

Barrus Low Bidder for Paving Work On Vernon Avenue Through Kinston

Barrus Construction Company of Kinston was low bidder Tuesday when the State Highway Commission opened bids for the grading, paving and widening of Vernon Avenue for its full length in Kinston and out to the US 70 bypass west of the city limits.

The low bid was \$1,255,803.61 and it is expected to be confirmed at the September meeting of the Highway Commission.

The heavily travelled artery will be expanded from its present two lanes to five lanes, with the fifth lane used exclusively for left turns.

Completion date for the major project is July 1971, almost two years but the work includes a complete overhaul of the storm sewer system in the general area of Vernon Avenue and Mitchell St. with a 54-inch storm drain extending south to the river, and for the last two blocks this will be expanded to 72 inch piping.

The Highway Commission, Kinston officials and officials of the Barrus company join in urging the public to be as patient as possible during the period of construction since inconveniences to the public will be necessary from time to time but every effort will be made to keep these problems at the minimum.

Murder Charged in Monday Death Of Woman

The Lenoir County Sheriff's Department has indicted William Russell Jones of 2901 Pink Hill Road on an open charge of murder following the death of Mrs. Nina Goff Smith late Monday night.

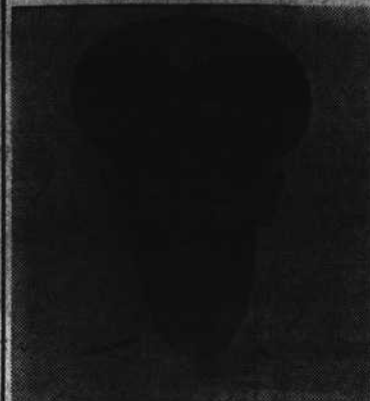
The 40 year-old woman was pronounced dead upon arrival at Lenoir Memorial Hospital at about 1:50 a.m. Tuesday from a single pistol wound in the upper chest.

Investigation indicated that the couple, riding in separate cars, had met on Highway NC 55 in the general area of Happersville and an argument had taken place and as she started to get out of her car Jones shot her once.

PROBABLY CAUSE RULED

After a preliminary hearing in Lenoir County District Court Monday James Henry Lewis of LaGrange route 1 was bound over to superior court under \$5,000 bond on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and felonious breaking and entering. He assaulted Mrs. Kirby Hardy, on whose farm he was living.

Jones to Illinois



Airman Jerry S. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Jones, Route 2, Trenton, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in aircraft maintenance. Airman Jones is a 1969 graduate of Jones High School.

STANLEY PROMOTED

Alaska R. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stanley, Route 2, Pink Hill, was promoted to Army specialist five July 22 while assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion's Headquarters Company near Pleiku, Vietnam, as an armorer.

two for acquittal of Willard Jones of 3702 Tyler Road on charge of kidnapping a 13 year-old girl from her home in the western part of the county earlier this year. Jones will be tried again at a latter session of the court.

MUGGERS SENTENCED

Three young Kinstonians charged with robbery by mugging were sentenced in Lenoir County Superior Court last Friday. Linwood Earl Meekins and Michael Harris were each given 5-to-10 years and James Garner had a 12-to-18 month prison term suspended on condition he remain on probation five years and repay the state for the court-appointed lawyer who represented him in the trial.

LONG TERM TO FELON

In Lenoir County Superior Court last week Judge Sumner Burgwyn of Woodland sentenced Josephus Mitchell to 20 years in prison following Mitchell's conviction on charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to commit rape. Appeal to a higher court was filed by Mitchell's court-appointed lawyer and his bond was fixed at \$12,500.

TWO YOUTHS HURT

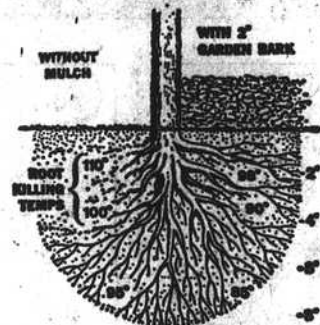
Two 16 year-old boys from Kennedy Memorial Home were hurt in a one-car wreck last Wednesday night after football practice at North Lenoir High School. James Clayton Pate, driver of the car, suffered leg injuries and was indicted for reckless driving and Wayne Claude McDonald was treated and released for less serious injuries. The car rolled out of control 420 feet Patrolman Earl Smith reported.



Mulch Keeps Soil Temperatures Down

"Mulch" is a 2 to 3-inch layer of material such as peat moss, sawdust or other organic matter. In some areas, ground corn cobs, buckwheat hulls, or cocoa bean shells are used. Straw is widely applied in the fall as a through-the-winter mulch. The use of bark chunks is becoming more widespread, as bark is not only beneficial as a mulch, it's decorative as well.

A good mulch benefits the soil in a number of ways. It conserves moisture by slowing evaporation of water; it eases cultivation by suppressing the growth of weeds; it prevents the "crusting" of soil, helping water penetrate into the root zone; and it insulates against the hot summer sun. Soil temperatures under a 2-inch mulch will be 6 to 8 degrees lower than soil without mulch, thus eliminating root-killing high temperatures at the surface.



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DEATHS

Jesse Howard

Funeral services were held last Thursday for Jesse Howard, 68, of the Noble Mill section of lower Lenoir County, who died last week.

Miss Minnie Lou Kelly

Funeral services were held Saturday for retired school teacher Miss Minnie Lou Kelly, 83, who died last week in a Pitt County nursing home.

P. E. Wells Jr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for P. E. Wells Jr., 44, of 1903 Carey Road, who died Tuesday morning.

MISTRIAL DECLARED

Last week a Lenoir County jury after nearly five hours was hung at 10 for conviction and

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