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Mother, Three Children Drowned When Car Plunges into Jones County Creek

Early Saturday morning a Jones County mother and three small children drowned in Rattlesnake Creek between Comfort and Hargett Crossroad when the car they were riding in plunged across the highway and into the rain-swollen tributary to Trent River.

The driver of the car, his wife, the father of the drowned family and one other man escaped without injury from the car.

Dead included Mrs. Mary Ida Kinsey, her nine year-old son Terry, eight year-old daughter Theresa and six week-old son Tony. Her husband is Roy Kinsey. Driver of the car was Willie A. Koonce and the male passenger was Aaron Murrell. All were of Trenton route 2.

The car was headed eastwardly on N.C. Highway 41 when in a long straight stretch it crossed over to the left of the driver, down an embankment and into the creek, where water was estimated to be about 15 feet deep.

Divers Kenneth Brigman and Tony Kelly of the Kinston Fire Department Rescue Squad recovered the four bodies at about 7 a.m. The car plunged into the creek at about 3:15 a.m.

Highway Patrolman C. W. Oakley has indicted Koonce on a charge of manslaughter. According to reports the group had been to Richlands Friday night to buy groceries and the men had stopped on the way back to "play pool," causing the late hour returned toward their home.

Youth Charged and Injured in Wreck

Terry Lee Winfield of 604 Oak Street is recuperating from a broken jaw and other less serious injuries suffered in a Saturday night accident and police have placed numerous charges against him as another result of the crash, which injured three other persons in the car struck by the car he was driving.

Mrs. Nannie Davis Loftin of 1602 Cedar Lane and two children, Davie Raspberry and Phyllis Davis of 201 Clay Street were given emergency treatment from less serious injuries they suffered in the same accident. The crash came at 10:30 Saturday night at the corner of Gordon and Tiffany.

Winfield has been charged with speeding 75 miles an hour, driving without a license, reckless driving, theft of the car he was driving and failing to stop for a siren.

Goldwater Rally

Saturday night at 8 a Goldwater-for-President rally is being held at East Carolina College in Greenville and the principal speaker will be South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, who recently left the Democratic Party and joined the Republican Party.

FAST MARINE

Camp Lejeuneman Cpl. John Dalton was charged over the weekend with speeding 100 miles per hour by a local highway patrolman.

Heaviest Flooding In Many Years On Tap for Neuse

The Raleigh weather bureau Wednesday predicted the heaviest flooding of Neuse River in 20 years as a result of heavy rains over the weekend which fell on every part of North Carolina.

At 8 Wednesday morning the river at Kinston stood at 17.3 feet and the prediction is that it will crest somewhere between 21 and 23 feet early next week. Anything above 14 feet is considered flood state at Kinston.

The weekend saw 4.35 inches of rain in Kinston and heavier rains in the Piedmont and western parts of the state.

Clerk Denies Motion in Wilcox Farm Litigation; Further Hearings Set

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson denied a motion this week for a "judgment by default and inquiry" in litigation between Nannie Wilcox McDaniel and several of her sisters against another two other sister sisters, Mrs. R. L. Fordham and Mrs. Matthew Moore, and their husbands.

The litigation which is over ownership of the farm of the late Steve Wilcox in Chinquapin Township has been in the local court for several years.

Last year Judge Henry Stevens granted a demurrer, filed by the Defendants, which would have ended the suit, but the state supreme court overruled Stevens and sent the case back to the Jones County court for further action.

At the same time the defendants filed their demurrer they also filed a motion to strike parts of the complaint, and this motion to strike sections of the complaint has never been acted upon.

The default judgment was sought on the basis that an answer had not been filed within the prescribed period set by law, but Henderson ruled that the motion to strike, not having been acted upon, kept the case alive, and barred judgment under the time rule in behalf of the plaintiffs.

GUARDSMEN SENTENCED

Coast Guardsmen Kenneth Arnold Lewis and Barney Carter Jr. were given suspended jail sentences for breaking open two vending machines in Kinston last week. Lewis, who was also charged with numerous traffic violations after outrunning Kinston police, was fined \$100 and Carter \$75 and they were ordered to repay the money they stole.

PECULIAR COMBINATION

Preston Redmond of 228 South Queen Street was booked Saturday on a peculiar combination of charges: Larceny and discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Quiet Session of Board on Monday

The Jones County Board of Commissioners enjoyed a quiet session Monday, hearing routine reports from several heads and acting on the following matters:

Transferring \$2500 from the school current expense fund to the school capital outlay fund;

Transferring \$2000 from the county general fund to the school capital outlay fund to permit purchase of another school bus;

Authorized Sheriff Brown Yates to negotiate with an electrician for some work needed to be done in the court house;

Accepted the audit report on the county tax office, and passed a resolution supporting the \$100 million dollars state school bond issue.

Banker Charged

Former Kinstonian Vincent Jackson Jones was arrested last week in Morehead City, where he was employed by the Wachovia Bank on charge of embezzling \$1,009 from the bank. Jones, a native of Lenoir County, was employed by the bank in Kinston until being transferred some months ago. His trial is scheduled for the next term of federal court in New Bern.

TWO ACCUSED

Monday Kenneth Clyde Alphin of Pink Hill route 1 and Robert Allen Alphin of Deep Run route 1 were charged with violating the liquor laws and Robert was also accused of being publicly drunk.

Glenda Collins Named President of Jones Central High Library Club

By Cecil Banks
The September meeting of the Jones Central Chapter of the North Carolina High School Library Association was held Tuesday night in the school library. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Marvin Thomas, school librarian and sponsor of the club.

The main order of business was the election of officers for

Three Marines Hurt

At midnight Friday a carload of Cherry Point Marines ran into a ditch five miles east of Kinston on U.S. 70. The driver, James Kennis, and Harold Vyse suffered serious injuries, Garrett Souce suffered painful but not serious injuries and the other two escaped without injury. Kennis was indicted for driving too fast for existing roadway conditions.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Wednesday Superior Court Judge George Fountain suspended a 9-month prison term for Camp Lejeunemen James Butler and James Rayburn, who pled guilty to stealing a car in Kinston last month. Each was ordered to pay the court costs.

Not Guilty Verdicts in Murder and Manslaughter Charges Before Court

Two Suits Filed by Paper Company for Collection of Debt

Two suits were filed this week in Jones County Superior Court by the Albemarle Paper Company against George Mateja of Maysville, in which the company seeks possession of logging equipment given as security and payment of the outstanding balance on two loans made to Mateja.

One suit alleges a loan of \$7,500 with a balance of \$4,725.93 and another loan of \$7,650.25 with a balance due of \$5,899.54. The suit further alleges that Mateja agreed to pay \$75 per week on each loan but has made no payment on either since March 22 of this year.

PFC BROWN AT FORT LEE

PFC Robert J. Brown, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Brown of Route 1, Pollocksville, completed a 12-week heavy equipment repair course at the Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va., Sept. 29. Brown was graduated from Jones High School in Trenton in 1960 and attended North Carolina A & T College in Greensboro.

Grifton Student Killed After Game

Thirteen year-old David Allen Patrick of Grifton was killed shortly after the football game in Grifton last Friday night when he ran into the path of a car as he and the driver of the car both were leaving the game.

Investigating officers expressed the view that the accident was unavoidable insofar as the driver of the car, 20 year-old Della Alice Proctor, was concerned.

RACING ALLEGED

Edward Earl Carter of Goldsboro and Troy Lee Mills of Kinston route 2 were booked in Kinston over the weekend and charged with racing and reckless driving.

the 1964-65 school term. The following officers were elected: Glenda Collins, President; Jimmy Jones, Vice-President; Carolyn Smith, Secretary-Treasurer; and Cecil Banks, Reporter.

In addition to the election of the officers, the following committees were appointed: Cecil Banks, Alice Collins, and Paullette Harrison, Publicity Committee; A. V. Spann, Melanie Hill, and Betty Canady, Social Committee; Jimmy Jones, Shirley Humphrey, and Sandra Findeisen, Program Committee; Glenda Collins, Rosemary Mallard, and Vedys Black, Scrapbook Committee; and Carolyn Smith, Carol Chapman, Geri Foy, and Rebecca McGee, Projects Committee.

The group voted to sell candy to pay necessary expenses in attending the state convention next spring. The Club members discussed coming events for the year.

The members of the Library Club will draw a constitution for the Club in the near future. At present, the Club has no written constitution.

Future Library Club meetings will be held the first Wednesday night of each month at seven o'clock.

The three major cases before Jones County Superior Court last week ended happily, insofar as the defendants were concerned.

Tilmon Lewis was found not guilty of manslaughter in the auto death of Daniel Edward Conner on December 14, 1963.

Ora Lee Bryant was found not guilty of murdering her husband.

And the grand jury refused to return a true bill against James Mills who was charged with rape.

The longest prison sentence handed down by Presiding Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn went to A. J. Byrd, alias George Baldwin, who drew 7-to-10 years for felonious breaking and entering.

Four divorces, each on grounds of two years separation went to Alma Mayo Allen from Ronald Ray Allen, to Myrtle Greces Foy from Paul Foy, to James Gaskin Rodman from Bessie Viola Rodman and to Lottie Bell Fiori from Peter Fiori.

Foy was also given 18 to 24 months in prison for not supporting the 11 children of his marriage to Myrtle Greces Foy, two of whom had been born since he was ordered by the court to support the family in 1961.

Another confusing domestic case judgment was that in the non-support charges against Milton Cleo Brock, who was charged with non-support of two children by his wife and three children he had sired on another woman. The judgment was that he support the three children away from home and the welfare department take care of his children by his wife. He drew a 2-year jail term suspended for 5 years on condition that he comply with this unusual judgment.

Fined \$100 for drunken driving were the following: Percy E. Evans, Paul Edward Davis, William James Metts, James Taylor, William Henry Britt, and Malvern Banks, who was charged with drunken driving was fined \$100 for reckless driving.

James Edward White was found not guilty of drunken driving but was found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road but sentence in his case was deferred.

Bruce Butler McArthur was also found not guilty of drunken driving and the same charge against Cleveland Roberts was not prosed.

John Wesley Brown was given 18 months in jail for assault on a female and Bobby Ray Roberts drew six months for public drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon.

George Walker was given 18 months for driving without a license but the jail term was suspended on condition he not drive a car for five years.

Judgment was suspended on John Andrew Jones for an assault charge.

A charge of driving while licence was revoked against Marvin Mills was not prosed, as was a speeding charged against Frederick Keller, a liquor violation charge against George Mitchell, and a speeding charge against Tommy Hill Jr.

Horace Cleveland Morris was fined \$10 for speeding.

Judge Burgwyn also fined two jurors, Horace Quinn and William Wiggins, \$25 for not showing up for court, but ordered that the fines be stricken if they produced medical certificates supporting their absence.