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Dover Man Slain Motel Employee Charged in Death of Marine Friday from Pistol Wounds

Last week Reid White, 55, brickmason of Dover, was one of five people killed when 25-year-old Arthur Davis of New Haven, Connecticut went berserk. White was on vacation, visiting friends when Davis came into the housing project apartment and killed two women, a five-year-old child and a 27-year-old man. Davis was caught in New Jersey after a high-speed chase on the turnpike and has been returned to New Haven to answer to the five murder charges.

R. H. McLawhorn, an employee of the Cadillac Motel, faces an open charge of murder in the death last Friday of 20-year-old Harry Brown, a Camp Lejeune Marine.

Brown died in the base hospital early Friday morning after being shot at about 1 a.m. Thursday in the yard of the motel just south of Kinston.

Officers from the sheriff's department who investigated said that Brown and several other Marines were at the place and got in an argument with a sailor who had his wife at the motel.

McLawhorn and another worker at the motel told the Marines to leave and they remained in the yard. A few minutes later some of the Marines say McLawhorn came out and fired a single shot from a .22 caliber weapon.

Brown was struck in the groin and the bullet penetrated his bladder, his intestines and lodged in his spine. He was taken to Lenoir Memorial Hospital where he was given emergency treatment and transferred to Camp Lejeune.

Loss of blood and complications from the numerous critical injuries led to his death at about 9 Friday morning.

McLawhorn was picked out of a line up by three of the Marines with Brown but the other Marines were unable to positively identify McLawhorn as the pistol wielder.

McLawhorn denies firing the shot, says he does not now have and never has had a .22 weapon of any kind. The death weapon has not been recovered.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Tuesday but delayed until Friday since the attending doctor at Camp Lejeune was not available Tuesday to testify to the specific cause of death.

Marine's Death May Trigger Action Against Operation of Local Motel

By Jack Rider

There is speculation that the death last Friday of 20-year-old Camp Lejeune Marine Harry Brown may be the trigger needed for official action against the continued operation of the place where he suffered the wound that led to his death.

The Cadillac Motel is owned and operated by Mrs. Eunice Rhodes Pigott McLawhorn, whose police record and general reputation is long established and highly revealing.

For nearly 30 years Eunice has operated a house of prostitution except for those brief periods when she was "on leave" in prison.

Murder, mayhem, prostitution, dope and burglary are among the crimes that hang around the "Cadillac Motel" and the general public in this area knows this, has known it for a long time and has tolerated and patronized this local "business".

R. H. McLawhorn, the man charged with doing the shooting that led to the death of the young Marine, is a former husband of Eunice, and he has a record that is only slightly less rank than that of his former wife.

In those infrequent occasions when Eunice has been "on leave" she has been able to muster unimaginably strong support to get out of prison. High city and county officials once put their signature to a petition for her parole.

High court officials have been willing if not eager to condone such acts of forgiveness by either putting her on probation, urging her parole and letting

her get away with gross violations of probation and parole.

Eunice's establishment has come to be accepted as a local landmark; a business that put considerable money into the local economy. Police have not been able to close the place, or at least to keep it closed for any great length of time.

Operating as a "motel" it is impossible for officers to make out a case of prostitution or operating a house of prostitution, since the courts have made it next to impossible to get convictions on such charges.

But it has grown increasingly worse as the years passed. More muggings, heavier traffic in dope, more of a haven for all kinds of racketeers who may be plying their trade in this area.

Eunice has grown old. She lacks the vitality to personally supervise all activities around her compound. She is sick. McLawhorn, her former husband, is sick. Rumor has it that they are both "hooked" on the "white stuff". A fate that befalls a great percentage of those who labor in such vineyards. Dope addiction is almost an occupational disease among prostitutes and those who aid and abet them in their profession.

Past efforts to obtain evidence against the establishment and its operator have proven extremely difficult. Undercover agents find themselves with no more evidence after a visit there than they would have against nearly any hotel or motel where a bell boy or clerk "sends them a woman".

The almost casual shooting incident, by who ever did the shooting, is just one more tragic chapter in the long history of "Eunice's place".

Whether sufficient pressure from the public will now be generated to force its closing is a matter for the public's conscience.

'George Jones' Ready for Mullet Supper



Last week Roger Jones, operator of a Bogue Sound seafood business and brother of Kinston Lawyer Lamar Jones, adopted a new member of his family, and although there is little evidence to support the name given the new "Jones", he is now affectionately called "George".

That is "George" reaching for his supper in the picture here and handing it to him is his "brother" Charles Jones. Roger said he was standing on the pier one day last week talking to a friend when the friend asked, "What in the world have you got here?" When Roger looked around there stood "George", looking the pier over and clicking his huge bill for attention. He got it and has remained since to the delight of everybody around the fish house except the local dogs and cats, who are chased off the pier if they get too close to "George".

George opens that huge bill and flares out his four-foot wings and the dogs and cats take cover. "George" also chases sea gulls off his favorite fishing spots around the sound. He likes to have his head scratched and his throat — or is it his stomach? — stroked.

He sees no strangers as far as people are concerned, but doesn't care for other birds, dogs and cats.

He'll sit to have his head scratched by anybody who happens to be on the pier. Roger is proud of his newest addition to the family, but he feels that "George" just has to be somebody's pet that strayed off and found a new home at Broad Creek.

If you know anybody who has lost an affectionate pelican he can be found at the Jones place any day, and easily. All you have to do is wave a mullet at him.

Executors Fighting Widow's Effort To Share Tilghman Holloman Estate

Branch Banking & Trust Company, which was named executor of the estate of Tilghman Holloman, is resisting the effort of Holloman's widow to take her one-fourth share of his estate.

Holloman, who committed suicide on May 29, 1966, left his entire estate in trust to his son, Joseph Thomas Holloman.

Under North Carolina law a

second wife may take what her husband leaves her in a will or one-fourth of the estate. Holloman drew his will on April 13, 1966, cutting his second wife, Mrs. Layune Kennedy Holloman, completely off.

The executor of the Holloman estate in its answer to the claim filed by Mrs. Holloman, alleges that she is not entitled to share in the estate since she "abandoned" her husband on March 13, 1966 and was not living with him at the time of his death.

The appraised value of Holloman's estate is \$45,808.

Final determination of the matter remains in the courts.

Jones Towns Get \$10,786.14 From Powell Bill Funds

The State Highway Commission Thursday announced the 1966-67 allocations of money to corporate communities in the state and Jones County's three corporate communities get a total of \$10,786.14.

Maysville will get \$6,200.04.

Pollocksville will get \$2,562.57.

Trenton will get \$2,023.53.

In all 420 communities this year share \$9,322,714.20, which is one-half cent of the state's gasoline tax.

Allocation to each town is based on its population and the street mileage it has of non-highway streets.

Divorce Sought

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports filing one civil action in the past week in which Judy Marlene Riggs Pridgen is seeking a divorce from Robert Pridgen Jr. The suit alleges their marriage on December 23, 1964 and their separation on July 31, 1965.

Shot by Policeman

James Oliver of La Grange route 1 balked at going to jail Saturday night in La Grange on charges of disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. He struck Policeman Ernest Thorne once and was swinging again when Thorne shot him in the chest with a .38 caliber revolver. Oliver is recuperating satisfactorily and is now additionally charged with assaulting an officer and resisting arrest.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Robert Lee Phillips of 1007 West Washington Street was charged over the weekend with a 3rd drunken driving offense and driving while his license was revoked.

SCHOOLS OPEN FRIDAY

Lenoir County Schools will open on Friday, September 2, at 8:30 a.m. This will be registration day and will be only a half day session. The busses will pick up the students as on the regular school days.

Past Court Week Clears 12 Cases

Twelve cases were processed in Jones County Recorder's Court in the past week.

The state took a nolle pross with leave in the case against Charles Bender charged with passing a worthless check. The case was dismissed against James Ray Moore also charged with a worthless check.

Clarence Harrington of New Bern was found not guilty of driving drunk.

Jessie Williams of Pollocksville was found guilty of driving drunk, and was sentenced to six months work on the public roads suspended on the condition of a \$100 fine and court costs.

Four people were charged with failure to display an inspection card: Admiral Griffith Howell of Goldsboro. William Franklin Brimage of Trenton, and Douglas Hooks of Pollocksville paid \$13 fines. The state took a nol pross with leave in the charge against William Honaker of Goldsboro.

Robert Osborne West of New Bern paid \$13 for following too closely.

John Cooper of Trenton paid \$16 for operating his car too fast for existing conditions.

Fredrick Ronald Truffin of Camp Lejeune paid \$26 for reckless driving.

Leo Ray Wetherington of Kinston paid \$13 for driving on wrong side of the road.