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Civil Suits Totalling \$32,017 from Auto-Train Wreck at Rhems on May 27

Civil suits totalling \$32,017 against Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Co. of Raleigh and other defendants were filed last Friday in Jones County Superior Court.

The complaints allege that a car-train accident at Rhems last May 27th was the negligent act of the Seaboard freight train operator and Naomi Noble Murphy of Pollocksville, driver of the car.

Hilda Leona Dixon Lin-

coln, Johanna Cox, and Janie Ruth Heath Hill, all of Pollocksville, brought the suits which ask damages for injuries and loss of work resulting from the collision. The three women, employees of Stanley Power Tools of New Bern were riding from work in the car operated by Mrs. Murphy and owned by her husband, Frank Odell Murphy.

They say in their suit that the train agent, who was operating at the intersection of U. S. Highway 17 at an unsafe speed failed to keep a proper lookout and failed to decrease speed or apply brakes to avoid the collision.

Mrs. Murphy is said to have driven the car into the path of the northbound train in a careless and reckless manner, at a speed inconsistent with safety, and without looking or listening to the train.

Carolina Telephone Reduces Rates

New, lower rates on long distance calls within North Carolina are now in effect.

The reduced rates resulted from a ruling by the Federal Communications Commission which granted rebates from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to telephone companies within the state.

These rebates amount to about \$26 million in North Carolina.

Subsequently, the N. C. Utilities Commission directed telephone companies in the state to pass the rebates applicable to them on to their customers by way of long distance rate reductions.

In August, rates were lowered on certain interstate calls. As a result of the two reductions, Carolina Telephone customers will realize annual savings of about \$300,000.

Ellington Awarded Music Degree

Florida State University announced today the names of 865 students completing requirements for degrees during the quarter ending in August.

Diplomas began going out Monday, September 15, to 342 students completing work on a bachelor's degree; 349 on a master's; and 84 on a doctorate.

Charles Linwood Ellington of Pollocksville received a Ph.D. in Music.

Six of Ten Before Recorder Charged With Speeding

Six of 10 cases cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court in the past week involved speeding charges.

Otha Bell of Winnabow, S. C., William Jefferson Johnson of Pollocksville route 1, W. G. McCoy of Camp Lejeune, Ronald Bates of Buffalo, N. Y., Lionel Potter of Kinston and Richard Stroud of Camp Lejeune were the six caught in this category. They each paid fines amounting to \$1 for each mile they exceeded the speed limit plus court costs.

Thomas Sloan Pressly of Kinston was found not guilty of

Jones Central Drops James Kenan in Season's Third Victory Friday Night

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| First Downs | 9 | 5 |
| Rushing Yardage | 163 | 68 |
| Passing Yardage | -3 | 0 |
| Passes | 1/4 | 0/5 |
| Passes Int. By | 2 | 0 |
| Punts | 2/22 | 2/29 |
| Fumbles Lost | 1 | 1 |
| Yards Penalized | 49 | 54 |

Jones Central continued its winning ways Friday night as it knocked off the James Kenan Tigers 22-0.

Excellent defensive play by the Rockets kept the Tigers from penetrating the J. C. 30 yard line all night.

Jones Central, playing without end Jimmy Smith and halfback William Hawkins, began moving the ball against the Tig-

Trial of Albert Jones Jr. Murderers Transferred to Craven County Court

This week presiding over Jones County Superior Court Judge Elbert Peele Jr. of Wil-

liamston granted a defense motion and ordered the trial of the murderers of Albert Jones Jr. transferred to Craven County Superior Court.

Four Jones Arrests

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports booking four men at the county jail during the past week. They were Andrew Cannon of Kinston, charged with stealing a car, Robert Moseley of New Bern, charged with driving without a license and driving an improperly registered car, John Copleston of Charleston, S. C., charged with drunken driving and Robert Tolin of Maysville, charged with public drunkenness.

The confessed pair, Richard Rodesky, 17, of Montgomery, Alabama, and Martin David Rochelle, 20, of Norfolk, Va. were scheduled for trial in the Jones County court this week, but counsel claimed it would be impossible for them to secure a "fair" trial in Jones County because of widespread publicity and general sentiment in the county.

Rochelle, through his Norfolk Lawyer Joe Cloud, who is being paid by Rochelle's parents, asked the court to appoint a North Carolina lawyer to be paid by North Carolina taxpayers to assist in the defense of Rochelle.

Rodesky already has a court-appointed lawyer defending him.

The pair has confessed to taking part in the February 6th robbery of the Jones County ABC Whisky store between Maysville and Pollocksville in which Jones, manager of the store, was stabbed 22 times and from which wounds he died several hours later in Craven County Hospital.

drunken driving, Harriett Jones Meadows of Swansboro paid \$13 for improper passing, Chester Roberts of Pollocksville route 1 paid \$26 for driving without a driving license and a charge of failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident against Jake Metts of Trenton route 2 was not pros- sed with leave.

Their confessions vary only in that each said the other did the actual stabbing.

er's defense after the first quarter.

Halfback Leslie Strayhorn again led the Rockets' offensive unit with 92 yards running. James Moore also had a good night, gaining 62 yards in eight carries.

Defensively, Junior Bob Faulkner was the big tackler with eleven. Kenneth Strayhorn with nine, Joby Arthur with eight, and Steve Banks with seven were also key men on defense. Defensive safety, Leslie Strayhorn, had two big interceptions and that stopped J. K. drives. The Tigers managed only 22 yards against the Rockets during the second half.

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The court so far this week has also cleared a flock of drunken driving cases, in one fashion or another. Floyd Stanley Parker and Velma Howard Taylor, who were charged with drunken driving were permitted to plead guilty to reckless driving and each was fined \$50.

William Henry Britt was fined \$200 for a second drunken driving charge and Alton Bryant Kellum was fined \$150 for a first offense.

Wilbert McKay Gree, Theron Douglas Barrington and Criss Kinsey were each fined \$100 for a first drunken driving offense.

OLD MAN NEUSE RIVER MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN MOST OF US ACTUALLY REALIZE

By Jack Rider

Neuse River winds slowly through the heart of North Carolina, serving nearly a fourth of the state's population in different ways. It has been used and abused since long before the nation was founded, and still its usefulness is vastly underrated, and largely unknown to the majority who live in its basin.

When floods come, and people are displaced, and property is damaged or destroyed the power of the river is appreciated, even if briefly. But today with the river at one of its lowest marks in recorded history the role of the river takes on quite a different aspect.

This summer's long, hot and dry weather has reduced the sometimes Mighty Neuse to a figurative trickle to what it is in those times of flood.

September seems to be a low-water time for the Neuse, at least at Kinston. The recorded low-water mark of 1.29 feet for Kinston came on September 26, 1932 and on this past Sunday, September 22nd, the river dropped to 1.90 feet.

For those who do not keep up with such esoteric data from day to day, the river gauge at Kinston bottoms out at 10.9 feet above sea level, which means that the river bottom in Kinston at the gauge point is that height above mean sea level.

To better comprehend what 1.90 feet of water in Kinston means, one is asked to assume that 8.0 feet of water at Kinston is that point at which all flow stops, which leaves one with the assumption that at the Sunday point there was a body of water 1.90 feet in depth slowly moving downstream.

Even when the river reaches this trickling proportions it is still a considerable movement of water since at the low recorded mark of 1.29 feet back in '32 the flow consisted of 124

cubic feet per second. This sounds rather little and by comparison it is but 124 cubic feet per second adds up to 80,137,728 gallons per day.

The importance of this flow is seen in another perspective when one learns that the huge Carolina Power and Light Company Plant at Goldsboro uses 237,600,000 gallons of Neuse River water per day to cool its

huge turbines.

Which gigantic consumption forced the installations of a low-water dam at this CP&L plant to assure it sufficient cooling capacity when the river gets as low as it has been this summer. This water is discharged back into the river at the same rate it is taken out, after running through a cooling reservoir to return it more nearly to the temperature

of the river water.

The Kinston power plant uses 17,000,000 gallons per day for the same purpose and it also has a "cooling tank" to avoid release of water into the river that would be harmful to wild-life.

The record high-water mark in Kinston came in July 1919, when an estimated 39,000 cubic feet of water charged by Kinston each each second. That translated to gallons is 292,500 gallons per second or 25,272,000,000 (that's billions) gallons per day.

At present there is only one domestic use of Neuse River water. The town of Smithfield is using about 700,000 gallons per day of river water after treating it.

But with the population explosion, and the industrial explosion both moving rapidly into the Neuse River basin, and with the end now in sight of any dumping of raw sewage into the river and its tributaries the time is not so distant when the waters of this entire watershed will be used several times before they complete their journey from the Piedmont to Pamlico Sound.

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YOUTH IN TROUBLE

Fifteen year old Grover Moore of 405 West Washington Street got into multiple trouble over the weekend because of a motorbike. He was charged with riding it without a driver's license, without liability insurance, without proper registration, without a crash helmet and without a city license tag.