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Assault Case Highlights Last Week's Jones County Recorder's Court Term

An unusually heavy load of assault cases — ranging from simple assault up to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill — highlighted last week's session of Jones County Recorder's Court.

Levon Meadows of Trenton, who has frequent appearances in the court on assorted assault charges, was given one year in prison after being found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

A similar charge against Leonard Hooker of Kinston ended in a not guilty verdict.

Robert Whitfield was in the court on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon. One was not pressed but in the other he was given six months, suspended on payment of \$50 fine, two year's probation and that he remain off the premises of Martha Taylor.

Ray Whitfield in the same affair was charged with trespassing and his sentence was identical to that of his brother.

Darris Gooding of Trenton was found guilty of simple assault for which he was given a 60-day suspended jail term on payment of a \$25 fine and not violating any law for 12 months.

Albert Grady of Kinston had an assault on female charge not pressed.

Phoebe Randolph was before the court charged in two instances with selling whisky to the Whitfield brothers, who swore out the warrants after they had been indicted. Judge Joe Becton found Miss Randolph not guilty in both instances.

Mary Lou Hall of Trenton had to pay \$16 for being publicly drunk.

The following paid fines for speeding: Pierette Martin of Montreal, Quebec, Robert Stevens Dail of Lumberton, William C. Middlebrooks of Triangle, Va., Martin Beichert Jr. of Hertford, Ignatius J. Licata of Camp Lejeune, Kenneth Gordon Dudley of Maysville route 1, James Thomas Carlyle of Beulaville route 2, John Frank Greenwald of Lakeland, Fla., Willie Foster Roller of Jacksonville, R. R. Grey Jr., of Brandywine, Md., Bruce Frederick Marshburn of Jacksonville route 2.

William Henry Andrews of

ONE-ARMED CAB DRIVER

Among actions of the Kinston City Council Monday night was approval of a cab driving permit to a one-armed driver. The police department had checked the applicant out and gave the license its approval. Kinston already has one other cab driver who has only one leg.

LAND TRANSFERS

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From Eliza and W. F. Hammond two tracts in Trenton Township.

From James and Hazel Barbee to Ira and Clara Bell Meadows one lot in White Oak Township.

From Mary and J. K. Warren Jr., Etta and Alan Marshall, Frances and John Alexius to Roy Koonce two lots in Cypress Creek Township.

Maysville and Roland Ottis Hamilton paid court costs for less serious traffic violations.

THREE MARINES HURT

Saturday night Camp Lejeune men Darrell Winfrey, William J. Gray and Robert Heath suffered painful injuries in a wreck at Mitchell and Washington in Kinston. Winfred was charged with reckless driving and speeding.

MUST BEHAVE

James Ingram of University Street was ordered to behave himself for 12 months, pay the doctor bill of Furney Jones and pay the court costs after he was convicted of assault in Kinston.

TEARS UP FENCE

Jame Burney Jr. of Lincoln St., Kinston, was charged with drunken driving and driving without a license after he lost control of a southbound car Saturday afternoon at the corner of Minerva and Grainger and wound up tearing an estimated \$450 hole in the fence around Harvey Oil Co. in Kinston.

Federal Treasury Using Trick Figures To Show Returns to Counties, States

Just how Lenoir County made out last year under the Federal government's grants-in-aid programs is indicated in new figures from Washington.

The aid programs — there are more than 200 of them — offer financial assistance to states and local communities for such purposes as education, child welfare, health, highways, housing airports, research, sewage disposal and the like.

For some cities and counties the cost of the assistance is greater than the assistance received. In these communities the price paid for these grants, through taxes and matching funds makes them an expensive luxury.

For others, it works out favorably from a cost standpoint and helps in the development of community facilities that might otherwise be long delayed.

The current study was made by the Tax Foundation, a non-profit organization that watches government spending and taxation.

According to a breakdown of its figures, which are based on Treasury Department reports, the cost of Federal aid in Lenoir came to approximately \$2,240,000 in the past fiscal year and the amount that came back in the form of grants an estimated \$2,327,000.

The State of North Carolina as a whole was also ahead on this basis. Its payment to Washington, allocated to the Federal aid programs, amounted to \$210,400,000 in the year. In return, there were grants made to the state and its subdivisions totalling \$218,400,000.

It was equivalent to \$1 in government aid received for ever 96 cents expended.

There is no intention, in awarding grants, to see that each locality gets back dollar for dollar, it is explained. The awards are made in line with each community's requirements as related to those of other areas.

Air Show Sunday

Sunday the aviation committee of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an air show and open house at Stallings Field. The program starts at 2 with music by the Grainger High School band and the National Guard band. At 2:15 a demonstration of formation flying will be given by planes of the Forestry Service, at 2:30 a scheduled Piedmont Airlines plane will come in and leave at 2:40 a demonstration lasting 35 minutes will be given by F-105 planes from Seymour Johnson Air Base. During the day cut rate flights over Kinston will be offered by the ISO Flying Service and Piedmont Airlines.

CLEANING GUN

Vernon C. Moody of Deep Run was treated in a Kinston hospital over the weekend from a rifle wound in the right foot suffered when he was cleaning a .22 caliber rifle which he had forgotten to unload.

CHARGE REDUCED

Last week William Russell Jones of Kinston route 4 came to recorder's court charged with drunken driving. He was fined \$25 for reckless driving.

Brother-Sister Land Dispute Breaks Out Again With Contempt Citation

Man Dies Saturday In Trailer Fire

Kinston Fire Chief Joe Hailey said Ivy Hines died from asphyxiation in a fire that gutted his trailer home just north of town Saturday night.

Hines apparently set fire to a bed while smoking in bed and trapped in the trailer, since indications were that he had crawled to the end of the trailer when fumes overcome him.

Hailey said that despite burns on Hines' back it is almost certain that he was dead before the fire reached him.

THREE-CAR TANGLE

Camp Lejeuneman Lyle Stevenson was pulling a Volkswagen behind his Falcon Sunday night south of Kinston on US 258. He hit the shoulder to avoid hitting a car that stopped suddenly in front of him. The two-bar broke, the Volkswagen went into a field and the Marine's car skidded back onto the road and into the path of a southbound car driven by Hardy Chadwick of Deep Run route 1. Three persons were treated and released from the accident.

INJURED SATURDAY

Joan McNair of Raleigh suffered a broken collar bone when the car she was in, driven by Colin McNair Jr. of Raleigh made a left turn into the path of Cherry Point Marine Richard Bell at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of NC 11 and US 70 just south of Kinston. Five other passengers in the two cars were treated and released for less serious injuries.

LOST and FOUND

Thieves stole a car from the lot of Weeks Motor Company Saturday night and dumped it in a ditch at the corner of Davis and Washington streets, leaving the car with an estimated \$250 damage.

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A smoldering family feud over lands in White Oak Township cropped back up again in the past week with the filing of an action in Jones County Superior Court.

In the action Hardy and Mamie Collins are cited to court on September 26th of this year to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for violating the terms of a consent judgment entered in the court last November.

The first litigation began September 18, 1964 when Penne Lessy Kellum and Roy Kellum filed an action seeking ingress and egress to a tract of land they own adjacent to the lands of the Collins couple. Mrs. Kellum and Collins are sister and brother.

The court order to which both sides agreed last November gave the Kellums the right to construct a cart path 15 feet in width across cleared land and 16 feet in width across wooded land over the lands of the Collins couple.

The action filed this week alleges that on May 11th an employee of the Kellums staked out the proposed cart path and the Collins couple or someone under their direction pulled all the stakes up and drove a post in the middle of the proposed pathway.

Tense 30 Minutes

...Wednesday morning the 9:02 flight out of Stallings Field by Piedmont Airlines with 39 passengers and three crewmembers aboard went well until the plane was airborne and then the nose wheel refused to retract. While the plane circled all base firefighting apparatus was brought to the flight line and several pieces of equipment from the Kinston Fire Department were called out. Fortunately the nosewheel was locked in place when the plane landed at just after 9:30. The plane was grounded and another was flown in to take the passengers the rest of the way to Washington.

Lenoir County School Officials Not Worrying Over Lack Of Negro Students Asking Transfers into White Schools

Under the Lenoir County School system's "Freedom of Choice" plan last spring the parents of 111 colored children asked that they be assigned to white schools.

On opening day of school only 18 of that 111 showed up to the white school to which they had asked to be transferred.

Now with the school year nearing an end only six of that 18 remain in the school they chose a year ago.

This year another flurry of "freedom of choice" has been indulged in. Each parent of a child in the county system has been furnished a form upon which he may select the school to which he wishes his child assigned. Large ads have been run in all Lenoir County newspapers outlining in great detail the rights of every parent.

With the returns in this year only five colored parents have asked that their children be transferred to white schools.

Officials of the federal government had prescribed not less than 10 per cent of racial mixing as a minimum for school districts such as Lenoir County's.

Obviously the five asking transfers and the five left over from last year (one is scheduled to graduate) do not comprise anything near 10 per cent, since

there are more than 3,000 negro pupils in the Lenoir County system.

Based on federal guidelines at least 300 negro pupils should be moved this year into white schools. The guidelines were vague as to how many white children would have to be moved into negro schools to satisfy Washington officials.

No Local Panic

Despite the unhappy prospect this situation presents to Lenoir County Schools officials they are moving without panic, and with remarkable serenity.

The attitude of both school board and administrative officials is: "Our job is to do the very best we can to provide the very best education we can with the money that is provided to us."

"We will continue to do our best to do this job with or without federal money, with or without federal interference, with or without racial mixing."

"We have, in good faith done everything Washington has asked us to do. Washington has approved our desegregation plan. We have not used any pressure on any official, any teacher, any parent or any child to either encourage or discourage their transferral."

"We do not feel it is either

the law, or our duty to try to persuade parents either to or not to transfer their children. It's our duty, and this we have fulfilled to the limit of our ability, to let every parent know exactly what his rights and the rights of his children are."

This year, however, it is pointed out under the latest "guidelines" of Washington that once a choice for a given school is made by a parent no later transfer will be permitted unless there is a change of residence to support such a request.

School officials say they know of no instances in which pressure from the outside has been either to cause transfers or to prevent transfers.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides heavy fines and possible prison sentences for anyone who does anything to prevent any person from the free exercise of those rights which are spelled out in the act.

Which means persons who threaten, or in any other way harass parents of children or children who have been transferred are subject to these heavy penalties.

Prosecution under this act may be instituted either by the person who is molested or by the United States Attorney General.