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Busy Session Friday Clears Large Volume Traffic Cases from Docket

The Friday, December 8, session of Jones County Recorder's Court held in Trenton by Judge Joe H. Becton had more than the usual number of traffic and minor criminal offenses.

Several of the cases that came before Judge Becton for judgment were not propped: Alonza Darden of 429 Sampson Street in Kinston, charged with driving with an invalid license, Robert Dillahunt, Cove City man charged with non-support; J. C. Jarman, of Pollocksville, charged with assault on a female; and Jerry Jerome O'Neal of Norfolk charged with speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone.

Christeen Dudley of Maysville had an assault case dismissed.

Ellison Jenkins of Grifton was found guilty of driving under the influence, but he gave notice of appeal to Superior Court.

Raymond Koonce of Trenton was found guilty of assault and given a six months suspended sentence on condition that he pay the medical bills of the assaulted person and court costs. Koonce was also placed on a two-year probation by Judge Becton.

Norman Ray Mitchell of Route 3, Kinston, was found guilty of passing two worthless checks and ordered to make restitution and costs.

Carl Weldon Franks of Pollocksville was found guilty of non-support and given a 90-day suspended sentence. Franks was ordered to pay court costs and \$50 a month towards the support of his two children.

Judge Becton was lenient in two youthful offender cases when he handed down decisions of prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs to Teddy Earl Penny, 18, of Route 2 Beulaville, who was charged with driving under the influence and to Tony Dale Criscitello, 16, of Maysville, charged with speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

In instances where defendants waived appearance and paid fines and/or costs, Corporal Ronald Lee Davidson of Camp Lejeune paid \$16 for reckless driving; John William Daniels of Route 3 La Grange paid \$13 for driving with improper brakes; Jessie Earl May of Route 2 Trenton, \$14 for driving with inadequate brakes;

Sheriff Yates Collects Damages as Litigation Ends in Consent Non-Suits

Monday in Onslow County Superior Court consent non-suits were taken in damage suits that grew out of an accident in Pollocksville two years ago which hospitalized Sheriff Brown Yates.

Yates suffered serious injuries when his car crashed into a New Hanover County fish truck that was stalled, broadside without lights on NC 58 in Pollocksville.

Brown first brought suit against the driver and owner of the truck for personal injuries and the total loss of his car.

Then a counter-claim was set up by the owner of the fish truck, alleging that Sheriff Yates was driving while under

John Bailey of Route 1 Maysville, \$26 for driving with an invalid license; and, Edgar Earl Mills of Route 1 Trenton, paid the court costs for improper passing.

Defendants who waived appearance and paid fines for speeding were: Everette Vaughn Eubanks of Route 1 Pollocksville, \$30 and costs for speeding 75 mph in a 60 mph zone; Jimmie Earl White of Route 2 Trenton, \$26 for speeding 65 mph in a 55 mph zone; and David J. Krause of Camp Lejeune, \$26 for speeding 70 mph in a 60 mph zone.

A. E. Radford of Princeton paid \$271.50 to make good a worthless check.

Land Transfers

Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the following land transfers during the past week: From East Carolina Associates Incorporated to Howard G. and Fay J. Owens, one lot in Pollocksville Township.

From James Harold Kilpatrick and Irma Lee K. Barwick to Thurman Ray and Christine Harden DeBruhl, the 189.3-acre "Kathleen DeBruhl Farm" in Beaver Creek Township.

From Bert O. and Lillian A. Mercer to Meda G. Bell and John C. Bell Jr., two lots in White Oak Township.

And, from James B. and Thelma W. Henderson to James W. and Margaret Q. Henderson, a .75-acre lot in Trenton Township.

Bert Mercer Promoted, Transferred To Wake County as of December 1

State Highway Patrolman Bert O. Mercer of Maysville was promoted December 1 to the rank of Corporal and received along with the promotion a transfer to Raleigh and the Wake County Highway Patrol District.

In a recent interview, Corporal Mercer said that the duties of his new position will include "on-the-highway instruction and supervision of a group of eight less-experienced patrolmen in the performance of their jobs." Mercer is one of 40 patrolmen out of a possible 720 who were promoted to the rank of corporal in the State Highway Patrol Department's recently announced campaign to bolster the size of the force and to increase its proficiency.

A veteran of 14½ years on the Patrol Force, Mercer has been stationed the last six years in Jones County and spent two previous years, 1956-58, here.

Mercer is a native of Pamlico County where he graduated from Pamlico County High School in 1945. He then entered the United States Navy for four years.

In 1953, after attending the University of North Carolina two years, Mercer entered the State Highway Patrol School at Chapel Hill, a branch of the Institute of Government at

UNC. He is married to the former Audrey Caswell of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and they have four children, all boys. Johnny is 13, Danny 10, Tommy seven, and Bobby is four.

Mercer said that he met his wife when she came through the state on a trip to Florida. When asked if he met his wife by pulling her and giving her a ticket, Mercer said, "Well no, it wasn't quite that way at all."

A fishstew-farewell party is to be given the Mercers by the Legionnaires at the American Legion building Saturday, December 15, at noon.

Jones Central Lists Honor Roll for Second Period

The following honor roll list has been released by Jones Central High School Principal Robert C. Lewis Jr. An average of 90 is required for Honor Roll Recognition.

The honor roll by grades is as follows:

Ninth Grade: Bonnie Banks, Celina Crowder, Martha Eubanks, Pam Jenkins, Marsha Heath, Barbara Henderson, Jeffery Humphrey, Murray Jones, Esther Jones, Janie Meadows, Deborah Metts, Betty Lou Mills, William Mills, John Taylor, Larry Thompson, Bill Turner, Hazel Shivar, Betty Jean Taylor and Grace Taylor.

Tenth Grade: Frank T. Bender Jr., Peggy J. Bryan, Deborah Jenkins, Jennifer Laine McCoy, William Pruitt, Susan Morgan, Gregory Strayhorn, Michael Thompson and Lynn Thompson.

Eleventh Grade: Jay Bender, Elizabeth Byrd, Sue Cauley, Gregory Haddock, Sylvia Hargett, Janice Jones, Judy Jones, Sherwood McDaniel, Wanda Mills and Storma Thomas.

Twelfth Grade: Mike Avery, Billy Bynum, Claudia Armstrong, Linda Kay Chase, Paula DeBruhl, Raymond Jarman, David Jones, Larry Mallard, Donna Mallard, David Norris, Jimmy Swink, Linda Provost, Francis Strayhorn, Hugh Wilkinson, Diane West, Eugene White and Glenda Turner.

Dewey Small Continuing Effort to Get Trenton Trash Dump Removed to Location Causing Less Health Threat

"We, the people of Jones County do hereby declare that the City Garbage Dump at its present location is a public nuisance as well as a health hazard to the community and is located too close to the Slaughter House. It has caused considerable discomfort to the school.

"We decline to patronize the Slaughter House because of the Garbage Dump.

"We are asking whomever it may concern to please move the dump.

"We, the undersigned do strongly insist prompt action."

The above complaint with the signatures of 162 petitioners was circulated more than a year ago and has been circulated twice since that time by Dewey Small, owner and operator of the above-mentioned slaughter house which is located about a quarter of a mile from the Trenton city limits and about a hundred feet from the edge of the garbage dump.

Small, whose residence is located only 50 feet from the dump, says that he has repeatedly presented the citizens' complaint to "town officials and the County Board of Health," but as far as he knows, "nothing has been done about the situation."

According to Small and other residents of the nearby area, rats, attracted by the considerable refuse deposited in the dump, are running rampant in the dump area and for some distance around it. Small says that he has lost four calves to disease brought in by the rats and has "picked up over 200 dead rats in the last month" that he killed by poisoning.

Mrs. Small said that smoke from the burning trash in the dump often blows into and over their house burning their eyes, ruining newly-laundered clothes, and creating a fire hazard that prevents she and her husband from purchasing fire insurance or borrowing money.

A letter, dated March 11, 1966, from the State Stream Sanitation Committee, a division of the State Department of Water Resources in Raleigh, reports that an investigation concerning a complaint of pollution of the Trent River in the vicinity of Trenton was made and states that the dump is so close to the river that seepage of toxic materials found in the dump could easily, in time of flooding, cause many of the fish in the river to be killed. The report said that there was also an appreciable

oil slick on the river that was caused by the discharge of wastes from the State Highway Commission Garage a short distance upstream from the garbage dump.

The report gave Small a clean bill of health by concluding that "The E. D. Small Slaughterhouse does not discharge wastes to the Trent River." Copies of the letter and report were sent to Charlie White of the State Board of Health, the Town of Trenton, the State Highway Commission, Jack Bayless of the Wildlife Resources Commission, and to the E. D. Small Slaughter House.

A second letter, dated March 30, 1966, from the State Stream Sanitation Committee and addressed to former Trenton mayor, M. E. Hines, reports the findings of the investigation and requests the town of Trenton "to advise this office of the action it proposes to take in eliminating the flooding of the garbage dump." Small reiterated that although Dr. John H. Thompson has since the time of the investigation been elected Mayor of Trenton, as far as he knows, no action has been taken in the matter.

Small revealed that the site of the dump was leased to the town by Robert T. Johnson who died in 1965. This is the same Robert T. Johnson whose will, bequeathing a substantial educational scholarship fund to needy and deserving Jones County high school graduates, was recently upheld in Jones County Superior Court.

According to Small, who declined to give the person's identity, a resident of the Trenton area has volunteered to furnish a dump area at no cost to the town in an acceptable location, but has not been able to talk with Mayor Thompson although Small said that they had called on him several times. Small indicated that at the present time prospects for the repositioning of the dump appear bleak but added that he and the group of concerned citizens have not given up hope.

Marriage License

The Register of Deeds' office reports two marriage license applications during the past week: Edward Thomas Avery of Cove City, and Nora Elizabeth Koonce of Trenton.

And, Boyd Preston Harris of Los Angeles, California, and Hilda Grace Jones of Route 1 Trenton.

More Section of US 70 Set for Four Lanes Under Bids Opened on Tuesday

Two more major segments of US 70 between Raleigh and Morehead City will be widened to four lanes under bids opened Tuesday by the Highway Commission in Raleigh.

Sherman Simpson, Inc. of Mount Airy bid low for widening that section from the Wayne County line to the Kinstonian Motel just west of Kinston at \$2,619,261.

Barrus Construction Company of Kinston bid low on widening the section from just west of Dover to Lenoir County Community College at \$865,428.

Low bidder for structures on the segment between the Wayne County line and US 258 went to Crowder Construction Company of Charlotte for \$251,555. This includes bridges across

Bear Creek and Falling Creek.

Low bidder for bridges on the segment from Kinston to Dover was Kitchen Construction Company of Warsaw at \$84,508. The only major bridge on this section is across Southwest Creek.

Last month Barrus Construction Company bid low at \$1,033,741 on widening to four lanes that segment of 70 between Goldsboro and the Lenoir County line.

With the completion of these segments the portion of 70 between Smithfield and about six miles west of Goldsboro and that section between Dover and the Streets Ferry road west of New Bern will be the only portion of the road between Raleigh and Morehead City not approved for four lanes.