

Merry Christmas

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Andy Pafko Named Eagles Manager for 1966 by Atlanta Braves; Season Tickets Sales Now Being Pushed by Eagles

Last week Andy Pafko was named the field manager of the Kinston Eagles for the 1966 season by the Atlanta Braves with whom the Eagles are affiliated.

Pafko played in the major leagues for 17 years, most of which was in the outfield, and he retired from the game with a lifetime major league batting average of .285.

Last year he managed West Palm Beach for the Braves in the Florida State League and before that had one year in the New York - Pennsylvania League.

With the Christmas shopping hitting high gear this week the directors of the Kinston Eagles have gone into high gear with their annual season ticket sales, aiming this year for 1500 tickets sold before the season opens in mid-April.

Last year the Eagle directors

PTA has Integrated Program of Carols

At the Thursday evening meeting of the Maysville Elementary PTA Mrs. W. W. Wicks and her Glee Club presented a program of Christmas songs.

The presentation included an Austrian carol, a German carol, a Negro spiritual and an African carol.

Solos were done by Bonnie Banks, Elizabeth Monette Lois Jones, Terry Wright, Mae Thompson and Larry Thompson. A duet was given by Lois and Lynn Thompson and a trio by Robin Knight, Michael Thompson and Michael Meadows, also Janice Bynum, Earline Yeoman and Wanda Yates.

William Pruitt accompanied the group on the bongos during the African presentation.

only sold 851 season tickets and the local operation lost almost \$7,000.

Eagle President Jack Rider reminds that the \$20 season ticket for 72 Class A professional baseball games still remains as the biggest entertainment bargain available anywhere in the United States today.

Marriage License Business Picks Up As Christmas Nears

Reports from the office of Register of Deeds Bill Parker indicate that this is not only the season to be merry, but is also the season to be married. Following here is a list of couples to whom marriage license has been issued in this merry marrying season:

James Wayne Bell of Greensboro, Pa. and Etta Mae Croom of Kinston Route 3; Utah Webb Jr. of Durham and Peggy Thompson of Trenton; Donald Ray Brinkley of 1004 Popular Street and Ida L. Smith of Trenton Route 2.

Also, Zeb Vance Cowan of Burgaw Route 2 and Dorothy Huggins Pollock of Trenton 1; Edward Earl Eubanks of Trenton Route 1 and Brenda Sue Taylor of Trenton Route 1; Victor Carl Bryan of Wallace Route 1 and Shirley Irene Barbee of Maysville; and Malcolm Hiram Meadows of Star Route, Maysville and Bettie Lou Canady of Pollocksville.

NO PROBABLE CAUSE

Tuesday in Kinston recorder's court no probable cause was found in a charge of auto theft against Preston Massey of 504 Pollock Street, Kinston.

Santa Visits

Santa Claus paid his regular visit to the children of Maysville Tuesday evening. He was escorted into town in the fire truck, its siren sounding to let the children know he had arrived. He made his visit first to the community building where the children greeted him, made their requests and received bags of fruit and candy. He then visited in the colored section to distribute bags to the children there.

New Patrolman for Jones Begins Work January 6th

Richard D. Jenkins, a recent graduate of the North Carolina Highway Patrol School, has joined the Lenoir, Greene and Jones Patrol force.

The 23-year-old trooper will begin his duties January 6. His addition gives the three-county area 13 patrolmen. Jenkins has been assigned to Jones County and will live at Trenton.

He is a native of Rich Square. He was graduated from the patrol school December 17. Jenkins is married to the former Mary Plummer Clark of Rich Square and they have one small son.

Kinston Youths to Prison for Series Thefts in 3 Counties

Monday three Kinston white boys were given prison terms ranging from four to eight months in Pitt County Recorder's Court for stealing.

They are Johnny Woodrow Heath of 27-D Simon Bright Homes, O'Neal Hinson of 12-E Simon Bright Homes and Jerry Lynn Hill of 214 East Washington Street. Heath and Hinson

'Santa Claus Hubbard' Leaves Kinston After Dispensing 'Presents' to Many

He is bald, tall and thin and he rides in a Continental, but defendants before the "bar of justice" in Lenoir County Superior Court know him best as "Santa Claus."

Sad to say for the law breaking element, "Santa Claus Howard Hubbard" left Kinston last week, not to return for another four years, but not before dispensing the most precious gifts the law breaker can receive: Forgiveness.

A block away from "Santa Hubbard's" top shop, Recorder's Court Judge E. R. Wooten fined a man \$300 for drunken driving and driving while his license was revoked at almost exactly the same time Hubbard was fining Grover Whaley \$100 for drunken driving and this was the fifth time Whaley had been in-

dicted on such a charge. Whaley was not the only lucky defendant.

Charles McKinney was before "Santa" charged with and convicted of stealing. McKinney's record includes two previous larceny charges, two assault with a deadly weapon charges and one common law robbery, and before that as a juvenile he had spent six years in reform school for stealing. "Santa" put McKinney on probation.

Charles Richard Manning of Portsmouth, already on probation in Virginia, was put on North Carolina probation by "Santa" for stealing a truck from Horace and William Davenport and wrecking it in Gates County after stopping for a little more stealing in Ahsokie.

John Sutton Jr. was also put on probation for assault with a deadly weapon. . . just a little misunderstanding that created \$558 worth of doctor and hospital bills. "Santa" did ask Sutton to make every effort to pay this bill.

Two Suits Filed for Collection of Debts

In the past week Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports the filing of two suits in his office of collection of debts.

Both suits were filed by C. A. Battle and Sons.

In the first they allege that Kermit Turner and Harold Glenn Stille are indebted in the amount of \$742.50 to the Comfort firm and recovery of that amount with interest from December 15, 1964 is asked.

The second suit alleges a debt of \$241 owed to the firm by Hugh Sanderson and its recovery with interest from January 1, 1965 is asked.

LONG JAIL TERM

Last week in Pitt County Superior Court Sylvester A. Smith of New Bern drew terms totaling 22 years for assaulting a Grifton policeman and attempting to break in a Grifton filling station.

got four months, Hill drew eight months since he was also charged with malicious damage to private property.

Tuesday Heath and Hill were also tried in Kinston for stealing and were given concurrent four - month terms. All were sent to camps for youthful offenders.

James Whitfield, previously charged with two instances of family abandonment and one assault with a deadly weapon was put on probation for accidentally writing another person's name on a check and cashing it.

William Henry Croom had a non - support charge dismissed, Freddie Lee Miller was found not guilty of drunken driving, Alex Franklin McGeachey was put on probation for stealing a car and driving it without a license, Carl Lee Hill Jr. was found not guilty of reckless driving.

A charge of disposing of mortgaged property against Ramon Jones was not pressed.

John Charles McNeese was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Odell Tyndall Jr. was put on probation for passing worthless checks. He has had four previous traffic indictments, two previous check passing indictments, been held for being absent without leave from the armed forces and for assaulting a female.

Kinston Area has Proposed 'Shopping Centers' Running Out Its Ears

If all the threatened shopping centers for Kinston materialize there should be a boom in retail trade in the Kinston area.

One for North Heritage Street has been on the drawing boards for more than a year and an expensive survey of the terrain has been completed.

More recent shopping center promises are for the corner of Hardee Road and Vernon Avenue and for the intersection of 70 and 258 just east of the Kinstonian Motel.

The first, no doubt spurred by announcements of the other two, last week broke out a billboard listing four nationally known firms who have sign-

ed leases for space in the "Kinston Plaza" complex. These are Woolco — a branch of Woolworth stores, A & P, Colonial Stores and Eckerd Drug Stores.

The Kinston Plaza was conceived as a standard type shopping center, but the two on West Vernon Avenue are to be fully enclosed, air conditioned centers of the "mall type" that has caught on so big recently all across the nation.

A Washington, D. C. corporation has purchased a tract of land just east of the Kinstonian Motel and has announced the most specific planning for such an enclosed mall. No target date for opening has been made

public.

Kinston Realtor Roy Poole has not publicly issued any statement for his proposed center at Hardee Road and Vernon, but rumors have it that he has some "leases in his pocket."

The Perry Estate heirs had their planning underway for more than a year, and came forth with the most detailed announcements but it is apparent that they have run into leasing problems, with less than the specified additional national leases in hand to bring the huge Woolco discount house as the center piece of their Plaza on North Heritage Street.

Some observers express the

view that the first of the three to really get under construction is likely to shoot down the other two, because it is asserted that the Kinston trade area is not large enough to support three large centers and the existing downtown shopping area.

The Washington corporation is rated by some as having the best chance of moving into actual construction first, since both of the other promoting group have very large investments in the downtown shopping area.

Most observers feel that one really outstanding and unique venture in this direction would add to the stature of Kinston as a shopping center and would in

many senses help the downtown area.

It is pointed out that in a majority of suburban shopping centers there really is no "shopping" available since such centers usually include only one of a kind, and for the shopper to really have an opportunity to shop he must visit a downtown area where alternatives are offered by competing stores in the same general categories of business.

The most doubtful "Thomas" does feel, however, that from the many now promised Kinston is surely going to get at least one and perhaps in time for next year's big fall and Christmas shopping season.