

U. S. FORESTRY SERVICE MORE LIBERAL TO COUNTIES THAN STATE FORESTRY FOUNDATION

A look at the records in Jones County clearly supports the statement that the United States Forestry Service is more liberal to those counties embracing land under its control than the State Forestry Foundation, a private setup that operates Hofmann Forest in Onslow and Jones Counties.

Until this year Jones and Onslow counties had never collected a penny either in taxes or in lieu of taxes from the State Forestry Foundation, but this

year due largely to the prodding of Jones County Tax Collector Julian Waller a token payment — after much protest — was received from this foundation which owns 31,648 acres of Jones County real estate.

On the other hand the Forestry Service has paid the county each year its pro-rated part of the profits from timber sales on the federal forest lands owned in the county.

Croatan Forest which spreads across a large section of Craven,

Carteret and Jones counties this year paid in lieu of taxes to Jones County \$13,399.98.

The payment from the Hofmann Forest organization was 10 cents per acre, plus three per cent late payment penalty, or \$3,164.80 plus the penalty.

The Forestry Service this year has added 2710 acres of Jones County land to Croatan Forest along with 3666 acres in Craven County, purchased from J. D. McMullan.

This makes a total of 39,095

acres of Croatan Forest in Jones County.

The payments from the Forestry Service in lieu of taxes on Croatan Forest were \$9,867.26 in 1967, \$10,851.41 in 1968 and the recently received \$13,399.98 for last year.

Although the payments from neither is actually based on a specified sum per acre it develops that Jones County is realizing about 10 cents an acre — under protest — for the Hofmann Forest lands and over 36 cents per acre from Croatan Forest lands.

Tax Collector Waller says the

average tax listed valuation for timber land over the entire county would be something close to \$20 per acre; with waste land at the bottom of the ladder at \$5 per acre and prime timberlands hitting as high as \$125 per acre in tax listed valuation.

With the average at \$20 on the current year's tax rate of \$1.60 on the hundred the county levy on the average acre of timberland is thusly about 32 cents.

On this basis, judging both of these large forests as "average" one is paying far below the average tax levy and the other is paying slightly above.

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Dope Charges Beginning to Sound Like Old Abbott-Costello Routine

"Who's on first?" might be a good opening line for the official comedy of errors still running in the local courts under the caption "Narcotics Charges."

The show began on the evening of April 4th in a room of the Kinstonian Motel where a former Kinstonian James A. Kornegay and a present Kinstonian Imogene Kinsey were found rehearsing scenes for an upcoming Broadway show.

The audience consisted of officers of the sheriff's department, an ABC officer and some auxiliary deputies. No drama critics were invited.

The officers had a ticket — sometimes called a search warrant — giving them a ring-side seat to the carryings-on, which ended summarily with a mad scramble by the cast to find clothing and composure.

In addition to finding the bare-bottomed coupled "hors de combat" the audience also found a considerable quantity of what some inexpert opinion described as "pure heroin".

And so the interrupted couple with much of love's labor lost, at least for the night, were hauled to the county custodian, where in a matter of minutes they were charged with possession of illegal drugs, and sprung by a local professional bondsman, one Willie Mills, who has made contact with Kornegay's agent in the big city.

Kornegay left the premises under \$5000 bond and Miss Kinsey (perhaps conducting research for a sequel to the "Kinsey Report") was allowed to return to her "work" under \$1000 bond, both quickly furnished by Mills.

Kornegay has not been seen locally since. The first time when his case was called for preliminary hearing a dispatch from his New York mouthpiece ask-

ed a week's delay, after which the court, growing a bit restive issued the necessary capias to implement Kornegay's arrest and the payment by bondsman Mills of the \$5000 he had pledged to insure his client's appearance in court. This action took place on April 21st and in which Mills was given 30 days to either furnish Kornegay or \$5000 to the court.

On May 28th, one week after that court deadline has come and gone Mills interceded to the court through his local mouthpiece that there was a mixup somewhere along the line since the search warrant used by the gendarmerie to gain entrance to the exhibition and the illicit narcotics had been made out in the name of Kenneth Kornegay, who is a brother of the star of the one-night show at the Kinstonian.

Judicial notice was taken of this technical discrepancy and on May 28th the court granted Mills another 30-day stay of execution before he has to put up Kornegay (James A., that is) or \$5000.

And while this little technicality was being explored, another local mouthpiece found that Miss Kinsey was technically a juvenile despite her adult performance and again the court had to undo what it had done and send her off to the tender mercies of the juvenile judge.

With the federal courts taking an exceedingly dim view of improperly drawn search warrants it appears as this juncture that in addition to the State of North Carolina not having James A. Kornegay available for trial it also has no basis for trying him since evidence discovered under use of a defective search warrant is not admissible in court.

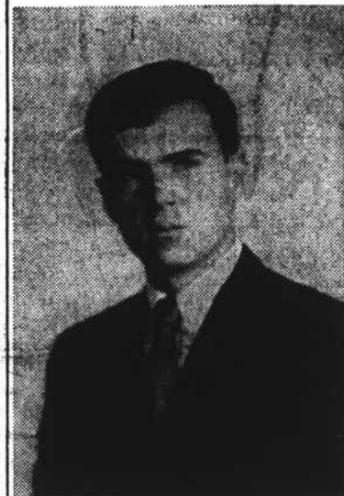
There is just a possibility that the officers may be indicted for breaking entering and larceny, for having stolen Kornegay's heroin and interrupting his rehearsal.

Of course a compromise may be reached since Kornegay if he is ever found this side of Rap Brown, might also be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, using a motel room for immoral purposes and fleeing from justice.

At the request of local officials the FBI has now joined in the search for Kornegay (James A.), but then the FBI has been looking Rap Brown since March.

And it might be added, the courts of Maryland have not collected the \$50,000 bond posted to assure Rap's arrival in court.

Staff Changes in Judge Larkins Office Announced



This week Judge John Larkins announced several changes in his office staff, including the appointment of Thomas D. Haigwood of Greenville to one of the law clerk positions of his staff, which becomes effective September 1st.

Judge Larkins announced that T. H. Stubbs Jr., who has been one of his law clerks for a year and a half, left May 18th to become associated with the law firm of Beamon and Kellum in New Bern, and in the interim until Haigwood arrives Mrs. Mary Safford, former legal secretary to the same New Bern law firm is filling in with his staff.

Larkins also reported that John Hughes, who had been serving as bailiff-clerk, has been promoted to clerk upon Stubbs' departure.

Senator Sam Ervin Condemns Rioters

by Senator Sam Ervin
Inasmuch as the First Amendment and the right of dissent are being invoked with frequency nowadays to justify rioting by students on the campuses of some of our institutions of higher learning, it is timely for us to consider this Amendment and this right.

The First Amendment undertakes to make the minds and spirits of men free. To this end, it guarantees to every person in our land freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of religion.

One may exercise these freedoms either as an individual or in association with others having a common lawful purpose. Furthermore, the First Amendment expressly recognizes a col-

Commissioners Hold Quiet June Meeting

The June session of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was a quiet one that saw Barber for one year and Bill Parker and Julian Waller for three years as the county's representatives on the Neuse Regional Development Commission and the transfer of some welfare funds.

The transfers include \$607.38 from the disabled fund, \$1665.80 from the old medical assistance fund to the Medicaid Fund. Along with this \$534.01 in new money from the state welfare department added up to the addition of \$5534.01 to the Medicaid fund to offset anticipated deficits in that new welfare program.

The board also voted not to oppose or sanction sale of 2710 acres of land in Pollocksville Township by J. D. McMullan to the Forestry Service.

HAS TO PAY DOCTOR
Patricia Brice of 13-C Carver Courts had a two-year jail term suspended in Lenoir County Superior Court Monday for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill but she was ordered to pay \$438 medical bills of the victim as one condition of her five-year probationary service.

lective freedom, i.e., the right of the people "peaceably to assemble and to petition government for a redress of grievances."

Moreover, the right of dissent, which is the right to differ from others in opinion, may be said to be a part of the First Amendment. Under our Constitution, men can be punished for what they do or fail to do, but not for what they think or believe.

Even so, it is abundantly clear that the Amendment requires

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Jones Fatality

Paul Andrew Suggs of Savannah, Georgia died Saturday afternoon in Pitt Memorial Hospital at Greenville from injuries he suffered early Saturday morning in a wreck in Jones County. Suggs was driving alone southwardly on US 17 about three miles north of Pollocksville when he lost control of his car when he made the mistake of following RP 1002 off of US 17. He was transferred to the Pitt County hospital after being given emergency care at Craven County Hospital in New Bern.

Judge Larkins is Back from Surgery At Duke Hospital

Judge John Larkins returned to his home in Trenton last Friday following two weeks of treatment at Duke Hospital and is recuperating satisfactorily from plastic surgery on the right side of his face.

Larkins had a basal carcinoma removed from the right side of his face and skin from his thigh was grafted to the area by plastic surgeons at Duke.

This is the second such removal of a skin cancer Larkins has undergone. The first was about 20 years ago.

STIFF PRISON TERM
Phillip Marshall was convicted Tuesday in Lenoir County Superior Court of armed robbery in the holdup of an East Kinston store some months ago and Judge Dick Bundy of Greenville sentenced him to five years in prison.

HILL FAMILY REUNION
Sunday the Lower Lenoir County branch of the Hill Family is holding its annual reunion at Salty Hill's Famous Ponderosa and all the kith and kin are urged to turn out and to come armed with that well-filled picnic basket.

Commissioner of Revenue Reports an 11-month Increase of Over 15 Per Cent in Total Revenues for State

May, 1970, net General Fund collections amounted to \$80.4 million as compared with \$63.5 million collected in May, 1969, an increase of \$16.9 million, or 26.62%.

For the first eleven months of the current fiscal year, net General Fund collections were \$801.5 million compared with \$692.2 million for the first eleven months of the 1968-69 fiscal year, an increase of \$109.3 million, or 15.80%.

May net Highway Fund collections amounted to \$20.3 million compared with \$15.0 million collected in May, 1969, an increase of \$5.3 million, or 35.98%. Gasoline Tax receipts

amounted to \$18.4 million compared with \$13.3 million collected in May, 1969, an increase of \$5.1 million, or 38.15%.

Net Highway Fund collections for the first eleven months of the current fiscal year were \$265.4 million as compared with \$199.5 million collected during the first eleven months of the 1968-69 fiscal year, an increase of \$65.9 million, or 33.04%.

Gasoline Tax collections for this eleven month period were \$195.0 million as compared with \$143.9 million collected during the corresponding period of the 1968-69 fiscal year, an increase of \$51.1 million, or 35.49%.

Classical Collision

Tuesday morning there was what some term a "classical collision" in Kinston at the corner of Chestnut and Trianon streets when cars driven by Sir Walter were insulted by being accused of failing to stop for a stop sign. Raleigh Sutton of 1118 Chestnut Street and King David Dove of 315-B Richard Greene Homes tangled. Damage to the pair of chariots was estimated at \$1500 but neither of the charioteers was injured, although Sir Wal-