

# Agreement Reached In School Attendance Dispute

Judge Orland Roades today, following a series of conferences with local Negro leaders and parents of Negro school children who are not attending school, that no agreement has been reached concerning the absenteeism on the part of the school children.

Judge Roades has been acting in an unofficial capacity in talking to the Negroes in an attempt to persuade them to abide by the U. S. District Court's decision concerning the local school case.

The court stressed the fact that he could not act officially in the case if charges are filed. These charges would have to be filed with the court by the attendance officer, under the direction of the superintendent or the school board.

Although no official comment will be made by the school board until it meets to discuss the case

in the near future, it is understood that members of the board are in favor of allowing the Negro children to remain out of school until September.

**JUDGE ROADES** said that after he failed to get the parents of the children to agree to send their children to school immediately, he drew up an agreement whereby they would agree to send them to school in September. Thus far, the parents have refused to agree to this, he said.

The court noted that some of the parents are willing to go along with the school board on the matter, but others want to hold out until integration of the whites and Negroes is completed. This will not be accomplished, the board has previously stated, until the new Webster and Washington school buildings are completed.

The parents who refused to agree to send their children back to the Lincoln School, in accordance with the board's re-zoning move that was later held valid by the District Court, have said that they feel that to send their children back to the school now would hurt their chances for quick integration once the new buildings are complete.

**SINCE THE** National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has indicated that the ruling handed down by the District Court will be appealed, the parents may feel that sending their children back to the Lincoln School would hurt their cause in the appeal action.

Actually, sending the children to school now would not accomplish any purpose other than that of carrying out the letter of the law, since these children could not possibly pass this year. They have been out of school since September 17, it was pointed out, and would have no chance to "catch up" with the other pupils during the remainder of this term.

For this reason, Judge Roades said, he is striving to reach an understanding, agreeable to both parents and the school board, whereby the children will be sent to school in September.

## Ross County Man Killed by Falling Tree Thursday

Stanley Carter, 46, of Bainbridge, was killed Thursday when struck in the limb of a tree he was felling on the Dill farm, located on Route 1 about three miles east of Bainbridge.

Carter was a member of the firm Money and Carter, sawmill operators.

C. D. Leggett, Ross County coroner, said death was caused by a skull fracture.

Carter and a boy named Adkins were cutting timber on a hill. They were felling a large tree when it toppled over, a dead limb fell off and struck Carter on the

Adkins boy ran about a half mile to reach a telephone and call for help.

Smith, Bainbridge funeral director, and Dr. Leggett went to the scene.

Carter is survived by his parents, Mrs. Dawson Carter, and three children, Elsa, and three married daughters.