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# Aged Widow Beaten Brutally by Teenage Burglar

Sixty five year-old Mrs. Lillian Heath of Kinston route 1 was brutally beaten Tuesday afternoon by a 17 year-old colored boy who grew up on the Heath farm. Henry Frank Bell Jr., whose parents now live on the R. A. Beaman farm has confessed the crime and is being held without privilege of bond, pending Mrs. Heath's recovery.

Sheriff Fred Boyd said Bell admitted going to the Heath home with the intent to burglarize it, but was caught by Mrs. Heath, who he thought was away.

Bell further admitted beating Mrs. Heath with a rocking chair "until she quit moving".

Mrs. Heath despite the severity of her beating was able to call the Kinston Police Department, which in turn called the Sheriff and sent an ambulance

to the Heath home, which is located between Mewborn and Taylor crossroads in Vance Township.

The youth had earlier been sent to a reform school for breaking in the Heath home and stealing a pistol and a number of Kennedy Half Dollars Mrs. Heath was saving.

Mrs. Heath was transferred to Duke Hospital after being given emergency treatment at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston.

Mrs. Heath has suffered the loss of her left eye, and apparently every bone in her face was broken in the attack. She also suffered some broken ribs, and details of possible internal injuries are not yet known.

Bell was not kept but a few months in the reform school before being released.

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### New Volunteer Fire Department for Jones County Gets Official Charter

Tuesday the official charter of the Northwest Volunteer Fire Company was received for Secretary of State Thad Eure.

This newest volunteer fire fighting organization in the county will largely served Jones County's Chinquapin Township and part of Lenoir County's Southwest Township.

The incorporators of the department are Leslie White, D. A. Killingsworth, W. G. Westbrook, Edward Rich, B. C. Gray Jr. and William Moore Jr.

This will make seven fire fighting organizations in the county, with departments already active in Maysville, Pollocksville, Trenton, Wyse Forks, Comfort and Hargett Crossroads.

### Still in Virginia

Martin David Rochelle of Norfolk, one of two AWOL Marines charged with the February 6 murder of Albert Jones Jr. at a Jones County ABC Store still remains in jail in Norfolk, pending completion of extradition. All necessary papers have been cleared from North Carolina and it is expected that Rochelle will be turned over to Jones County authorities in the next week or so. The other Marine under indictment, Richard Rodesky, of Montgomery, Alabama has already been given a preliminary hearing and bound over for trial on the capital charge.

### Teenagers on Probation Kidnap Man; Steal Car, Break in Store, Wreck Car South of Kinston Early Thursday

Teenagers Allie Bryant Aldridge III and Guilford Moore of the Rivermont community spread a lot of misery about Lenoir County last Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The 17 year-old pair began their wild few hours by kidnaping Burl West Hill of Kinston route 4 and taking him — at knife-point — in his own car for a part of their wild night.

They first broke open a front door window of Ira Hill's filling station north of Kinston, from which they stole several cases of beer and several cartons of cigarets.

Then they cruised around, abusing West and threatening to kill him and at one time forcing his head under water in a drainage ditch.

They finally at about dawn tossed Hill out and took off in his car.

Hill in a bad condition from the night of terror called the sheriff's department and a search began for the pair.

At 7:30 Thursday morning they were found on the Trenton highway south of Kinston when Hill's stolen car mowed down six highway signs, rolled over three times and left the pair somewhat the worse for wear.

Aldridge was treated for superficial injuries and Moore was kept in Lenoir Memorial Hospital until Tuesday when he was also turned over to the sheriff's department.

Both have been charged with auto theft, assault, breaking and entering and other charges may grow out of the investigation.

The two were placed on "good behavior" February 19th in recorder's court for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and engaging in an affray.

### Pollocksville Woman Given Six-Month Suspended Jail Term for 'Breaking Bad'

The only non-traffic charge aired in Jones County Recorder's Court last week resulted in a suspended six-month jail term to a Pollocksville woman who broke rather bad week before last.

Alberta Smith Bullock was found guilty of assault and malicious damage to private property, to wit, the car of Walter Fields. Conditions of her suspended jail term included payment of \$140 to Fields for repairs to his flivver, payment of a \$25 fine, the court costs and the further condition that she be of good behavior for one year.

In traffic department failing: or forgetting to have cars inspected as prescribed by law

resulted in \$13 penalties against Lillian Wells Provost of Jacksonville route 3, Walter Robert Byrd of Maysville, Herman Wallace Ireland and James D. Benton, both of New Bern.

In the speeder department Lonnie Cleon Jones of Dunn had to pay the court costs and Donald Gray Laughinghouse of Vanceboro got hit for \$26.

Warren Lee Hawkins of Trenton route 1 asked for a jury

trial of his drunken driving charge, Alton Roosevelt Brimage of Trenton route 1 was found not guilty of reckless driving and Larry Mitchell Price of Jonesville was found guilty of following too closely.

A driving without license charge against Joyce Jones of Jacksonville was nol prossed and Walter Clarence Heath of Pink Hill route 1 and James Earl Morris of Pollocksville route 1 each paid the \$13 court costs for minor traffic violations.

## "Once Upon A Mattress" Friday, Saturday at Grainger

by Ronnie Howard For those disgusted with the ordinary banality of television, and who face this weekend with even bleaker than usual alternatives in the way of wholesome entertainment, we by all means recommend the Grainger High School Choral and Drama Departments joint production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

A bona fide musical comedy, based on the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," the production is to be staged this Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 8 o'clock.

In attempt to bring the finest talent in the Kinston area to their audience, the co-producers, Joel R. Adams and Oran K. Perry, have imported musicians from East Carolina University and considerably expanded the budget. The result is an immensely enjoyable and satisfying show quite unlike anything ever before presented.

The plot is simple but rapid, and does not lag at any point. Jackie Howell's choreography is polished; the songs are witty; and the dialogue is suffused with irony spoken with a deadly sense of timing. Indeed, the only criticism we have is that the production is too short; not that it's incomplete, but that clean, unaffected humor is so hard to come by.



On her bed of twenty mattresses, Winifred (Gretchen Mayo) tries to find a comfortable position for slumber, little does she realize that a tiny green pea is her reason for insomnia.

**Queen Steals the Show** The story is fanciful and amusing. Briefly, it concerns a Prince who can't marry due to an officious, big-mouthed mother who is just plain hateful to everybody. Mary Elizabeth Marshall,

a GHS senior, gives a lively interpretation of the old Queen Agravaing, and stands out in an outstanding cast. She is cranky, pseudo-sophisticated, and is incurably selfish. Miss Marshall's actions and de-

### Two Civil Suits Filed in Jones County Superior Court Last Week

In the past week two civil actions were filed in the office of Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson.

In one Merle Cox Taylor is asking \$30,500 damages from Hubert Eric Jones and Roy C. Taylor for injuries she says she suffered in 1966 wreck.

Mrs. Taylor says her car was struck by a truck driven by Jones and owned by Taylor on Highway US 258 and that she suffered several serious injuries in the crash, which she alleges to have been Jones' fault. In an answer

livery are well conceived, and highlight the show.

The kingdom is driven to desperation—for no one can marry until Prince Dauntless does. Would-be princesses come and go; naturally, the agitation of the people increases. In a final, last-ditch effort, a Princess Winifred of Wallows-on-the-Mire appears. Originally played by Carol Burnett, Grainger Senior Gretchen Mayo does an excellent job of an inept, sloppy, graceless yet kind-hearted girl who is the play's central figure. Princess Winifred, known as "Fred" to her friends, is put through incredible tests that culminate in the hilarious mattress scene.

#### Rare Cultural Opportunity

It's not often a first-class Broadway hit is recreated successfully; even more rarely does an amateur group (and a high school one at that) undertake such a task. But, in spite of or perhaps because of this, added to the dedicated practice of the cast and combined musical and dramatic skill of its producers, the production comes off very well. Don't miss a good entertainment chance.

to this complaint Jones and Taylor deny any responsibility for the accident and ask that the suit be dismissed and costs of the action assessed against Mrs. Taylor.

In other action Mid-State Homes, Inc. of Tampa, Florida is asking possession of a house and lot sold to Marvin and Kathleen Johnson for \$7818.40 on May 5, 1967, and on which the Johnsons were supposed to pay \$100 down and \$53.60 per month for 144 months.

The complaint alleges that all the Johnson paid was \$318.37, and have failed to surrender the property.

The report of the sheriff, however, states that the Johnsons are not to be found in Jones County, so at least, inferentially, it would seem that they have surrendered the premises to Mid-State Homes.

### East-West Game

At 7 Friday night a pair of East-West basketball games will be played in the gym at Jones Central High School. This pair of games is between all-star men and all-star women teams for the benefit of the school athletic program. Residents of Jones County and graduates of Jones Central are eligible to play in the games, and the dividing line is a north-south line running through the school. The East Coaches are Annie Laurie Chapman and John D. Jenkins and the West Coaches are Jo Ann Elmore and D. E. Taylor. A big turn out is urged to help the athletic program, and to enjoy the huffing and puffing contest.