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Many Jones and Lenoir County Students Earn Academic Honors at East Carolina

Nearly one in six East Carolina University students last winter made high enough grades to earn places on the official honor lists of the university.

That 16 per cent of the students — a total of 1,461 — got official commendation from the university as three honors lists were announced today.

Most elite among the honor students are the 140 who made all A's, highest at the university. Next are the 322 who made the Dean's List by earning a solid B-plus average with no grade below C.

The third list — the Honor Roll — includes 999 students who made a B average with no grade below C.

Following are the honored students from Jones and Lenoir Counties:

JONES COUNTY, Comfort — Cecil S. Banks, Rt. 1 (Dean's List)

Pleasant Hill — Joan M. Massey (All A's)

Pollockville — Harry C. Mallard Jr., Box 5 (Dean's List); Linda G. Rowe, Rt. 1 (Honor Roll)

Trenton — Ellis S. Banks Jr., Rt. 1; Tommy A. Houston, Rt. 2 (Honor Roll)

LENOIR COUNTY, Deep Run — Judy C. Noble, Rt. 1 (Honor Roll)

Kinston — Alice M. Faulkner, Rt. 1; Elizabeth A. Lane, 1403 Bond St. (All A's); Paul G. Baker, 1504 W. Road; Robert A. Koehler, 1903 West Road; Frances A. Murphy, 106 E. Vernon Ave.; Kenneth D. Vause, Rt. 6 (Dean's List); Sandra E. Aldridge, Rt. 5; Judith C. Ection, Rt. 1; Nina E. Britt, Rt. 3; Cyrus W. Brock, 1406 Harriette Drive; Dianna L. Dunne, 1211 Airlee Ave.; Helen E. Everett, 2507 Everett Drive; Ella C. Hardison, Rt. 4; Laura B. Hardy, 709 Mitchell

St.; Patricia B. Harrell, 1909 Hampton Road; Wayne M. Hullett, 1412 Centennial Trail; Glenda S. Ipock, 1606 Charlotte Ave.; Earl M. Johnson Jr., Rt. 3; Janice L. King, Rt. 3; Pauline D. Klivett, 811 Westover Ave.; Mildred B. Matthis, 713 Barton Ave.; Jon P. McGuffey, 2318 Woodview Road; Brenda G. Nelson, 2703 Graham Drive; Tommy E. Roberson, 1113 N. Queen St.; Walter A. Rouse, Rt. 1; Mary L. Smith, 513 Linden Ave.; Kathryn Southerland, 1108 N. College St.; Cynthia A. Stroud, 507 Summit Ave.; Georgette A. Turner, Rt. 2; John I. Vause Jr., Rt. 6; Edgar C. Waller, 112 E. Second St. (Honor Roll)

LaGrange — Julia G. Cay, Rt. 2; Barbara S. Herring, Box 157; Wanda K. Lynch, Rt. 3; Nannette Sutton, Rt. 3; Sherwood R. Sutton, Rt. 3 (Honor Roll)

Two Badly Hurt Sunday Night on US 70 in Jones Co.

Otis and Otis Goad Jr. of Newport were seriously injured at about 10:50 Sunday night on Highway US 70 about 1½ miles west of Dover in Jones County when their pickup truck struck a bus parked partially on the roadway.

Lonnie Cousars of Enfield, driver of the bus, was indicted by Highway Patrolman C. W. Oakley for improper parking.

Matthew Corham of Enfield, a passenger in the bus, was treated and released for superficial injuries.

The Goads' 1968 truck and the old model bus were both classified as total losses by Oakley.

Two More Lenoir Countians Killed in Vietnam Fighting

In the past week families of two more Lenoir County boys have been notified of their death in combat in Vietnam.

Specialist 4th Class Johnny Miller was reported killed early last week and over the weekend Specialist 4th Class Dempsey Wood Parrott was reported killed in action.

Parrott was first reported missing in action on May 4th but this was changed to killed in action over the weekend.

Smithfield Concern Files \$572.33 Suit

The Brake & Equipment Company of Smithfield this week filed a civil suit in Jones County Superior Court against George Mateja of Maysville.

The Johnston County company alleges Mateja owes a balance accumulated between April 27, 1966 and August 3, 1967 of \$527.33, and alleges further that he has failed and refused to pay this bill.

The suit asks recovery of the specified amount, plus interest from August 3, 1967.

Policemen's Ball

On Tuesday night, May 28th, the annual Policemen's Ball, a highlight of the spring season for many years in Eastern North Carolina, will be held in Brooks Warehouse just south of Kinston off Highway NC 11. The famous Glen Miller orchestra under the direction of Bobby DeGreco will provide the music, and dancing will be from 9 until 1. Advance tickets may be obtained from any member of the Kinston Police Department or at the door.

Tedious Planning Underway to Feed Jones County's Poor Starving Souls

Approval of the proposed Emergency Food and Medical Services program for Jones County, a report on the Year Round Head Start program operating in Craven, Pamlico and Jones counties and the reading of a letter from Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson addressed to James L. Godwin, Executive Director of Coastal Progress, Inc. were the main items of business to come before the Coastal Progress Board of Directors during their regular monthly meeting held last Wednesday night.

In discussing the emergency food and medical services program, Godwin pointed out that Jones was one of 255 counties selected nationwide by OEO in coordination with the department of Health, Education and Welfare and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, following a report of the findings of the Board of Inquiry concerning hunger and malnutrition in the United States. Selections were made from a listing of counties throughout the United States having the lowest per capita income.

Godwin reported that Jones County residents had been most active in helping plan the program which is to be carried out under the guidance of a Nutrition Council set up in Jones County. The council is made up of representatives of the Jones County public health and welfare departments, agriculture extension home demonstration agents and seven residents elected from the poverty target areas of Jones County.

Coastal Progress community workers in the county are to assist in the overall program, Godwin said, by helping inform the public about the emergency aid and by assisting in obtaining certification of families eligible to participate in the program.

Mrs. Betty Abbott, director of the Year Round Head Start program, gave an informative and interesting report on the several classes being conducted in the three-county area served by Coastal Progress, Inc. She reported a total of 105 children, ages 3 to 6, enrolled in the five classes now in operation. Of the

five classes, two are located in Pamlico County, one in Jones and two in Craven.

Larkins Elected to Head Foundation

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Hyatt Memorial Home for Boys on May 2nd Charlie Larkins Jr. was named president, succeeding the late W. J. Thomas.

The foundation, established by the late Miss Delia Hyatt, left considerable real estate in Lenoir, Jones and Craven counties to be used as nucleus of a fund to provide homes and educations for underprivileged boys.

The estate has been in litigation with relatives of Miss Hyatt for a large part of the time since her death and the foundation has not yet become operational, insofar as providing homes or educations are concerned.

ASSAULTS OFFICER

A solid oak tree on Oak Street suffered little damage when it was ramm'd Monday afternoon by a car driven by Mary Banks Kilpatrick of 613 East Washington Street, but Officer M. T. Vernon, who came to investigate the accident suffered a bite on the arm and a badly torn shirt when he placed Mrs. Kilpatrick under indictment for drunken driving. She wound up being charged with resisting arrest, assaulting an officer, malicious damage to private property and using vulgar and obscene language in a public place in addition to the original drunken driving charge.

FORGETS DEADEND ROAD

Charles Parker of 620 Harvey Street at 6:45 Saturday afternoon ran out of road on Tower Hill Road and ramm'd into an embankment on the north side of NC 55, injuring several passengers in his car slightly and getting himself indicted for reckless driving.

UNBELIEVABLE SERIES OF BLUNDERS CULMINATED IN CHILD'S MURDER APRIL 19th

by Jack Rider

On the night of April 19th of this year one of the most shocking crimes in the recent history of Lenoir County claimed the life of six year-old Perry White. The series of blunders — official and parental that culminated in this bloody murder of this tiny child are as shocking as the crime itself.

This series of blunders began on August 22nd, 1967, in Johnston County Superior Court when the following judgment was entered:

"Whereas the defendant (Edward) Earle Williams was arraigned on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, doing serious bodily injury not resulting in death, and thereupon through his counsel, and in his proper person, pleaded guilty to this charge.

"It is THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the defendant be confined in the State's Prison in Raleigh for a term of five to seven years. Capias and commitment to the foregoing sentence shall not issue if the defendant is committed to the Stonewall Jackson Training School, and shall there remain of good behavior, without any attempt to escape therefrom, and obedient to the rules and regulations of said institution until such time as he shall

be discharged according to law. Upon the violation of the rules and regulations of the institution, or upon escape from said institution, capias to issue immediately for said defendant, and the above sentence to go into effect.

This the 22nd day of August, 1967.

J. William Copeland
Superior Court Judge
Presiding

The crime to which this 16 year-old Lenoir County youth pleaded guilty to was that of brutally stabbing an eight year-old girl, Dorothy Lee, of the Pine Level Community in Johnston County. The child's injuries were of a critical nature and came as the result of an unprovoked attack by the youth, who had an argument, either with his uncle, with whom he was visiting, or the father of the child, who is a neighbor of Williams' uncle.

Whatever the motivation, the end result was a crime so obviously psychotic that court officials, and specifically Judge Copeland should have instantly realized how badly in need of competent medical care Young Williams was.

The prosecuting attorney, the family of the wounded child and the parents of Williams should have also recognized the grossly

sick nature of such a crime and should have insisted upon medical care rather than reform school punishment.

But none of these most directly involved parties apparently persisted in such an effort and so he was committed to the reform school near Concord.

There, too, it may be presumed are officials who have some background in such affairs who should have been able to look at the bare case record and recognize what had been so freely overlooked back in Johnston County during the official hearings and sentencing of this sick youth.

But again the reform school officials ignored the terrible danger signals that were being so flagrantly waved in their face.

And these same reform school officials compounded their first mistake by making a worse second mistake, which was not keeping a youth with such homicidal tendency under close surveillance.

Then on September 21, 1967 — after being at the reform school for less than a month this young man simply walked away from the reform school.

Officials of the reform school made no concerted effort to capture him. Routine notices were mailed out to Johnston County

and to Lenoir County.

Lenoir County authorities say the capias that was sent to them listed only the boy's name, with no address for him or his parents. So after cursory examination the Lenoir County officials stamped the capias "not to be found in the county" and sent it back to its source.

All of this time the boy was living with his parents, who knew he had escaped, and who failed in their responsibility to turn him back to custody, since they very well knew the nature of his crime and the terms of his sentence. They were living just west of Kinston, and the escaped-prisoner worked from time to time in a number of business places around Kinston.

Then on the night of April 19th Mrs. Paulette White, Mother of the murdered child, made her mistake, which was permitting a six year-old child to be wandering around alone after 10 o'clock at night.

The Williams also compounded their mistake by permitting their psychotic son to be out at night.

Reports indicate that the tot, who had just been enrolled in school for the next term, went to a Cub Scout meeting with an older friend, but left to ride his bike home, and later returned to

the Cub Scout meeting, where he was told the meeting would be over in a few minutes, and he walked away into the night to come upon young Williams.

Young Williams has told various stories about his actions on this tragic night: That he was drunk. That he was on an LSD trip. That he was hepped up on some kind of barbituate. But he admitted killing the little boy, although he has given no motive.

Now, belatedly, in Johnston County Superior Court last Friday Judge Harry Canady invoked that five to seven year prison term that had so blindly been suspended by Judge Copeland last August.

Now court-appointed counsel for Earle Williams is petitioning the court to transfer him to a psychiatric hospital, which in due time the courts will do.

But it the court and prison officials and the family of Earle Williams had caused this a year ago little Perry White might be starting to school next September, and the heart-rending tragedy that has torn two families might have been avoided.

Shakespeare wrote a "Comedy of Errors", official blindness and parental neglect last month wrote a "Tragedy of Errors".