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Trenton Route 1 Man Suffers Critical Bullet Wound; Investigation Underway

George Lee Pate is on the critical list at the veterans hospital in Durham from a small caliber bullet wound he suffered Monday night.

Sheriff Brown Yates says there is not much to go on until and unless Pate recovers enough to give his version of what happened.

Pate, a 40 year-old World War Two veteran was found in his car at about 7:30 Monday night between Trenton and Cove City. The passerby who found him did not detect the seriousness of Pate's injury and took him home.

There, members of Pate's family found that he had a puncture wound in the right temple so they took him by car to a Kinston hospital where X-ray examination revealed that a small caliber bullet had gone almost all the way through Pate's head.

He was then transferred by ambulance to the Durham hospital.

Sheriff Yates says a thorough search of the area where Pate was found has not turned up any weapon, and none was found in his car.

Sheriff Yates says there are, of course, three possibilities: That of attempted suicide, based on the premise that Pate might have shot himself some distance from where he was found and either threw away or dropped the pistol; that he was shot by another person and was trying to get home, and that a stray bullet might have done what stray bullets do once in a while, hit someone.

Yates said he had talked with people in the Cove City area who saw Pate late Monday afternoon and early in the night, but none of these has shed any light on the incident.

Sheriff Reports More Traffic Than Usual Around Jail

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports a considerably heavier traffic around the county jail in the past week with eight clients having been registered there.

Joe Keels of Maysville was charged with drunken driving and driving without a driving license.

Arthur Lee Taft of Dover route 2 and Paul Edward Brown of Richlands were each charged with drunken driving.

Perry Bellamy of Pollockville, William T. Banks of Trenton route 2 and C. J. Bryant of Swansboro were each accused of being publicly drunk.

Camp Lejeune Marine Kenneth Charles Webber was booked by Patrolman C. W. Oakley on charge of speeding 110 miles per hour.

Elmer Hall of Trenton route 2 was arrested on a capias from recorder's court.

Bobby Cox Herd Sire Setting Records; Sale from Herd Friday in Kinston

The first six head from Robert E. Cox's Performance Test lot by New Era CL, are setting new records for the Cox herd, according to word from the Poland China Association at Galesburg, Illinois.

To date the pigs by New Era CL are the fastest gaining pigs Cox has tested to date, and they have the lowest backfat. The six head already slaughtered have averaged 208 pounds at an average age of only 134 days, and have carried only 1.16 inches of backfat. They have averaged 29.6 inches in pork carcass length, and 4.72 square inches of loin-eye.

New Era CL is the Cox junior herd sire. Cox purchased him at the breed's National Spotlight Show a year ago at a cost of \$2,850. He was Grand Champion of the show.

However, from these early test results, it would appear that he

is proving an exceptionally sound investment, according to C. W. Mitchell, Secretary of the breed Association. Hog breeders and pork producers are striving for fast, efficient gain, the lowest possible backfat, along with lots of lean meat. Obviously the pigs by New Era CL are doing an outstanding job in each department, Mitchell concludes.

The progeny of New Era CL are being fed out for rate an efficiency of gain on the Cox farm, under the supervision of J. R. Franck, Jones County Extension Director. The kind of pork carcasses they produce are being evaluated at the Frosty Morn Packing Company at Kinston.

Cox will hold a bred sow and fall boar sale at the livestock arena south of Kinston, Friday, February 10th. The offering will feature sows carrying litters by New Era CL and fall boars and gilts by him.

Police Seeking Armed Robber

Area police are looking a 30 to 35 year-old Negro who robbed Kinston Taxi Driver George Walter Whaley at pistol point in New Bern Tuesday night. Whaley said three people came in on the 2:30 bus Wednesday morning and he took all three, and delivered the first two to a house on Harvey Street, after which the remaining passenger asked how much the cab fare to New Bern would be. Arriving in New Bern he pulled a pistol, took Whaley's watch, wallet and other personal belongings and then forced Whaley to return to Kinston, where the thief got out in front of Lane's Funeral Home, after carefully wiping the cab for his fingerprints and disconnecting the cab radio.

Tuesday Suicide

Coroner Raymond Jarman has ruled the Tuesday afternoon death of Mrs. Laura Hardy suicide. Kinston police were notified at 5:11 p.m. that the 28 year-old wife of J. A. Hardy of 2309 Woodview Road had shot herself. She was dead by the time police and medical aid arrived at her home. She died from a single .22 caliber pistol wound in the head. All evidence supported the premise that she had inflicted the wound herself.

SOLDIER FINED

James McKinley Montford of Fort Bragg was ordered to pay a total of \$177.40 in recorder's court last week after being found guilty of drunken driving and several lesser driving charges. He was also ordered to surrender his driving license.

EXPENSIVE TANGLE

Saturday night at the corner of East and Washington streets \$750 damage was estimated to the cars of Cola Earl Ashe of Trenton and Lance Ahlstrom of Camp Lejeune and Ashe was charged with failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident since his car rammed the Marine's in the stern.

Duck Thief Gets 60-Day Suspended Jail Term; 25 Cases Cleared in Past Week from Recorder's Docket

In the past week 25 cases have been cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court — nine by trial before Judge Joe Becton and 16 by submission before Clerk Walter Henderson.

Lewis Whitfield of 815 South Heritage Street in Kinston was found guilty of stealing eight ducks from Emma Grady and some corn — apparently to feed the ducks. He was given a 60-day jail term, suspended on payment of \$24 for the ducks and the corn and also pay the court costs.

James Willie Hill was found guilty of assaulting Annie Lee Hill with his fist and breaking off one of her teeth. He got a 30-day jail term suspended on payment of a \$25 fine, the condition he remain away from Mrs. Hill and not violate any law for two years.

Clennie Lee Hill of Pollockville route 1 was given a 6-month jail term for not supporting his wife and eight children. The jail term was suspended on condition he pay \$25 per week for support of his family and also pay the court costs.

A worthless check charge against James H. Moon of New Bern was nolle prossed.

James T. Long of New Bern waived appearance on three larceny charges, growing out of the rifling of vending machines at Clyde Monette's, I. D. Hill's and Audrey Kennedy's filling stations. This same New Bernian is waiting trial for similar offenses in Lenoir, Onslow, Wilson and Craven counties. He was ordered to make restitution for the damage he did and pay court costs.

Perry Bellamy of Pollockville and Oliver Cobb of Trenton paid

costs for public drunkenness.

Speeding offenders who paid off included William A. Morton of Cherry Point, C. M. Nichols Jr., Stanton G. Widmeyer, Ray Leslie Liveley, Kenneth J. Scott, Thomas Montgomery and William S. Etheridge all of Camp Lejeune, William W. Watts of Jacksonville, J. C. Moreland of Alexandria, Va., Lewis R. Noll of Milltown, N. J. and Samuel Clinton James of Sunbury.

Others paying off for less serious traffic charges were Moses Lee Gooding of New Bern route 3, Audrey Vassey Wiggins of Trenton route 2, Dale K. Denton of Camp Lejeune, Edna Garvey Baysden of Jacksonville, Ambrose Roosevelt Williams of Pollockville route 1 and Dorothy Phillips Monette of Pollockville.

Lillie Meadows Chadwick of Pollockville route 1 was found not guilty of driving without a license.

Bank Brings Two Suits Against M. D. Jones of Maysville

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports filing two civil suits in his office during the past week.

In one the First Citizens Bank seeks to recover \$1000 as the balance on a note signed by M. D. Jones.

In the other suit the same bank seeks to collect \$799.45 which it alleges is the balance on a note signed by M. D. Jones and Dorothy Jones.

Lenoir County Farmers Organize to Fight Exorbitant Hail Insurance Rate

A group of Lenoir County farmers, concerned over the high rate charged in Lenoir County for hail insurance, has organized to press for a reduction in the rates charged in this county.

The Lenoir County Hail Rate Committee plans to present its case to State Insurance Commissioner Edwin Lanier in Raleigh on Tuesday, February 28.

Lenoir County's hail rates are among the highest charged in the State and are the highest charged in this area. The 1966 rate in Lenoir County was \$6 per \$100, as compared to \$5 in Jones, \$4 in Pitt, \$3.75 in Wayne, \$3.25 in Wilson, \$3.75 in Craven, \$4.50 in Duplin and \$4 in Greene.

Hail insurance rates are based on the amount of claims paid for previous years and vary from county to county.

The Hail Rate Committee charges that this county's high hail insurance rate was calculated on figures that included a number of allegedly fraudulent claims.

Substance is lent the Committee's case by the fact that John I. Elmore, a former Kinston insurance agent, has been charged with hail insurance fraud.

Elmore, who now resides in Scotland Neck, is slated for a hearing before Lanier February 13. He is charged in 22 cases of having violated the statutes in that "he did knowingly and willfully make a false representation for insurance against direct loss by hail to tobacco crops."

Elmore's license to operate an insurance business has been suspended pending the hearing. The action followed an Insur-

ance Department probe of alleged tobacco hail insurance manipulations, including alleged fraudulent collection of claims through fictitious accounts.

A number of Lenoir County farmers have indicated an interest in attending the Elmore hearing with a view to discovering information about hail insurance rates. They are reluctant to do so, however, without an invitation from the Insurance Department to them or the public at large to attend.

Woodard Honored

Billy Woodard, general manager and Sportscaster with Radio Station WFTC in Kinston has been honored by the Raleigh Hot Stove League as the top sportscaster of North Carolina for 1966. Woodard will receive the honor next Tuesday at the annual banquet of the league in the faculty club building of State University. Ted Williams will be the featured speaker at the meeting and San Francisco Giant Pitcher Gaylord Perry of Williamston will receive the annual Will Wynne award for the North Carolinian making the biggest contribution to professional baseball in 1966.

HIT-AND-RUN CHARGE

Sunday night a warrant was issued charging Jamie D. Holloway with hit-and-run driving after the parked car of Matthew Miller of 907 Chestnut Street was sideswiped near the corner of Queen and Shine streets, with \$350 damage estimated to the Miller car.

Lawyers Ask Release from Defense of Six Charged with Rape, Armed Robbery

Tuesday court-appointed attorneys for six young negroes charged with rape and armed robbery filed their 96th motions, asking Judge Walter Cahoon to release them from further responsibility in the cases.

This is the 16th time that six almost identical motions have been filed by the attorneys named to defend the sextet. The lawyers are Fred Harrison, Donald Pollock, F. E. Wallace Jr., Dan Perry, Tommy Morris and W. A. Allen Jr.

Among the previous motions filed was one which asked that another lawyer be named to assist with the defense of each defendant. The basis of this motion was that Governor Dan Moore had appointed Attorney Tom White to assist Solicitor Walter Britt with the prosecution, and the defense lawyers felt that since two lawyers would be prosecuting two lawyers should be defending each client.

Judge Cahoon allowed this

motion for additional counsel, but named Harrison to assist Pollock, Pollock to assist Harrison, and so on through the six.

The motion filed Tuesday asserts that it is impossible to fairly defend two clients involved in the same crime, since things learned in the defense of one might compromise the defense of another.

Among the other motions they filed that Judge Cahoon allowed was one granting a separate trial for each of the defendants. Under another motion Solicitor Britt has to notify the defense counsel in advance the first defendant he plans to put on trial.

Four consecutive weeks of superior court are scheduled for March, when Britt planned to set the cases for trial, but with his assistant, Lawyer White, attending the session of the general assembly, which opens this week, there is some conjecture about the cases being tried while the assembly is in session.