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Jones County Commissioners Have Busy Session as Work on New Year Begins in First Session Tuesday

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, January 2 in its first meeting of the new year and voted to open bids for a Courtroom painting contract in a continuation of the general Courthouse renovation plan that is already in progress.

The Commissioners also decided to paint all of the offices in the Agriculture building. Much of this work has already been completed and the remainder is to be done as soon as possible. A total of \$431 has been spent so far in repairs and improvements of the Agriculture building and the Board agreed that the rest of the work can be paid for without going over the \$500 ceiling that had been set previously.

Tax Collector Julian Waller gave his annual report to the Board and showed a total of taxes, insolvents, and lands sales for \$16,628.10. He was given authorization to correct a \$41.90 collecting mistake involving Abram Simmons and Aaron Simmons.

License Examiner Charles May of the State Highway Patrol was allocated a room in the basement of the Courthouse. County Librarian Mrs. Mary Thomas and Mrs. Alta Koonce of the Branch and Trust Company of Trenton appeared before the Board and discussed with them the possibility of relocating the Trenton library from its present location to the old Post Office building which is for rent. Nothing was decided definitely except that the Library Board should get together with the Town Board and discuss the procurement of funds after which Mrs. Thomas would report back to the Commissioners.

ABC Board member Ray Harrison gave his report and indicated that the retained earnings for the Jones County ABC Board for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1967, were \$97,887.29.

Harrison said that the ABC Board would probably turn over about \$30,000 to the County this year as opposed to the usual \$25,000 since the reserve fund has been built up to a stable level.

The Board of Commissioners reappointed Logan Green to a three-year term on the Jones County ABC Board.

The Commissioners authorized an appropriation for expenses to send a representative of the Sheriff's Department to the next school to learn how to operate the newly acquired breathalyzer.

Holidays for County employees for the new year were set for the same days as last year: Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, and two days for Thanksgiving.

IN AND OUT AND IN

Hubert Hill of 413 Caswell Street completed serving a 60-day jail term Saturday afternoon at the city jail. Saturday night he was back in his old room, charged with assault upon a female, resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer.

Relatively Quiet in Jones During Holiday Period

The Jones County Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests during the recent Christmas and New Year's holiday period: John Haywood Davis of Pollocksville was charged by Highway Patrolman C. W. Oakley with speeding 100 miles per hour.

Loyal Franklin of Pollocksville was picked up by Patrolman Oakley for driving under the influence and was also charged with hit-and-run driving.

Melvin Sharp of Maysville, was arrested by Constable Royal E. Provost and Deputy Sheriff Milton Arthur for destroying personal property. Sharp was sent to Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro on an emergency commitment by the Clerk of Superior Court's Office.

Clerk Issues Civil Judgment in Jones Superior Court

Three civil case judgments have been handed down already in the new year by Clerk of Superior Court Walter Henderson. Two of the judgments were by default and the third resulted in a non-suit.

First Citizen's Bank and Trust Company of Maysville was awarded \$2,400 plus interest from October 14, 1965, from Robert Nobles and wife for a breach of contract to repay a loan. The

ment by the Clerk of Superior Court's Office.

Wilber Metts, 44, of Route 2 Trenton was picked up by Deputy Sheriff Dan Killingsworth and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Thieves Hit Trenton Hardware Store Thursday; Take Rifle, Money, Records

A thief or thieves broke into the Trenton Hardware Store owned by Fred Foscue last Thursday night by neatly removing a large glass window in the front of the building.

Foscue said that a rifle worth about \$50 and some other merchandise, and about \$3 in petty cash were taken along with a box containing the accounts receivable files. Without the files, Foscue said, he had no record of debts owed him.

When asked if he thought the files were taken purposely, especially since the robbery occurred just before the annual year-end auditing of the books, Foscue said, "No, the box that the files were in looked a lot like a

Nobles were also ordered to pay the court costs of the action.

Henderson awarded Pelletier and Weeks Motor Company of Maysville \$370.18 with interest dating from January 8, 1959, from Andrew Hill for a chattel mortgage on the purchase of an automobile. Hill was also ordered to pay court costs.

In the non-suited case, Mills and Thomas Furniture and Appliance Company was suing George Wright for the cost of a television set and nine-piece dining room group that Wright had contracted to buy. In rendering the non-suit judgment, Henderson directed Mills and Thomas to pay court costs.

strongbox and the thieves probably thought it contained money."

Foscue said he discovered the robbery Friday morning when he opened the store. Sheriff W. Brown Yates is investigating the break-in and unusual — whether by accident or by purposeful intent — theft of the accounts receivable files along with the other stolen items.

Jones County has Seven Deaths in '67 On Its Highways

Last year Jones County had seven people killed in traffic accidents and paradoxically, only one of the seven killed was a Jones Countian.

Jones County's first fatality of the year came on January 16th on Highway NC 41 between Trenton and Comfort at about 6:30 a.m. when Lacy Scott of Landis was killed in a one-car accident.

The second victim of the year in Jones County was Joseph C. Brooks of Camp Lejeune, who was killed at 5:30 a.m. February 23rd on US 17 about four miles north of Pollocksville.

On February 26th James M. Grady of Cove City was killed in a one-car wreck at about 9 p.m. six miles south of Pollocksville on US 17.

February, by far the deadliest month of the year for Jones County, also brought the only twin fatality of the year, and it came on the 27th about two miles south of Pollocksville on US 17, when Ronald Joseph Capicotto of Camp Lejeune was killed instantly and Arthur Maynard Coston of Onslow County suffered injuries from which he died several days later.

On September 5th Lewis Earl White of Dover became the sixth Jones fatality of the year on a rural paved road near Trenton.

The only Jones Countian to lose his life in the county in a wreck during the year was David Linwood Cox of Trenton route 1, who died instantly on the night of November 26th in a wreck on a rural paved road near Trenton.

Greene County has Six Auto Deaths in '67 in Three Wrecks

Greene County didn't have but three fatal auto accidents in 1967 but six people died in them.

Greene had only one fatal accident until November, with John Stuart Murphy being hit by a car as he lay drunk on a rural paved road near Snow Hill on the night of April 1st.

On November 6th Ronald Robinson of Lenoir County was killed in a one-car wreck seven miles west of Snow Hill.

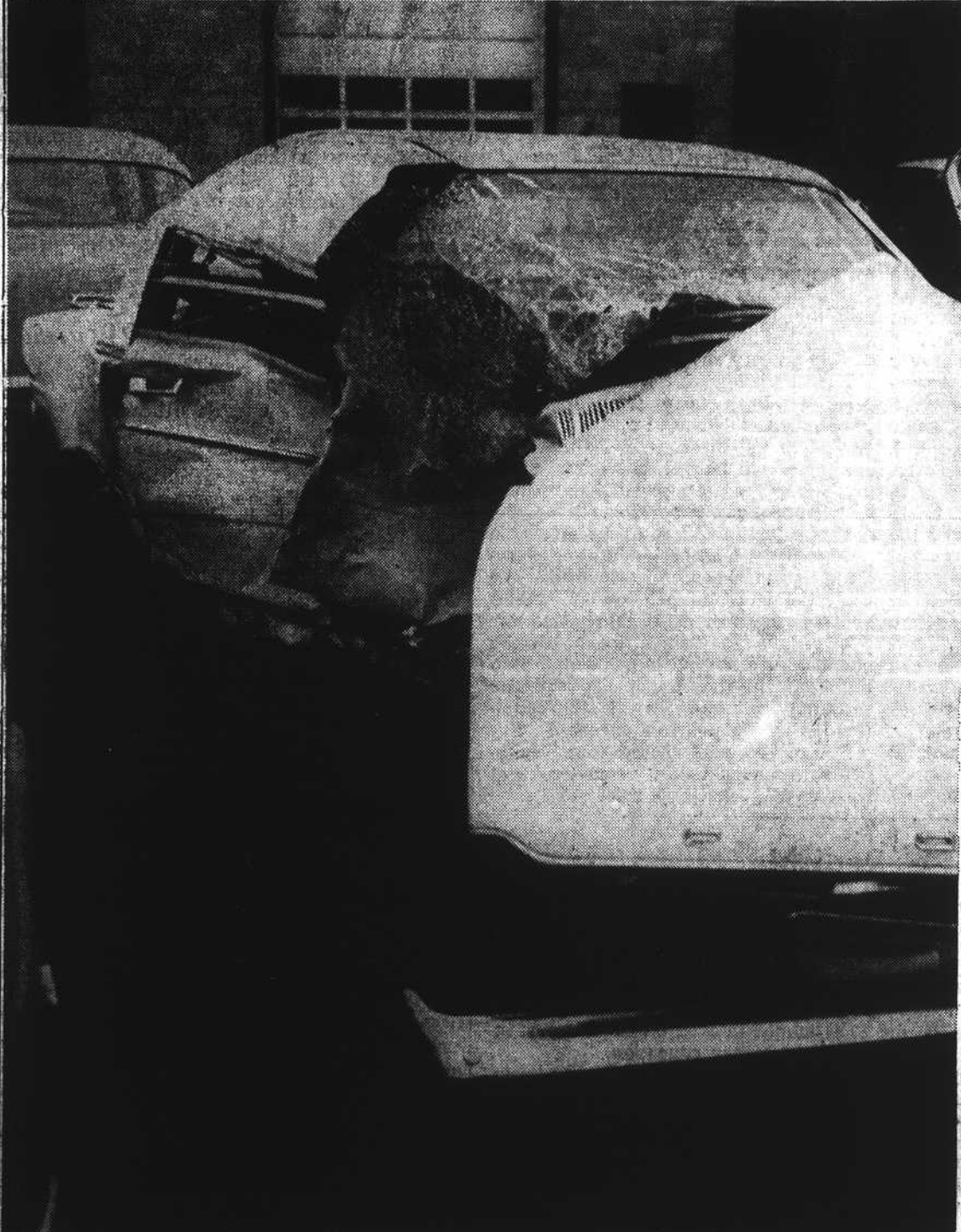
And on the night of November 11th four young people were killed on US 13 west of Snow Hill when their car went out of control at a very high rate of speed.

The dead in that one-car wreck included Claudius Corbett of Fountain, Diane Mozingo, Stephen Hardison and Karen Barbour, all of Farmville.

THREE INDICTED

Frederick Lee Cobb, James Lee Murphy and Larry Darnell Loftin, all of Kinston route 5 were arrested Monday in Wilmington and returned to Kinston to face auto theft charges.

Lenoir County's First Fatality of 1968 Comes Tuesday



This battered wreckage is the car in which 26 year-old Keith Ted Garris of Ayden route 2 met his death at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, four miles south of Kinston on Highway US 258. Highway Patrolman J. S. Irving says Garris was driving northwardly, when his car went

out of control and skidded broadside into the path of a southbound car driven by Camp Lejeune Marine Cpl. John C. Culick, who was seriously injured in the crash. Both were riding alone and both cars were classified total losses by Patrolman Irving.