

ONE KILLED, HEAVY DAMAGE FROM WEDNESDAY NIGHT TORNADO IN JONES COUNTY

One eleven year-old child was killed and hundreds of thousands of damage done at 10 Wednesday night when a killer tornado roared out of the southwest and struck areas to the west and north of Pollockville. The death was that of "Partner" Ward, grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Ward, who lived on the Oak Grove Air Base Road just north of Pollockville. The child died, about seven

hours after the tornado struck, in a New Bern hospital. The first devastation of the storm hit on the Davis Field road southwest of Pollockville where thousands of dollars of damage were done to the farms of Jack Barrow, Ed Parker, and Earl Bell. Parker lost the roof off the rear of his home, complete destruction of three tobacco barns and a pack barn and heavy dam-

age to two more tobacco barns. Barrow's loss was to tobacco barns, out buildings and less damage to his own home. On Bell's place nine tobacco barns, a sweet potato curing barn and four tenant houses were damaged from total to severe. Then the storm bounced upward and crossed Trent River just west of Pollockville and came down next just behind the dairy farm of Nathaniel

Simons, whose farm is directly in front of the home where the Ward Child was killed. Coming down the winds chopped the tops out of a clump of tall pines and wiped off the map every farm building Simons owned. He and his wife and four children were in their completely razed home but all miraculously escaped injury. Across the road the home of Florence Strayhorn was half blown away. Debris was strewn

for several miles through the woods and then the fierce wind hit a long row of homes along along US 17, totally collapsing many and inflicting light to severe damage on dozens of others. The miracle is that only one death occurred when so many occupied homes were destroyed so suddenly. From the time the tornado struck down first until it was all over less than two minutes had passed.

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Three Jones County Corporations are Chartered to Promote 'Peace, Progress, Prosperity' and Recreational Facilities

In the past week charters of three non-profit, non-stock Jones County Corporations have been filed in the office of Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson. The first is the Jones County Recreational Park Association, Inc., which lists among its objectives the providing of non-profit recreational facilities such as a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool and picnic area. Incorporators of this recreational effort are Carl F. Ipock, Donald P. Brock, W. F. Hill, Wallace R. Banks and Robert L. Mattocks.

The second new organization is the Jones County Economic Development Corporation which lists as its principal hope, receiving money from either the North Carolina Fund or the Office of Economic Opportunity in the federal government. Incorporators of this are John D. Jenkins, Donald Brock, Mrs. Zeta Burt, Fletcher Barber, J. H. Thompson, J. R. Franck, C. B. Chadwick, Edna Smallwood, Jeter Taylor Jr., G. A. Small, Curtis Patterson, Robert Mattocks, Sadie Hall, Zaddie Adams, J. E. Mewborn, Roosevelt Murrell, Aylene Pollock and Nelson Banks.

The third of the new corporations is the Maysville-Belgrade Protective Association, Inc. which lists among its aspirations a number of things: A. To promote law enforcement in the communities of

of Maysville and Belgrade. B. To promote peace, progress and prosperity. C. To establish membership fees and to make such assessments as necessary to provide funds for rendering the services to the members and others, and also to provide for revolving fund certificates sufficient to to furnish capital for operating facilities. D. To solicit funds and to borrow money. Incorporators of this Maysville-Belgrade venture are Tom Foscoe, A. G. Mills and C. W. Lancaster.

Reward Offered

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates has posted a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons who murdered Edna Simmons of Pollockville earlier this year. The woman was found brutally murdered in her home and efforts to discover the person, or persons who did the crime have so far proven fruitless. Those with any information that might lead to the apprehension of the guilty party, or parties are urged to contact Sheriff Yates.

PROBATION REVOKED

Recorder Buck Wooten last week revoked probation for Milton Rich of 1219 Ferndale Lane, who last year was given a 6-month prison term for larceny.

Large Attendance Urged for March 25th Meeting on Trent River Problem

All property owners in Jones County in the Trent River watershed are urged to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. March 25th in the court house at Trenton. At that time officials of the Soil Conservation Service and the Army Corps of Engineers will be on hand to give the latest information and recommendations of alleviation of flooding in this watershed which has done millions of dollars worth of damage in the recent past. County Attorney Don Brock says this matter has been kicked back and forth for over five years now, but there is some reason for feeling more optimistic about something being done

now than at any time during the five years. Brock says he feels a showing of interest by the several hundred property owners involved will go a long way toward convincing officials of the need for relief on this project.

Four Civil Suits Filed in Past Week In Jones County's Superior Court

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports receiving four civil suits in his office during the past week, including one in which \$15,000 damages is asked from a fatal automobile accident. Novella Hunter, administratrix of the estate of Leonard Walter Hunter, is asking \$15,000 from James Coy Griffin for Hunter's death on March 30, 1964 in an accident in which Hunter was riding as a passenger in a truck driven by Griffin. Another unusual suit is that brought against the North Carolina State Highway Commission by George B. Eubanks, who is asking \$2,000 damages for drowning of part of his 1962 tobacco crop which he asserts was caused by diversion of waters by a temporary ditch dug on Highway Commission orders while a road was being built in the Plantation Community. A hearing commissioner awarded Eubanks \$1,384.32 but

the highway commission is appealing the hearing officer's ruling to the courts. In the other two suits Pelletier and Weeks Company of Maysville is seeking to recover \$654.87 with interest from March 12, 1960, from Glen and Ruth Howard and \$425 with interest from October 13, 1958 from Andrew and Addie Hill.

Five Jones Arrests

In the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports five arrests: Robert Van Geroch of Maysville was charged with public drunkenness, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, Gene Godwin of Cherry Point was charged with drunken driving, Johnny Kinsey of Trenton route 2 was charged with public drunkenness, Johnny Kinsey of Trenton route 2 was charged with public drunkenness and Floyd Ball of Jacksonville with driving an improperly equipped vehicle.

State Superintendent Advises Local School Boards to Hold up Filing of Plans to Comply with Civil Rights Act

All of North Carolina's 172 school districts were advised in a letter last Saturday from State Superintendent Charles Carroll to hold up filing of their "compliance plans" as ordered by agents of the federal government in recent briefings. Carroll's letter pointed out that there was still a great deal of confusion in Raleigh and in Washington as to what it would take to suit the powers in Washington in this particular realm. About 50 of the 172 school districts in the state had already furnished Carroll's office with their efforts in this direction, and a majority of these spelled out to one degree or another the so-called "Freedom of Choice" system under which parents of students would be permitted to choose the school in a given district they wished their child to attend. Carroll's letter inferred that this degree of compliance is not enough, because it does not spell out in dates and degrees to be obtained of racial mixing of the various school districts. This week the "Saturday Review," which is one of the gliberal house organs of The Great Society has very kindly included an article written by G. W. Foster Jr., professor of law at Wisconsin University and a consultant to the office of education in the Health, Education and Welfare, which is charged with the responsibility of enforcing the letter and the spirit of the

Civil Rights Act of 1964. "Saturday Review" in its effort to be "helpful" points out in preface to Foster's article: "The following memo is designed to provide specific guidelines to school authorities seeking to meet the terms of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Mr. Foster's memo has no official status and does not bind the Office of Education in any fashion. Yet there is no doubt that it reflects directly the thinking of the officials charged with the responsibility for enforcement of Title VI as it applies to education." **Geographic Zoning** Speaking of geographic zoning — one of the two possible plans most local school boards are studying — Foster says: "Plans using geographic zoning should initially assign all pupils to the school in their zone of residence. Whatever transfer policies are available for attending outside the zone of residence should be open to negroes and whites alike on the same terms and by the same means. The provision, sustained for a time in the courts for permitting transfers to children who would be a racial minority within their attendance zone school or classroom, has been struck down as a device to preserve segregation and will not do." To use a Kinston example Foster's "guideline" says in effect, that if a large number of negro students were transferred into Lewis School the court

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This debris was part of the home of Nathaniel Simmons and his family of six, all of whom escaped injury when it was converted into kindling by the tornado which hit Jones County such a terrific blow. The wind topped the tall pines in background as it came down to wipe Simmons' dairy farm off the map and to kill an 11 year-old child in the home of Alonza Ward which was directly across the road from the debris pictured here.