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# MACABRE MOURNING HITS KINSTON AREA AS MUCH OF REST OF THE NATION

by Jack Rider

The Thursday night murder of Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee touched off a wave of macabre mourning that has left dozens dead, thousands wounded, millions frightened and angered and billions of dollars loss all across the nation.

Kinston shared, but fortunately until now it has shared lightly in this most bizarre expression of sorrow.

In Kinston as across the nation the overwhelming participation was by teen-agers. Smashing plate glass windows, hasty

acts of larceny and two attempts of arson plus dozens of false fire alarms made up the basic acts of violent penitence in Kinston.

All public figures in the community, as elsewhere across the nation, were bombarded with giggling teen-aged telephone threats.

Until now the Kinston violence has been confined to Friday and Saturday nights. The false fire alarms and the threatening phone calls continue.

In all 27 persons were arrested by Kinston police, and all but

two of these were teen-aged; some as young as 14.

The charges ranged from disorderly conduct up to inciting riot.

Window smashing hit Ernest Jones TV shop, The Dollar Store, both on the 200 block of South Queen Street, Oettinger's furniture store on the 100 block of South Queen, John Carter's office supply store on the 300 block of North McLewean, Presley's laundry and Daughety's office supply store on the 200 block of East Lenoir, Edward's grocery on the 300 block of East

Bright, Rayner's supermarket and a coin-operated laundry on the 500 block of East Bright. A 5-and-10 cent store and coin operated laundry on the 300 block of South Adkin and the Kinston Shirt Company on the 600 block of East King Street.

The arson attempts were made at Grady's Building Supply store on the 500 block of East Vernon Avenue.

Teen-aged gangs also threw rocks and bricks at trucks and cars on East Washington Avenue and at least one bread truck was robbed of its contents.

Kinston police, aided by Citizen Band Radio club members and the fire department have maintained night-long vigils since the violence began Friday night.

Some private businesses have posted guards on their premises, but the majority have left the

job to the police. Until now the level of violence in Kinston has not reached that point where a curfew was felt necessary.

But even without a curfew night-time business has been far below normal levels. Theaters, cafes and other establishments largely catering to night business have suffered badly and stores that remained open on Friday night also had below-average business last week.

Church and other civic events scheduled at night have either been postponed or poorly attended.

Sunday afternoon an estimated 600 people gathered in Grainger Stadium for a memorial service to King; during which all spokesmen urged that violence not be committed in the name of a man whose career had been dedicated to non-violence.

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### Sixth Annual Jones County Ham Show Being Held Friday Morning in Trenton

The 6th Annual Jones County Ham Show and Sale will be held at the Agricultural Building in Trenton Friday morning.

Farmers, homemakers and organized youth groups of the county are expected to enter 100 high quality hams.

Exhibitors will bring the hams

in between 9-11, a.m., on the day of the show and sale. Judging of the hams will begin at 11 a.m., with Specialists from State University in charge.

The choice hams will be sold at public auction at 3 p.m. The Auctioneer will be R. H. Morton

of Route 1, Trenton.

According to Farm Agent Fletcher Barber, the quality of the show continues to improve each year. Grand Champion Exhibitors last year were A. G. Cheston of Route 2, Trenton and Mrs. Hester Brimage of Route 2, Trenton.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Jones County Farm Bureau and the Agriculture Ex-

### Rape Attempt Charge Dismissed by Recorder Joe Becton During Past Week

Among cases cleared in the past week from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court was one involving a preliminary hearing in a felony charge against Carl Todd of Maysville, who was charged with assault with intent to commit rape.

Following the taking of evidence against Todd, Judge Joe Becton ruled that there was not sufficient evidence to hold Todd for trial and the case was dismissed.

Curtis Boone, also of Maysville, was found guilty of assault upon a female for which he had to pay into the court \$18.50.

In traffic cases Rosa Brown Brimage of Trenton route 1 paid \$26 for speeding and James Jackson of Camp Lejuene paid \$31 for speeding.

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### Maysville Town Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Maysville was held April 2. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor Jones, and the minutes were

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### Hardware Robbed

For the third time in recent months Fred Foscue's Trenton Hardware Store has been robbed by after-hours "customers". The latest such "customers" broke in the store Monday night through a rear door, stole all the rifle ammunition in sight, even took some BB pellets and also toted off a new chain saw. Previous non-paying customers had entered through the front door, and had been less selective in their "shopping".

### Hearing Monday

Extradition hearings are to be held Monday in Richmond, Virginia to determine whether Martin David Rochelle is to be returned to North Carolina to face charges of murder and robbery along with Richard Rodesky of Montgomery, Alabama, who has confessed his and Rochelle's part in the February 7th robbery and slaying of Albert Jones Jr., manager of the Jones County ABC Store between Maysville and Pollocksville.

### Stallings Field Scene Awakens Memories for World War Two Vets



This recent photograph at Stallings Field is bound to awaken many memories for veterans of World War Two, and especially those who served in the European Theater of Operations where so many thousand Flying Fortresses and Liberators were used to help beat the forces of Hitler and Mussolini. But these four veterans of that war are being used to protect, rather than destroy. And at top in the picture is another World War Two workhorse one of the vanishing stout-hearted DC-3's. The bombers have been converted for forest fire fighting work and each is capable of carrying a fire-fighting

load of 2400 gallons of chemicals. They have been leased by the North Carolina Forest Service for an 8-week period this spring when forest fires are worst in North Carolina. One will be stationed at Kinston, another at Wilmington and the third at Elizabeth City. And before some ex-Air Force type starts correcting us, the "Liberator" is the single tail Navy version of the twin-tail liberator that was used by the Air Force. The Navy bird men called it the PB4Y-2. Let's hope that these old war horses are not worked too frequently this spring.