

Highway Death of Jones County Is Ruled Accident by Jurors

The death of Jesse James "Jack" Grady at about 8 Friday night near the Henry Johnson Farm east of Trenton was ruled accidental by a coroner's jury convened Monday night by Acting Coroner W. F. Hill.

Grady, a tenant on the Johnson farm, was riding in the rear of a truck being driven by Fred Hill, another tenant on the same farm. As it neared his home Grady apparently misjudged the speed of the truck and either jumped or stepped off the rear of the truck.

The momentum of the truck caused Grady to fall backwards with his head hitting the hard surfaced road with terrific impact, causing his death instantly.

There was no question in the minds of any of the investigating officers that the death was purely accidental with no criminal responsibility at all insofar as the truck's driver was concerned, but because of the need to make specific the cause of death for insurance reasons the coroner's jury was convened and very promptly confirmed what everybody already knew.

Jurors Drawn For Jones Court Term

Among the routine chores Monday for the Jones County Board of Commissioners was selection of 36 jurors to serve at the next term of the county's Superior Court. Those drawn included the following:

Jasper Metts, Basil Mercer Jr., McDaniel Curtis, W. S. Hill, Willie G. Westbrook, Jack M. Barrow, Wash Thomas, Robert Ray Harrison, William Mills, Carl Sanderson, Lushan L. Tyndall, R. D. Edwards, J. B. Brown, James Hill, J. H. H. Hester, Richard H. Parker, Horace L. Whaley, P. W. Collins, Alfred Houston, E. W. Riggs, Horace J. Haddock, H. M. Quinn, Nathan Gilbert, Robert E. Lee, Randolph Foy.

Engene Taylor, S. E. Haskins Jr., Paul T. Whaley, Alton H. Humphrey, Mike Dawson, Alton Meadows, Chesley Thigpen, F. Victor Small, Clyde Monette, Roy T. Hood and Ross F. Johnson Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

by Bill Whitley

The government's new flood insurance program, enacted into law on the final day of the 84th Congress, provides ways and means for you to insure any personal or real property against water damage from hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The law provides for government insurance up to \$10,000 per dwelling unit, and a maximum of \$250,000 for any one person, which would include business property and the like.

The insurance covers damage from water of all types, but it will not cover damage from wind. The coverage was confined to water damage because private insurance companies now provide wind insurance.

Sen. W. Kerr Scott, a co-author of the original version of the disaster insurance bill, said the new law would cover "most of the damage" that is caused by hurricanes. He said a large percentage of the damage of last year's hurricanes was water damage.

Details of how the program will work has been left to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which will cooperate with private insurance firms in setting the new program in motion.

Expanded Mosquito Control Work Plan Approved for Jones

County Sanitarian Henry Swiggett Monday presented an expanded mosquito control plan to the Jones County Board of Commissioners which was accepted immediately and necessary funds were voted to supplement state and federal funds, which have been made available for the work.

A part of the county's contribution was the authorization of Auditor G. C. Heritage to purchase \$40,000 in liability insurance for the machinery that will be used in this effort to reduce mosquito population.

Read Request Approved

The Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday approved a request that the Laby Harrison road in the eastern edge of the county be added to the State Highway system so that it could be maintained by state equipment and personnel.

Kinstonians Charged After Robbery Effort

Prompt action by the Kinston Police Department to a call early Sunday morning led to the arrest of two men in the office of Mitchell Wooten Apartments and the subsequent indictment of two other men for complicity in an earlier burglary.

Captain David Broadway and Policeman Lester Pale answered the call to the housing authority office and after a brief search found John E. Valente of 131 East Gordon Street and George Elbert Clements of 216 South Independent Street in a closet inside the office.

Asked what they were doing in the office, one of the two volunteered that they had heard the Negroes are planning something and we came down here to break it up. When the men were searched a .32 caliber nickel-plated revolver

"This is an entirely new program — some that hasn't been tried before," Scott said, "but there is no reason why it won't be of tremendous benefit to North Carolina, especially the coastal areas, if it is administered properly."

Congress directed the HHFA to work out a system of premiums that would come as near as possible paying for the program, but at the same time would be reasonable enough for the average property owner to afford.

One reason private insurance companies have shunned disaster insurance is because they feel that in order to make it break even, premiums would be too high to encourage the sale of policies.

Scott feels that the success of the new program will depend to a large extent on how generally property owners take part in it.

"It's the kind of thing that will take a lot of advertising and promoting to make it work. Certainly, the people in the hurricane areas will want it if they know about it. At the same time, people in all our river basins would certainly be interested in it if they are advised of its importance and potential," he said.

Until the program gets on its feet the government will pay the entire difference between what is

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Two Arrests, One Still Discovery Reported by Sheriff Brown Yates

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports two indictments during the past week and the elimination of one backwoods distillery in Beaver Creek Township.

The still, which Yates said appeared to have been in operation for at least three or four months, had 15 mash barrels but only three were filled when the still was discovered. The still was made from a large oil drum and was of about 250 gallon capacity, Yates estimated.

The indictments were against Camp Lejeune Marine Salvatore Robert Corcione who was arrested by Highway Patrolman L. S. Meiggs on charges of drunken and reckless driving and Hadie Jones of Trenton was booked on an assault upon a female charge brought by his wife, Frances.

was surrendered by Valente. Outside a 1950 Chevrolet stolen from the Universal Sales Company on West Vernon Avenue was found and in it was a considerable quantity of burglary tools.

The pistol struck a responsive chord in the officers and Detective Wheeler Kennedy was called in to assist in the investigation. Shortly afterwards the pistol was positively identified as one of two stolen from the home of "F. B. Beck" Bland in June when his home was burglarized and a large amount of cash was hauled away.

Confronted with this Valente told the officers that he, Robert Bruce Rider of 611 Abbott Street and Roy C. Flanagan of 1905 Queens Road had "pulled the Bland job". Indictments were then drawn against Rider and Flanagan.

Rider currently is on probation from a federal court sentence in April of this year when he pled guilty to embezzling some over \$900 in post office funds where he had been employed for about 10 years. Rider was under a two year jail term suspended for a two-year probationary period.

Flanagan is also under probation from the State of Florida where a 12-year prison term was suspended for a 12-year period of probation. Flanagan was found guilty of burglary there last year.

Flanagan has admitted his part in the Bland theft. Valente took the officers to the spot where the safe had been ripped open about three miles north of Kinston in the Tower Hill Road section in the Neuse River lowgrounds. They admit getting \$150 from the safe. Rider denies any knowledge of or connection to the crime. He is free under \$2,000 bond. The other three remain in jail.

collected in premiums and what is paid out in losses.

After 1958, the various states are scheduled to start paying their share of the cost of the program.



Jones Board Employs Two New Extension Department Workers

After backing away from an expanded Extension Department for more than a year the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday agreed to go part of the way in a new program being pushed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson by adding two more workers to the county's Extension Service.

Mrs. Ann Hester and M. B. Wright were employed to become the county's first Home Development Workers. Wright is scheduled to go to work August 16th and Mrs. Hester is to start September 1st.

Under this new field for the Extension Service much more detailed effort will be aimed at small farmers who are struggling to make ends meet. Benson's feeling has been for some time that the majority of the Extension Department services were designed for and were, of course, being used by the larger and more successful classes of farmers.

This experiment will be in the other direction, primarily aimed at an intensive individualized effort with those farmers who are having the "worst time of it".

The Extension Department in 1955 attempted to persuade the Jones County Board of Commissioners to add four new workers to handle this program but the board balked. The majority of the salaries of these new workers will be made from state and federal funds and Jones County's contribution toward their salary will be negligible.

Governor Names Tom White to Represent State At Conference

Governor Hodges has announced the appointment of Thomas J. White of Kinston as one of five legislators to represent North Carolina at the annual legislative work conference of the Southern Regional Education Board. This conference will be held in New Orleans, La., on September 13-15.

The Governor said: "I am pleased to have the services of Representative White for this annual conference which reviews the program of the Southern Regional Education Board and later makes recommendations to the Board on this important regional program. Representative White is a capable and conscientious member of the General Assembly and he will ably represent our State."

Other members of the delegation will be: B. H. Winters of Elk Park; J. K. Doughton of Stratford; E. T. Bost Jr. of Concord; and Paul E. Jones of Farmville.

State Needs Given Priority In Food Service Distribution

The USDA reports that almost 800 million pounds of this country's food surplus was donated to school children and needy persons in this country and abroad during the last half of 1955.

In this country, surplus food went to about 11 million school children, about 1 million persons in charitable institutions, 100,000 Indians, and about two and a quarter million persons in needy families. Altogether, food distributed to these groups totaled nearly 300 million pounds.

Food given away in this country

Bruce Simmons Gets Another County Job

From studying the minutes of the Jones County Board of Commissioners it might appear that Commissioner Bruce Simmons is headed into the building business, since practically every time any kind of building or building repair work is contemplated by the county Simmons gets the job of "seeing that it's done".

At the Monday meeting Simmons got another of these jobs "without salary" when he was authorized to "see to the waterproofing of the court house roof".

Maysville Man Jumps Successor in Police Station in Kinston

John Charles Hardison of Maysville couldn't stand the sight of the wife he had deserted in another man's arms and as one result of that attitude he, that man and the wife were all indicted under rather unusual circumstances last Friday night.

The "Eternal Triangle" had come to the police station in Kinston to iron out their differences as Hardison was about to be booked for abandonment and non-support. While Hardison was up to the "registration window" his wife leaned against Camp Lejeune Marine Opl. John F. Kochanowski for moral support and the Marine put his arm around the unhappy wife.

That made Husband Hardison unhappy and he scampered around the counter before the police could slow him down and tangled with the Marine. Hubby and successor were charged with affray. The teen-age bride was booked for public cursing and disturbing the peace when she began to remonstrate rather loudly and profanely.

Pvt. Claude Murphy to Return From Alaska

FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA — Pvt. Claude A. Murphy, son of W. G. Murphy, of Pollockville, is scheduled to leave Alaska for the continental U. S. this month as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

Murphy is a member of the 71st Infantry Division, which is changing stations with the 2d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

A radio operator in Company M of the division's 53d Regiment, Murphy entered the Army in September 1954 and was stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., before arriving for duty in Alaska.

The 19 year-old soldier attended Pamlico High School at Bayboro.

is handled through state facilities, with the state government taking full charge and responsibility for distribution. Needs in this country are given priority, and sufficient quantities are reserved to satisfy all requests from state governments.

Foods were also distributed to hungry people in 70 foreign countries around the free world. Eighteen nongovernmental United States welfare agencies took part in this disposal, distributing almost 500 million pounds of food during the latter half of 1955.