

File Copy

ROBBERY ATTEMPT ENDS IN MURDER OF SUPERMARKET OPERATOR SATURDAY NIGHT

by Jack Rider

Just after 11 Saturday night Woodrow Stanley walked out of his supermarket at the corner of Washington and Clay streets in Kinston after a long, busy day.

Waiting in his station wagon for rides home were two employees, Stanley Lee and Phillip Runkaber, and five other young men who worked in the store over the weekend were climbing into their car which was parked just behind Stanley's station wagon. The area is brightly lit by three large flood lights.

Stanley carried two grocery bags. In one there was nothing but groceries but in the other was a considerable amount of money with a few groceries on top of it.

Stanley also had other considerable sums of money in his pockets; all of the busy Saturday receipts from his store. Also in his right pants pocket he had a small caliber pistol.

As Stanley got into his station wagon, and before he could pull the door shut three young colored men walked up and one of them asked for change for a dollar.

Stanley said, "I don't have it. I left all my change in the store."

The apparent leader of the trio replied, "You know you're lying, Woodrow, you got the money right there in that bag and flourishing a pistol he demanded that Stanley give him the bag."

Stanley handed him the bag containing nothing but groceries, and as he did began moving out of the car. At this point the bandit fired the first time and the bullet from the .32 caliber bullet went all the way through Stanley's right knee, but he still managed to rise up and grab for the man with the pistol, but as he rose several more shots were fired. Some of the witnesses say at least five shots in all were fired.

Two more bullets struck Stanley in the left shoulder area. One hit a cigaret lighter in his shirt pocket, apparently deflecting the bullet inward and down into Stanley's body, penetrating his heart.

As the firing took place someone called the police and a radio alert went out reporting "A shooting around Stanley's super-

market."

Detectives Aaron Brooks and Carl Long were cruising on Adkin Street, just a few blocks from the scene and as they neared another radio message informed them: "Stanley's been shot."

When they arrived Stanley was still breathing but Brooks said his pulse was rapidly disappearing and within three or four minutes after he and Long arrived Stanley's pulse stopped.

The three men involved in the murder fled southwardly back of the supermarket toward Fields Street. There police believe someone was waiting for them. As they ran to the car one of the three . . . believed to have been the one doing the

shooting . . . fell down running across a back lot and his frightened accomplices roared off westwardly, leaving him behind.

A few minutes later in the same neighborhood a panting, frightened young man snatched open the car door of a woman driving in the area and asked her to take him to a cab stand in a hurry as his wife was sick.

The woman driver of the car was frightened, and told police the man was highly agitated and had something tucked under a jacket he was wearing.

She drove a few blocks and stopped, telling him that her husband was a cab driver and would take him where he wanted to go, but the man didn't like to wait and jumped out of

the car on Chestnut Street and fled again.

Neither of the seven witnesses to the slaying recognized either of the three men. Despite this police feel that it had to be someone who knew Stanley, since the pistol wielder called Stanley by his first name.

Two witnesses said the car in which two of the three fled was a 1960 model Pontiac.

Aside from the general description of the three as being young colored men in their early 20's, and the description of the get-away car police have little to go on.

Stanley, a native of Kinston, lived at 619 Meriwether Lane and had been operating the market for about 15 years.

Lovers' Spat Ends in Saturday Night Murder of Jones Countian by Ohioan

A lovers' spat between a Jones County native and his Ohio girlfriend ended in a shooting that claimed his life early Sunday.

The argument developed at the home of an aunt of James Burney in the Phillips Crossroads section, and there he suffered a shot in the back and another in the neck at about 6:30 Saturday night. Despite every effort to save his life he died at about 5 a.m. Sunday in Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston.

The pair had recently been living in Washington, D. C. Burney came to visit in Jones County without her over the weekend, but she came down looking him and the argument took place that ended in the shooting and his subsequent death.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill that was placed against her Saturday night was changed to a charge of murder Sunday after Burney's death. She claims she took the pistol away from him and shot him in the back in self defense. Despite the fact that she reported earning \$90 per week in Washington the court has appointed a lawyer to defend her at the expense of the taxpayers.

Quiet Session by Jones Board In October Meeting

The Jones County Board of Commissioners enjoyed a quiet and routine session Monday, hearing reports from county departments, voting to pay accumulated bills.

They also voted to extend the audit period until October 31st since Auditor E. E. Franck said that much additional time would

Nine Cases Cleared During Past Week In Jones Court

During the past week nine cases were cleared from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court by pleas of guilty before the clerk or in trials before Judge Joe Becton.

Six of the nine charges involved traffic violations. Speeding fines were paid by Benjamin S. Gibson Jr. of Jacksonville, Thomas M. Geletko of Camp Lejeune and W. A. Deloatche of Maysville.

Clifton Heath of Kinston route 3 paid \$26 for reckless driving. Victor D. Jordan of Pollocksville had a driving - without - a - license charge not pressed.

Salle Jones Bright of Maysville route 1 paid \$13 for improper passing.

A false pretense charge against Debro Jills of Trenton was not pressed, as was a worthless check charge against Epima Jean Keys of Trenton and Robert Jones of Trenton paid \$19 in making good a worthless check.

CRAVEN COUNTY SHOOTING

Bernard Bryant of Dover route 2 suffered a surprisingly minor wound Saturday night when he suffered a pistol shot in the head, allegedly inflicted by Otis King of the same neighborhood, at whose home the incident took place.

be required.

The board also voted to sell at public auction all of the county's mosquito control equipment, to refund a tax over payment of \$14.50 to Garland Morton and allocated \$100 to the watershed commission.

Registration Books Open Next Three Saturdays and at Registrar's Homes

MERCER IN VIETNAM

Private First Class Jimmy R. Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mercer, Route 2, Pink Hill, was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division Sept. 22 near Dau Tieng, Vietnam, as a field wireman.

Jones County Election Board Chairman John C. B. Koonce this week reminded all Jones County voters that voter registration books would be open for the next three Saturdays, October 12, 19 and 26.

The registrar in each precinct

will be at the regular polling places in the county on those three Saturdays and Koonce points out that through October 26th persons who find it impos-

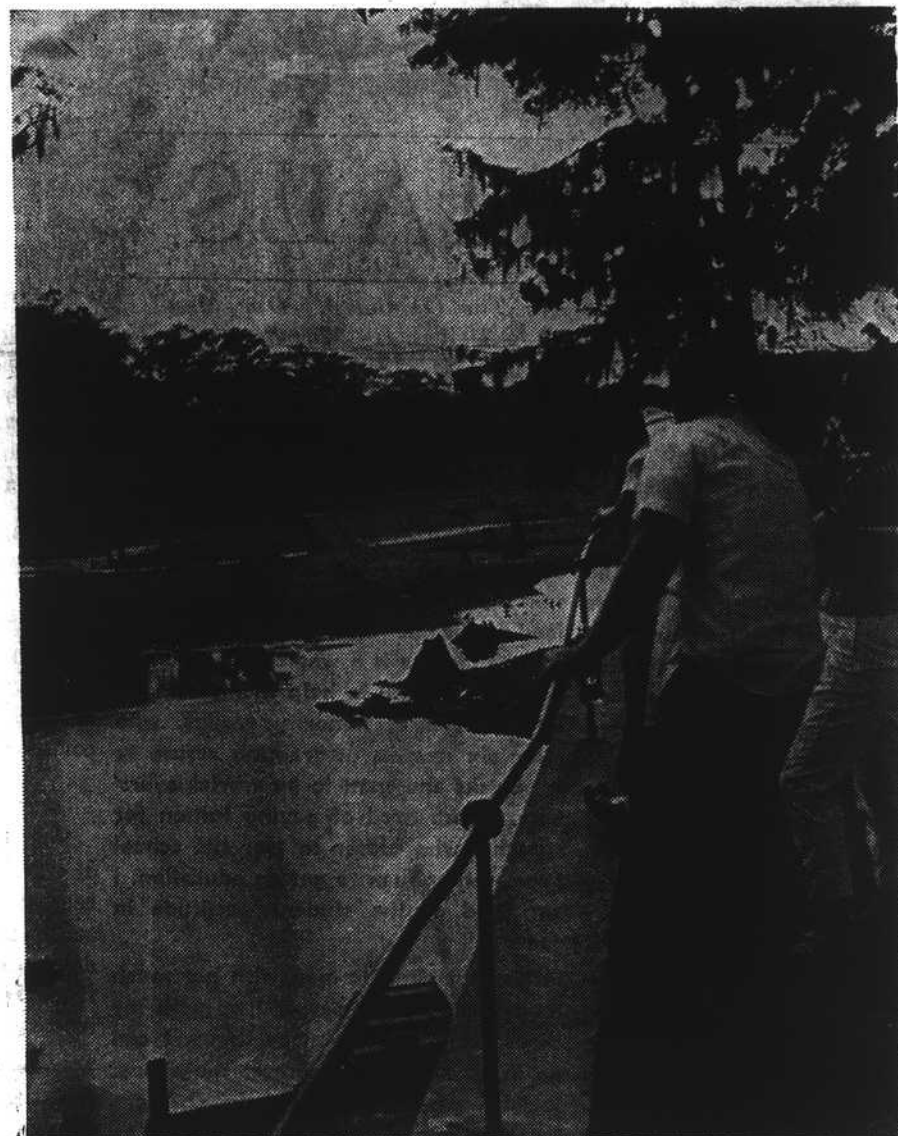
sible to get to the regular voting

places on those three Saturdays may also register by calling at the home of the registrar on or before 6:30 p.m. on that final registration day.

This spring Jones County had a completely new registration

and those who forgot or ignored this in the spring primary are especially reminded that if they did not re-register in the spring they must do so now if they want to vote in the general election on November 5th.

Dry Weather Empties County's Oldest Millpond



This is a view that no living person has seen until recently of Kelly's Millpond, located on Southwest Creek about three miles east of Kinston. Back in 1927 a flood broke the pond dam and let a lot of its water out, but nothing to compare with the sight thousands have been to see this past week at this old mill which was built in colonial days by the Cobb Family and ultimately run by the Kelly Family from which it still takes its name. Mrs. Herman King is now the owner and operator of the grist mill which ordinarily backs up some 40 acres of the cypress-stained waters of Southwest Creek. The pond is gone, except for a mere puddle just before the mill gateways and the level of water is roughly 10 feet below normal for the pond. Other millponds in the county have not been so badly hit. At Roger Davis' mill and Nobles' Mill both on Trent River, Wednesday reports indicate about two to two and a half feet less water than normal but nothing to be largely concerned about. And on Squirrel Branch where the Isler Davis Mill is located in the Moss Hill end of the county the county the same situation is reported . . . about 2½ feet below normal. Stephen King, the miller there, says they are still grinding meal one or two days a week with water. But while it lasts it is an eerie sight to see, the aged cypress stumps under water for well over a hundred years now standing high and dry and people walking about where generally eight to 10 feet of water is standing.