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## Judge Larkins Finally Moves Into New Quarters in Federal Building

This week Federal District Judge John Larkins moved his office for the first time in nearly 29 years. He and his staff have occupied the suite of offices built for them in the new federal building adjacent to the court house.

Larkins had maintained an office in the court house since 1938, when he was the first permanent tenant of that WPA-built structure.

Larkins and the Late County Attorney J. K. Warren had each personally endorsed the note of the County of Jones in order to borrow the county's share of the money needed to build the court house.

And although Larkins was in private practice the county commissioners agreed to rent him office space that had been included in the court house for a health department, something the county did not get for more than 10 years.

Larkins became a federal judge in 1961 and has been trying ever since then to get an office for himself and his staff in Trenton, preferring to remain in Trenton to moving his office to New Bern.

A lot of political strings had to be pulled and Senator Everett Jordan and Representative David Henderson helped along the way to persuade the Post Office Department and the General Services Administration to come together to build a single federal building in Trenton.

As is the general case with so many projects; the man who instituted the project was the last to move in. All other tenants in the building had been "in" for more than a month.

The post office staff was first to move in, and then the Soil Conservation Service, Draft Board and Farmers Home Administration moved in.

Larkins and his staff began the huge job of moving his law library and the other accumulated memorabilia of 29 years.

Larkins' old offices in the court house will be occupied by the county welfare department after badly needed repairs to the floors and fresh coats of paint have been dried.

Larkins said the new offices was well worth waiting for and he invites all his friends to come by and see what a fine new home the taxpayers have provided for him and his staff.

## Two Rape Charges Tossed Out After Hearings Held

Preliminary hearings on two capital charges or rape have resulted in both charges being thrown out of court in the past week in Lenoir County.

In the first instance 18 year old Thomas Sutton of La Grange was turned loose after La Grange Recorder's William Cole-train heard the evidence against him at a preliminary hearing last Friday.

And Tuesday Kinston Recorder Buck Wooten threw out a similar charge against Tommy Kenan of Pink Hill.

## Brown-Bag Impact?

There are different points of view as to what impact the furor about "brown-bagging" had on the holiday grog business. Lenoir County ABC Store Supervisor Percy Bryan said it hurt business in Lenoir County. With December sales in 1966 totalling \$201,540.25 over December 1965's total sales of \$196,285.70. This was a December increase this past year of \$5,254.55, but Bryan says that December 1966 had five weekends, compared to four weekends in 1965, and the actually represented a drop in business, rather than the increase it appears to be.

## Supreme Court Says Citizens Must Vote On Cable TV Grants

In an opinion handed down last week the North Carolina State Supreme Court ruled that city councils do not have authority to grant franchise to operators of cable television services.

This ruling resulted from a city council in the Piedmont granting such a franchise and a citizen of the town appealing the council's action to the state's highest court.

The ruling stated that such franchises could only be granted after citizens of a community had been given an opportunity to vote their preference among companies offering such service, and whether they wanted any company of the many in this business given such franchise.

## Outlaw Brothers Have Certified Hampshire Boar

Hampshire Swine Registry officials announce that Outlaw Brothers of Route 2, Seven Springs, have qualified a Hampshire boar, Special Dividend 959209, as a Certified Meat Sire.

To qualify as a Certified Meat Sire, a boar must sire a minimum of five litters which meet Certification standards.

The Certified Meat Hog program, a national and all breed program, is a means of sorting out superior strains within a breed so those strains can be used to best advantage in bringing about herd and breed improvement. It is a very comprehensive program that measures sow productivity, rate of gain

## Appeal Filed in Corn Theft Sentence Given Last Week in Recorder's Court

Ellis Roberts of Trenton route 2 has given notice of appeal to superior court from the 18 month prison term he was given last Friday by Recorder's Court Judge Joe Becton. Roberts had been convicted of stealing corn. He is free under \$500 bond, pending trial of his case in superior court.

Other cases cleared in the past week by guilty pleas before Clerk Walter Henderson or trial before Becton included the following:

Wilbur Metts of Trenton route 2 was found guilty of assault on a female and was given a suspended sentence on condition he remain on probation for two years and pay a \$25 fine.

Peter Robinson of Kinston route 3 paid court costs for public drunkenness.

In another seldom used indictment Lemmie Reynolds of Trenton route 2 was ordered to pay the court costs for "malicious prosecution". Reynolds caused a warrant to be sworn out

against Ben Jenkins, charging Jenkins with assaulting him and then he had failed to show up to testify against Jenkins.

Milton Boyette of Goldsboro was found guilty of assault and malicious damage to private property for which he was fined \$10 and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$13.50 for property he had torn up.

James Lathan of New Bern was found not guilty of failing to yield the right of way.

Several check charges against Richmond Croom Jr. of Kinston were nolle prossed.

Kent Boutwell, Herman Stratley and William D. Reynolds of Camp Lejeune and Francis Teafoni of Compton Plains, N. J. paid speeding fines.

Others paying court costs for traffic violations included Rodolph Davis of Trenton route 1, Jesse Banks of Maysville, John Jones Jr. of Trenton, Freddie Koonce of Kinston route 3 and Carl Flowers of Trenton route 2.

## Two Civil Suits Filed Last Week In Jones County Superior Court

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports two civil actions being filed in his office during the past week.

In the first the Boomtown Furniture Company of Jacksonville seeks to collect \$816.32 from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones Jr. of Jones County; this being the alleged balance due on a purchase of furniture made by the local couple.

In the other action Roosevelt Murrell is asking a divorce from Fannie Brown Murrell, alleging their marriage in January 1942 and their separation in January 1966.

## Same Sad Story

Tuesday's bid-opening by the State Highway Commission was the same sad story of the past 13 years: 39 jobs were let for \$13,456,317 and the second highway division, which includes Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Pitt, Beaufort, Greene and Lenoir counties got the child's part: Three tiny projects (.723 mile) with a total price of \$78,224. In Craven County .246 for \$27,404, in Jones .189 for \$29,973 and in Greene .288 for \$20,847.

## Nash Countian Has Poor Memory When Tractor Stolen in Kinston is Found

Nash and Lenoir County officers are getting an exhibition of very poor memory from a Nash County farmer who was found in possession of one of three tractors stolen from a Kinston firm early in December.

A tip led to an acceleration of the investigation over the weekend and turned up the tractor which was being "tried out" by one farmer, who was thinking of buying it from the man who admitted "owning it".

His tale of ownership was a trifle vague. He said he was in a store at "Lizard Lick" in Wake County, when a stranger asked

him if he'd like to buy a tractor at a "real good price". He allowed that he might.

Then, he told officers, the very next day this unknown man drove up to his farm in a yellow truck, on which the new tractor was loaded.

After some little negotiations he says he agreed to pay, and did pay the "unknown salesman" \$2400 for the tractor.

Later he said he decided he'd rather have his money than the tractor, and that's why he was letting his neighbor try it out.

Now he's out money and tractor.

## Pitt Grand Jury Returns Not a True Bill in Pistol Death of Worthington

This week the Pitt County Grand Jury returned "not a true bill" in the December 28, 1966 pistol death of Lenoir Countian David D. Worthington.

Worthington died in Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville on December 30th from two pistol wounds, suffered at the trailer home of John Chapman Jr. on the night of the 28th.

Worthington's wife had deserted him and their two children to live with Chapman, and Worthington, apparently in a fit of despondency had gone to the trailer home near Ayden. He reportedly had phoned Chapman and told him that he was coming.

Several shots were fired, including some by Chapman, who was shooting a pistol out a window of his trailer.

Worthington's wounds included one from a .22 caliber pistol and another from a .38 caliber pistol. Reports indicate that Worthington had the smaller caliber gun and had ammunition for it in his pocket.

The Chapmans and Worthingtons had been neighbors in Pine Villa, prior to Chapman leaving his wife, and Mrs. Worthington deserting her family.

## Father Is Charged

Last week Lynwood Earl Taylor of 1924 West Washington Street was booked on three charges on the same day. He was charged with passing a bum check in a warrant served on him by Kinston police and in warrants served on him by the sheriff's department he was charged with receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen and contributing to the delinquency of a minor child.

Taylor's son, a minor, was recently arrested on numerous charges of breaking, entering and larceny, and it is alleged that the father was a party to these larcenies of his son.

## Kinston Auto Dealers Closing After February 1st All Day On Saturday

A majority of Kinston's new car dealers have announced that they will be closed all day Saturday after February 1st. There are some exceptions and objections among the dealers but it is agreed that the majority will be closing.

Some of the dealers have expressed the feeling that they had to be open on Saturday in order to service the vehicles of "fleet operators", such as firms that also operate on a Monday-through-Friday basis and need their trucks and cars serviced over the weekend.

One dealer said he had talked with about 20 of his customers and they had all agreed that they would bend every effort to go along with the shorter work week, but the dealer said, "I am going to take care of my customers, one way or another."

Reason behind the move is the new wage and hour law which goes into operation February 1st, placing all new car dealers under its regulations, and forcing overtime payments to workers making more than 40 hours per week.

Most observers agree that the move will not stop many cars from rolling.

and carcass merit. Because it includes minimums or maximums in its standards, each measured factor tends to serve as a check on others, eliminating the danger of going too far in some respect at the expense of other factors.

Hampshire breeders have qualified more Certified Meat Sires, 622 to date, than any other breed.

## Busy Little Pair

New Bern police last week solved a hat full of crimes in Pitt, Lenoir and Onslow Counties with the arrest of William Ray Tyndall and James Thomas Long, both of New Bern who have admitted a long series of thefts from vending machines in these three counties. Their work included five "hits" in Kinston and eight around the fringes of Kinston. They chiseled open pop vending machines and unloaded the coin boxes. Damage to the machines was more extensive than the amount of money they got.

## LIEUTENANT G. C. KERRIGAN GETS ORDNANCE TRAINING

Second Lieutenant George C. Kerrigan, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kerrigan, 38 Taylor St., Trenton, completed an ordnance officer course Jan. 11 at the Army Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

He received nine weeks of training in the ordnance mission of supplying and maintaining the Army's weapons and combat vehicles.

## LIQUOR SENTENCES

Last Wednesday liquor law violators had the following judgments handed down in the local recorder's court. Rodessa Green of 212 South East Street and Pauline Nobles of 112 Broadway were fined \$25 after having a 30-day jail term suspended and James Brown of Happersville had a 60-day term suspended on payment of costs.