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Shotgun Beating Puts One in Jail and Other Party in Duke Hospital

A fight between two farm day laborers on the Alonzo Mills farm of Western Jones County has put one of the participants in jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and the other in Duke Hospital with a fractured skull and a broken jaw bone.

F. B. Murphy is in jail and Lee Hall is in the hospital.

Sheriff Brown Yates said the fight took place Saturday afternoon, and he has not been able to find just exactly what started the fight, which ended when Murphy beat 12 gauge shotgun into splinters and beat steel over the face and head of Hall.

Murphy has been release under bond pending trial of the charges at the next term of Superior Court.

Correction

In last week's Journal it was reported that Robert Mattocks had been name to another 3-year term on the Jones County Board of Public Welfare. This story was in error and should have read that County Commissioner Eugene Simpson had been named to the board to replace Mattocks, who was not eligible for reappointment since under North Carolina law a person may not serve more than two consecutive terms on a county welfare board. The state welfare board names one member, the county board of commissioners a second member and these two members select the third member of their board.

EDITORIAL

A Jones County Problem

There are possibly as many different opinions in Jones County as there are adults who think about the problem created by the flooding of Trent River.

These opinions range from that of the person whose property has been badly hurt by recent repeated floodings, to that of the person whose property is nowhere near the Trent River Valley.

The first fellow is convinced that an immediate all-out effort should be made to correct the problem, and the second fellow can see no good reason why his tax rate should be increased to solve a problem that does not directly concern him.

Trent River has the job of draining a major portion of Jones County, and as such it becomes something more than a boundary ditch in which only the abutting property owners have an interest and a responsibility.

Because of its size Trent River quite obviously is beyond the limits of private, or even district drainage planning and financing.

This forces the conclusion that some branch of government must take action, or see the abandonment of many thousands of acres of land and a drastic cut in the tax listed valuation of the county.

Just as there is difference of opinion among Jones Countians on this problem; there is for the same reason and in the same ratio a great difference of opinion nationally on what the approach to such problems should be.

And President Lincoln put into words more than a hundred years ago the only practical philosophy in such instances: "That government should do for the people those things that they cannot reasonably do for themselves."

Since the State of North Carolina does not involve itself in such problems, leaving them strictly to local or federal agencies, the problem then falls into the laps of either the Jones County Board of Commissioners or the Army Corps of Engineers, which is the federal agency charged with work in this sphere.

The Engineers say that late 1965 is the earliest possible time that any actual work on the Trent River Valley can be expected, and the Engineers point out that there are a great many "if, ands and buts" that have to be cleared even before that can come true.

This leaves Jones Countians with two alternatives: One; to take upon themselves the heavy responsibility of financing the control, or elimination of this flooding or two, to wait for federal action.

If Jones Countians, through their elective representatives, decide to wait for federal assistance it may force property owners in the worst hit areas to lease or buy other land that will permit them to transfer their tobacco crop to land that is not subject to flooding.

In the past few years there has been a tremendous increase in the crop coverage in Jones County by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and this has given some measure of protection to those farmers who have participated. But there is growing danger that FCIC insurance might be withdrawn from those farms that have experienced repeated loss from flooding.

DRUNKENNESS CHARGES

During the past week Earl Smith of Trenton and Walter Mattocks of Maysville were each booked by the sheriff's department on charges of public drunkenness.

TRAFFIC CHARGES

Lem Kornegay of Dover route 1 was arrested by the Highway Patrol during the past week on charges of failing to comply with the financial responsibility act and with driving an improper registered vehicle.

MARINE GROUNDED

Camp Lejeune Marine Douglas Ray Van Dam was booked in Kinston Thursday night on charges of speeding, driving without a driving license, running a red light and driving a car with an improper muffler.

PAPERHANGER?

O. T. Kennedy of 808 North Queen Street was booked last week on charge of passing worthless checks.

Patrolman Gets Car, But Man Gets Away

Highway Patrolman Bert Mercer Saturday night between Trenton and Jones Central High School captured a 1951 Ford with 60 jars of stumhole whisky aboard, but the driver of the car took to the woods and left Mercer far behind.

The car was registered to Ernest King Wingate Mitchell of Hookerton route 1, but Mitchell has not made any claim, nor reported the vehicle as stolen. It is still being held, pending confiscation procedures.

Mercer said the car driver saw his patrol car, stopped in orderly fashion, got out and flew. Mercer said he recognized there was no point in him trying to beat the man in a cross-country race.

Maysville Man Booked On Duplin Indictment

Wiley Morgan of Maysville was arrested this week on a warrant from Duplin County, that charged him with embezzlement.

Sheriff Brown Yates said there was some kind of a mixup over money collected as payment on or for repairs to sewing machines, but Yates said it is his understanding that the whole mess had been straightened out on Tuesday.

APPEALS LIGHT SENTENCE

Robert Summerlin Jr. of Pink Hill route 2 appealed a very light sentence given him Tuesday by Recorder Burnett Wooten. Wooten remanded a \$25 fine imposed on the young man for reckless driving on condition that he attend a driver improvement clinic.

Mrs. America Visiting Kinston This Weekend

Mrs. America of 1962 will visit Kinston this weekend for a whirlwind of activities climaxed Sunday when she will be official hostess for builder Carl W. Johnson and Wright Homes at the opening of Johnson's new, \$1,250,000 community, Centennial Arms, Northeast of Kinston.

The Nation's Number One Homemaker is pretty, auburn-haired Lila Masson from Detroit. She's 39 and the mother of three — Diane, 17; Thomas, 12, and David, 8. Her husband, Cleve, is Group Operating Manager for Sears Roebuck in Detroit.

Mrs. Masson arrives in Raleigh Friday afternoon and will be flown by ISO charter plane to Kinston airport where she will be welcomed to Kinston by Mayor Guy Elliot.

On Saturday morning she will visit the Dupont plant.

At noon Saturday, Mrs. Masson will tee off the first green at the Kinston Country Club to open the Mrs. America Woman's Golf Tournament. Saturday evening, she will be the guest of honor at a special reception held at the country club.

Highlight of Mrs. America's visit to Kinston will be a personal appearance Sunday afternoon from one until dark when she will act as special hostess at four model homes in Centennial Arms.

Mrs. Masson became "Mrs. America" last November in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida competing against 51 other finalists representing each state, Alaska, Hawaii, and the District of Columbia.

She was chosen by a board of

Late '65 Earliest Date For Federal Help With Trent River Flooding

Congressman David Henderson has asked Jones County Board of Commissioners Chairman Nelson Banks to arrange a meeting of all interested parties for a conference with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers on the flooding of the Trent River Valley.

The letter following here was received by Congressman Henderson this week from the district commander of the Engineers, and it outlines the situation clearly as it stands at this time, insofar, as the Engineers are concerned.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Reference is made to your letter of 13 July 1962 regarding flooding of the Trent River. In this letter you asked three specific questions.

Your first question concerned "The status of the current study and how soon action can be expected to come from it." In our letter of 6 November 1961 we explained that it was not feasible to study a flood control project for the Trent River under the authority of Public Law 685 because the estimated cost far exceeds \$400,000, and that, in view of this, we proposed to include the Trent River study as a part of the previously authorized Neuse River Basin study. Projects developed and justified under this study will have no cost limitation and will require no local participation. The Neuse River Basin study is being vigorously pursued. In fact, we have six engineers, representing about 40 percent of our total study capability, assigned to this one study. Flood damage surveys along the Neuse River have been completed, and similar surveys for the Trent River and other tributaries are scheduled to begin in August 1962. The Neuse River Basin study is scheduled to be completed during the first quarter of fiscal year 1964. The report covering this study will

include a proposed plan for flood protection along the Trent River with an estimate of costs and benefits.

The second question in your letter concerned our opinion as to whether or not a snagging and clearing project on the Trent River would alleviate the kind of flood damage suffered this year. It is our opinion that a snagging and clearing project would not afford appreciable protection from flood conditions similar to those recently experienced.

Your third question asked our opinion as to what type of project would be required and procedures involved in getting such a project accomplished. Based on preliminary observations, it appears that rather extensive channel improvement, in addition to stream clearing, would be required to give a worthy degree of flood protection. The feasibility of developing such a project is being investigated as a part of the Neuse River Basin study, and we do not believe that it would be practicable or desirable to request authorization for a separate study of the Trent River Basin. First, it is a policy to combine studies whenever practicable; and second, no time could be saved by the separation, since the Trent study would then have to be specifically authorized by Congress, funded separately, and justified solely on its own merits and not as an element of the overall development of the Neuse River Basin.

The Trent River Basin is one of many areas in eastern North Carolina that is badly in need of flood protection. Where projects can be justified under Public Law 685, it is possible to get a project under construction within two years after the study is authorized. If, however, the project is not eligible for consideration under Public Law 685, a study must be specifically authorized by Congress and, as you know, many additional steps are required in procedure. The report must be reviewed by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors and the Bureau of the Budget prior to being submitted to Congress. The project must then be authorized by Congress and specifically funded under a regular Civil Works Appropriation Act. These additional steps usually require two or more years. Therefore, we normally expect that at least two years will elapse between the time that a report is submitted and the project is funded for construction. Using this line of reasoning and assuming that a project can be justified for the Trent River, the earliest construction starting date would be late in calendar year 1965.

I would like very much to meet with you and local citizens at any time which meets your convenience to discuss this matter more fully. If by some unforeseeable circumstance I am unable to attend, I will send a qualified representative. I will also be glad to furnish any additional information that you may need.

Sincerely yours,
J. S. GRYGIEL
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

Out Tuesday, In Sunday

William Gibbs, whose Kinston address is 521 Fields Street, was discharged last Tuesday from the state prison department, after serving a 3-to-5 year term for forgery. Sunday Gibbs was picked up by Kinston Police who had warrants charging him with forgery of two checks on the account of Robert Jackson of Kinston.

