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Marijuana Farmer Escapes from Jail; Sheriff's Department has Busy Week

Principle among the items from the Jones County Sheriff's office in the past week was the one who "got away."

Raymond Koonce from Pollocksville route 1, who was waiting trial on charge of selling and growing marijuana last September, vanished last Wednesday. He had just returned to local custody after several months in the north just after his arrest last fall. Conjecture around the court house was that he had migrated north again, and most observers felt that if he'd stay up north the county would be just as well off as having him in jail.

Other arrests reported during the week included that in which Randall Dawson of Kinston route 3 was charged with passing a \$2200 worthless check to Donald Lee Jones.

Drunken driving charges were lodged against Benjamin Franklin Harper of Pink Hill route 1, Cpl. Larry D. Koitman of Unicoi, Tennessee, Henry Clay Battle of Richlands route 2 and John Lee Brown of Pollocksville route 1.

Public drunkenness charges were lodged against Henry Clay Battle Jr. of Washington, D. C., Robert Earl Williams of New

Bern, Odell Franks of Pollocksville route 1, Charlie Vance Mercer, James Spicer and Paul Dail of New Bern rural routes.

Robert Earl Meadows and Henry Lee Simmons of Maysville route 1 were charged with violating the liquor laws.

Clinton Gray of Trenton route 2 was charged with fraud in the issue of a small check and Jack Williams of Maysville was picked up on a capias from district court.

Saturday Killing

A brawl at a juke joint just inside Lenoir County near Best Station at about 2:30 Saturday morning left one dead, one seriously injured and another charged with the killing and the assault. Eighteen year - old Jimmy Wooten of LaGrange route 3 was dead on arrival at a Goldsboro hospital, Wilbert Lee Forbes was in serious condition from several stab wounds and his brother Jesse W. Forbes Jr. of Washington, D. C. was charged with committing the mayhem with a hunting knife.

One Drunk Given 90 Days, Traffic Cases Make Up Most Court Activity

All but four of the 21 cases tried in Jones County District Court last Friday involved traffic charges, and in one of those four exceptions, Jack Williams, earned himself an active 90-day jail term for public drunkenness and resisting arrest.

The other non-traffic charges included failure to list taxes against J. N. Kornegay who was ordered to pay the court costs and list his taxes after a 30-day jail term was suspended. An assault charge against Wil-

liam Britt was noll prossed with leave and Monroe Bender was ordered to pay the costs for public drunkenness. In the other non-traffic case John H. Poole, paid court costs for shooting doves out of season.

The most peculiar of the traffic judgments was that in which Benjamin Franklin Ward was ordered to pay a \$49.50 fine and court costs or go to jail for 90 days for speeding, drunken driving and resisting arrest.

Speeding accounted for a majority of the traffic charges against James W. Holland, Cecil N. Smith, John F. Moncrief, Joseph Mattingly, Donald F. Mills, Danny R. Brown, Randolph Koonce Jr., and William Mills, who had a noll pross with leave entered.

Others included Elwood Moore and Carolina Chadwick for violating the inspection law, James F. Nobles and Gerald Rhodes for not having a driver's license and Walter Thompson for having improper brakes.

APPEALS DOPE SENTENCE

Furney Gooding Jones of 601 Sasser Street appealed to Lenoir County Superior Court Monday after being given a 6-month jail term for possession of illegal drugs.

Travellers Spend Over \$802 Million In North Carolina in 1970; Jones' Share Set at \$450,000 for Year

Travelers spent a record \$802 million in North Carolina during 1970 according to the annual travel survey, published by the Travel and Promotion Division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Lenoir County's share of this travelling expenditure was put at \$6,780,000 and Jones County's slice was fixed at \$450,000.

This represents an increase of \$50 million over the 1969 travel spending level.

Out-of-state travelers to North Carolina last year numbered 40 million, an increase of two million over 1969 estimates.

"We are very pleased with this report," said Bill F. Hensley, Director of the Travel and Promotion Division. "In view of the fact that 1969 was a bad year for many areas of the economy we in the travel indus-

try are very pleased with the very healthy seven per cent increase."

Virginia was the leading source of North Carolina's visitors. The Old Dominion provided 18 percent of the total number of out-of-state visitors. Tennessee ranked second with 13 per cent and then Ohio, Florida, Georgia, New York and South Carolina followed, in that order.

As might be expected, the fewest number of visitors to the Tar Heel State came from Alaska and Hawaii, each of which accounted for only .01 per cent of North Carolina's out-of-state visitors.

Copies of the survey may be obtained by writing the Travel and Promotion Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

Senator Larkins Introduces Bill to Limit Parental Liability for Long Term Patient Care in Mental Hospitals

Tuesday Senator Charlie Larkins of Kinston introduced a bill in the general assembly which will limit parental liability for minors under treatment for long periods in state institutions if it is passed.

Larkins, who is chairman of the senate mental health committee, says the bill would reduce the maximum charge for

treatment of long - term patients to the same amount it would cost to keep a child at home.

The estimates of government economists would be used to determine the cost of rearing a child at home.

The bill also includes a provision to terminate parental liability when a child reaches the age of 21.

National Landrace Conference to be Held in Kinston

The 1971 National Winter Conference will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 8 - 9 at the Lenoir County Livestock arena at Kinston.

Landrace breeders from over the nation will be exhibiting their best breeding stock and barrows in rigid competition.

The two day conference will include a judging contest and type discussion. There will be divisions for 4H and FFA teams, men, women, and juniors in the judging contest. Other activities include an on-foot carcass barrow show, the certification pair drive and the showing of all breeding classes.

The North Carolina Landrace Breeders are the official hosts for this National event and they are being assisted by the staff members of the Animal Husbandry Department and Extension Service of North Carolina State University.

Dr. David Spruill, Extension Animal Husband Specialist, North Carolina State University, is the conference coordinator. Vernon Hazlett, Pennsylvania State University, will judge all on-foot classes, and Dr. John Christian, North Carolina State University, will head the carcass evaluation committee and serve as carcass judge.

The prize winning breeding stock will be sold in the conference sale at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 9th.

VANDALIST DAMAGE

Heavy damage was done last week to the back door of the home of J. D. Baker on Kinston route 2 by a thief who stole a woman's wrist watch after tearing open the door.

WILLIE ON DEAN'S LIST

Claude E. Willie III of Route 1, Pollocksville, has reached the goal of having a 4 point average for the first semester at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh. A four point average consists of no grades less than an A. Claude is a graduate of Jones Senior High School.

Good News Mailed from Raleigh to Counties With One-Cent Sales Tax

Acting under legislation pushed through both houses of the general assembly last week and finally adopted Monday the N. C. Department of Revenue Tuesday put in the mail checks totaling more than \$4 million to the counties and corporate communities where the one-cent special sales tax had been levied until the tax was declared unconstitutional by a 4-3 vote of the state's supreme court on January 20th.

Lenoir County which had already received slightly over \$289,000 of the \$500,000 it had

At present state mental hospitals charge a maximum of \$12.50 per day to those parents who are foolish enough to make such payments. Slightly less than 10 per cent of the operating costs of state mental hospitals comes from this source, and a large part of that is in social security payments.

Pollocksville Postmaster Appointed

The appointment of Mrs. Pearl E. White to be postmaster at Pollocksville was announced today by T. J. Coleman, Director of the Atlanta Postal Region.

Prior to her appointment, Mrs. White had served as Officer-in-Charge of the Pollocksville Post Office since September 30, 1969.

In accordance with the merit selection procedures of the Postal Reorganization Act, Mrs. White was nominated for the postmastership by the Regional Management Selection Board and appointed by the Postmaster General.

The appointment is not subject to Senate confirmation.

Mrs. White was born in Pollocksville and is a graduate of Alex H. White School.

She began her postal career as a War Service Substitute Clerk, serving in this capacity from 1944 to 1950. She was reinstated as a temporary substitute clerk in September 1952, attaining career status in January 1957 as a career substitute clerk, the position she held until being named Officer-in-Charge.

Mrs. White is the wife of Mr. Sherwood A. White, a retired rural carrier.

ARMED ROBBERY

Two young colored men stuck up Union Cabdriver Walter Stallings at about 8:45 Tuesday night on the 11 block of Tower Hill Road in Kinston, taking the money he had and his cab, which was found a few minutes later abandoned at the corner of Clay and Chestnut streets, a few blocks away in Kinston.

Thieving Pair of Fayetteville Dope Addicts Caught Monday; One Escapes Tuesday After Talking With Lawyer

A pair of Fayetteville dope addicts who paid Lenoir County a thievish visit Monday were caught by Highway Patrolman G. D. Britton with \$101 worth of clothing stolen from the Style Shop in LaGrange and another \$400 worth stolen from Belk-Tyler's store in Kinston.

Officials said both of the pair had arms that looked like pin cushions from main-lining heroin. They gave their names as Brenda Lee Stephenson and Vera Chapelle.

They began their looting at about 1 p.m. in LaGrange, continued it shortly afterwards in Kinston and were caught by Patrolman Britton at about 5:20 p.m. when he charged Miss Stephenson with speeding 77 miles an hour in a 60 mile zone.

Tuesday morning the pair was brought out for a conference with a lawyer. After they had finished their conference the lawyer turned them back to the custody of a jailer, who said suddenly one ran in one direction and the other fled down the steps and out of the court house.

TRIPLY INDICTED

Ramon Steven Hinson of 1512 Stroud Avenue in Kinston was charged with drunken driving, reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident after his car hit that of Patsy Rouse Cauley Friday afternoon at the corner of Warren Avenue and Mitchell Street.