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## Four From Area Among 104 Winning Coveted Morehead Scholarships to Carolina

Hugh Chatham of Elkin announced this week a record number of 104 Morehead Scholarships that are being awarded to graduating young men this year.

Four of this record group are from this general area.

They include Robert Scott Langley Jr. of 1207 Dorcas Terrace in Kinston, who is graduating this spring from The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee;

McKinley Wade Thigpen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton R. Thigpen of 112 South Adkin Street, who graduates this spring from Grainger High School;

Nigle Bruce Barrow Jr. of Snow Hill route 2, a student at Greene County Central High School and

Joseph Henry Stallings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stallings of 1706 Riverview Road in New Bern. Stallings is a student at New Bern High School.

Langley was a National Merit Semi-Finalist, senior perfect, editor of the school yearbook, captain of the school military, member of the Cum Laude Society, Keo-Kio, the regimental staff and co-captain of his school's swimming team.

Thigpen was a National Merit



BARROW



LANGLEY



STALLINGS



THIGPEN

Semi-Finalist, editor of his school paper, co-captain of the football team, member of the baseball and basketball teams and attended The American Legion's Boys' State and The Governor's School.

Barrow was editor of his school's paper, president of the student council, secretary of the State 4-H Club Council, president of the District Youth Fellowship, member of his school's football and basketball teams and a delegate to the National 4-H Club Congress.

Stallings was president of his student council, an Eagle Scout, chief marshal, president of the

New Bern Junior Historic Society and attended The Governor's School.

Morehead Awards were first made in 1951 and are granted on basis of academic ability, character and leadership. Need is not considered and they are currently worth \$8,000 for the full four years at Carolina.

### Three Jones Arrests

Persons booked at the county jail in Trenton during the past week include those of Alberta Smith of Pollockville, who was charged with simple assault and malicious damage to private prop-

## Commissioners Loosen Purse Strings, Accept 1968 Secondary Road Plans

In a rather quiet session Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners acted on several fiscal affairs and accepted the secondary road plans for the county this year suggested by the State Highway Commission.

In the fiscal department the board voted to increase hospitalization insurance for county employees by \$1.39 per month, to extend coverage to include semi-private rooms, rather than wards.

The board also transferred \$200 to the clerk of superior court's account, \$320 to the fire department and rescue squad

fund, \$100 to the coroner's fund and \$1000 to the old age assistance fund of the welfare department.

The board also agreed to pay a premium of \$551 to insure books in the county's libraries, with \$100 to be paid from library funds and the other \$451 to come from the county general fund.

The board approved the stabilization — looking toward ultimate paving of "Fordham Road", from Rural Paved Road 1153 to 1156, at an estimated cost of \$43,000.

### Another Assault-Robbery

Friday night a young colored man knocked Mark Brown, operator of a fish market at King and Adkin streets, down and another Negro grabbed \$43 from the market cash register. Brown, 70 years-old, was not badly hurt.

erty; Hubert Harding Ellis of Belgrade, who was charged with failing to comply with a previous court order, and Clifton James Miller of Trenton route 2 who is charged with public drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

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## ANOTHER JONES COUNTY LIQUOR STORE ROBBED, MANAGER IS BRUTALLY BEATEN

Last Friday afternoon at 1:35 Ivy King, manager and only worker in the Jones County ABC Store at Hargett Crossroads, was peacefully putting stock on the store shelves. Let King tell the story from here for a while:

"The first thing I knew, I heard the door close and turned around just as a man jumped over the counter and stuck a pis-

tol almost in my nose. He asked me where the safe was and I told him all the money in the store was in the cash register.

"He told me to put all the money in a sack, and be sure to remember what had happened to the man in the whisky store over at Pollockville. He asked me again if I was sure that was all the money in the store and

I told him it was.

"When he told me to put three bottles of J&B Scotch in a bag and asked where the 'I. W. Harper' was and I pointed to it, but he reached on a top shelf and got a bottle of 'Old Granddad' and told me to put it all in a bag. "Then he told me to put my hands on the wall and about that time something hit me an-

awful blow. I didn't see it but I guess it was the pistol. I went down on my knees and he kept on beating me on the head. I decided if I didn't fall out he would keep on beating me until he killed me. So I fell on the floor, but I never lost consciousness.

"When I fell out he left and I got up and went to the door and cracked it open, but decided to not go out because I was afraid the son-of-a-bitch might shoot me. But I watched him get in a white car . . . about a '63 or '64."

At about this time two men passing by saw King standing, covered in blood and ran to his aid. Authorities in Trenton were called and Highway Patrolman R. R. Mason rushed to his car radio to put out the alert. The alert went on the highway patrol radio at 1:39 p.m.

The Comfort Rescue Squad was called and it brought King to Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, where he was treated for multiple serious head cuts and bruises and a minor injury of one finger on his left hand, which was injured when he raised his hand to protect his head from the blows being rained on him by the thief.

Just minutes later Highway Patrolman Earl Edwards was headed south on Queen Street in Kinston after having heard the bulletin, which said the man had headed toward Kinston.

Near the river bridge Edwards saw a car and a man fitting the description of the car and man in the robbery. Edwards said it took him a long minute to turn around in the traffic and give chase. He finally got the lone bandit to stop, almost in front of the Kinston Police Department, in front of Howard & Carter Funeral Home. The time 1:50 — just 11 minutes after the alert and only 25 minutes after the bandit fled from the whisky store.

Edwards rushed toward the car, grabbing for his revolver as he went, and it was fortunate that he did, since the short colored man in the car was trying to get his snub-nosed revolver out. But this time Edwards was the one who stuck the gun in the other's face.

The man is Ellison Rhodes Jr., a native of Jones County, who had been sent to prison in 1962 for the armed robbery of the Wyse Forks ABC store, also in Jones County. He had served two years of the 5-to-8 year term he got for that robbery, and has since been making his home in New York City, where he said he worked in the research laboratories of the Revlon Company.

In the car, registered to Rhodes were the four bottles of whisky and the bag of money and beneath the seat there was a 15-inch section of inch-and-a-quarter steel pipe, threaded at both ends, which had blood and hair on both ends.

Rhodes told officers he had picked up a stranger between Kinston and Richlands, who had sold him the whisky. He said he was surprised to find the man had also left the bag of money, and expressed equal surprise at the steel pipe being found under the driver's seat. He offered no explanation of the .38 pistol and belt holster he was wearing.

Also found in the car was a woolen scarf, which King said the bandit had across his face to hide a heavy scar on the left side of his face, which Rhodes said came from an injury in an auto accident.

Rhodes was charged with armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious bodily injury. King has recuperated satisfactorily from the multiple head injuries, but remained under treatment and observation in Lenoir Memorial Hospital until Wednesday morning.

## King Tells SBI Agent Edwards About His Assault-Robbery



Above Ivy King, manager of the Jones County whisky store at Hargett Crossroad, is seen telling SBI Agent John Edwards of the events involved in the robbery of the store and his assault last Friday afternoon. This picture was taken shortly after five, after King

had been given emergency treatment for severe injuries. He returned to the hospital following his interview with Edwards, Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates and other officers involved in the investigation of the crime. He was discharged from the hospital Wednesday.