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## Last Miserable Chapter Written

A tiny item, noting the transfer of a lot in Pollocksville Township, is probably the final chapter in a miserable story of legal robbery that has taken the home of an ignorant but hard-working Pollocksville couple.

Some years ago a swindler, selling aluminum siding, approached Johnny and Mary Belle Brown and sold them a siding "job" and other minor improvements to their small Pollocksville home. They were told that the job would cost not less than \$1800 nor more than \$2500.

Neither of the pair could read or write with any ease, and neither could very legibly write their names. But they did sign a paper that was stuck before them by this "merchant."

When that instrument was recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker it had grown to a mortgage of more than \$10,000 on the small home of this ignorant couple.

The mortgage was sold by the peddling company to a purportedly reputable mortgage investment company in Winston-Salem. It foreclosed on this couple and now their home has been sold by the mortgage company to another person.

## Large-Scale Hail Insurance Fraud is Reported in East Carolina by Lanier

At a Tuesday press conference North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Edwin Lanier told of large-scale fraud in hail insurance claims in Eastern North Carolina during the past three crop years, and even more in the current year.

Lanier said a full-field investigation so far has turned up \$139,884.20 in fraudulent claims paid by insurance companies. No specific offenders were named by Lanier Tuesday, but apparently names would be called and indictments made at a later date, since he pointed out that this was "an interim report."

The fraud involves insurance agencies, adjusters and farmers, although in several instances claims were paid, Lanier said, in the names of farmers who had no knowledge that claims had been filed.

Lanier said claims totalling \$101,463 were paid on farms upon which no tobacco was grown, on 12 claims \$34,347 was paid in which fictitious names were used and in three instances, \$4,072 was paid out in the

names of farmers who knew nothing of the affair.

Lanier said four men were in the field now conducting the investigation and that since this began several claims filed for the current crop year have been withdrawn.

## Jones County Country Club Seeking More Members to Meet FHA Suggestion

While the \$230,000 Farmers Home Administration loan is being processed officers of the recently organized Jones County Country Club are trying to boost total membership in the club to 200 families.

At present 170 families are signed up, according to Donald Brock, one of the club officials.

The loan will be used to purchase a tract of slightly less than 200 acres of land from J. K. Warren Jr. on Trent River near Oak Grove Air Base.

The areas runs with the river for nearly a mile and present plans call for development of a

## David Collins Sued For Balance on Note

In a civil action filed in Jones County Superior Court this week New Bern Oil and Fertilizer Company alleges a debt owed to it by David Collins in the amount of \$574.30.

The suit alleges that Collins on September 15, 1965 signed a promissory note in the amount of \$1100 on which he made purchases in the total amount of \$874.30 and upon which only one payment of \$300 had been made.

## Two Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports two arrests in the past week: Albert Grady of Kinston route 3 is charged with simple assault and Jack Williams of Maysville has been accused of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

## JET SERVICE SOON

Monday night the Kinston City Council was told that jet commercial air services was in sight for Kinston — possibly in early 1967 if extension and strengthening of one runway at Stallings Field could be completed in time.

well-rounded family recreational area on this site.

Principal among the recreation programs is an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, picnic shelters, boat houses, tennis courts and a club house and pro shop.

Persons who have not yet joined and would like to sign up may do so by contacting Brock, or any other member of the club.

It is hoped that work can begin on the project in early fall and that most, if not all of the facilities will be in use by the summer of 1967.

## Pvt. Robert Ervin Parachute Rigger

Pvt. Robert L. Ervin, 19, son of Mrs. Arctur Isler, Route 1, Trenton, completed training as a parachute rigger at the Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va., July 7. During the 12-week course, Ervin was trained to inspect, pack and repair paratrooper and cargo parachutes and air drop equipment.

## Traffic Cases Account for Most of Recorder's Court Work in Past Week

In the past week 11 of 13 cases cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court were for traffic violations, one for passing a worthless check and the other for non-support.

The non-support charge was against Lindsey Maness of Trenton route 2 and prayer for judgment was continue on condition he begin supporting his family.

The check charge was against J. P. Spence of Farmville who paid \$33.85 in making good a bad check and paying the court costs.

Allen White of Brooklyn paid the costs for reckless driving.

Wheeler Martin Critcher of New Bern paid \$13 for failing to yield the right of way.

Those paying off for speeding and the amount they paid included Eloise Joyner Blackman of Smithfield route 3 \$13, Paul Edward Anderson of New Bern \$30, George Francis Cripps of Burlington \$26, John William Bean of Swansboro \$26, James Wilson Williamson of Fort Eustis, Va. \$31, Lloyd Edward Dixon of Trenton route 1 \$26, Lawrence B. Shuping Jr. of Raleigh \$26, Kenneth Paul Camden of Norfolk \$20 and Howard Nelson Dean of Raleigh.

## Final Word on Journal-Brock Affair

The editor of the Journal (Jack Rider, in case anybody doesn't know) adds this final — he hopes — footnote to the semantical dispute that was caused by a Journal news item of June 23rd between Jones County Attorney Donald Brock and himself.

The item — which was written by Rider, without outside help, inspiration or agitation, said in part, in speaking of issues in the June 25th second primary election: "One (issue) is County Attorney Donald Brock, who succeed some years ago in getting a slate of commissioners elected who fired the Late George Hughes as county attorney and gave the job to Brock."

Brock Tuesday said that the only part of the item that offended him was the inference that he had actively worked to get Hughes fired. He said he took no active part in the election of any of the commissioners who voted to fire Hughes, and when the commissioners approached him about taking the job he advised them not to fire Hughes. But when they persisted and said they were going to fire Hughes anyway; he agreed to take the job.

Brock did say Tuesday that in subsequent elections he had taken an interest in commissioner elections but in the 1960 election he took no part on behalf of any candidate other than to vote for the five he felt best qualified to serve.

Perhaps the phrase "who succeeded in getting a slate elected" does carry the connotation of Brock's active participation, and since Brock categorically denies that he did take an active part, the Journal expresses its regrets for having been guilty of creating an impression which Brock says does not exist.

So now, is there anyone for tennis.

## Charles Strayhorn Brings Suit for \$100,000 for Auto Accident Injuries

Charles Henry Strayhorn this week filed suit in Jones County Superior Court asking \$100,000 damages from a number of defendants, including Isaiah Hill, Thomas Lee Berry, Fate Berry, Robert Linwood Creech and Carolina Dairies, Inc., of Kinston.

In the suit Strayhorn alleges he was riding in a car owned by Hill, driven by Thomas Lee Berry, who is a minor child of Fate Berry.

The suit further alleges that Berry on the night on August from Trenton at an excessive 13, 1964 was driving westwardly

rate of speed, despite the fact that Strayhorn had asked him to slow down.

Strayhorn further alleges that while travelling at speeds in excess of 70 miles an hour the car crashed into a Carolina Dairies vehicle driven by Creech that was across the center line of the highway.

Strayhorn says he was hospitalized for seven weeks, suffering from a broken left thigh, broken left arm, crushed cheek bone, crushed left lung, crushed knee cap and a damaged right eye.

## Highway Engineer Roy Franks Honored



Roy D. Franks of Kinston, Assistant Division Two Engineer for the Highway Commission, is shown above receiving congratulations and a 40-year service award from Gov. Dan K. Moore during recent Raleigh ceremonies. Franks was one of 37-men honored at the ceremony.

## County 4-H Council President Urges Observance of Safety Week All Year

Accidents in the home and on the farm don't just happen. They are caused.

Farming, once the safest and most serene way of life, has now become the most hazardous way to make a living.

Safety on the farm has not kept pace with industrial safety. More than 8,000 farm family members die in home, highway and farm work mishaps annually.

Nearly 750,000 suffer disabling injuries each year, many of whom are crippled for life.

National Farm Safety Week is designed to dramatize the danger that lurks behind every farm chore and emphasize the importance of a positive safety program of every farm.

I especially want to urge 4-Hers and young people to assume leadership in uncovering hazards on farms and in homes and eliminate them. Not only during this week but 365 days

a year. A farm person is killed every hour of the day every day of the year.

The slogan for National Farm Safety Week is — "Safety is Victory Over Accidents" so lets everyone make it a reality in 1966.