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## Alcohol Deaths in N. C. Reach Alarming Proportions in 1970, Both On and Off Highway, Figures Show

During 1970 some 200 persons in North Carolina died as a result of alcohol poisoning, according to figures released today by Dr. Page Hudson, the state's chief medical examiner here.

"We're not talking about contaminated liquor," Dr. Hudson said. "We're talking about death as a result of one great bout with drinking . . . too much liquor at one time."

"Here in North Carolina we are recording an uncommonly high number of such deaths."

## Judge Denies Relief To Mills in \$5000 Bond, Not Yet Paid

Last week Judge William Copeland of Murfreesboro turned a deaf ear to the pleas of Kinston Bondsman Willie Mills, who sought to be relieved of the responsibility of paying a \$5000 bond he had signed for James A. Kornegay in April of this year when Kornegay was caught with a considerable amount of heroin in a local motel room.

However, Court Clerk Zeke Creech said Tuesday that the bond has not yet been paid since his office has not received the signed order from Judge Copeland.

Creech said Mills told him last week that he was ready to pay off just as soon as his office received the judge's order.

Paradoxically, with Kornegay a fugitive and Mills about to lose his \$5000 the narcotics charges against Kornegay if he ever comes back to visit his Kinston kinsmen will be quashed since this same Judge Copeland ruled that the search warrant used in the arrest of Kornegay was improperly drawn.

The number is running five to twenty times higher than the rest of the nation, depending upon which state you compare with.

"During 1970 we recorded 93 such deaths through November, and only about half of North Carolina's counties have medical examiners (medical doctors) who report these findings."

The other counties in the state have coroners.

"Alcohol is the most common fatally poisonous drug in North Carolina," Dr. Hudson said.

On North Carolina's highways alcohol was related to 75 per cent of all fatalities in single-car crashes, year-end figures show.

Dr. Arthur McBay, chief toxicologist for the medical examiner's office, said that of the 224 operators killed during the year in single car crashes, 143 (64 per cent) were under the influence of alcohol, 26 (11 per cent) had been drinking, and 55 (25 per cent) were sober.

Dr. McBay explained that his toxicology laboratory analyzed the bloods of 455 automobile drivers and pedestrians killed on North Carolina highway during 1970 (December estimated.)

Of the 143 persons killed in multiple-vehicle crashes, 49 (34 per cent) were under the influence, (16 (11 per cent) had been drinking, and 78 (55 per cent) were sober.

A startling 69 per cent of those pedestrians (over age 15) killed during the year, according to McBay's statistics, were either under the influence of alcohol or had been drinking.

He said that the blood of the 88 pedestrians examined by his office showed that 57 (65 per cent) were under the influence, four (four per cent) had been drinking and 27 (31 per cent) were sober.

## Dope Violators are Sentenced Last Week in Lenoir

Three defendants were in Lenoir County Superior Court last week on narcotics violation charges.

William Dawson, who was caught with a small amount of heroin on his person while he was serving a public drunkenness charge in the county jail, was given 3-to-5 years in prison.

Donald Ray Edwards who was arrested along with Wilma Grace Quinn at 705 Pollock Street in Kinston some weeks ago, was fined \$200 and placed on probation for three years after a 12-to-18 jail term was suspended for possession of a small amount of marijuana.

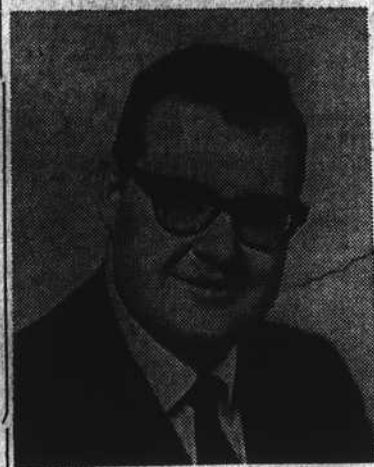
Miss Quinn was found not guilty of a similar charge.

### KINSTONIAN HELD

Last Thursday night Jacksonville police arrested Willie J. Herring of Kinston and placed him under \$1500 bond on charge of sticking up a Marine in the Bell Fork area of Jacksonville and robbing him of \$58.

## Dr. Neil C. Bender Opens Office In Pollocksville to Practice Medicine

Dr. Neil C. Bender opened his office for the practice of Inter-



nal Medicine in Pollocksville, December 14, 1970. Dr. Bender recently moved back to his home town of Pollocksville from Thomasville where he had practiced Internal Medicine for three years.

Dr. Bender was born in Pollocksville and graduated from Jones Central High School in 1955. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1959 with an AB in history. As a freshman at UNC he achieved membership in Phi Beta Sigma, freshman honorary society. He became a member of Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year. He was active in student government at UNC was chosen for membership in the Order of the Grail, highest undergraduate honorary organi-

zation on the campus. As a senior, he was president of the UNC Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta, national honorary pre-medical fraternity.

Dr. Bender graduated from the school of Medicine at the University of North Carolina in 1963. While in medical school, he became a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, medical honorary scholastic fraternity. He was president of the medical student body during his senior year. He spent one year as a straight Medical Intern at the University of Washington Hospital in Seattle, Wash. In 1964 he returned to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill for two years of residency in Internal Medicine. He then spent one year as Chief Medical Resident of Charlotte Memorial Hospital in Charlotte in a program affiliated with the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

Dr. Bender completed Part II of the Boards of Internal Medicine in November, 1970, and is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of the North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Bender is the son of Mrs. David Mosteller of Hickory, and the late John H. Bender, Sr., of Pollocksville.

The doctor and his family are affiliated with the Presbyterian church. He was a deacon and Sunday School Teacher in the Presbyterian Church when he resided in Thomasville.

Dr. Bender's office is located in Frank Bender's former motel which has been remodeled for a doctor's office. Until Pollocksville gets a prescription drug store the doctor will dispense drugs in his office.

Dr. Bender is married to the former Mary Dale Graham of Raleigh. They have two sons, Mike, age 5, and Dale, age 2. They are living at Dr. Bender's childhood home in Pollocksville.

### QUINN LINEMAN

Army Private Terry D. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton L. Quinn, Route 2, Trenton, recently completed an 11-week Lineman Course at the Army Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga. Pvt. Quinn entered the army in June 1970 and completed basic training at Ft. Bragg.

## Foundry Death

Last Friday morning 66 year-old Joe Hamilton of Goldsboro route 7 suffered fatal injuries in an accident in the Hardy and Newsome Company foundry at LaGrange. Witnesses said a large chunk of stone was forcefully ejected from a crushing machine, striking Hamilton in the chest and chin and inflicting the injuries from which he died shortly after reaching Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro.

### MARINE BADLY HURT

Last Wednesday night in the rain Camp Lejeune Marine Ramon Eugene Pemberton lost control of his car about six miles south of Kinston on US 258, rolled it over several times and suffered what preliminary examinations feared to be a broken back. His wife, Linda, escaped with minor injuries for which she was treated and released at Lenoir Memorial Hospital. His '66 model car was classified a total loss.

## Journalist's Life Not An Easy One

E. Baxter Brittingham is a young and energetic reporter of the Kinston Daily Free Press, who shares the concern of some for the high crimes and general misdemeanors that are alleged to take place within the barony of one Lyman Grant in Happersville, N. C. So in the wee hours of last Friday night E. Baxter Brittingham and anonymous friend assaulted the barricades of the Grant establishment, where among other things E. Baxter Brittingham's anonymous friend got the hell beat out of him. Which effrontery caused E. Baxter Brittingham to hie himself to the sheriff's office at 3 in the A.M., where he, A. demanded immediate action by the sheriff's department and, B. refused to sign a warrant himself. Then by telephone E. Baxter Brittingham began to wake up the chief constabulary with more demands for instant action. Sheriff Leo Harper referred him to State ABC Officer Tommy Taylor, who told E. Baxter Brittingham that he was not going to Happersville at that moment or on any other occasion unless he was armed with either a search warrant for a warrant for arrest, since he hardly suspected that Grant or any other member of the Grant roundtable would sell him a drink of liquor. E. Baxter Brittingham was consumed with angry frustration and is said to have remonstrated with the constabulary in words hardly fitting to a gentleman of the press, which resulted in his being put in jail himself and charged with disorderly conduct. He got out of jail early enough Saturday to write his story of the night's adventure but he left out the last part, and on the blotter he was listed as from Morehead City.

## The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David.

To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.