

Investigation Stymied in Jones County Mystery; Howard Still Critical

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates and SBI agents assisting in the investigation of the mysterious shooting that claimed the life of 57 year-old Russell Mills and has 55 year-old Rudolph Howard in Duke Hospital say they have about "run out of leads".

Howard, who was mowed down by four slugs from a .22 caliber weapon, has not spoken since he lapsed into a coma shortly after arriving at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston on the night of September 10th.

One of the four bullets penetrated his upper left lung and caused its collapse. Howard, already a chronic asthma sufferer, has had an extremely difficult time and on Monday of this week at Duke Hospital, where he was transferred on the 12th, attendants feared he was dying. During the night, however, he improved slightly, but is still classified as in extremely critical condition.

The lack of the murder weapon, absence of other clues and inability of Howard to talk have left officers with little more than interviews with people in the neighborhood where the crime was committed. Practically everyone in the area between Comfort and Hargett Crossroads had been interviewed in the hope that a motive, or some clue might be found. So far none has been found.

Before falling into the coma in which he remains, Howard told

Gilbert Family is Holding Reunion

Members of the Jones County Branch of the Gilbert Family will hold their annual reunion Sunday at 1 p. m. This year the clan will gather at the home of Keith Williams, who lives just south of Kinston on the Richlands highway.

All members of the family have been urged to attend and to bring the usual "well filled" picnic basket which is always an important part of the program when the Gilberts get together.

Charlie Mack Koonce that he did not know who had shot him. Koonce, who lives less than a quarter of a mile from Howard's station where the assault took place, was bringing Howard to the Kinston hospital.

Mills died from a bullet wound in the head, and was found in his car that had been stalled in a ditch about three miles west of the filling station. Officers believe that the man who killed Mills and so badly wounded Howard drove Mills' car to that point. Mills was lying on the right floorboard of the car and practically all the blood inside the car was on the right side of the seat and in the right floorboard area. Blood believed to have come from Howard was smeared all along the right front fender of the Mills car.

Senator Sam Ervin Says...

WASHINGTON — Last week I prefaced the column by discussing why new civil rights legislation is unnecessary. I stated that there would be a continuation of the discussion of the report by the Civil Rights Commission in the column this week.

FOUR CIVIL RIGHTS PROPOSALS

Time and space preclude me from discussing the report in detail in this week's column. In subsequent columns I shall set forth my observations upon four of the proposals advocated by three of the commissioners and rejected by the other three commissioners.

The four proposals consist of the proposal that the Constitution of the United States be amended so as to deprive the states of their present constitutional power to prescribe the qualifications of voters; the proposal that all colleges, both public and private, be deprived of all Federal grants to coerce them into integrating their student bodies; the proposal that the Commission on Civil Rights be made a permanent governmental agency so that its staff may assist in bringing about the integration of all public schools in Southern states; and the proposal that all Federally-assisted housing be integrated.

THREE COMMISSIONERS DISSENT

I wish to note at this point that Vice-Chairman Storey and Commissioners Battle and Carlton, who are far more familiar with the South than the other three commissioners, entered vigorous dissents to these proposals.

Commissioner Battle, a distinguished lawyer and former Governor of Virginia, stated that "the report... is not an impartial, factual statement... but rather, in large part, an argument in advocacy of preconceived ideas in the field of race relations."

SOLUTION OF RACIAL PROBLEMS

It is relevant to observe that when all is said, racial problems can be solved only by good will, intelligence, and patience on the

local level where men and women live, move, and have their being. Their solution cannot be dictated from above, either by dictators holding executive offices, or dictators occupying legislative offices, or dictators wearing judicial robes.

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Heads of TB Christmas Seal Campaign Named for Lenoir, Jones, Greene Counties



The 1959 Christmas Seal Sale leaders are shown as they were presented at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Lenoir-Jones-Greene TB Association.

Reading from left to right are Melvin Oliver of Snow Hill, chairman for Greene county; William B. Glenn of Kinston, chairman for Lenoir county and W. B. Moore of Trenton, chairman for Jones county.

Three outstanding citizens will lead the 1959 Christmas Seal Sale which begins November 16", declared Dr. Simmons I. Patrick, president, as he announced the names of county chairmen for the Lenoir-Jones-Greene TB Association.

William B. Glenn, president of the E. V. Webb Tobacco Company, will head the sale for Lenoir county;

Melvin Oliver, Mayor of Snow Hill, will be chairman for Greene county and W. B. Moore, Superintendent of Jones County Schools, will lead the Jones County sale.

This year marks the 53rd year in which the sale of the penny Christmas Seal has been used to raise funds to organize and carry on the fight against TB.

Much progress has been made but tuberculosis is still the greatest killer of all infectious diseases and new cases are being discovered at the rate of one every six minutes. The tri-county organization is grateful to these men for their acceptance of this most important job in the total TB control program, said Patrick.

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Powell Bill Funds Coming October 1; Pollocksville Dropped

Over 400 North Carolina municipalities will share this year in the distribution of \$6,766,092.58 in Powell Bill Funds. This represents an approximate 4 per cent increase over the \$6,477,457.37 distributed last year. During the nine-year period of aid under the Powell Bill, a total of \$51,779,757.24 will have been distributed with the issuance of this year's checks.

Checks for their proportionate shares will be mailed on October 1 to 409 municipalities which qualify under the 1951 statute setting aside 1/2 cent of the six cent per gallon net State gasoline tax for the use of municipalities in maintaining and improving their non-highway system streets. The net revenue from the tax amounted to \$81,228,099.60 for the fiscal year 1958-1959.

Half of the total Powell Bill allocations, \$3,383,046.29, will be divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of population at a per capita rate of \$2.21.

The remaining half is divided on the basis of relative mileage of non-highway system or local streets of municipalities complying with the act at a per mile rate of \$474.95. Total length of such streets this year is 7,122.82 miles.

Three municipalities have been added this year. They are Bayshore Park and Cape Carteret, both in Carteret County and Chocowinity in Beaufort County.

Larger allocations include: \$480,198.62 to Charlotte; \$365,996.18 to Greensboro; \$351,814.73 to Winston-Salem; \$259,075.20 to Durham;

Tuckahoe Negro Held On Forgery Charge

Robert Earl Hall, a negro tenant farmer of Tuckahoe Township, is being held by Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates on a forgery charge.

Hall is accused of forging a check in the amount of \$37.60 on W. Bryan Hargett, farmer and livestock dealer at Hargett Crossroads.

JC Band Elects Officers for '59-'60

The following officers have been elected for the Jones Central High School Band: President-Tommy Hood, Vice President-Suzanne Bender, Secretary-Treasurer-Martha Koonce, and Reporter-Dwight Adams. The Band, directed by Charles J. Post, will make its first public appearance of the year at the La Grange-Jones Central football game in LaGrange on Sept. 18.

\$237,485.52 to Raleigh; \$222,329.13 to Asheville; \$153,119.84 to High Point and \$150,446.26 to Wilmington.

The smallest allocation again this year will go to Falkland in Pitt County with a total of \$409.76.

Other allocations in this area include: Kinston, \$75,128.20; La Grange, \$8,639.13; Pink Hill \$2,456.92; Grifton, \$4,418.12.

Trenton, \$2,018.36; Maysville \$4,859.17.

New Bern \$54,057.23; Dover, \$2,403.27; Cove City, \$1,777.26.

Tickets on Sale for Rescue Squad Supper Being Held October 2

Tickets have been on sale for some time now for a benefit supper that is to be held from 6 until 8 p. m. October 2nd at the fairgrounds in Trenton.

All proceeds of this supper will go toward paying for the ambulance and its equipment recently obtained by the Trenton Emergency Rescue Squad.

People in the Trenton area in particular are urged to support this effort which is providing a badly needed service in countless kinds of emergency situations that pop up from time to time around the farm and home.

Any member of the rescue squad will be happy to provide as many tickets as needed.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce included the following:

John B. Waters to Wade Casper one tract in Beaver Creek Township.

John Gooding to J. C. West, Jr. one lot in Trenton.

Fountain Opens District Office

Rep. L. H. Fountain has opened his district office at 310 St. Andrews Street in Tarboro and will remain open during the Congressional adjournment.

Congressman Fountain plans to be in the district office for appointments Mondays and to devote the remainder of his time visiting various areas in the District.

Area Home Economics Teachers Meet 16th

The vocational Home Economics teachers of Pender, Duplin, Jones and Onslow Counties met in Pendlelea for their monthly Quad County meeting with Miss Ella McGowan at hostess.

Each teacher took representatives from her F.H.A. Chapter to select a candidate to run for state treasurer of the F.H.A. at the district rally in Kinston on Oct. 10. Alice Faye Smith from B. F. Grady School was selected to run for this position.

At the conclusion of the business matters the meeting was adjourned.

Ensign Venters is On Duty at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va.—Ensign L. S. Venters Jr., son of Mrs. Elizabeth Venters of Trenton, is serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Seven at the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

For the fiscal year 1959, the squadron was awarded the Navy efficiency "E" for having the outstanding helicopter anti-submarine squadron in the Atlantic Fleet.

The squadron recently returned from exercises at sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge.

Shady Grove Church Sponsoring Barbecue

The Shady Grove Methodist Church is sponsoring a barbecue and barbecue chicken dinner on Friday at Hilton Moore's Store on the Trenton-New Bern Highway from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m. Friday and a barbecue and barbecue chicken supper at the church from five until 7 p. m. A harvest sale will follow the supper at the church.