

# KINSTON SCHOOL BOARD IN 3-WAY SPLIT BOWS TO WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACY

Monday night in a 3-way split the Kinston School Board with less than a majority vote bowed to the dictates of the federal bureaucracy by voting three-to-two with two abstentions to set aside the so-called freedom of choice system for elementary schools in the 1968-69 school year and assign pupils to the city's five elementary schools on a yet-to-be-approved geographical zone basis.

Voting for the Washington plan were Chairman Norman Dickerson, Mrs. Joe Gay and Harvey Beech. Felix Harvey and Graham Knott voted against the proposal and Payne Dale and J. J. Lyons abstained from voting. In the same rather hectic session the board voted to ask the county board of commissioners to call a \$2 million bond issue to provide funds for a single high school unit that would be

used by both races. The vote for this notion was Gay, Beech, Lyon and Dickerson in favor and Knott, Harvey and Dale against. The board also voted to assign across racial lines at least 35 teachers in the coming school year. Although no zoning plan was adopted for the five elementary schools several maps were exhibited by Superintendent Max

Abbott, which included plans with and plans without consideration of the proposed new elementary school that is to be built at the corner of Bright and McDaniel streets. However, all of the plans had one thing in common: That the large majority of the racial integration would fall upon Lewis and Sampson schools. Northwest, Teachers and By-num would have very little, to

no racial integration if either of the maps shown by Abbott is adopted, and some map must be adopted before the next school year arrives. Under the single high school concept Grainger and Adkin would both be converted to junior high schools, and apparently Harvey and Adkin junior high schools would either be abandoned or used again as elementary schools.

## Jealous Wife Kills Husband's Girl in Saturday Night Shooting at Station

A single shot from a .22 caliber rifle ended the life of one woman and put another in the Lenoir County jail Saturday night on an open charge of murder.

According to information available to the sheriff's department the incident happened at about 9:20 Saturday night at Ira Hill's filling station, two miles north of Kinston on the Greenville Highway.

A car with two couples stopped at the filling station and immediately behind it another car in which two women were riding.

Kathleen Sutton was one of the two women in the second car. She jumped out with the rifle in her hands and ordered the occupants of the other car to get out.

Two of the occupants of the other car were her husband, Albert, and his girlfriend Ovelia King.

The quartet in the lead car tried to run inside the station and all made it except Miss King who was struck in the groin by the single shot fired by Mrs. Sutton.

A major blood vessel was cut and Miss King died about 20 minutes later in Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

All involved were residents of Kinston route 1.

## Loftin Leaving

Kinston City Clerk Marion Loftin announced Wednesday that he was resigning the position he has held with the city for the past 8½ years to accept a position with the Carolina Leaf Tobacco Company of Greenville. Loftin, a native of Jones County, succeeded the Late Thomas W. Heath as the chief fiscal officer for the City of Kinston in 1959. No successor has yet been announced for Loftin by City Officials.

## BIDS OPENED TUESDAY

Tuesday the Kinston-Lenoir County Airport Authority opened bids for the 1000-foot lengthening of the major runway at Stallings Field to permit the use of jet airliners at the local field Barrus Construction Company was lowest of six bidders with a price of \$238,556.50. The bids are being reviewed by consultant engineers, and letting of the project is expected early in May.

## MONDAY COURT NOTES

In recorder's court Monday Frederick Jones of Camp Lejeune was fined \$25 for driving without a license, Levon Bryant of 211 East South Street was fined \$25 for driving without a chauffeur's license, William Outlaw Jr. of 804 Rhem Street was ordered to make good several worthless checks and pay the court costs and Albert Waller of 315 McDaniel Street was put on good behavior for two years for discharging firearms in the city limits.

## Breathalyzer Hit

Last week the North Carolina Supreme Court granted Rodney O. Mobley a new trial in Lenoir County Superior Court on a drunken driving charge. At his trial last August Judge Albert Cowper permitted an officer to testify before a jury that Mobley's refusal to take a breathalyzer test to determine the percent of alcohol in his blood stream could be used against him in court. The court ruled that Cowper had erred in permitting this testimony before the trial jury.

## Big Increase In Lenoir Registration; Republican Gains

At the close of May 30, 1967 Lenoir County had 19,513 registered voters of which 18,328 were Democrat, 1,050 Republicans and 135 either Independent or no affiliation.

Since that time and up to the close of the books on April 12, 1968 a total of 2,044 new names were placed on the books to bring the total registration to 21,557 this total is broken down into 19,606 Democrats, 1,815 Republicans and 136 either independent or no affiliation.

During that same period 734 persons changed registration from one precinct to another, 14 changed affiliation from Republicans or Independent to Democrat, 278 changed affiliation from Democrat to Republican.

During the last two weeks of registration prior to April 12, 1968 828 of the above new registrants were placed on the books and there were a total of 131 affiliation changes and 343 changes of precincts.

## Man Killed on Road

Jones County Coroner has ruled unavoidable accident in the death early Saturday morning of 31 year-old Shad Randolph of Dover Route 2. Randolph was struck by a car driven by Levi Jake Daugherty of Kinston route 6 as he lay, either in a drunken stupor or unconscious from other causes on the road between Wyse Forks and Sasser's Mill. Randolph had a long record of public drunkenness.

## Teen-ager

(Continued from page 1) was ordered to pay the court costs for violating the liquor laws.

Ruby Vernon Keith of Camp Lejeune had a bond forfeited on a speeding charge.

Kenneth Wayne Tilgman of Kinston route 1 paid \$26 for speeding and Robert L. Hardy of Pink Hill route 2 was ordered to make good a worthless check and pay the court costs.

## Two Families Grieved, Community is Shocked by Motiveless Child Murder

Two families living just west of Kinston were torn with grief over the weekend and the entire community was shocked by the murder of six year-old Perry White by 17 year-old Edward Williams.

The murdered child died from a dozen stab wounds extending from the mid-stomach area up to the base of the throat, and autopsy also showed that he had suffered a severe blow on the head. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby White of 904 Jefferson Drive in the Mount Vernon Park subdivision.

Saturday afternoon Young Williams came to the sheriff's office with his father, Earl Williams, and the pastor of his family's church. He simply admitted that he had committed the crime, but offered no reason.

The murdered child had accompanied an older cousin to a Cub Scout meeting near his home Friday night, but left to take his bike home. He came back to the meeting and tapped on a window, and was told by his cousin that he'd be out in a few minutes.

Apparently shortly after that was when the murder took place. A night long search ended in the eerie mist of Saturday morning when Deputy Sheriff Carl Long found the child's body, partly hidden in a porthole on the back side of a house under construction about two blocks from the White Home.

Williams had recently been paroled in custody of his parents from a sentence he was given in Johnston County last year when he admitted stabbing an eight year-old child.

This week Williams was committed to Cherry Hospital for psychiatric examination to determine if he is sufficiently sane to face trial.

## Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From Hobert and Margaret Sanderson to Lila Mae Harris

.97 acres in Chinquapin Township.

From Lila Mae and Lynwood Harris and Carl and Lila Sanderson to Hobert K. Sanderson a tract of land in Chinquapin Township.

From Emmett and Lennie Killingsworth to Billy Harold and Mamie Cannon Carter one lot in Pollocksville Township.

From Kitty Franks Robinson, Ray and Lena Franks to Isaac and Levern Wooten Franks a tract of land in White Oak Township.

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