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Traffic Cases Dominate Recorder's Court Activities in Past Two Weeks

As usual the majority of cases cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court in the past two weeks were traffic violations. Sixteen of the 19 cases cleared were in the traffic category.

The non-traffic variety included a six-month prison term given to Raymond Earl Koonce of Trenton route 1 for assault with a deadly weapon, a \$15 fine for Roy Lee Hill of Trenton route 2 for public drunkenness and a suspended 90-day jail term for non-support to R. P. Edwards Jr. of Beulaville. The jail term was suspended on condition he pay \$15 per week into the court for support of his wife and three minor children.

In the traffic department the following paid fines as indicated for speeding: Gary Wayne Melville of Maysville route 1 \$30, Elijah Lee Brown of New Bern route 2 \$15, Walter Bryan Cox of Pollocksville \$25, James Henry Bryan of New Bern \$25, Tallman Whitfield Taylor of Maysville route 1 \$25, Zane Howell of Maysville \$25, Arthur Branch of Trenton route 2 \$40.

Paying \$12 court costs for other minor traffic violations were Melvin Lee Aycock of Pollocksville route 1, Heber Garris of New Bern, Morry Lee Taylor of Kinston route 3, Nathan Thomas Williams of Pollocksville route 1, Kenneth Gordon Dudley of Maysville, Isaac Edwards Simmons of Trenton route 1, Austin Smith of Pollocksville and

PREACHER APPEALS

The Right Reverend Ira Williams of Greenville was fined \$100 in Recorder's Court Monday for drunken driving, to which judgment he appealed to superior court.

Charles Corbett McDaniel of Jacksonville.

Simmons paid \$12 for a most unusual violation: Improper Walking.

A charge of failure to yield right of way against Robert Ray Thigpen of Trenton route 2 was dismissed.

Maysville Water System Soon Working



This is the brand-spanking-new water tank for the Town of Maysville, completed and shining in its freshly applied splendor by workers who put the finishing touches on late Sunday afternoon. In a matter of weeks when the newly installed water mains have been flushed thoroughly, leaks have been stopped and the water supply get the final green light from engineers and other public officials a central water system will finally go into operation in Jones County. Along with the savings in dollars and cents and the removal of worry over individual water supplies will come the convenience of good water in abundant supply for all homes and businesses in the Town of Maysville. Other bonuses included lower fire insurance rates and, of course, much greater fire protection for the property of all citizens of Maysville.

Murder Suicide Theory Appears Likely In Death of Young Bride and Older Man

Although their investigation was not complete at press time Wednesday Kinston Police admit that murder-suicide is the most likely theory in the death sometime over the past weekend of 17 year-old Mrs. Diane Stroud Provost and 40 year-old William T. Robertson.

Police forced open the Robertson home at 2504 Woodview Road just after 11 Tuesday night after being called to the home by Mrs. Robertson. Inside the lighted home they found Mrs. Stroud's body sitting on a couch with a single pistol wound in the chest area and Robertson on the floor with a single pistol wound in the chest and by his side a .38 caliber pistol.

Robertson for many years was manager of Kinston theaters but he left suddenly taking Mrs. Stroud with him. Information now indicates that they went to California.

Recently police say Mrs. Robertson had been living with her parents on McAdoo Street and Tuesday night she worked at the local theater until its closing time and then decided to ride by her home, which had been deeded to her by her husband when he left so suddenly in August.

She saw a car parked in the drive and a light on. When she tried to get in the screens were all latched and she could not get in and at that point she called police, who forced their way in and found the dead couple.

Police say the car, which Robertson had rented, came to the house on Thursday night, according to witnesses in the neighborhood and it is presumed because of the condition of the bodies that the deaths of the two took place shortly after they got to the house.

Clerks' Accounts In Good Shape Audit Indicates

An audit of the books in the office of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson indicates that everything is "present and accounted for."

In the words of accountant Simon Sitterson "The records of the clerk were accurate and clearly reflected the transactions of the office from December 3, 1962 to June 30, 1964 and have been properly prepared and maintained."

Among many other things the audit shows total cash receipts in the office during the period of \$68,417.79.

Also reflected is that as of June 30, 1964 the clerk held \$21,680.17 on deposit for minors and incompetents.

MARKET CLOSES

Monday the Kinston Tobacco Market ended sales for the 1964 season with gross sales of 57,105,794 pounds for \$32,783,029.31.

Farmer Co-operation Urged by Franck In Tobacco-Type Survey Being Taken

A tobacco variety performance survey is being conducted in Jones County to determine how various varieties compared in yield and value during 1964.

The information from this survey serves as a valuable tool to both agricultural workers and farmers in evaluating the performance of the different varieties.

Cards are being sent to a representative group of growers in the county and the growers who receive cards are urged to fill out the card accurately and return it to the County Agent's

office. Everyone who receives a card should send it in regardless of whether his yield is low, medium or high. This is essential if the summary of the variety data is to represent the actual performance of a given variety in the county and state.

This information is also being accumulated by other counties, and a summary of the county, belt and state results will be available for growers to see as soon as it has been summarized.

Reflections on American Habits and Election Returns

By Jack Rider

The jarring reality of last week's election has not yet, and will not be for a long time fully comprehended by the averaged citizen.

The staggering proportions of the popular support for President Johnson are not only unprecedented from a statistical point of view, but are, as well, completely unknown in American politics.

Those who supported the lost hope that the country was ready for a turn toward more conservative government can find little for the immediate or long-range future to console themselves.

The principle of deficit financing has been overwhelmingly endorsed by an electorate who surely did realize that there is a choice in this department.

The principle of federal interference in every facet of local government was overwhelmingly endorsed.

The principle of buying friends — or trying to buy them — was overwhelmingly endorsed.

The concentration of more and more power in Washington was overwhelmingly endorsed.

Clubs of industry who beat their breasts about the power of labor unions joined in the en-

dorsement of the Johnsonian philosophy.

The independent farmer who deplors government dictation of farm policies added his vote to the support of controlled farming.

The rabid segregationists added their vote to swell the Johnson mandate to even greater proportion.

The tobacco farmer who despises the idea of integrated public schools voted for the Nation's No. 1 integrator of schools and private business to "protect their tobacco program."

But for those who need solace, and there are more than 26 million in that category it may be found in history, if not in the present political dilemma.

In the brief span of American history an assortment of unbelievable experiments has been indulged in; each aimed at a Utopian dream of a "Great Society" where some admitted evil would be eradicated by the simple waving of a governmental wand, or to put it more simply, by passing another law.

Perhaps the worst example of this idealistic madness was prohibition; under which the manufacture, sale, possession or use of all alcoholic beverages was outlawed. Militant organization, led by hatchet-swinging grand-

mothers (remember recently Mrs. Peabody in a Saint Augustine jail cell) tore up bars, intimidated editors and threatened lawmakers.

But after all the pressures of the hatchet-swinging grandmothers, and the pious bleatings of the pulpit had wrung the prohibition laws out of a reluctant set of legislative dragons they somehow overlooked repealing a more basic law: That of fermentation.

And so it is, at present, with the communications media of nation hand-tied by three great threats and all paying careful lip service to a new egalitarian concept of the humanistic creed of the great society.

We have passed laws, seen judicial fiat issued, troops sent illegally into sovereign states and national political leaders prostrate before the new frenzy of "brotherhood"; sometimes referred to as civil rights.

Even our pursed-lipped leader, sanctified and holy as he surely is on the subject of "brotherhood" would have a running fit if Lynda Byrd or Lucy Baines were to marry one of Martin Luther King's boys.

So we have endorsed nationally in a great political campaign a new effort in the right direction, but forgetting that the

laws of human nature out-date by some thousands of generations the most recent decrees of the supreme court.

People did not quit drinking because of the prohibition amendment, people will not suddenly surrender their prejudices because there is a law ordering them to do so.

Racial prejudice may have to be bootlegged in private clubs, schools, and newly founded churches but it will exist because it is an inherent characteristic of all races to harbor some bias, based in fear, superstition or historical differences.

Surely, it would be a wonderful world if all such prejudices could be wiped out by passage of a law, but this is an utter impossibility.

In another time the American dreamers chased the rainbow of Pacifism, which totally disarmed our country and directly led to World War II. This, too, was a beautiful dream, but it ignored reality.

While we were sinking our battleships the Germans were feverishly re-arming. Our great diplomats spent their time running around the world, signing another disarmament pact and winning another Nobel Peace Prize, while other political leaders were just as feverishly build-

ing navies, air forces and great land armies.

Our country would be something much less than it is if we did not suffer these fits of idealism from time to time. We all know the negro has been badly abused by history and all of us with an even-half-fair mind want to help make ours a better world for the negro, but none of us except the fanatic is anxious to surrender our own place in the sun in order that this might be done.

It takes a time for the virus of such impractical dreams to run its course through the body politic. Prohibition lasted for a quarter of a century. Today none except that same fanatic would seriously consider toying again with that kind of social experiment.

More wisely our society today accepts that a percentage of people are alcoholics just as a percentage are diabetics and that our efforts to help should be aimed at direct help to those in need of help, rather than cutting off the cup that cheers to everyone or giving every citizen a shot of insulin each day.

In time the current exercise in humanism will run its course but let us hope that Americans never lose the absurdly noble inclination to tilt with such social windmills.