

Jury Says Hold Officers In Horry Death Of Fipps

A coroner's jury ruled in Conway Friday night that officers Willis Gause and George O. Fowler of Horry county "be held for further investigation" in the death April 30 of Charlie James Fipps of Tabor City.

After two hours of testimony, the jury retired and came back in 15 minutes with a verdict that Fipps, age 20, came to his death as a result of a bullet fired from a .30 caliber carbine by Officer Fowler. Neither of the two officers took the stand to relate what went on during the early hours of that Sunday morning.

Officer Olin D. Blanton told the packed courtroom that he first observed the car driven by Fipps about 2:30 a. m. when it was making about 75 miles per hour. He said he thought it strange that the car should be traveling so fast and he gave chase. Almost immediately, he related, the fleeing car gathered speed and in a

few minutes it left him completely. He said he was making about 120 miles an hour when the motor of his car developed trouble.

At this point, he said he called his headquarters by radio for help. His office then ordered Gause and Fowler to set up a roadblock near Loris.

Following Blanton, S. C. Law Enforcement officer C. E. King took the stand to unfold the story as the three officers gave it to him. Officer King said Gause and Fowler told him that Fipps approached their roadblock at a high speed but began to apply brakes as if he intended stopping. Then, as the two officers approached the oncoming car, Fipps sped away at high speed. They followed him through Loris and out on highway 701 toward Tabor City, Fowler, according to King, fired three times at the fleeing car and then the car

wavered and came to a stop on the shoulder of the road. King said, in one instance, that the Fipps driven car traveled 100 feet without leaving any tracks after crossing a rise in the highway, presumably a railroad crossing.

It was revealed during the testimony that the car Fipps was driving, a 1954 Ford, had a Mercury motor in it.

A S. C. ballistics expert from Columbia testified that the bullet was fired from the carbine carried by Officer Fowler. The rifle was shown to the jury by Coroner Littlejohn Blanton who conducted the inquest.

The ballistics expert also pointed out that the projectile had a black stain on it and said the stain was identical to paint on the car. A picture of the rear of the car showed that three projectiles went through the trunk deck leaving three gaping holes.

Dr. E. L. Proctor, Conway surgeon, took the stand as the first witness and related the sequence of events beginning about 4 a. m. when he was called to the hospital.

Dr. Proctor said he found the wounded Fipps on a table in the emergency room alone and in deep shock, unconscious, and his eyes dilated, fixed. He said on the back left side of his head was a wound, a hole, with blood and brain tissue running out through the hole. He said he could feel through the skin fractures of the skull around the hole and forward above the left ear. His left eye was swollen but there was no evidence that the bullet went all the way through.

Dr. Proctor said he could not obtain any blood pressure but they pumped a pint of plasma into his veins and also two pints of blood but to no avail. There was no response. He said he bandaged the Fipps head and otherwise did all he could to restore a semblance of life.

When asked what, in his opinion, caused the death of the Pope Air Force airman, he said death was due to deep shock which was caused by the rifle carbine projectile being fired into his brain. He said he found no other injuries on the body. Fipps died at 5:10 a. m. just over an hour after he was brought to the hospital by an ambulance.

Dr. D. W. Delia, pathologist, said he performed an autopsy on the body and found the rifle bullet in the brain just above and forward of the left ear. He went on to point out that there were no powder burns around the hole in the back of the head but there were numerous fractures from the back forward along the path of the bullet. He said the damage resulting from the bullet was sufficient, in his opinion, to cause death. He recovered the projectile which was later examined by the ballistics expert.

During a lull in the presentation of testimony, a nearby spectator was heard to say that young Fipps had no criminal intentions. He knew he had plenty of power under the hood and just wanted to show that he could leave the whole crowd.

Law Enforcement agent King, in the course of his testimony, said Officer Blanton told him that when he saw Fipps going

Social Security Funds Sufficient

Report Of Trustees Of These Funds Indicate Sound Future For Program

By ALBERT P. MASON (District Manager, Social Security Administration)

Income to the two trust funds out of which social security benefits are paid exceeded outgo by \$645 million during the year ending December 31, 1960, according to Albert P. Mason, district manager of the Wilmington, N. C., social security office.

"The 21st annual report of the trustees of the two funds also gives fiscal and calendar year estimates for the following 5 years, 15 years, and for the long-range future up until the year 2025," Mason said.

These figures, based on provisions of the present social security law, show that income to the two funds during the 1960's and on into the long range future will be sufficient to cover all outlays for benefits.

Income to the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund during calendar year 1960 exceeded outgo by \$184 million. Total disbursements for the year amounted to just under \$11.2 billion. Total income for the year was close to \$11.4 billion. At the end of the year, the fund stood at \$20,324,000,000.

Total income to the disability insurance trust fund during 1960 exceeded outgo by \$484 million. Disbursements totaled \$604 million, and income totaled \$1,088 million. At the end of the year, assets of this fund totaled \$2,289,000,000.

"The estimates for the 5 years following 1960," Mr. Mason said, "show that under present law, total income to the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund over the 5-year period will amount to \$70.8 billion." Total outgo during that period will come to \$67.0 billion with a total excess of income over outgo amounting to \$3.8 billion. At the end of December, 1965, the assets of the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund are expected to amount to \$24.2 billion.

During these same 5 years, the assets of the disability insurance



MEET JAMES MELTON

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Melton was born in Repton, Alabama, and received his public schooling in Excel, Ala.

He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and had duty stations at Quantico, Va., Norfolk, Va., San Diego Marine Base, and aboard the U.S.S. Boise.

Following his Marine Corps Service he enlisted in the United States Army and served overseas at Honolulu and Okinawa.

Upon discharge from the Army he became a Civil Service Employee of the United States Government and was stationed at Theodore, Alabama.

Melton was transferred to Sunny Point Army Terminal in 1955 and currently occupies the position of Fire Prevention Inspector in the Engineer Division.

He is married to the former Lucy Oden of Porterville, Miss., and now resides in Southport with his wife and children, Barbara, Johnnie, Rodney and Diane.

trust fund are expected to grow from the present \$2.3 billion to \$2.7 billion. Total income over the 5 years is estimated at \$5.9 billion and total disbursements at \$5.5 billion.

"By the end of December, 1970," Mason said, "the trustees estimate that the old-age and survivors insurance trust fund will have grown to \$46.6 billion. On the same date, disability insurance trust fund assets are estimated at \$4.1 billion."

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Morris cites the case of Maurice Pickler, Stanly County egg producer and one of the agricultural leaders of North Carolina.

"Pickler cut out 50 per cent of his normal egg breakage by switching from round baskets to square baskets with filler flats," he says. "He figures he saved \$10 a day by the switch."

And a New York state producer cut his breakage by 85 per cent, Morris says.

"Many poultrymen get a breakage of ten to 12 per cent," he points out. "It's easy to see what a savings can be made with a better method of handling eggs."

'Filler Flats' Cut Breakage

That's the opinion of Tom Morris, poultry specialist for the N. C. State college agricultural extension service.

"We're in the horse-and-buggy days in egg-handling," says Morris.

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Under the Child Health Program: Infants given medical supervision in Pediatric clinics, 65; visits to infants to medical Pediatric clinics, 65; Nursing visits to infants outside Pediatric clinics, 15; Children given medical supervision in Pediatric clinics, 159;

visits by children to medical Pediatric clinics, 159; Children given nursing supervision, 46; nursing visits to children, 46.

Under the School Health Program: Visits to school by Public Health Nurses, 56; children referred for medical or dental care, 17.

Vital Statistics Records: Birth certificates received and processed, 70; death certificates received and processed, 29; stillbirth certificates received and processed, 3.

Laboratory Service Rendered: Water samples collected for analysis, 12; feces samples examined, 124; feces samples positive for hookworm, 25; blood test, 88; hemoglobin test, 62; urinalysis, 63; diabetic screening test, 6.

In other programs: Nursing visits to mental cases, 18; health certificates issued, 50; nursing visits to chronic disease patients, 45.

In the general sanitation program: Schools under supervision, 11; visits to schools, 19; inspection of private water supplies, 49; approved new water supplies, installed, 47; inspections of sewage disposal facilities on private premises, 99; septic tanks installed, 50; new privies installed, 4; plumbing inspection, 71; plumbing installations approved, 41; total food handling establishments and others under supervision, 100; total visits to establishments, 105; new establishments opened, 4; permits revoked, 0; dairies under supervision, 7; dairy inspections made, 7; milk samples collected for analysis, 12; new ponds constructed, 1; inspection of impounded waters, 1; complaints investigated, 8; visits to private premises, 176; swimming pool inspections, 1;

foodhandler's school being planned for June; garbage disposal inspections, 3.

Under the Insect and Rodent Control Program: Ditches cleaned, 700 ft.; inspections made, 8.

Nursing visits to crippled children, 35; dogs vaccinated, 1252.

Under the Venereal Disease Control Program: number new cases syphilis reported, 9; number treatments given for syphilis, 1; number new cases gonorrhea, 3; number treatments given for gonorrhea, 0; field visits to contacts and lapses cases, 1.

BOARD MAKES NO

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grader for use on city streets, but action was held up pending further investigation of prices and available equipment.

Approval was given the re-zoning a portion of the James Fraser property for business purposes. Public notice had been given of this pending action and there had been no complaint from any adjoining property owners.

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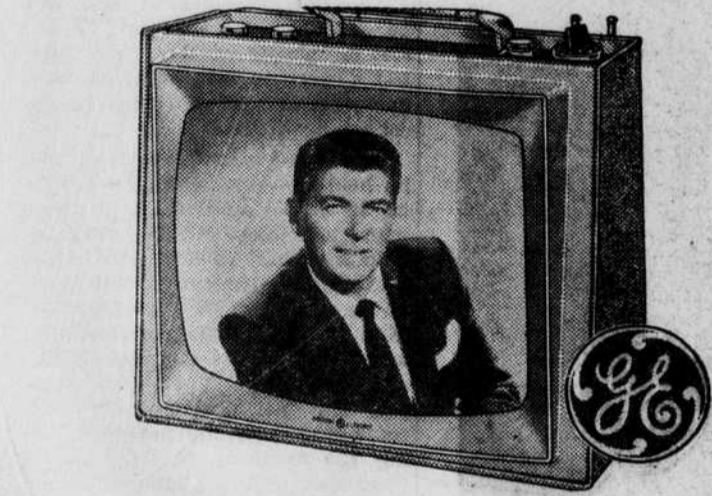
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