standard drive-in drug store, a car from Kinston Auto Finance Company and the car of Clifton Nobles of Kinston route 5, which was stolen from the 100 block of North McLewan Street.

Bryant.  
William Penn Fields from Ethel Mae Davis Fields.

### Pleas in Absentia

There were some over 70 charges of speeding in which the court accepted pleas of guilty in absentia and confiscated the cash bonds that had been posted at the time the arrests were made.

These bonds averaged something like \$30.

### Civil Actions

The court also disposed of four civil actions, each being a divorce that was granted on grounds of two years separation. Those couples who were legally divided included:

William Earl Gooding from Judith Ann McGuire Gooding.  
Lillie Bell Higgins Jones from Dennis Jones.  
Joseph Bryant from Zeta Moore