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## Tax Evaluator Convicted of Killing Cattle; 6-Month Jail Term Suspended

Good luck and alert investigation combined to convict Dewey "Buck" Crawford of Rockingham last Friday in Jones County Recorder's Court on charges of malicious damage to private property.

Crawford, who was working in Jones County for the Carroll-Phelps Company, which is evaluating property for tax listing purposes, was found guilty of killing one beef animal and injuring another so badly on the Whitfield Mallard farm near Pollockville that it had to be killed.

Judge Joe Becton gave the Richmond Countian a 6-month prison term but suspended the prison term on condition Crawford pay \$150 damages to Mallard and pay a \$200 fine and court costs.

Bob Carroll, president of the Winston-Salem firm, which employed Crawford, met with the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday night and assumed full responsibility for any damages Crawford may have done and agreed at no cost to Jones County to personally review every item of work done by Crawford in Jones County.

County Attorney Donald Brock said that Carroll's firm and Carroll personally were the finest kind of people and they simply had the bad luck to hire a bad apple.

Several weeks ago the damage on Mallard's farm was found and the investigation began which ended last Wednesday with the arrest first of James Ed Morris of Pollockville.

When Morris was arrested and charged with the shooting of Mallard's cattle he immediately "told all."

The arrest of Morris came as the result of alert work and immediate investigation when a claim delivery came from another county, seeking to repossess a 16 gauge shotgun in Morris' possession for failure to pay a balance due.

Ballistic tests by the State Bureau of Investigation revealed that Morris's gun was the same one that fired the 16 gauge empty shells found near the dead and injured cattle.

Morris told Sheriff Brown Yates that it was, indeed, his gun but he had loaned it to Crawford.

Crawford denied knowledge of the actual shooting, but admitted that he got drunk and blacked out and could not remember what had happened.

Crawford was already on probation from his home county for felonious assault.

Carroll said Tuesday he was never more surprised in his life than when he found Crawford involved in such an incident. "He came to us with the finest references and was a former regional director of Boy Scouting, so we hadn't the faintest idea that anything like this would come up," Carroll said.

Judge Becton nol prossed with leave the charge of malicious damage against Morris.

Other less serious cases cleared by the court in the past week include fines as indicated for speeding to Jose Rodrigues Acevedo of Camp Lejeune \$26, Cpl. John Cragg of Camp Le-

jeune \$26, Anthony Bernard White of Dover route 1 was fined \$26 for reckless driving, Cpl. Robert Webb of Camp Lejeune was fined \$26 for reckless driving and Charlie Rhodes Jr. of Comfort, Robert Earl North of Richlands route 2 and Lyndell Lathan Hinson of Kinston paid the court costs for minor traffic counts.

Charles Bender of Pollockville paid the costs for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct and a driving-without-license charge against Delbert Lee Parker of Richlands route 2 was nol prossed.

## Schools Studying Possible Benefits Of Youth Corps Program of System

Special meeting of the Jones County Board of Education, July 16, 1965.

Members Present: F. Rogers Pollock, Jeff J. Conway, W. E. Phillips, J. C. Wooten, Vice-Chairman and J. C. West, Jr., Chairman.

The members of the Jones County Board of Education met on the above date in the office of the superintendent and after the meeting had been called to order, Chairma West led the group in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and found to be recorded correctly. The Chairman opened the meeting for business.

The secretary brought to the attention of the board members the possibilities that the Youth Corps could have in Jones County. It would provide employment and training for the youth and at the same time give us much needed help in the schools. The secretary was asked to give this project further study.

A motion was made by Conway, seconded by Phillips and unanimously carried that the following school personnel resignations be accepted according to their wishes: Jeremiah P. Elmore of Comfort School and William A. Morgan of Trenton Elementary School.

A motion was made by Pollock, seconded by Phillips and unanimously carried that the following school personnel be duly elected and approved to teach in the Jones County Schools for school year 1965-66: Jeremiah P. Elmore at Jones Central High

## Suit Asks \$53,116 For Injuries in May 1964 Accident

Suits totalling \$53,116.98 have been filed in the past week against George William Harriett, George William Harriett Jr. and Norman Allen Yancey, all of Jones County.

The suits were filed by Charles E. Sheets Jr. and Marvin T. Brown, a minor, through a next-friend, William T. Watkins.

The suit alleges damages in the amount of \$27,042.60 for injuries to Sheets and \$26,074.38 for injuries to Brown which were suffered in an accident near Creedmoor on May 7, 1964.

School and Nathaniel Adams at Jones High School.

A motion was made by Pollock, seconded by Conway and unanimously carried that the Jones County School Health Budget — \$1,888.00 be approved for the school year 1965-1966.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearl Killingsworth was duly elected school secretary for school year 1965-1966.

The secretary gave much information that had been received from different sources since last board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting stood adjourned.

J. C. West Jr.  
Chairman  
G. W. Harriett  
Secretary

Please correct error that was published in the last minutes of High School Textbook Rental Fee for 1965-1966.

It should read — High School Textbook Rental Fee — \$5.00 for 1965-1966 school year.

## Leonidas Cheston On Duty in Korea

Sergeant First Class Leonidas B. Cheston, whose wife, Fannie, lives on Route 6, Box 18, Kinston was assigned to Headquarters, I Corps Group, in Korea, July 14.

Sergeant Cheston, an ammunition inspection with the group, entered the Army in 1945 and was last stationed at Fort Bragg.

## Simon Jackson Loves USA More Than He Hates CP&L

Monday Simon Jackson, one of Lenoir County's biggest landowners, with more than a thousand acres of land in Neuse Township, gave The United States of America 43.17 acres of his land.

The deed says because of his love and affection for his great country, but the real reason is that he is trying to frustrate efforts of Carolina Power and Light Company to run another transmission line over the particular tract he deeded to Uncle Sam.

For years Jackson gave at no charge rights-of-way to the old Tidewater Power Company and its successor Carolina Power and Light Company; so long as they ran their lines over the sections of his land he designated. But about 10 years ago CP&L

decided that it wanted to run lines where it preferred and not where Jackson preferred so a long litigation, reaching to the state supreme court, followed.

Jackson lost; although his court efforts did boost the price he got for his right-of-way from about \$7,000 to \$35,000.

Jackson has been hollering "Foul." ever since. He claims, among other things that the land taken was worth \$85,000.

But Jackson insists that the money is of much less importance to him than the principle which permits a private company being operated for the profits of foreign stockholders to take his and other people's land without their consent, and without their having anything to say about the location of their transmission lines.

## Heavy, Heavy Did Hang Over Their Head



Three teen-aged Kinston boys were painfully injured Monday afternoon when this car crashed into the utilities pole near the corner of Park Avenue and the Greenville highway. One was hospitalized for serious cuts about the head and face from being thrown through the hole shown in the car windshield. He is 14 year-old Peter Prins. His 18 year-old brother, Bobby, suffered a deep cut over the left eye, riding in the back seat of the car. Driver John B. Truman, 16, suffered painful mouth injuries. The shattered pole dangled two heavy transformers over the injured boys and wires carrying 7,200 volts of electricity. Young Truman turned right off the highway, hit the north curbing of the street and then travelled to the south side of the street about 200 feet from the highway before striking the pole. He has been charged with reckless driving.

## Congressman Henderson Explains His Vote for 'So-Called Poverty Bill'

By Congressman  
David Henderson

I voted on Thursday, July 22, in favor of extending the so-called Poverty Bill. I cast this vote with full knowledge of the fact that there has been considerable criticism of this program and some of its local operations. I believe, however, that its approach is basically sound; that the best way to "break the cycle of poverty" and get people off the welfare rolls is to have a positive program to reach the

people who are welfare recipients, which will enable those who want to do better to have a chance.

While some of the employees of this program have been criticized, the local committees and boards who are implementing it in the various counties of the Third District are some of the finest people I know and I am confident that they will do their dead level best to make this program work the way Congress intended it to work.

I believe there are as many poor people in the District I have the honor to represent as in many Districts throughout the country and imperfect though it is, I am willing to give this program a chance to prove its worth.

## Jersey Bank Files Suit on Note for Local Collection

This week a suit has been filed in Jones County Superior Court by Burlington County Trust Company of Moorestown, New Jersey against Lt. Col. George T. Walton and his wife, Helen I. Walton of New Hanover County.

The suit seeks to collect from the couple an overdue note for \$3,000 with six per cent interest from February 13, 1963.