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THREE PERSONS INJURED

Finding Of Lost Parakeet Helps Cheer Little Boy After Cars Collide Friday

Finding of a lost pet parakeet helped cheer up a four-year-old boy, following an automobile collision in which his mother and sister were injured.

The collision took place at 12:20 p. m. Friday at the intersection of E. Indiana Ave. Extension and the highway that runs from Powell's pond to the Fort Bragg Reservation entrance, according to State Trooper Robert R. Samuels who investigated.

The parakeet had flown off in fright when its cage was broken in the crash. Some two hours later it was captured by Trooper Samuels in trees nearby, after the trooper had returned to the accident scene. He enlisted the aid of a prisoner working on a road crew nearby, in helping retrieve the bird.

Taken to Moore Memorial Hospital were three persons injured in the wreck—Mrs. Edwin J. Waters, who had been driving from Fort Sill, Okla., to join her husband, Sgt. Waters of the Army's Special Forces at Fort

Bragg; their daughter, Debbie, aged six; and Richard Brown, of the 92nd Engineers, Fort Bragg, with whose station wagon their compact car had been in collision.

Also at the hospital was Edwin Waters, Jr., aged four, with his father, who had rushed there on word that his family had been in a wreck.

Mrs. Waters and Debbie were reported seriously and painfully injured, cut by flying glass, and with bruises, abrasions and other hurts. They would have been much worse hurt, perhaps killed, had they not had their safety belts fastened, the trooper said. The little boy, in the back seat, surrounded by pillows, tops and Christmas gifts, saved himself from injury by clinging to a pillow.

Trooper Samuels took the parakeet back to Moore Memorial Hospital and the boy and his father went to buy a new cage for it.

Brown, less seriously injured,

told the trooper he had been driving on the road to Fort Bragg when the Waters' compact car drove out directly into his path. The side of the car was smashed in.

Mrs. Waters said she had stopped at the intersection but had not seen the approaching vehicle. Charges of failing to grant right of way were preferred against her.

Besides the parakeet, two German shepherd dogs belonging to Brown were in the wreck, receiving a bad shaking up. They spent the weekend at a local veterinary hospital.

Farm Bureau President Backs 'Little Federal' Reapportionment Amendment

The president of the Moore County Farm Bureau said this week that it would be "a serious backward step for Moore County's economy if the State is ever ruled by urban legislators."

John Alex Smith of Vass submitted that urban rule is a "real and serious threat unless the Reapportionment Amendment passes on January 14."

The amendment, popularly called the "Little Federal Plan," would reduce House membership from 120 to 100, giving each county one member. The Senate would be increased from 50 to 70 members, with all seats being allotted on a population basis.

"This plan gives fair representation to everybody," said Smith, "and provides for neither urban nor rural control. Basing one house on area and the other on population is nothing other than a fair solution."

Smith cited the fact that Moore County's estimated agricultural income for 1962 was approximately 30 million dollars. This includes government payments and income from sale of farm products. Economic specialists, he said, report that each agricultural dollar is multiplied seven times as it moves through the economy. "This is too important a part of our economy to be entrusted to people who don't understand or care about farming," the Moore County Farm Bureau president said.

BIRTHS

Births at Moore Memorial Hospital:

November 25—Son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Crissman, Star Route, Carthage; son, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watson, Route 1, Eagle Springs; son, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Mashburn, Star Route, Carthage; son, Mr. and Mrs. Medford S. Trueblood, Robbins; daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Frank Goins, Route 1, Carthage.

November 26—Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Key, Route 2, Robbins.

November 27—Twin boys, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wood, Route 2, Carthage; son, Mr. and Mrs. Tim McKoy, Raeford.

November 28—Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deaton, Star; daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie B. Utley, Route 2, Hoffman.

November 29—Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie C. Harper, Route 2, Bennett.

December 1—Daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester McQueen, Route 1, Ellerbe.

Insurance Speaker Heard By Jaycees

The Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce had as the program for their December 3 meeting a talk on "Freedom For Enterprise." The speaker was Clyde Stancil of Raleigh, who is with the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, representing the North Carolina Insurance Information Service as a member of its Speakers Bureau.

Talks by NCIS members are given on various fire and casualty insurance subjects to increase public understanding of the important role the industry plays in the economy and the ways in which all citizens participate in making insurance rates.

The meeting was presided over by Jim Thomasson, club president.

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