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JUDGE ALGERNON BUTLER ORDERS IMMEDIATE INTEGRATION OF JONES COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Plan Written by Federal Agents for Jones County Vetoed by Butler In Light of Recent Virginia Decision

Federal District Judge Algernon Q. Butler of Clinton "shot us out of the saddle" in the words of one Jones County School official Wednesday.

Butler turned thumbs down on a plan written by agents of the federal department of "justice," which had been jammed down the throats of Jones County School officials, who were trying to hold onto some over \$400,000 in federal funds which were being used as blackmail by the federal flunkies.

But in the interim, between the reluctant acceptance of this department of "justice" integration plan, and the appearance before Butler Tuesday the supreme court had ruled in a Kent County, Virginia, case that "freedom of choice" plans were not acceptable unless they brought about the "desired degree" of racial mixing in the schools.

Armed with this usurpation Butler went even beyond the supreme court and ordered Jones County officials to totally integrate all elementary schools in the county for the school year which starts in August, and to have on his desk in short order a plan eliminating all segregation in high schools as well as elementary schools before the 1969-70 school year.

The department of "justice" plan which Butler "canned" Tuesday called for complete racial integration of all Jones County schools by the 1970-71 school year, and involved conversion of one of the existing county high schools into a so-called junior high school, to which all students in grades 7, 8 and 9 would be assigned, and making a senior high school of

the other, to which all students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades would be assigned.

This plan also called for the abandonment of several schools now in use in the system, and construction of at least seven more rooms on one of the existing high schools. No mention was made about where the money was to come for this construction, which made on the basis of present building costs would run in the vicinity of \$100,000, and possibly more.

Also under the plan Butler rejected Tuesday Jones County school officials agreed to transfer between 300 and 400 Negro children into white schools this year.

There is little fear among Jones County school officials about not having the 400,000 in federal funds available for operation of the schools this year, despite the blustering of federal officials, since school systems operating under court orders have not been denied these funds in the past, and there is considered little to no likelihood that this practice will be changed.

The worst effect of this federal threatening has been among school personnel, who were afraid that they might have to take a pay cut, or that their job might suddenly vanish in the absence of federal funds.

There are slightly more than 3000 students in the Jones County school system and slightly more than half of these are Negro. Under Freedom of Choice plans attempted for the past three years few Negroes elected to attend white schools and no whites elected to attend Negro schools.

Now under the orders of this Sampson County Satrap the more than 2000 children in the elementary grades will have to be totally integrated when school is opened this fall.

In a kindly, generous, open-hearted manner, Butler left the little chore of doing this up to the already totally frustrated Jones County School Board.

As of Wednesday afternoon the school board had no plan in mind, but they must find a plan acceptable to Algernon before school opens or he will hold them in the same contempt that they now hold him.

the two wrecks, since the city does not carry collision insurance.

Veil of Mystery Lifts on Deaths of Marine Major's Family in Jones County

A second autopsy report from Navy Medics last week has lifted a good part of the mystery that has surrounded the deaths of the wife and two children of Camp Lejeune Major Raymond Start since their bodies were found last November in the family car beside Highway US 17 between Maysville and Pollocksville.

Mrs. Start, Ellen Marie, 5, and Stephen Lawrence, 2½, were "homicide by a party or parties unknown."

Since near the end of the investigation Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates has felt that the deaths were murder and suicide, and this latest autopsy report

supports his opinion.

Considerable comment at the time of the deaths of the three was on the specific subject that Mrs. Start did not grasp the pistol "in a true death grip." This rather loosely used phrase, combined with the first autopsy report to create a mystery, where it is now reasonably safe to assert that no mystery really existed. Especially since no one has been able to offer a logical explanation of just what a "true death grip" really is, or is not.

The first autopsy, performed by doctors at Camp Lejeune, declared that all three died from .38 caliber pistol wounds in the head, and that Mrs. (Charlotte) Start had died from a bullet that had entered the left side of her head and exited on the right.

The second autopsy, performed by Navy doctors at the Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington, D. C., says exactly the opposite: That the bullet went in the right side of Mrs. Start's head and exited on the left.

The fact that a Start family .38 caliber pistol was found in Mrs. Start's right hand, and that the first report asserted her injury came from the opposite side, caused all kinds of speculation to arise, and to still exist, for that matter.

This was the basis upon which a coroner's jury ruled on January 17th that the deaths of

One Worthless Check Charge, Numerous Traffic Violations in Jones Court

Lovette Jones of Trenton, who pleaded guilty to a charge of passing a worthless check, was sentenced to 30 days of work under the supervision of the department of correction. The sentence was suspended on condition he make restitution and pay the court's cost.

Gorman Ray Horne of Maysville was fined \$26 for reckless driving and failure to report an accident.

Kay Moses Stewart of Vanceboro was fined \$13 for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Alberta E. Brown of Maywood, New Jersey and Sgt. Edward Creasy of Fort Fisher were fined \$30 for speeding 70 MPH in a 60 MPH zone. Forrest Alvah

Anderson of Columbia, S. C., who was charged with speeding 65 MPH in a 50 MPH zone and with driving under the influence, requested a jury trial. Bond was set at \$300. Also requesting a jury trial for a charge of speeding 60 MPH in a 50 MPH zone was Aulcys Ray Byrd of Bridgeton. His bond was set at \$50.

Ruth W. Authur of New Bern, Michael Griffin of Trenton, and James Redden Wiley of New Bern were fined \$26 for driving without a valid license. Gary Pollock Mazingo, charged with driving without a valid license, had the charge nol prossed.

Norman Edward Richard of Kinston was fined \$13 for oper-

Bad 21 Hours for Kinston Employees Sees Four Hospitalized Following Two Expensive Wrecks

From 4:21 Sunday afternoon until 12:53 Monday afternoon four City of Kinston employees were hospitalized, a fifth was painfully hurt but not hospitalized and city vehicles suffered an estimated \$24,000 damage in two accidents.

The first, and worst, involved a fire truck and Continental Trailways bus at the corner of East and Washington streets and sent one of the 14 passengers on the bus to a local hospital for a checkup.

Fire Truck Driver James Lynwood Small of 1212 Fernside Lane, Fire Lieutenant Odell Turner and Fireman Randall

Cribb were all hurt in this crash, with the first two being kept in the hospital for continuing treatment and observation.

Joyce Paluck of Elizabeth, N. J. from the bus was treated and released. The bus driver, Jesse Pridgen of Jacksonville was not hurt.

Damage to the 1962 pumper was estimated at \$22,000 and at \$10,000 to the bus.

Then at 12:53 Monday afternoon a police car driven by Lieutenant Hugh Fisher of 1508 Queen Street tangled with a car driven by Mrs. Edna Taylor Slivar of Trenton route 2 at the corner of Mitchell Street and

Rhodes Avenue, resulting in the hospitalization of Fisher and Officer Elijah Tyndall of Kinston route 6. Mrs. Shivar was not hurt, but she was charged with failing to stop for a stop sign. Damage to her car was estimated at \$1,000 and the police car suffered an estimated \$2,000 damage.

The most ironial aspect of the two accidents was that the fire truck was answering a false alarm that had been turned in near the Kinston Tobacco Company when the crash took place.

And finally, the Kinston City Council, trying to trim the 1968-69 budget to manageable pro-

ating a motorcycle without a helmet.

Victor D. Jordan of Pollocksville and William Boyd Quick of Maysville were fined \$13 for having an expired inspection certificate.

TWO ARRESTS MADE

Aaron Moses Hall of Richlands was arrested during the past week and charged with assault and larceny. Wilbert McKay Greene of Trenton was also arrested during the past week and charged with driving drunk.

portions is faced with having to add considerably to the budget to replace these two vehicles that were so badly damaged in



Mosquito Control Has Been Abolished In Jones County

Dr. John A. Parrott, Director of the Jones County Health Department, has announced that the Mosquito Control section of the Jones County Health Department has been abolished due to the lack of funds.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners in the 1968-69 budget did not allocate any monies for this purpose, making it necessary for the health department to take such actions.

It was further stated by Dr. Parrott that any request for spraying would have to be denied because of this action. It was not indicated by Dr. Parrott what disposition would be made of the equipment that is presently owned by the county.