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## Allen Banks Badly Hurt Tuesday in Wreck Near Comfort; Friends Get in Another Accident Going to His Wreck

Two accidents took place within 15 minutes of each other two miles west of Comfort on Highway NC 41 Tuesday night. Patrolman R. D. Jenkins says the first accident took place at about 8:30 when Allen Roger Banks of Trenton route 2 lost control of his truck while driving westwardly.

The truck went out of control down the shoulder of the road for 300 feet before hitting a tree and then bounced off and went another 136 feet before finally coming to a stop.

Banks suffered serious injuries for which he is under treatment at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston.

Two friends of Banks, Donald Metts and Lewis Philyaw, also of Trenton route 2, heard of Banks' accident and in their own cars started to see if they could lend a helping hand.

Metts tried to pass Philyaw, hit the shoulder, swerved back onto the road and hit the Philyaw car. Neither was injured

but damage to Philyaw's car was estimated at \$400 with only \$30 damage done to Metts' car.

Patrolman Jenkins charged Metts with improper passing.

Attendants at the hospital said Banks' condition is fair and his injuries included serious cuts and bruises over a large part of his body and possible internal injuries.

## Three Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports booking three people at the county jail in the past week. Lee Fryer of Trenton route 2 was charged with having had carnal knowledge of a minor child, Ed Green Jr. of Trenton was charged with assault and Willie Dixon of Trenton route 1 was charged with public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon.

## Light Activity in Recorder's Court During Past Week

Only six cases were cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court in the past week.

Ed Green Jr. of Trenton was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and malicious damage to private property for which he was given a 60-day jail term, suspended on payment of a \$10 fine, court costs and \$18.95 for damage he had done. He was also placed on good behavior for one year.

Annie Hill of Pollocksville was found not guilty of assault and Pearl Mae Roberts of Kinston was found not guilty of following too closely.

Larry Douglas Spence of Kinston, Jim Kinsey Sabiston of Jacksonville and David Eugene Chadwick of Maysville route 1 were each fined for speeding.

## Youth Drowned Sunday Afternoon in Trent River Swimming Hole at Trenton

Twelve year-old Larry Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Jones of Trenton route 2, was drowned Sunday afternoon while bathing with a group of youngsters in a favorite Trent River swimming hole in the edge of Trenton.

The youth who was not an ex-

pert swimmer got in water over his head and although his body was recovered fairly quickly by W. W. Mallard III of Trenton revival efforts proved futile.

There was a possibility that he had gotten caught under a log, or that possibly his body drifted under the log after he was drowned.

## Three Accident Suits and One Divorce Action Filed in Jones County Court

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports receiving four civil actions in his office during the past week, including three for damages growing out of automobile accidents and another seeking a divorce.

Separate suits were filed by Carl Flowers and his wife, Annie Lee Flowers, against Freddie Franklin Koonce and Koonce's father, Clay. These grew out of an accident on January 15, 1967 on Highway NC 58.

Flowers asks \$500 for damages to his car and Mrs. Flowers is asking \$5,000 for personal injuries she suffered in the crash.

Duff Taylor has brought suit against Norris Gorden Hanson from an accident that took place just north of Pollocksville on March 29, 1967 on Highway US 17.

Taylor is asking \$400 for damages to his car and \$5,000 for damage to his person.

The divorce action was brought by Gloria Spence Sumnerlin against Richard L. Sumnerlin and alleges their marriage on May 2, 1964 and their separation on August 3, 1966.

## Correction

In the August 10 edition of The Journal figures in the report of the county accountant pertaining to the tax collection department were misinterpreted. The item reported uncollected 1964 taxes amounting to \$31,235, uncollected 1965 taxes amounting to \$27,282.59 and uncollected 1966 taxes amounting to \$41,362.90. Actually this was the amount that had been collected on the taxes for each of those years. The accurate figure for 1964 uncollected taxes is \$11,196.67 and for 1965 it is \$15,905.62. Sorry 'bout that, Chief!

## TOBACCO INDUSTRY STILL STRONG DESPITE MEDICAL STATISTICIANS' EFFORTS



To some medical statisticians tobacco is blamed from all human ailments from infectious dandruff to ingrown toe nails.

To Eastern North Carolina tobacco is what it takes to cut the mustard, lift the mortgage, send children to college and pay the taxes that support the doctors who are trying to kill the tobacco industry.

This is tobacco's time of the year.

Tobacco is with Eastern Carolina 365 days of every year. From plant bed preparation, to seeding beds, picking beds, transplanting, cultivation, harvesting to marketing. . . That is the cycle.

But this is pay day.

And although it is not quite the event it once was because the farm income has been

broadened and stabilized to that point where few farmers remain broke all the year except at tobacco selling time.

But this is the biggest pay day of the year for the vast majority of Eastern Carolina's farmers.

The time when the freezing winter's work and the melting summer's labor are redeemed for those golden leaves of that fabulous weed, Nicotiana Tabacum.

Tobacco is, acre-for-acre, the nation's most valuable crop. Tobacco ranks sixth in value of all crops grown in the United States, behind corn, wheat, cotton, beans and hay.

But tobacco is planted on just under 1,000,000 acres, while there are nearly 60,000,000 acres of corn, 50,000,000 acres of wheat, over 14,000,000 acres of cotton,

hay is planted on more than 70,000,000 acres and soybeans cover over 35,000,000 acres in an average year.

In addition to employing some more than a million people from the farm through the tobacco plant this fabulous weed drops over \$2 billion dollars each year into the federal treasury, another \$1.5 billion dollars into the state treasuries where tobacco is taxed and nearly another half billion dollars into the treasuries of those cities which have still another tobacco tax.

The farmers who spend those long, difficult, expensive hours with this tough, yet delicate crop collect a gross of just over \$1 billion each year for their efforts; so it is easy to see that tobacco pays all levels of government more than four times as

much as the people get who produce it, and this tax on tobacco does not include the real estate taxes that are paid by farmers, warehouses, transportation companies or the tobacco industry and the plants of the major manufacturing companies.

So, tobacco as well as being presently a big controversy is very big business.

This year over 600 billion cigarettes will be manufactured in this country, and there is also over nine billion cigars, 75 million pounds of pipe tobacco, 50 million pounds of chewing tobacco and more than 30 million pounds of snuff manufactured. All in all, a lot of puffing, chewing, dipping and sneezing going on.

The statisticians who have tried unsuccessfully to destroy

the tobacco industry declare that smoking causes disease. Up until now they have not explored the possibility that disease, or the underlying causes of disease might cause smoking. It is the age old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

The answer is not likely to be found, and people in the foreseeable future are not likely to quit using this gummy weed as Graham Hemminger put it poeticaly:

"Tobacco is a dirty weed. I like it.  
It satisfies no normal need, I like it.  
It makes you thin, it makes you lean,  
It takes the hair right off your bean.  
It's the worst darn stuff I've ever seen. I like it."