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## Trenton Area Shares Nation's Shock on President's Murder

The Trenton area was no different than the rest of the nation over this past weekend of shock and tragedy.

Those who knew of the shooting in the first few minutes hung on their radio sets, hoping for the best, but fearing that the worst had come. Hope faded when the announcer said from Dallas that the President's head was covered with blood and he had slumped over on his wife.

And then at 2:36 came that single-line bulletin: The President is dead.

In some schools the message had been carried to the students as it came off the radio over the intercommunications systems. The students sat in dry-eyed shock, unbelieving and then when that hoped-against-but-expected word came there were tears in most eyes.

For 48 hours every other kind of conversation was blotted out. Toward the end of that two-day shock some children began to complain that their TV cartoons were missing. Some older people with the minds of very small children, also complained about the absence of "their program".

But in Trenton, as in the nation as a whole the overwhelming majority acted with propriety, numbed and sorrowful.

Many said, "I kept expecting to wake up and find the whole thing was a nightmare".

Some were angered by the tastelessness of a Sunday night TV interview with the Dallas policeman's family. Aside from that the TV coverage was in quite good taste, the majority seemed to feel.

A few did say, "It's being over done".

But others said, "This is the death of a President and the least the nation can do is pay its fullest respects".

The cranks in Trenton, as all across the nation, began writing anonymous letters, and making anonymous telephone calls. Any who had differed with President Kennedy politically were the target of such demented types.

Saddened people picked up their telephones to hear, "You helped kill the President". "I guess you're happy now". "You ought to be next", and this mass cowardice and insanity spread its virulence all across the nation.

The more prominent the person who had differed with President Kennedy, the more virulent and more voluminous this kind of crank mail came, and the babbling telephone calls from assorted idiots.

Some attempted to go through the motions of "business as usual", but none succeeded. Nothing in the entire nation for that long weekend was "as usual".

But calm returns even after the most sudden and terrible storms and by mid-week Trenton and the nation had gotten back to "business as usual" and Thanksgiving Week took on a more profound meaning for many than it had had in a long, long time.

### Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording only one land transfer in his office during the past week and that was for one lot in Trenton Township from C. H. Heath to Ray Heath.

## Kinston Mother, Dover Father Charged With Killing Their Sons

### Important Meeting

Mayor Nolan Jones has announced that there will be a business meeting in the community building Dec. 10 at 8 p. m. Every citizen and tax payer is being asked to attend to discuss the water bond issue election coming up in January; to answer questions and hear any viewpoints on the issue.

### Four Jones Arrests

During the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of four persons: Carl Edward Davis of Pollocksville route 1 is charged with drunken driving and Jesse Baines of Trenton, Sylvester Wiley of New Bern route 2 and William B. Miller of Pollocksville are each accused of public drunkenness.

### Hunting Death

Edward Warren Daughety, 48 year-old resident of the Sand Hill section of Lenoir County, died from a shotgun wound Saturday while hunting near his home. Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled Daughety's death accidental. Daughety was hunting alone and apparently had been in the act of climbing over a fence with his gun loaded and not on safety when the gun went off, killing him instantly. He was not found until about 1:30 p. m. but it is believed his death came during the mid morning hours.

## Kinston Family Income Growth Rate Greater Than National Average

To what extent has Kinston's economy moved ahead since the last war? How much better off are local residents than they were 15 years ago?

The rate at which they have advanced, as well as their prospects for the future, are matters of basic importance to the city's residents.

Just as expansion and growth are counted on, year after year, to keep the national economy on an even keel and to provide jobs for the growing labor force, so it is at the local level.

And, to each community, what is happening in its own back yard is of much greater concern than what is happening elsewhere in the country.

Studies completed by the Department of Commerce by Sales Management and by other agencies reveal, for each area of the United States, what progress it has made in the last 15 years.

In Kinston, the figures show, a significant rise in earning capacity has taken place since 1947. The average income per family at that time, after taxes, amounted to \$5,171 a year.

As of last year, the local average had climbed to \$5,802 per family.

Some of that improvement was of no actual value. However, because the cost of living had gone

Monday Mrs. Zena Herring, 71, of 1121 Lincoln Street was charged with murder in the death of her 52 year-old son, Rafael, who died in Lenoir Memorial Hospital Sunday night from a 12 gauge shotgun wound he suffered Saturday night.

Tuesday 50 year-old Ozie Bryant of Dover route 2 was charged with murder in the death of his 21 year-old son, Hosea, who was beaten to death at the Bryant home Tuesday night.

In each instance the parent has told investigating authorities that self defense was the basis of the killing.

Mrs. Herring of 1121 Lincoln Street told police that her son was advancing on her with a knife when she grabbed the shotgun and inflicted the wound that led to his death.

Bryant told Craven County authorities that he and his son had "had words" inside their home and that he had left the house to avoid more words. He said his son then came out of the house armed with both a rifle and a shotgun. Bryant said he also had a shotgun.

Bryant further claims that he attempted to get away from his son, but when the younger man kept chasing him he turned and a struggle took place which resulted in the young man being beaten about the head and face with both the shotgun and rifle butts to that point where he was dead.

### Principal Indicted

Jones County High School Principal Christopher Columbus Franks was arrested Tuesday by United States Marshal Hugh Salter on a warrant accusing the negro educator of filing a fraudulent federal income tax return for 1961. Franks, principal of Jones County's largest school, and a native of the county, was released under \$1,000 bond after being given a preliminary hearing Tuesday and his trial is scheduled for the next term of federal district court in New Bern.

## Jury Frees One, Judge Another in Homicides

### Sheriff Yates to Direct Jones March Of Dimes 9th Time

Sheriff Brown Yates will serve as Director of the Jones County 1964 March of Dimes, Attorney George Hughes, Chairman of the Jones County Chapter of The National Foundation, announced this week.

Sheriff Yates will direct volunteers during the January 2-31 annual March of Dimes campaign in this county to raise funds for medical care of those afflicted with birth defects or with arthritis, and to support research into the cause and cure of these crippling conditions.

In announcing the appointment Hughes said, "I know very well that under the leadership of Sheriff Yates, the people of Jones County will give generously again to support the March of Dimes scientific assault on these cripples. In deciding the amount to give, all of us must also be mindful of the continuing needs of thousands stricken in other years by paralytic polio."

Sheriff Yates has directed the Jones County March of Dimes for the past eight years.

### HUSBAND IN ALABAMA

Capt. Elbert C. Nye, whose wife, Lois, lives in Pollocksville, completed a four-week polit transition course in The Aviation Center at Fort Ruckner, Ala., Oct. 25.

In this week's session of Jones County Superior Court presided over by Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton two charges of murder have been cleared.

A jury after brief deliberation found George Bruton not guilty of a second degree murder charge in the June 30th pistol slaying of Wesley May. Both were involved in a fracas in the Caswell section.

Bruton asserted that he was acting in self defense and witnesses supported his claim in the view of the jury.

Alex Koonce was charged with the shotgun slaying of his wife Jean Murphy Koonce at their home in the Shady Grove section. He also claimed that he was trying to disarm his wife when a shotgun accidentally went off, killing her instantly.

In the Koonce case Judge Hubbard issued a directed verdict of not guilty at the conclusion of the state's presentation of evidence.

Judge Hubbard gave Camp Lejeune Marine William Torrence a 2-to-6 year prison term for manslaughter in the March 24, 1963 death of John Tolbert III, who was killed in a crash near Dover on US 70, when the Marine's car crossed into the wrong lane while he was driving in a drunken condition.

Torrence had his prison term suspended on condition he remain on probation for 5 years and pay \$50 per month, each month during that time for the use and benefit of the parents of the infant child.

## Tobacco School Series Beginning Monday Night

By County Agent J. R. Franck  
Jones County Farmers during the next 2 months will have an opportunity to substantially increase their knowledge of tobacco beginning Monday night, December 2.

Monday night's session which will be the first in a series of five will feature discussions on the tobacco situation and outlook, also a discussion by a tobacco industry representative on the lively subject "Tobacco Quality and the tobacco program as the tobacco industry sees it".

This series of schools offers farmers a rare opportunity to learn more about their business from some of the best authorities available anywhere.

Listed below is a complete schedule of the schools.

December 2 — "TOBACCO SITUATION — Supply, demand, use, production (domestic, world) Evaluation of tobacco programs and alternate programs — Dr. E. W. Jones, Agricultural Economist. "TOBACCO QUALITY AND THE TOBACCO PROGRAM AS INDUSTRY SEES IT — Louis Dibrell, Vice-President, Dibrell Brothers, Danville, Va.

December 9 — "GRADE STANDARDS, NEW GRADES AND GRADE CHARACTERISTICS" — Jimmie Cash, U.S.D.A. Tobacco Grading Service.

December 19 — "VARIETY AND PLANT PRODUCTION AND PLANT QUALITY" — S. N. Hawks Jr. Extension Tobacco Specialist. "DISEASES" — F. A. Todd, Tobacco Disease Specialist, N. C. State.

January 20 — "HEAT, AIR MOVEMENT AND CURING PRINCIPLES" — Dr. W. H. Johnson, Agricultural Engineer. "HARVESTING AND CURING PROCEDURE" — R. R. Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist.

February 3 — "FERTILIZATION AND WEED CONTROL" — S. N. Hawks Jr. "SUCKER CONTROL AND SPACING AND HEIGHT OF TOPPING" — Henry Marshall and W. G. Woltz, Research.

## Glenda Collins Named Reporter for Eastern School Library Group

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District of the North Carolina High School Library Association held last week at Wallace-Rose Hill Glenda Collins of Jones Central High School was named reporter for the coming year.

The district includes schools in Greene, Wayne, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret counties.

Other officers named were President Linda Shepard of East Duplin, Vice President Henry Clay Nobles of East Duplin and Secretary Eleanor Eakes of Greene Central.

## College Night Tuesday For Jones Central Hi

College night will be held at Jones Central High School Tuesday, December 3, from 7 until 9 under the supervision of the Guidance Department of the school.

The program is open to all high school juniors and seniors and their parents. Freshmen and sophomores interested in attending college may participate in the program.

The purpose of the event is to enable students and parents to become acquainted with the colleges throughout the state.

A wide range of colleges, including industrial, technical liberal arts, nursing, and business schools will be represented.

## New Maysville Service

Beginning Wednesday Dec. 4, through a contract with the town board of Maysville, Wilford Phil-yaw will be picking up trash every Wednesday. All garbage cans must be placed on side of the street in front of the homes. There will be no pickup ups from the back of the homes. Citizens are asked to have cans ready for pick up.