

# LENIENCY OF COURTS AND MENTAL INSTITUTIONS SETS CRIMINAL FREE ON SOCIETY

by Jack Rider

Kinston Police Wednesday were confronted by just one more dangerous instance of court and mental institution leniency.

The confrontation was with 25 year-old James McCloud.

In Kinston, McCloud is now charged with burglarizing the home of Barbara Murphy at 406 South Orion Street and stealing a television set and record player and he is additionally charged

with armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon on William Chestnut of 507 South Tiffany Street, Kinston.

Police say McCloud went into the little grocery store operated by Chestnut Tuesday afternoon armed with a butcher knife and robbed the store and in the act slashed Chestnut — not seriously — across one arm.

On Wednesday as police began trying to put the pieces of Mc-

Cloud's background together they found he had walked away from the state hospital for the criminally insane in Raleigh about three months ago.

He says he has spent the last month around Kinston, living as Detective Captain Wheeler Kennedy put it "from pillar to post."

McCloud had been committed to the hospital for the criminally insane after an abortive bank

robbery in Clinton in April of 1969.

Clinton police say that McCloud had made the robbery and was leaving the bank with a bag containing about \$34,000 in one hand and a sawed off shotgun in the other.

At that point McCloud was confronted by a Clinton police officer, who shot McCloud before McCloud could raise his shotgun.

It was medically determined that McCloud was too stupid to undergo trial and at that point he was committed to Dorothea Dix Hospital, from which he walked away about three months ago, according to him.

Clinton authorities told Kinston police Wednesday morning that McCloud was additionally under suspicion of having committed two murders in that community.

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### Comparison of County Officer's Salaries Shows Wide Range

County	Board Chmn.	Board	Sheriff	Reg. Deeds	Acct.	Tax Sup.	Afty.
Craven	\$3600	\$2400	\$9216	\$7080	\$10116	\$7680	\$1800
Duplin	1000	1000	8800	8652	10560	8360	2396
Greene	30	25	6195	6011	6900	6500	630
Jones	1200	900	6600	4800	5200	6600	2084
Lenoir	1500	1200	8700	8100	9660	8020	3600
Onslow	1800	1380	10500	8280	14640	9900	5580
Pamlico	15	12	5808	4308	6500		2640
Pitt	1800	1800	10191	9224	11480	9030	5711
Wayne	1500	1200	10500	8280	14640	9900	6000

The figures for Greene and Pamlico counties under board members are the prices paid per meeting. Most sheriffs are furnished with cars by the county. The Jones County Sheriff is paid \$2100 per year for using his own car. The Jones County Register of Deeds is paid also \$1940 for serving as county veterans service officer. A majority of tax collectors and supervisors are paid mileage as are commissioners and accountants.

There are other salaries that and partly from other funds, are paid partly by the county some state, some federal and some both.

In this category are health officers, school superintendents, welfare superintendents, farm agents, and librarians.

Listed here are the salaries in this category with the amount paid by the county listed in parentheses:

Health officer, Craven County, part-time \$24,048, Duplin County, part-time \$1680, Greene County, part-time \$5172, Jones and Lenoir counties share the same health officer, Jones pays \$3,427 and Lenoir pays \$13,709, Pitt County \$19,812, Onslow County \$15,564, Wayne

County \$24,048.

County School Superintendent:

Craven County \$17,940 (\$4,800),

Duplin County \$14,208 (\$2,400),

Greene County \$13,908 (\$2,400),

Jones County \$12,468 (\$1,656),

Lenoir County \$17,000 (\$4,592),

Onslow \$18,480 (\$5,064), Pamlico

County \$12,698 (\$2,138), Pitt

County \$17,104 (\$4,060), and

Wayne County \$18,192 (\$3,000).

Welfare Superintendent: Craven

County \$13,476; Duplin County

vacant at time of survey, Greene

\$9,288, Jones \$9,216, Lenoir

\$11,100, Onslow \$12,840, Pamlico

\$10,224, Pitt \$11,664, Wayne

\$14,124.

Farm agents: Craven County

\$12,272 (\$6,622), Duplin County

\$12,610 (\$4,308), Greene \$11,

504 (\$2,690), Jones \$11,440

(\$2,674), Lenoir \$11,362 (\$3,688),

Pamlico \$11,882 (\$2,632), Pitt

\$12,500 (\$5,040), Wayne \$14,402

(\$6,684).

Librarian: Craven shares a li-

brarian with Carteret and Pam-

lico counties whose salary is not

listed. Jones, Greene, and Le-

noir share a librarian whose

salary is listed at \$10,848, Pitt

\$12,276, Wayne County \$10,116.

**TWO FILE APPEALS**

In Lenoir County District

Court Tuesday Mary Roberson

of the Kinston Apartments ap-

pealed to superior court after

being fined \$100 for drunken

driving and Lyrly L. Spence of

LaGrange appealed after being

fined \$5 for speeding 45 miles

an hour in a 35-mile zone.

### Senator Sam Ervin Meets With Students, Finds Many Disagree With Protestors

The President's decision to end American troops into Cambodia and the tragic death of four Kent State University students have brought thousands of college students to this city in recent days.

Within the past week, I have spent many hours talking with North Carolina college students about these and many other concerns which they brought to me. I can report that most of these students opposed the President's decision, but not all did. Many blamed the National Guardsmen for the Kent State tragedy, but

many did not.

These students were respectful, thoughtful, and evidenced a desire to work out our problems within the framework of the American system. This sharing of views is as it should be. It is the basis of our democratic process.

Unfortunately, this is not true of all students on all of the campuses across our nation. Many have resorted to violence which has enflamed the passions of young and older Americans, and for different reasons. While the students have been exercising their right to protest, hard-working Americans who are producing the goods and services that support our free society and its educational system are questioning where all this will lead us.

This brings me to make these observations: There are many things about our democratic processes and the civilization which we enjoy that need remedying, but I firmly believe that any individual who is not satisfied with our governmental processes should seek remedies through orderly and regular channels.

These channels permit indi-

viduals to petition elected officials about their problems, and if any individual is not satisfied with the actions of that official, the individual then has the privilege of working to elect the candidate of his choice.

While I am a great believer in the rights of petition and free speech, I believe that one of the great needs of this day is self-restraint. It would be well for university and college administrators and faculties to counsel students that civilization flourishes only when individuals act in a responsible manner.

If we fail to recognize this, every person may soon be at the mercy of a mob that has no respect for life, limb, or property. Indeed, we hear revolutionaries advocating this very course on college campuses today.

All this is but to say that any orderly society must be predicated upon reasoned judgments by its leaders after taking into consideration all the processes by which policies are made.

Today, there are many voices advocating that we extricate ourselves by one means or another from the Vietnam War. There are genuine concerns about the tactical and strategic decisions which we have made about this war.

But what is most important

### Hearing in New Bern June 11th on New Dover - New Bern US 70 Routing

A public hearing on the proposed corridor and alternates for the relocation of US 70 from Do-

ver to New Bern will be held at the Shrine Temple on Broad and Front Street in New Bern on June 11 at 2 p.m.

R. W. McGowan, Highway Department chief engineer for pre-construction, will conduct the hearing, where the proposed corridor will be explained in detail. After the explanation, comments and questions from the public will be invited.

The proposed corridor will begin at the vicinity of SR 1313 on US 70; thence on new location in Jones County along the Jones-Craven County Line for approximately 8.1 miles; thence easterly in Craven County crossing SR 1001 at the County Line, SR 1224 south of SR 1229, SR 1220, approximately midway between NC 55 and US 17 and tying into US 17.

Persons wishing to present additional material pertaining to the project may do so for 10 days after the hearing by filing it at McGowan's office in the Highway Building in Raleigh.

A map showing the vicinity of the proposed corridor is posted in the Craven and Jones County Courthouse.

### April's One Cent Sales Tax Returns

County	Net Collections
Buncombe	\$ 174,217.19
Camden	1,282.84
Chowan	10,467.34
Clay	2,213.32
Cumberland	187,304.64
Currituck	2,624.13
Duplin	24,489.07
Durham	171,909.25
Greene	4,533.17
Hertford	20,900.80
Jackson	12,110.57
Jones	2,902.56
Lenoir	61,229.50
Macon	13,311.93
Madison	5,363.03
Mecklenburg	573,032.29
New Hanover	124,626.17
Onslow	60,496.90
Pamlico	3,567.74
Parqu岸ank	30,952.68
Perquimans	4,643.18
Richmond	41,676.90
Swain	4,725.48
Tyrrell	2,120.84
Watauga	20,911.97
Wayne	80,877.23
Total	\$1,642,490.62

### Homcoming Sunday

Shady Grove Methodist Church will hold its annual homcoming on Sunday, May 24. Services begin at 11 a.m. and dinner will be served at noon. The Moore Boys and others will present group singing in the afternoon. Everyone is cordially invited.

### SHIRT-TAIL SENTENCE

In Lenoir District Court Monday Judge Herbert Hardy asked Robert Fisher of 610 Caswell Street, Kinston, to put his shirt in. Fisher refused and was immediately hustled off to spend the rest of the day in jail for contempt of court.

now is to recognize that for the first time in history we may be determining something far greater than how we can conclude the Vietnam War. We now risk the creation of a precedent that every man can say whether he will fight for his country only if he chooses to do so, and this would have far-reaching consequences to the nation beyond the immediate issues of the hour.

Up to now, we have survived as a free nation because there were enough courageous men who were willing to fight for their country irrespective of whether they agreed or disagreed with the wisdom of its politics. This spirit of patriotism has been the unifying force in our land, and loss of this quality would challenge the very foundation of our strength in the perilous world in which we live.

### Jones Countians are Hurt in Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ervin and their son suffered injuries for which they were examined, treated, and released Sunday afternoon about a mile east of Kinston on US 70.

Mack Lewis Thompson of Dover was driving a car which skidded into the path of the Ervin car, causing an estimated \$600 damage and the injuries suffered by the Ervins.

Thompson was indicted on charge of drunken driving.

### LARKINS STORE HIT

Monday night a truck load of clothing was stolen from Larkins Clothing Store on the 100 block of South Queen Street by thieves who broke open the front door and carried out about 70 suits and numerous other items of haberdashery, valued at about \$6,000.

### Suspended Sentence!

Last year 73 police officers were murdered and 33,604 were assaulted. This year the beat goes on and Tuesday James A. Whitfield of 1208 Hicks Avenue was found guilty of assaulting a Kinston police officer. His "punishment" was a six-month jail term suspended on condition he pay a \$50 fine. At the same time he was found guilty of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. In 1963 there were only 16,793 assaults reported on police officers, indicating how court leniency with such cases has almost doubled the rate of assault on police officers in just five years.

### Still Unconscious

Charles Frederick Murphy of Kinston route 4 who suffered extremely critical head injuries on the night of May 2nd in a wreck just north of the Kinston city limits still remains in the intensive care section of Pitt Memorial Hospital, still unconscious. Murphy lost control of his car as he headed north at an excessively high rate of speed and went out of control for nearly 500 feet, including a 125-foot leap through the air.