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Cases of 27 Defendants Cleared from District Court Docket Last Friday

An accumulation of heavy traffic from the holidays added up to one of the busiest days in many months last Friday in Jones County District Court. In all 27 defendants had their charges cleared in assorted actions recorded in the court.

Richard Campbell had a 12-month jail term suspended on condition he make restitution for all damages involved and remain on probation for two years after being found guilty of failing to stop and give information on an auto accident involving personal injuries, driving a car without insurance and improperly registered and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Harvey Foster had two drunken driving charges, one of which was noll prossed and in the other he drew 90 days in jail suspended on payment of a \$100 fine, court costs, that he pay his lawyer and he was granted a restricted driving license.

Charlie Dunn paid the costs for driving too fast for road-way conditions.

Jerome McCleave was bound over to superior court on a larceny charge after a preliminary hearing found probable cause against him in the charge.

Jerry May appealed to superior court after being found guilty of drunken driving.

William H. Cannon was fined \$200 after a six month jail term for drunken driving was suspended and he was also ordered not to violate any law for one year.

Mrs. Nathan Williams was ordered to make good a worthless check and pay court costs.

Tom Joyner was fined \$10 for reckless driving.

Willie Bryant paid the costs for improper parking.

Larry Rhodes, Charles Rhodes, and Quincy Rhodes were each fined \$100 and costs for possession of a doe deer.

Harris Wiler paid costs for not having his car inspected.

Ernest Collins Jr. paid a \$5 fine and costs for speeding.

Ed Rawls and James Hargett paid the costs for not listing taxes.

Directed Verdict of Not Guilty in Suit Against Dr. Littman

In Jones County Superior Court Monday Judge Joshua James entered a directed verdict of not guilty in a \$200,000 malpractice suit brought against Dr. John Littman of New Bern by Goldie Hill Gray of Jones County.

Mrs. Gray asked for \$100,000 compensatory damages and \$100,000 punitive damages for what she claimed to be serious and permanent injuries she suffered because of improper medical practices by Dr. Littman in her illness in 1967.

Largest Heroin Haul Nets 2 Indictments Friday Afternoon

All the gadgets for use of heroin and 54 "bindles" of the drug were found by local officers who raided a home at 405 Holloway Drive in Kinston last Friday afternoon.

Wesley A. Foy, a resident of that address, who was free under \$5000 bond for marijuana possession, was charged in the raid along with Donald Thompson of 17-E Mitchell Wooten Courts.

Foy, a senior at Fayetteville State Teacher College, was arrested two weeks ago with a senior from Grainger High School in an apartment on Cedar Lane where a considerable quantity of marijuana was found. He was scheduled to do practice teaching this spring in Kinston schools.

ABC Officer Paul Young, Sheriff Leo Harper, Deputy Bob Garris, Police Lieutenant A. R. Brake, and Detective Aaron Brooks took part in the raid.

Tobacco Specialists Heading Soil Science Dept.

Dr. Charles B. McCants, 46, an authority on the fertilization of tobacco, has been named head of the Department of Soil Science at North Carolina State University.

His appointment was announced Sunday (Jan. 17) by NCSU Chancellor John T. Caldwell, with approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and President William C. Friday.

Dr. McCants, who is now a professor of soil science, succeeds Dr. Ralph McCracken, who was promoted last year to assistant director of agricultural research at NCSU.

NCSU has one of the largest departments of soil science in the nation. Faculty members conduct teaching, research, and extension programs within the state, and a large international program in Latin America.

Dr. McCants has been personally involved in all four phases of the department's work. His main reputation, however, has been built on his soil fertility research.

Among other things, he pinpointed the effects of nitrate nitrogen and chlorine on tobacco quality, devised a procedure

'Grasshopper' Roberts Charged With July 25th Murder of F. B. Murphy

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates Monday reported the arrest of Cleveland "Grasshopper" Roberts of the western end of the county on charge of murdering F. B. Murphy on July 25, 1970

Murphy's body was found in a ditch near the Jones-Lenoir county line in the Pleasant Hill section several days after he had been missing from his home in the area. He had been shot once in the chest at close range by a 12 gauge shotgun.

Continuing investigation in the area, where Murphy had an extremely rough reputation led to the indictment of Roberts this week. Yates said one of the problems involved in the investigation was that fact that so many people in the community in which Murphy lived had

Couple Married 10 Years, 9 Children Seek Divorce

One of the two civil actions filed in the office of Jones County Court Clerk Rogert Pollock this week is a suit for divorce filed by James Albert Taylor against his wife Alvania Q. Taylor.

The suit alleges their marriage on June 1, 1957 and their separation in October of 1967. The suit further sets forth that nine children were born to the marriage.

In the other civil action Hope Easterbrooks of Jones County has filed a reciprocal support action against her husband Charles, who was last thought to be in Fort Worth, Texas.

She has applied for welfare help for herself and their two children and she is asking the Texas courts to award her \$80 per month from her husband, whose income she said was about \$92 per week when she last knew about it.

threatened to kill him from time to time because of his rather rough activities.

Other arrests in the past week were numerous Yates reported and included the following:

Ronald Anderson Pickett of New Bern forgery.

William H. Cannon of Dover route 2 drunken driving.

Richard Moore of Pollocksville for public drunkenness.

Richard Campbell of Camp Lejeune on a capias.

Richard Jones of Maysville Star route for drunken driving.

Larry Morgan on Trenton route 1, who was charged with stealing several batteries, radiators and tool boxes.

Willie Williams of Kinston route 6 charged with larceny.

William Britt of Pollocksville, charged with assault with a deadly weapon in the knifing of Ervin James in the chest on January 9th.

Herbert Mattocks of Maysville was charged with breaking into a vending machine in Maysville belonging to Audrey W. Kennedy.

Bobby Houston had a noll prosse with leave entered in a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Bill Miller paid the costs for public drunkenness.

Patrick O'Toole paid the costs for running a stop sign.

Ian B. Hinshelwood paid the costs for a traffic violation.

Charles Hill had a choice of 30 days in jail or paying the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James Simmons paid the costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

Peggy Meadows paid a \$10 fine and costs for speeding.

Jay Ellington and Raymond Cutshaw Jr. paid the costs for trespassing.

Half Million Dollar Grant to State For Research on Tropic Soil Usages

North Carolina State University has received a half-million dollar grant that is expected to help put the institution in a world leadership role in combating hunger and food famine.

The grant, from the U. S. Agency for International Development, will help to make NCSU the world leader in the science and technology of fertilization and management of warm region soils.

It is these areas of the globe where the potential for famine is greatest. These same areas also have vast, undeveloped lands that could be turned into rich "breadbaskets" to feed the rapidly growing native populations.

"In the years ahead, we hope to help provide assistance to those nations which previously have not had the technical know-how to turn these regions into productive farm land," commented Dr. Ralph McCracken, assistant director of agricultural research at NCSU.

At the same time, soils programs at N. C. State will be enriched significantly. The \$500,000 grant will be used for faculty development and graduate student training on the NCSU campus in the area of tropical soils.

"I believe this is the first grant of its type ever made by AID," Dr. McCracken said. "It reflects the high regard that is held for our University in soil science and in international programs."

NCSU has been involved in an international soil evaluation study under the direction of Dr. J. W. Fitts for several years, concentrating on work in Latin America. It is considered one of the most successful projects of its type to be supported by AID.

The University will be co-operating with four other in-

stitutions on the new soils project. These are Cornell, the University of Hawaii, Prairie View A&M and the University of Puerto Rico. Chosen for strengths in particular areas of soil science, each school is receiving grants similar to the one N. C. State has been allocated.

There will be an exchange of faculty members and graduate students among the institutions and additional cooperation in such areas as exchange of information and joint seminars and conferences.

"The amount of resources being committed and the scope of this project indicate the high priority that is being given soils research and study as one of the basic steps toward heading off world food shortages in the future," said McCracken, who formerly headed the NCSU Department of Soils Science.

He explained that NCSU was involved in this foreign assistance effort for two reasons. The first is strictly humanitarian, he said, "helping underdeveloped nations of the world feed themselves." The other follows the philosophy that well-fed nations make better, more peaceful neighbors in addition to being coming important clients of U.S. business and industry.

2 Schools Damaged

Two schools in the southern end of Lenoir County have suffered serious damage in the past week by persons who simply broke in to see how much they could tear up. Nothing was reportedly stolen from either. Woodington School on US 258 south was hit first last Wednesday night and over the past weekend Southwood School on NC 58 south was vandalized. No estimate of the damage has been made by school officials.