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## Illegitimate Mother of Eight Indicts Three Men in One Day

Recorder's Court Clerk Mrs. Nell Warren says she has written warrants for thousands of people in her years of service in the Kinston court, but never had an experience quite like one last week.

Mrs. Warren says a neat, well dressed 28 year-old colored woman came in and asked to have some warrants issued.

The young woman revealed that she was the mother of eight children—all born out of wedlock and including two sets of twins. She wanted three warrants for three different men, alleging that they were the fathers of her eight children.

In the warrant signed by Verdie Spencer of La Grange route 3, she swore that Edward Lee Croom was father of children born to her in July 1956, August 1957 and February 1958; that Thomas Edwards was father of her first set of twins in August 1959, and father of a single child born in 1960.

And finally she charged James Hutchins with being the father of her last set of twins in October of 1961.

Only two of the three alleged fathers could be found in Lenoir County by the sheriff department and reports are that the other one was "working for the government" in Washington, D. C.

Contrary to general supposition Miss Spencer has never drawn any welfare department aid, but has worked and managed with some help from the fathers of her children to keep them in school and well fed and well dressed.

But recently the fathers of the eight children stopped helping her support the children and she had to move in the country to find a cheaper place to live and she had been managing by working in the neighborhood and with her and the older children picking up corn. But in order to do that she had to keep one of the children out of school to take care of the smaller children while she was out working.

This child, who had a remarkably good school record and loved to attend school, wrote a letter to the welfare department and asked if there wasn't some help available so that all the children could attend school all the time.

When Case Worker Mrs. James Cogdell called on the family Miss Spencer was reluctant to make application for welfare aid because she realized how embarrassing her position was. But under welfare regulations it is necessary when fathers are known that they be indicted when and if they refuse to support their children.

Mrs. Cogdell says that Miss Spencer had deferred applying for aid from last Christmas until this month but her situation grew so acute that she was forced to issue the indictments. If support cannot be obtained from the three fathers when they are brought to trial then she will become eligible for welfare aid, but up until now she has not received any welfare money.

### TWO FINED, ONE APPEALS

Last week James McLaughlin of Cherry Point and Roy Lee Harris of 105 South Independent Street were each fined \$100 by Recorder Buck Wooten, who had found them guilty of drunken driving. Harris filed notice of appeal to superior court.

## Kinstonian Nabbed In Jacksonville for Series of Break ins

Last Thursday night cigaret vending machines in Wallace's grill, Kinston Laundry, Squires generator shop and the Gulfpride filling station were looted.

Acting on information they obtained soon after the thievery was detected Kinston police called Jacksonville and asked them to meet a bus and arrest Herbert Lee Johnson of 1906 Cedar Lane.

When Johnson was arrested in Jacksonville he had \$9 in quarters in his pockets and had used more quarters to buy his bus ticket to Jacksonville.

He has been bound over to Superior Court on charges of breaking, entering and larceny.

## Kinston Council Opens Bids on Utilities for ACL Industrial Sites

Monday night the Kinston City Council opened bids for the extension of sanitary sewer and city water to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad industrial park just outside the city on the Greenville highway.

Thomas Faulkner of Kinston was low bidder of three who tendered bids with prices of \$28,174.32 for installation of 12-inch water mains and \$15,221 for installation of standard sanitary sewer lines.

Faulkner's low bid was accepted subject to the county allocating half or at least a substantial part of the funds for this work. Over a year ago the board of county commissioners agreed to pay half of the estimated \$32,000 cost of the project, but after that it was requested that a 12-inch rather than an 8-inch water main be installed and this jumped the estimate.

The board of county commissioners since then has been hedging on its earlier promise, confronted with a ruling from the attorney general which said they did not have legal authority to spend money for that special purpose.

The city council, however, has pointed to a 1959 law which does grant county commissioners explicit power to allocate funds for such purposes.

### Highway News

In the course of the discussion City Manager Jim Blue revealed that the present plans for expanding Highway NC 11 which flanks this area on the east calls for state acquisition of 14 more feet of right of way on the west side of the road in that area, with no additional right of way on the eastern side of the road.

Blue pointed out that the exact point and method of bringing the four-lane roadway across the Adkin Canal has not yet been decided.

## Dear, Deer Sight

Tuesday morning Keith Taylor of Kinston route 5 was riding along, minding his own business between Vine Swamp and Pleasant Hill when a big buck deer jumped onto the shoulder of the highway. Taylor got so interested in the deer that he failed to keep his car under control and it flipped over in a ditch and suffered what Highway Patrolman Billy Baker called total loss for a 1954 model car. Baker also indicted Taylor on a charge of reckless driving. Taylor was not hurt, and he's not sure which way the deer went.

## Trenton Legion Post No. 314 Exceeds Membership Quota

Koonce-Bryant Post No. 314 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership Incentive Goal for 1964 according to information received here from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

Augustus Barber Jr., Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks.

The Incentive Goal of Post No. 314 is 17, and the membership for 1964 to date is 19.

## Marines Confess Three Break ins

Camp Lejeune Marines Paul Kevin Ribar and Christ N. Kolaitis last week admitted breaking in three Kinston homes early this year. They were on trial in Craven County Superior Court in New Bern for armed robbery and Ribar drew 12 years while Kolaitis got a 3-year term.

Detainers have been filed against the pair for breaking into the homes of G. L. Sewell and W. D. Stapleford Jr. on the night of January 27th and in the home of Robert Corr about a week later and taking money, jewelry and a camera.

## Two Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports just two arrests in the past week. William Whaley of Pink Hill route 1 was charged with being publicly drunk and William Henry Morris of Jacksonville route 2 was charged with speeding 80 miles per hour in a 60 mile zone and driving without a driving license.

## Neuse Development Association Annual Meeting Tuesday Night

### Piney Grove Revival

A series of revival services begins Sunday night at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church and will extend through December 1st. Services will be at 7:30 each evening and the public is invited to attend.

### EDMUND SMITH IN NAVY

Edmund F. Smith, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Smith of Route 1, Trenton, completed basic training October 18, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

### TEEN-AGER GROUNDED

Last week Recorder Buck Wooten lifted the driving license of Thomas Pressly of 208 East Highland Avenue for a 6-month period after the youth was found guilty of reckless driving and speeding 60 miles per hour inside the city limits. Pressly was also ordered to attend and successfully complete a driver training school operated by the highway patrol.

### DIVORCES GRANTED

Monday as Lenoir County Superior Court was convened by Judge Albert Cowper the following divorces were granted—each on grounds of two years separation: Violetta Williams from McKinley Williams, Himda Simmons from George Simmons; Callie Sutton d'Arlington from Jean d'Arlington and Oscar R. Tilghman from Joan W. Tilghman.

## Submissions and Trials Clear 31 Cases from Recorder's Court

## Billy Adams Named Jones Representative For Morehead Awards

The Jones County Morehead Awards Committee met recently and selected Billy Adams to represent Jones Central High School at the District Contest for the John Motley Morehead Award.

This award is a grant for undergraduate study leading to a Baccalaureate degree at the University of North Carolina. It is for approximately thirteen hundred and twenty-five dollars each year for four years.

Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Adams of Trenton.

## Draft Board Still Chasing Young Men

Local Board No. 53 of Jones County is anxious to locate Henry Wilkerson who is delinquent with this board. His last known address is Box No. 218 Carver Place, Pahokee, Florida.

The board would also like to locate Joe Brooks Campbell. His last known address is 225 East Lenoir St., Raleigh. Anyone knowing anything about the location of either of these registrants is urged to forward the information to the board clerk, Mrs. Lucy P. Simmons at Trenton.

## Suicide Friday

The body of 71 year-old Weaver Phillips of Pink Hill route 1 was found at his home Saturday and Lenoir County Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled that Phillips had died from a self-inflicted wound. Jarman said Phillips had apparently killed himself on Friday with a single blast from a 12 gauge shotgun. Friends in the neighborhood said Phillips had been in poor health for some time and was very despondent over his condition. He lived alone.

In the past week a total of 31 cases have been removed from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court either by submissions to Clerk Walter Henderson or in trials before Judge Nick Noble.

Twenty three of the cases involved traffic charges and the other eight included seven charges of public drunkenness and one charge of non-support.

John Tyler McLean of Maysville was charged with failure to support his wife and five children. He drew a 90-day jail term suspended on the condition he pay immediately \$25 for his family and continue to pay \$50 per month, beginning with the first of December.

For public drunkenness the following paid the amounts listed after their names: Ernest Heath of Trenton route 2 \$12, David Strayhorn of Pollocksville route 1 \$16, Shelton Troy Harper of Arapahoe \$16, Albert Brown of Trenton \$15, Cecil King of Pink Hill route 1 \$15, Joseph Bender of Pollocksville route 1 \$16 and the charges were dismissed against Durham Edward Lee of Trenton route 2. Harper also also paid a \$40 bill for driving without a license.

Speeding penalties were as follows: John Lee Stucker of Kinston \$25, Robert Vernon Thomas of New Bern \$25, Oscar Edwin Humphries of Grifton, Va. \$30, Robert Boyd Thorp of Camp Lejeune \$25 and Edwin Christian Gallagher of the navy \$20.

Paying the \$12 costs for driving improperly equipped vehicles were the following: Dan Wood of Jacksonville, Lela Hassell Meadows of Maysville, Charles Preston Phillips of Maysville route 1, Mervin Alfred Thigpen of Pink Hill route 1, Tom Linwood Bryant of Trenton route 1, Harvey Lee Rouse of Trenton route 2, William Harvey Grant of Kinston route 6, Melvin Lee Aycock of Pollocksville route 1.

Other cases included Clennie Lee Mervin of Kinston route 3 driving without a license not pressed, William Durwood Metts of Maysville not guilty of making an improper turn, James Otis Murphy of Pollocksville route 1 \$25 for reckless driving, James Malcolm Bateman of Florence, S. C. \$120 for drunken driving, James Allen Turnage of Pollocksville \$25 for driving without a license.

George Lee Pate of Trenton route 1 asked for a jury trial on a drunken driving charge.

Joseph Bryant of Pollocksville paid \$12 for making an improper turn, Samuel Jackson of Kinston paid \$12 for failure to stop at a stop sign, Ernest Earl Alcock of Kinston route 6 paid \$12 for driving an improperly registered vehicle, and Bertha Lucille Koonce of Trenton route 1 paid \$12 for failure to stop at a stop sign.

## 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 Earl Wilson to E. B. Riggs 10.62 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From Garland Brunton to D. E. Taylor 30.3 acres in Trenton Township.

From Levie C. Mallard to Harry C. Mallard 43.2 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From Allen Bender to Jake Dawson one lot in Pollocksville Township.

From H. M. Hines to C. P. Parker one lot in Pollocksville Township.

From Joe R. Metts to Nelson E. Craft two acres in Cypress Creek Township.