

File Copy

# THE JONES COUNTY JOURNAL

NUMBER 41 TRENTON, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1968 VOLUME XIX

## Charges Made in Albert Jones' Murder

Wednesday warrants were issued by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates against two teen-aged Marines, who were absent without leave from Camp Lejeune, charging them with the February 6th murder of Jones County ABC Store Manager Albert J. Jones Jr.

Wednesday night one of the pair, Richard Rodseky, 17, was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Montgomery, Alabama, where he is being held pending extradition.

The other warrant is for Martin David Rochelle, and he had not been apprehended early Thursday.

Sheriff Yates says the pair was using a car, stolen in Virginia at the time they are accused of the brutal robbery and murder.

Jones died about four hours after being stabbed and slashed 22 times at about 1:30 p.m. as he worked alone in the county liquor store on US Highway 17 between Maysville and Pollockville.

The store was robbed of \$234.35 in cash and three pints of whisky.

Sheriff Yates says the charges were made on the basis of "several different kinds of evidence", and he was especially thankful for the help of the State Bureau of Investigation, The Criminal Investigation Department at Camp Lejeune and the FBI in bringing about this early solution of one of the most brutal crimes in recent Jones County history.

At presstime Thursday it was not known whether Rodseky would fight extradition to North Carolina, but his return is considered nothing more than a formality even if he does resist extradition.

## Judge Turns Most Defendants Before Him Loose; Some Enter Pleas to Clerk

Jones County Recorder's Court Judge Joe Becton started Friday February 9, session by dismissing two cases. Jasper Roy Payton of Route 1 Pollockville had dismissed charges of driving with a revoked license and careless driving on grounds of insufficient evidence, and Edward Moye of 1130 Lincoln Street in Kinston had dismissed a charge of non-support.

Chess Roberts of Trenton was found not guilty of assault on a

female.

Becton gave Corporal Gary Richard DeSanders of Saginaw, Michigan, a prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs for speeding 75 mph in a 60 mph zone, and the State took nol prosses with leave in the cases of Carlton Maurice Stanislawski of Havelock charged with failing to yield right of way and Zoddie Cunningham Waller of Deep Run, charged with speed-

## Smith Not Guilty

Willie J. Smith of Kinston route 2 was found not guilty of passing several thousand dollars worth of bad checks in recorder's court this week. Smith's defense was that he was hospitalized during the period when his wife and son wrote the checks on Smith Milling Company to farmers in Lenoir and Greene counties for corn and soybeans. Smith said he thought a check from a grain broker had been deposited to cover the purchases and this had not been done, causing the checks to bounce

ing 70 in a 60 mph zone.

In the only other case that came before him in the relatively light session, Becton found Charles Franklin Bryant of Route 1 Trenton guilty of drunken driving and fined him \$100 and costs. Bryant gave notice of appeal to Superior Court and posted a \$200 bond.

Several defendants waived appearance and paid fines and costs as follows: Joseph Peter Brazzelle of Jacksonville, John Adams Rouse of Seven Springs, Sergeant Paul Bryan Fulton Jr. of Camp Lejeune, Sergeant Robert Glen Benson of Camp Lejeune and Sergeant Ronald Laverne Anderson of Camp Lejeune all forked over \$26 apiece for speeding 70 in a 60 mph zone.

Myrtle Foy of Dover paid \$26 for not having a driver's license; Preston Bryan Mercer of 700 Dixon Street, Kinston paid \$13 for illegal passing; and Alvin Grant of Route 2 Dover paid \$13 for driving on the wrong side of the road.

## Drunken Dare Results in Drowning in Trent River Friday at Quaker Bridge

A mid-winter swimming frolic ended in tragedy at Quaker Bridge in the icy water of Trent River four miles west of Pollockville last Friday, when a 27-year-old Negro man drowned while trying to retrieve his hat from the water after having saved the life of his younger brother.

According to an eyewitness, Alonza Ward, the three men were riding along in the vicinity of the old Oak Grove Air Base when Ernest Odell Moore told his brother Willie Moore of Route 1, Pollockville that he would jump into Trent River if Willie would stop the car. Ward admitted the three had been drinking.

Willie stopped the car and Ernest jumped in and began floundering in the near-freezing deep water. Willie then jumped in also and managed to pull Ernest out of the river but lost his hat in the process.

When he entered the water the second time, the elder Moore went under and did not come back up, Ward said. A stopped watch on the dead man's wrist

indicated the time of death as approximately 3:20 p.m. Ward said that both brothers were known swimmers.

Efforts to recover the body were led by Gene Benton, James Albert Hewitt and R. E. Hewitt of Ocean Isle Development Company operating out of Shallotte who were in the area in connection with the Trent River Snagging and Clearing project. Jones Sheriff W. B. Yates, Highway Patrolmen C. W. Oakley and R. R. Mason as well as the Craven County Rescue Squad were in attendance.

The body was pulled up about 10 yards downstream from where Ward said Moore went under after an hour of dragging the bottom with grapples from a large motorboat.

Jones County Coroner Dr. G. W. Davenport ruled "accidental drowning" and said that the two submersions in the chilly waters probably were enough to send Moore's cardio-vascular system into a state of shock. Moore was also heavily clothed, wearing two pairs of pants and combat boots.

## Cigaret Thieves Get \$3370 Worth in Weekend Raid on Kinston Wholesaler

Thieves who tore through an adjoining wall hauled off \$3370.80 worth of cigarets from Kinston Wholesale Company at the corner of Grainger and Minerva Saturday night.

This is the first time Kinston has been hit by organized cigaret thieves who are thought to be operating out of New York City, where city and state cigaret taxes have attracted the eye of the big time syndicate which has now moved into this activity,

Wilbur Metts of Route 2 Trenton was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, but the charge was withdrawn and costs paid by the prosecuting witness.

ly left to "amateur smugglers".

This thievery took place Saturday night and on Sunday night Policeman Durwood Smith caught Jacob Newsome of 808 Chestnut Street climbing through a skylight of C. W. Howard's Wholesale house on Gordon Street.

Newsome was alone and was charged with breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools.

Police do not feel there is any connection between the two wholesale grocery break-ins; feeling that the successful job was a professional out-of-state operation and Newsome's effort was both amateurish and local.

## 'GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT' HITS SNAG ON ITS VERY FIRST POLITICAL UNVEILING

By Jack Rider  
"The best laid schemes of mice and men  
Gang aft agley;  
An' lea'e us nought but grief and pain  
For promis'd joy."

Among the best laid schemes of the 1967 session of the North Carolina General Assembly was a little legislative subterfuge called "Numbered Seats."

Until a collection of judicial nitwits stuck their greasy paw into the North Carolina political jampot each county in the state was allocated at least one member of the State House of Representatives, and there were 20 more representatives who were allocated to the largest counties in the state.

But along came Earl Warren and his nine nitwits and an unconstitutional fiat which established the ugly principle of "One-Man-One-Vote"; upsetting every state legislature in the land.

This usurpation of power by the federal judiciary resulted in multi-county districts, such as the 9th, which includes Jones, Greene and Lenoir counties; and to which just two house seats were allocated.

Jones County had a 1960 population of 16,741 and Lenoir County had 55,276 people.

If one assumes, as some nervous political Nellies have in the past week, that everybody in a given county is going to vote for candidates for his home county, and against candidates from

other counties it would be logical to assume that any Lenoir County candidate would be automatically elected over any candidate from either Jones or Greene counties.

Of course, anyone with a political memory as long as his nose should know that voting has very seldom followed such lines.

John Larkins, for instance, remained in the state senate until he got old and gray from Jones County, despite the fact that Jones was then in a six-county senatorial district which included such big counties as Craven, Onslow and Lenoir . . .

At a higher level of politics Carl Durham held a seat in congress for as long as he desired—retired undefeated, although he was from Orange County—population 42,970 and the other counties of his congressional district were Alamance (85,674), Durham (111,995) and Guilford (246,520); which seems to indicate that voters surely have a tendency to vote across county lines on such things as legislative seats at both the state and national levels . . .

Judge Paul Frizzelle served until retirement from small Greene County—beating Dick Bundy badly from big Pitt County.

And of course, there are many more examples of this, but supporters of Greene Countain Joe Horton are taking a very pessimistic attitude in veiw of the fact that there are two Lenoir County candidates for these

"Numbered Seats" that are to be voted on this spring.

Incumbent Guy Elliott of Kinston filed for Seat No. 1 and Lenoir County Commissioners Dan Lilley last week filed for seat No. 2.

Under this subterfuge that was sneaked through in the closing days of the last session of the general assembly the "Gentlemen's Agreement" was that Lenoir County would have Seat No. 1 and the other seat would be alternated between Jones and Greene Counties . . . Under this clearly unconstitutional law Elliott wil not be running against Lilley, and visa versa.

Horton says he had visited in Jones County and "they" had told him that there was nobody down there who wanted to run for the house; so he decided to make the sacrifice and serve a fourth term, but now he is debating whether it is worth the effort to make the race against either of the "Big County" candidates who have filed so far.

Horton is more philosophical about the situation than some of his bitter buddies, who have threatened an economic boycott against Lenoir County because it is their view that Lenoir County is trying to "hog everthing."

More of these amorphous "theys" point out that Greene County had agreed to support the choices of the Lenoir County and Wayne County lawyer associations for the four juicy judi-

cial political plums, but "they" didn't take into fair consideration that they had a hometown boy in the person of James Taylor, who decided that he'd like to have one of those \$15,000 plums. As it stands now there are six candidates for these four judgeships: Two lawyers from Wayne County, two lawyers from Lenoir County, one-lawyer from Lenoir County and one non-lawyer from Greene County.

This week Horton is caught in a crossfire, to which he was a party, since he was one of those small-county legislators who supported the "Numbered Seat" subterfuge.

Horton says he can run against either Elliott or Lilley for a house seat, against Charlie Larkins Jr. for the senate vacated by Tom White, or simply retire from the general assembly and do a little lawyering and farming.

Of course, it hardly makes sense for Horton, or his associates to allege and aver that they cannot possibly beat Lilley because he is from hoggish, big Lenoir County, but he can beat Larkins who was born and reared in big Lenoir, while Lilley is a Lenoir Countain by choice, having started out over in Little Martin County.

Every politician enjoys being unopposed. If there is a political heaven; that is it, but is an Elysian Field very few ever reach.

Among the political facts of life that Horton, and his bitter

buddies are overlooking is that Lilley is not automatically elected merely because he paid his filing fee and lives in Lenoir County.

Lilley has been a most outspoken county commissioner. He has rubbed a lot of Lenoir Countians the wrong way, but he is not the kind of fellow who is trying to dodge a fight. His political reasoning was simple, in this instance: He preferred to run against any candidate who might file over Incumbent Elliott who had already filed for Seat No. 1.

This is recognition of the esteem in which Elliott is held; an elder statesman, who served longer than anyother man as Mayor of Kinston, and has held numerous other political posts in his long career.

And it ought not to be overlooked; that Greene County has two candidates for the house—presuming that Horton decides to run. Arnold "Red" Tingen is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Set No. 2.

Under normal circumstances a Republican candidate for anything in these three counties would have about the same chance as that proverbial snow ball in hell, but normal circumstances do not prevail this year, and it is most likely that with the continued bloodletting in Vietnam and another riotous summer predicted in our own country anything that walks, (Continued on page 8)