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Ancient Squabble Over Onslow-Pender County Line is Dumped Into Jones County Superior Court for Hearing

On May 27, 1795 the State of North Carolina granted one David Allison 78,115 acres of land, and the stipulated boundary on one side of this grant called for the county line between Onslow and New Hanover counties. Later Pender County was created out of the northern end of New Hanover.

This week a law suit involving this never-established county line has been transferred from Onslow to Jones County for trial in the superior court.

The allegation in a motion asking that the trial be moved asserts that moving the county line could have major effect on the tax structure of either or both counties, since establishment of the county line might take from or add tens of thousands of acres of land to one of the counties, and since jurors

from either Onslow or Pender counties would have a direct interest in this matter of tax rate it was successfully argued that neither county was a proper place for trial of the law suit.

Nere E. Day of Onslow County is plaintiff in the litigation, and he is seeking to collect double damages for timber cut from a tract of 300 acres of land that he claims title to, which was a part of the Allison Grant.

Previously this case was non-suited against Day in Carteret County Superior Court, with him ordered to pay all the court costs, including fees to a referee and a court reporter that ran well over \$2,000.

In action first filed January 20, 1964 Day alleges that he has complied with the non-suit order in June 1949 and still has a legal cause of action.

His suits are against E. P. Godwin, J. W. Blanchard, D. O. Blanchard, N. P. Blanchard, W. J. Johnson, J. H. Bryant, C. H. Wells, J. O. Carr, R. M. Carr, W. B. Knowles, J. L. Herring, Paul Wells, R. N. Barringer, D. T. Carr, H. W. Beatty, J. C. Carr Jr. and the International Paper Company.

The answer of the defendants has pleaded the entire record of the earlier Carteret County referee hearing and the subsequent non-suit.

Four Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports booking four men at the county jail during the past week. Elbert Noah Smith of Pink Hill route 1 was charged with reckless driving; Ernest Odell Moore of Pollocksville route 1 was charged with ing 80 miles an hour and driving without a driver's license; David Earl Medlin of Leland route 1 was charged with speeding 80 miles and hour and reckless driving and Floyd S. Parker of Garner was accused of drunken driving.

Recorder's Court Clears 29 Cases During Sessions in Past Two Weeks

Trials before Judge Joe Beaton of guilty pleas before Clerk Walter Henderson have cleared 29 cases from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court in the past two weeks.

As usual the majority involved traffic charges, with 24 of the 29 cases in that category.

The non-traffic cases involved the following:

Herman Joyner of Maysville not guilty of assault on a female, James A. Gibbs of Maysville not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, Robert Baldwin of Maysville not prosecuted for passing worthless check, Clifton Autry Jr. of Maysville route 1 ordered to make good a worthless check and pay the court costs, Lennie James Matlocks of Maysville not prosecuted for assault on a female.

In the traffic department Louis Hamrick McLean of Wilmington paid \$120 for drunken driving, Elwood Warren Collins of Maysville was found not guilty of drunken driving, Clifton Adolph Davis of Maysville was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Ed Jones of Maysville star route paid \$26 for permitting an unlicensed person to drive and Ethon Stanley of Maysville star route paid \$26 for doing that driving without license.

Speeders who paid off included Charles E. Glaser of Cherry Point, David Allen Kinsey, Bobby K. Anders Jr., Nicholas Bianchi, William T. Marler and Henry A. Douglas all of Camp Lejeune. I. J. Sparrow III of Kinston, John Edward Banks of Comfort and William Buford Ladener of Wilmington.

Donald Ray Rasberry of Tren-

ton route 2 was found not guilty of speeding.

Others paying off for less serious traffic violations included Joseph Ginyard Jr. of Jacksonville, Richard Gordon Byrd of Dover route 2, Robert Earl Simmons of Dover route 2, Paul Ciccone Jr. of Camp Lejeune, Michael Jarvis Greene Jr. of Kinston, Patrick D. Gordon of Camp Lejeune, and William Edward Burns of Swansboro.

Suits for \$31,700 Filed From Pair of Accidents in 1966

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports filing five suits growing out of two 1966 automobile accidents in which total damages sought amounts to \$31,700.

In the first suit Betty Jarman, a former Craven Countian, now living in Virginia, is asking \$10,000 damage from Dorothy Dawson, a former Craven Countian, now living in California. Miss Jarman alleges serious injuries from an accident on November 2, 1966 on US 17 in Onslow County and she says the poor driving of Miss Dawson, who ran off the road and hit an embankment was the total cause of the wreck.

From an April 4, 1966 wreck a half mile east of Trenton on Highway 58 Helen Marie Burney seeks \$6,000, Vivian Koonce \$5,000, Fannie G. Bruinton \$5,000, and Clay Koonce \$5,700 for injuries and damages suffered when Koonce's car was struck by a car belonging to Prentice W. Turner and driven by Turner's son, Danny Kendall Turner.

Jones Delegates to NCEA Meet Chosen

Seven members of the Jones County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association were chosen to serve as delegates to the eighty-third annual convention of the N.C.E.A. to be held in Asheville April 6-8.

Delegates are: Mrs. Gladys Gerock, Mrs. Rozelle Wicks, Jetter Taylor, Earl Enzor, Bill Tharrington, Lynwood Barker and Amos Taylor.

Miss Tiny Hammond will serve as an official delegate from the District and Michael Mallard, J. W. Allen, Z. A. Koonce Jr., Clifton Philyaw and Miss Julia Whitty will serve as alternates.

Confession of Accomplice Melts Not Guilty Plea of Rapists and Trials Suddenly End in Lenoir County Court

Lenoir County court officials were braced for a long siege of court last week as trial of six young colored men charged with raping a Kinston girl last October 16th got started last Monday.

A special venire of jurors from Edgecombe County was on hand, and two days were spent in selection the first jury to be used in the six scheduled trials, since the court had previously agreed that each could be tried individually, rather than putting them on trial all at the same time.

But when Solicitor Walter Britt called the first witness for the state on Wednesday morning it was quickly apparent that there would not be a long series of trials.

That first witness was Jesse Lee Joyner, one of the defendants, who took the stand and in slow, measured terms told how the first defendant on trial, Cleveland Earl Graham, and the other four; Sylvester and Willie Flemings, Paul Lawrence Carmon, William Earl Chestnut and himself had met at a filling station and had decided to "go get a white girl".

He told how they found a white couple parked on a road near Stallings Field, and how they forced the young man into the boot of his car and then took the girl into the woods nearby and took turns raping her.

Graham, who had repeatedly refused to plead guilty, came back after the Noon recess and tendered in writing, in open court the plea of guilty, which under North Carolina law carries an automatic "life term in prison".

In short order all the other defendants repeated Graham's plea and drew the same "life sentence".

Negro Lawyer Donald Pollock, who had been appointed by the court to assist in the defense of one of the six, was sharply reprimanded by Presiding Judge William Paul, when Pollock attempted to argue that the only

facing "life" in prison was because they were colored boys who had raped a white girl.

Weekend Pass Accents Prison Department's Absurdity

Saturday afternoon a fine young man was handed a weekend pass by his commanding officer, and the purpose stated on his pass was to "visit with your cousin", whose address was listed as 504 North Blount Street in Raleigh.

Some how this fine young man got lost between his station at 1000 Rock Quarry Road in Raleigh and got down to Kinston, rather than to see his cousin.

Late Saturday night he was apprehended just after he stumbled into Rayner's Supermarket on the 500 Block of East Bright Street in Kinston.

This young man is Joseph Aldridge, who before he entered the "service" lived in Kinston. By profession he is a thief.

He was serving a sentence at the "Community Correctional Center" at 1000 Rock Quarry Road for nine different acts of breaking, entering and larceny committed in Kinston in 1964.

In 1962 he had been sent off to "correctional center" for 14 other breaking, entering and larceny charges.

He is not a juvenile, since Kinston police records place his age at 24.

The silly-season law which the "correction center" violated is Section 148-4 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, which

bestows on the "Director of Prisons" the authority to grant "extension of your place of confinement" to prisoners.

But sub-section (5) of this Section 148-4 of the general statutes specifically limits such "extension of confinement" to "visit or attend the funeral of a spouse, child, parent, brother or sister". Cousins and supermarkets are not mentioned.

Aldridge's weekend pass was issued on the authority of John B. Shearin, superintendent of the "Community Correctional Center", and it was signed by George D. Boone, for Superintendent Shearin.

In recorder's court Monday Judge Buck Wooten gave Aldridge one more year in prison

for damaging Rayner's Supermarket, and Kinston police are wondering if Aldridge will get back to the "correctional center" in time to pick up his weekend pass this weekend.

Sunday Program

The Choir of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in cooperation with The Kinston Arts Council will present "Requiem" by G. Faure. Featured will be Barbara Cobb, Soprano; Leonard Loftin, Baritone; James V. Cobb, Tenor, and Mary Hunter Brame, Organ, with Chamber Orchestra under the direction of William F. Brame. Beginning at 3:15 p.m. Palm Sunday, March 19, at the Church.

'He Went Thataway, Leo! Head Him Off at The Draw'

Saturday night at about 9:50 Deputy Sheriff Leo Harper was riding quietly along, minding his own business, and keeping a

sharp lookout for bank robbers, cattle rustlers and hoss thieves. Suddenly out of the dark loomed an ancient carriage of

'53 vintage which swerved suddenly into the path of the deputy's trusty mount.

The right front fender was peeled off the county car and the ancient '53 flivver kept on its not-so-merry way.

A few minutes after Harper was left pulling pensively on his pipe and wondering "Whot happened" Walter Gardner Jr. of 115 Spring Hill Street called the police station to report that his car had been stolen.

The accident happened just a few blocks from that address. Subsequent investigation led to some question of Gardner's veracity.

Police booked him on charges of failing to yield the right of way and leaving the scene of an accident.

Damage to the county car was estimated at \$400, and police allege that it would cost more to fix Gardner's car than it's worth.

(Photo by Capt. J. F. Thomas)



Maysville Glee Club To Sing Tuesday

The Maysville Elementary School Glee Club will sing at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Maple Grove Methodist Church Tuesday night, March 21, at 8.

The Glee Club is made up of students in grades 5-8 and is directed by Mrs. W. W. Wicks. Musical selections will be in keeping with the Easter season.