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## Four Cases Cleared In Quiet Session of District Court

Last week four cases were cleared from the docket of Jones County District Court in one of its quietest sessions.

David R. Hill and Clementine Simmons each paid costs for public drunkenness.

O'Neal Heath paid a \$10 fine and costs for hunting out of season.

Edward E. Roberts was given a six-month jail term for drunken driving and driving without a license with the jail term suspended on payment of a \$100 fine, the costs and the future condition that he remain on probation one year.

## Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week:

From John and Mary Gerock Barrow, Dean and Martha Barrow Mills, Joseph and Denora Barrow Meadows to Iva T. Barrow 175 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From Richard and Evelyn Turner Whaley to Robert and Evelyn Baker a tract in Beaver Creek Township.

From Clay and Vivian Koonce to Freddie and Nellie Koonce a lot in Tuckahoe Township.

From Donald and Ann Brock to Jimmy A. Arthur 2.82 acres in Pollocksville Township.

From Lewis David and Thelma Philyaw to Eugene and Brenda Philyaw .28 acre in Cypress Creek Township.

## Four Jones Arrests

In the past week four persons were booked at the sheriff's office: three for public drunkenness include Ed Brown of Trenton, William Quick of Maysville route 1 and Clyde Kinsey of Pollocksville and the fourth, Herbert Louis Taylor of Jacksonville was charged with drunken driving.

## Terry Jones Among Troops in Exercise

Army Specialist Four Terry L. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norfleet M. Jones, Maysville, was among the 11,000 Troops of the 1st Infantry Division, who left Ft. Riley, Kan., Oct. 4-10, to be airlifted to Germany to participate in exercise Reforger II.

The Big Red One soldiers departed from Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kan., and landed at one of three West German Airfields, Rhein Main, Ramstein, or Echterdingen.

A few hours later, the troops picked up weapons, tanks, and armored personnel carriers, which had been prepositioned in Europe, and departed to the exercise site near the Czechoslovakian border.

During the five-day training exercise, the division opposed aggressor forces from the 3rd Infantry Division, regularly stationed in Germany, and the German 35th Panzer Grenadier Brigade.

Reforger II was designed to test Army deployment from stateside bases in defending Western Europe with NATO forces. A similar exercise, Reforger I, was held in Germany in January 1969.

Members of the 1st Division are scheduled to return to Fort Riley in late October and November.

Spec. Jones is a Clerk in Company B, 1st Battalion of the Division's 28th Infantry.

## Jones County Youth Involved in Hunting Tragedy Saturday

Thirteen year-old David Kent Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport of the Sasser Mill section of Jones County killed his first deer Saturday just after noon at Camp Lejeune and in a freakish accident the same shot that killed the youngster's deer also claimed the life of 43 year-old James McCoy Carter of the Clinton section of Sampson County.

Carter, against hunt rules, had left his stand and was trying to follow dogs and deer through the underbrush. He was near the spot where Young Davenport shot the deer.

One of the buck shot pellets from Davenport's gun glanced off at a sharp angle, hitting Carter in the heart and he died in a matter of minutes.

## Weekend Thievery

The Lenoir County Sheriff Department is investigating two instances of grand larceny over the weekend. Dillard Wallace reported someone broke into his home Saturday night and stole \$1700, including \$1500 in currency and \$200 in coins and Henry Brothers of La Grange route 1 reported the theft of 28 bushels of valuable seed corn from his packbarn Friday night.

## BASEBALL OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Kinston Baseball Company Monday night Kemp Bennett and Nich Yanchisin were elected to the company's board of directors and the directors re-elected the company's three officers: President Jack Rider, Vice President David Broadway and Secretary - Treasurer Buddy Haupt.

## William Hatchell Estate Involved in Complicated Civil Action Filed in Name of 24 Alleged 'Heirs at Law'

### Father-in-Law Held In Murder Case

James Ray Hoffman of Dover route 2 has been charged with the murder last Wednesday afternoon of his son-in-law Gene Autry Stocks of Kinston route 6.

Stocks, 24, a private investigator, died almost instantly in a hail of bullets from a .22 caliber automatic rifle just after noontime last Wednesday in Sand Hill Township.

The gunman who did the shooting fled the scene, according to witness James Foyles, who lives near the scene of the shooting.

Hoffman was an immediate suspect but he was not apprehended until about 9 Thursday morning when Highway Patrolman Earl Edwards arrested him on East Highland Avenue.

Hoffman said he blacked out and heard on the radio he was being sought and that he was on his way to the sheriff's office when Edwards stopped him.

Domestic difficulties, springing from the separation of Hoffman and his wife, who was living with the Stocks family are believed to be the cause of the tragedy.

### Food Program Benefits Needy and Local Processors

Large shipments of food are arriving in the state for assignment by the Food Distribution Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

"A total of 54,119,495 pounds of food was received during September," reported North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham. "Of that amount 350,144 pounds of frozen, ready to cook turkeys and 747,800 pounds of flour were received from N. C. processors and producers.

Last year our processors and producers realized almost \$3,000,000 in purchases for the Food Distribution Program."

The large shipments are due

Charge and counter-charge are involved in a rather complicated civil action now pending in the Jones County courts.

Dinah Norman and numerous others are suing Phiebe J. Hatchell and even a longer list of co-defendants for possession of the lands of the late William Hatchell.

The action also asks the court to name legal guardians "ad litem" for numerous minors, whose property rights may be involved in the action.

The defendants in their reply to the complaint deny the claims and assert "adverse possession" to counter any claims that might exist to this property.

Other less complicated actions filed during the past week include two reciprocal support actions. In one Margaret Hall of Lenoir County is asking support for herself and two children from her husband Johnny Farrow Hall of Hampton, Va., and in the other Florida Jean Dawson of Virginia Beach is asking support for herself and four children from James Whitely Dawson of Pollocksville route 1.

There were also two actions for divorce filed in the past week.

In these Joseph Dunn asks divorce from Maria del Carmon Rodriguez Dunn, alleging their marriage on June 9, 1966 and their separation on September 27 of the same year.

In the other General L. Freeman asks divorce from Besse Beasley Freeman of Baltimore, alleging their marriage January 25, 1953 and their separation in October of 1967.

to the opening of schools for the 1970-71 year.

"The food is used for the school lunch program and distribution to needy families," Graham said.

Fifty-one counties distributed food to 119,561 persons in needy families and twenty-seven counties distributed food to 10,775 mothers and infants under the Supplemental Food Program in September.

## POLITICS NO HAPPY HOME FOR FAINT OF HEART, WEAK OF STOMACH OR THIN HIDE

by Jack Rider

At any level politics is a pretty rough racket.

From the Agnew-Goodell elevation down to the branchhead boys such as myself "politics air a bitch" . . . and anybody who deliberately involves himself can expect anything to happen because it is eternally true that in politics as well as love and war "all's fair".

The name of the game is winning; not how you played the game; for as Jim Tatum told his Carolina teams: "Winning is not everything. It is the only thing."

Losers may get tombstones but they seldom get monuments.

Next week there will be a lot of losers and fewer winners. For the first time I find myself as an individual involved in one of these contests and strangely enough I find myself far less concerned about whether I win or lose than I have in the past when I was trying to get Cam Langston elected to the general assembly or John Larkins elected governor.

Surely I'd like to win, and if I had not thought I had a fairly good chance of being elected I'd never have stuck my thick head into the political thicket.

But there is "formidable" opposition; or so I'm told by the old pros, whose job it is to view with alarm and later (hopefully) point with pride.

They tell me I've done just about everything a candidate can do to lose friends and elections. I have attacked schools as wasteful and in need of overhaul. Which is about like kicking a white elephant in Siam.

I have dared to say loudly and publicly that I am 110 per cent opposed to racial integration of the schools; despite the fact that the pros say the vast majority of white people and all the colored people are deeply in love with this checkerboard principle that gutless school boards have adopted all across the south, while northern schools still remain as racially segregated as they always have been.

I have dared say nice things about my opponents, also publicly.

I have been asked repeatedly by best friends why I ever involved myself in such a hectic struggle. My answer is that local government is still the most important government. It touches us more frequently in more sensitive spots than state and federal governments combined.

And it is my belief that if our country is to survive it has to have a revolt of local government against outside interference; and this revolt has to begin somewhere and here's as good a place as any.

The revolt has already begun in Jones County and six other counties where county commissioners have refused to bend their knee to illegal orders issued by unelective faceless bureaucrats in Raleigh and Washington.

Seven counties is not much out of more than 3,000 counties but it is a beginning and when that number grows to 70 and 700 it will spread and control of local problems will return to local hands.

Not only will the price of these problems be reduced by

this return to local controls but the efficiency will improve. Today half the time of administrators in public schools, public health, public welfare and most other local agencies is spent filling out endless questionnaires for distant overseers who are much more a part of the problem than of the solution.

No where is this worse than in these two vital fields of public schools and public welfare. There is no law — only bureaucratic rulings — which says that all of the state and federal money appropriated for all such local agencies should not be divided among all the people of the nation on a one-man-one-dollar basis rather than on a complicated, devious, inequitable basis which robs Peter in one county to fatten Paul in another.

Half the pressing domestic problems of our country began from well-intended but impractical efforts by professional dogooders to "help". They have paid dependant children in Mississippi \$5 per month and \$57 per month in the big cities

of the north and they wonder why instant ghettos were created. Flies and people go where the honey is easiest to reach.

I certainly do not delude myself with the illusion that I, Jack Rider, can single-handedly reverse this unhappy trend. But, again, the fight is already begun, and I'm not only willing but anxious to get in the fight and help those who have already fired the first round in this fight of local government for survival.

Nothing I stand for is a secret. The people of this area if they are interested surely know where I stand on any particular issue. I am anxious to find if a majority of them feel the way I do and are willing to declare war at the ballot box on this force of centralization which has:

— refused consent to laws most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

— forbidden local governments to pass local laws of immediate and pressing importance.

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