

JONES COUNTY SUFFERS NINE TRAFFIC DEATHS IN '70; FIVE DRIVERS, FOUR PEDESTRIANS

Jones County suffered a bad year on its highways with nine persons losing their lives in traffic accidents. It was an especially bad year for pedestrians, since four of the nine who were pedestrians. The other five killed were drivers of cars in single car accidents.

The first death of the year

was that of Randolph Jones who was killed on Highway US 17 near Pollocksville.

April 13th brought the second death, that of Oren Elmer Triplett, who was killed on U 17 near Pollocksville.

The first pedestrian death came on May 21st, also on US 17 and it claimed the life of

19 year-old Terrell J. Wigham.

Two days later on May 23rd, 23 year-old Francisco J. Hovey was killed on Highway NC 41 when he lost control of his car.

June 6th claimed the life of another driver, 20 year-old Paul Andrew Stubbs, who was killed on US 17.

July 13th 66 year-old Zollie

Riggs was hit by a car on NC 41 east of Maysville and was instantly killed.

On August 1st 93 year-old William Gillette Fisher of Pollocksville was killed near his home when he walked into the path of a car.

On September 13th, 37 year-old Charles D. Thigpen rammed

into a bridge railing near his home and was instantly killed.

Finally on November 20th, 86 year-old Floyd Rom Dula of Trenton route 2 walked into the path of a car on NC 41 near his home and suffered injuries from which he died several days later.

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Night Driver Training Classes Set At Jones Central to Start on 25th

Evening driver training courses are being scheduled at Jones Senior High School.

The 36 hours of classwork will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 25th, at the school. Aubrey L. Little and Joseph George, certified driver education instructors, will teach the courses.

Designed to provide information on safe driving practices and highway knowledge, skills and attitudes, the emphasis during the courses will be the training of defensive drivers.

Persons interested in signing up for the driving courses have been asked to attend the organizational session January 25th. At that time the schedule of classes will be decided upon.

Students will meet for two hours, two evenings each week from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the duration of the courses. The courses are free to students regularly enrolled in public and non-public schools who are fourteen and one-half years old or above, and to out-of-school youths not younger than fourteen and one-half or older than 18.

Enrollees must be residents of Jones County and must meet the necessary mental and physical qualifications. Registration may be arranged by coming to the school or by phoning 448-2451.

JONES COMMISSIONED

Navy Ensign Kenneth M. Jones husband of the former Miss Rebecca K. Parsons of Route 1, Maysville, was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve upon completion of a phase of Flight training at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Four Civil Suits Filed in Jones County's Courts

Jones County Court Clerk Rogers Pollock reports receiving four civil actions in his office during the past week, three seeking to collect debts and the fourth seeking a divorce.

Robert Ray Thigpen filed the divorce action, alleging his marriage to Elizabeth Gray Thigpen on January 4, 1966, and their separation on July 10, 1969.

Bank of Carolina asks \$1650 or a 1967 model car from F. W. Gooding.

Flakes Tire Service of Jacksonville seeks to collect \$123.76 it alleges Robert Hill of Trenton route 2 owes it.

Provident Finance Company of Kinston alleges that Elsie Marie Perry and Eliva Perry of Trenton route 1 are in default on a \$200 loan it extended to them.

MARINE ACCUSED

Saturday night Camp Lejeune Marine William H. Flohr was charged by Kinston police with reckless driving, spinning tires, running a red light, speeding, and failing to stop for a police car siren and blue light.

MARINE CHARGED

Camp Lejeune Marine Gary Morris has been charged with stealing a 1962 Chevrolet from the Twin Pines filling station just west of Kinston over the weekend.

David Bryant Honored

David Bryant, a Jones Central High School graduate, who now teaches and coaches at Bunn High School, was honored by the civic clubs of that community for being the outstanding young man of the year in that town at a recent banquet in his honor. Bryant's wife is the former Betty Becton, another Jones County native, who teaches in the same school with her husband.

State Schools Boss Says Teaching Youngsters to Act, Dance and Sing An 'Absolute Must', Starts Soon

Imagine live music, dance, and drama performances in the classroom! School children in grades four through nine will experience them this year in a new "student audiences" program being planned and implemented by the State Department of Public Instruction.

According to Raymond K. Rhodes, Coordinator of School Athletics and Activities, the new program will serve two purposes. It will provide informal, small-group teaching-learning situations in cultural arts. The program is also aimed at promoting cooperation between teacher-training institutions and public schools. Through the "student audiences" program, colleges and universities will give students in cultural arts the opportunity of performing.

Following each performance, school children can talk with the performer and ask questions about drama, dance, and music. The children may even be able

Teen-Ager Arrested for Stealing is Found With Marijuana in His Sock

January Session of Jones Board Quiet

But for a few loose ends left over from the December meeting Jones County's commissioners would have had hardly anything to do on Monday of this week.

Those loose ends included re-naming Earl Franck the county's auditor, E. C. Armstrong the county surveyor and Horace Phillips was named vice chairman of the board.

The board also fixed holidays for 1971 for county workers at Easter Monday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Armistice Day and Thanksgiving. They agreed to set the Christmas Holiday schedule later in the year.

Monday just after noon Deputy Sheriff G. E. Haddock went to Jones High School and picked up Stevie Kinsey of Pollocksville on a warrant charging him with stealing a pocketbook from a young woman over the weekend.

When the 18 year-old student was searched at the courthouse one marijuana cigaret was found hidden in his sock. He was placed under \$800 bond on the two charges, pending hearings in district court.

Other arrests during the past week included those of Charles Hill of Trenton, who is charged with being drunk and disorderly, Clennie Lee Yill of Trenton, who is charged with non-support and Carl Bender of Pollocksville who is charged with public drunkenness.

FOSTER AT JACKSONVILLE

Marine Master Sergeant Sterling J. Foster, of Pollocksville, is serving at the Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Jacksonville.

SATURDAY SHOOTING

Although witnesses claimed it was an accident Allen Ray Sutton of LaGrange route 3 has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury as the result of a pistol wound in the right thigh suffered by Manuel Moseley of La Grange route 3 Saturday night, while they and others were reported playing cards at Moseley's home.

Bond Finally Paid

Monday Kinston Bondsman Willie Mills finally paid off the \$5000 bond he had signed in April of last year for James A. Kornegay, who was caught in a local motel with a large quantity of heroin. Mills signed Kornegay's bond within minutes after the arrest and Kornegay has not been seen officially in this area since. Mills fought paying the bond for months in the courts, but in December superior court final action was taken and Clerk of Court Zeke Creech reports that Mills paid off on Monday of this week.

PRICE OF SOCIALIZED MEDICINE GOING UP AGAIN AND CEILING NOT YET IN SIGHT

The voluntary medical insurance premium older people pay for doctor bill insurance under Medicare will go up by 30 cents per month, beginning next July 1. The new premium rate will be \$5.60 per month, up from the current \$5.30.

The increase amounts to only 6 per cent, compared to a rate increase of 32 per cent made last year, when the premium was raised by \$1.30 from \$4.00 to \$5.30.

Last year's increase was about double the amount that would have otherwise been required, because the rate in the previous year had been kept at \$4.00, an amount inadequate to finance the program. It was necessary

therefore to, in effect, make two increases at the same time.

Further, because the inadequate rate had depleted the trust fund, it was necessary last year to provide also for a higher margin for contingencies than is the case this year.

Last year, 24 cents (including 2 cents in interest earnings) was planned as a margin for contingencies. A variety of administration actions have helped to hold down the cost of the program in this past year, and it has not been necessary to use any of the planned contingency. In fact, it is now estimated that the margin over expenditures will turn out to be 26 cents rather than 24 cents.

This is the first time since the Medicare program started, that program costs for the Supplementary Medical Insurance program have been below the estimates. With the resulting growth in the trust fund, this year's premium rate can safely be set at a level that allows only 6c as a margin for contingencies.

The 30c increase in the net result of three items that are estimated to increase costs by 50 cents in fiscal year 1972, and then a reduction of 20 cents arising primarily because of the reduced margin for contingencies.

The items which make up the 50 cent increase are as follows:

— 32 cents to cover an estimated increase of 6.7 per cent in the level of physicians' fees recognized by the program in fiscal year 1972;

— 10 cents to cover an estimated increase of 2 per cent in the use of physicians' services;

— 9 cents to cover the estimated increase of 15 per cent in cost and utilization of institutional services covered by the program (for example, for hospital outpatient and independent clinic services).

The medical insurance program supplements the basic hospital insurance part of Medicare by helping to pay doctor bills and a wide variety of other medical expenses in and out of the hos-

pital. About 19.5 million people 65 and over are enrolled for this supplementary protection.

The premiums paid by people 65 and older who are enrolled cover half the cost of their protection. The other half comes out of general Federal revenues. The Medicare law provides for all annual review of the costs of the medical insurance program and for the announcement of any necessary adjustment in the premium rate by January 1. The law requires that the premium rate be set at a point estimated to be sufficient to cover all expenses incurred during each premium period with an allowance for contingencies.