

Traffic Crackdown for Jones County Causes 9 Arrests in Past Week

A crackdown on Jones County drivers resulted in 9 indictments during the past week, two of these resulting from investigations of recent accidents in the county.

In one of the most serious of these Clara May Sutton of Maysville was charged with reckless driving and driving without a driver's license and Charlie Nathaniel Murphy, also of Maysville, was charged with permitting her to drive after knowing that she didn't have a license.

Arrest of the Sutton woman came after investigation of an accident last week on the Black Swamp Road in which Lindsay West suffered a broken jaw and other less serious injuries when the car he was riding in was forced against a bridge railing. The car driven by the Sutton woman is allegedly the car that

caused the West accident.

In another accident case Randolph Boomer of Maysville was booked for hit-and-run and reckless driving. This came from a minor fender bending in the eastern edge of Trenton last Saturday night when Boomer's car allegedly struck the car of Mrs. Floyd Huggins which was being driven by her son. The Huggins car was not badly damaged but Boomer failed to stop as required by law.

In the other traffic charges racked up during the past week J. Earl Moore of the Pleasant Hill section, Willie Estelle Baker of Maysville and Belle Butler of Kinston were booked for driving without a license and Walter James Mack of Pollocksville was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Jones Among Counties To Get Stream Clearance Funds from Engineers

The clearing of logs and snags left by hurricanes in various streams in some 20 counties in the coastal area is scheduled to begin within the next three months, according to an announcement by Col. H. C. Rowland Jr., District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers' District office in Wilmington.

Colonel Rowland said the Federal Civil Defense Administration has turned over 1,606,000 to the District to do the job with the least practicable delay.

It was pointed out that the task will be done insofar as practicable by competitive bids on a county by county basis. For example, all streams or portions of streams in one county that are to be cleared will be put in one contract.

The counties to be included are: Burnswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Jones, Wilson, Dare, Duplin, Carteret, Beau-

fort, Bladen, Camden, Pamlico, Washington, Tyrrell, Hertford, Martin, Craven and Bertie.

The coming clean-up job stems from a survey conducted earlier this year by representatives of the Civil Defense Administration, Soil Conservation Service and the Corps of Engineers. The survey covered 26 counties but only 20 were chosen to receive stream clearance funds.

Immediately upon being assigned the project, Colonel Rowland emphasized, engineers and draftsmen were put to work drafting plans and specifications for each county.

Invitations for bids are expected to go out about September 15 with the opening of bids to follow 30 days later. After bids have been opened the successful bidders usually have 30 days to begin work. This would place the beginning date close to November 15.

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New Jones County Extension Department Workers



This is M. B. Wright, who has been serving for the past several weeks as an assistant farm agent in Jones County. Wright will work with the smaller farms in the county under a stepped-up program designed by Secretary of Agriculture Benson to help the smaller farmers who are having difficulty in making ends meet in the present mechanized, high-labor-cost farm economy which has seen things become increasingly more difficult for that small farmer. Wright comes to Jones County from Murfreesboro where he has been working in irrigation promotion with a Hertford County company.



This is Mrs. Ben (Mary Ann) Hester, new assistant home agent for Jones County, who began work on September 1st. Mrs. Hester is the wife of Jones Central High School Coach Ben Hester and is a native of Goldsboro. Her work will be coordinated with that of the new assistant farm agent, M. B. Wright, in working with the smaller farmers of the county in an experimental program being pushed by the very top levels of the United States Department of Agriculture to help the smaller, marginal farmers who are having a hard time in the present economic and mechanical advancements in farming.

Jones Board Grants Funds for Additional Public Health Nurse

Following an explanation of the need for an additional public health nurse on a part-time basis by County Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones and Nurse Alma Vasssey the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday voted an additional \$960

department to employ an extra nurse for four months.

Aside from this activity a very quiet session was held.

Reports were heard from the farm and home agents and from Welfare Superintendent Mrs. J. R. Burt.

The E. L. Scott Roofing Company of Kinston was employed to make repairs to the court house roof. All current bills were ap-

proved for payment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Wiley Austin Avery, 25, of Cove City, and Laura Kay Parker, 19, of Pollocksville.

Driver Spare That Child School's Open

Kinstonian Survives Bullet Wound Through Head



This is Shade Aldridge of Kinston route four, an employee of the Lenoir Auto Parts Company who had the extremely rare privilege of being shot through the head Sunday night in New Bern and living to talk about it.

The bullet from a small caliber pistol struck Aldridge just over the right eye and left the scalp several inches back beyond the hairline. The spent bullet was found in the car in which Aldridge was riding by his companion George Howard of Deep Run while Aldridge was under treatment in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern.

Shade Aldridge, salesman for the Lenoir Auto Parts in Kinston, narrowly escaped death Sunday night in an unusual pistol assault in New Bern.

Aldridge gives the following account of what happened: In the James City area he and George Howard were returning to Kinston after a day in the Morehead City vicinity. Howard was driving. From a side road a car with two negro men suddenly dashed into their car's path and Howard had to apply brakes sharply to avoid hitting the negroes' car.

Aldridge says he stuck his head out the window and hollered at the negroes, "That's the way these damned accidents happen".

They followed the negro car on across Trent River Bridge into New Bern and stopped at the first red light. While passing the negro car its driver said something "which I didn't understand", Aldridge recalls. "I told him to 'shut up'." Aldridge says and then Howard pulled ahead of the negro car and when they were about 20 yards ahead of the negro they heard a gun shot, or what they thought was a gun shot.

Aldridge says he told Howard, "Let's get out of here".

They made a left turn in an effort to get away from the negro car which made the same turn

and continued the pursuit.

Much to the discomfort of Aldridge and Howard they found they had turned into a dead end street and the only way out was blocked by the negro car. They backed up, trying to get room to run around the negro car and the driver of the negro car kept pinning them further back into the dead end street.

Finally when there was no more room to back up, Aldridge says the driver of the negro car jumped out and leveled a pistol in his direction and as he did, Aldridge fortunately ducked but was still creased by the bullet from the negro's pistol. With the negro car at a standstill Howard managed to maneuver his car around and get out while the negro stood still clicking the pistol in their direction but it was either out of ammunition or was misfiring.

Aldridge was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital where an attendant alerted New Bern Police. Later through Carl White, employer of Aldridge, the alert was spread to Kinston police who picked up two men driving a car described as the car used in the New Bern assault. This pair was picked up by Policeman Felix Turner after they had been under surveillance for some time. They are 16 year-old

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New Patrolman for Trenton



This is Patrolman B. O. Mercer who has been assigned to Jones County in the Trenton area, replacing Patrolman Marvin Thomas who has resigned to become Postmaster of Trenton.

Patrolman Mercer, a native of the Lowlands section of Pamlico County, is a veteran of three-year's service on the patrol and has been stationed throughout his service at Jacksonville.

Mercer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Mercer of Lowlands. His wife is the former Audrey Caswell, a native of Canada, who is presently visiting with relatives in Canada. They have one two year-old son.