

Buddy Blue injured in one-auto crash

Hoke County Republican Party Chairman J.H. (Buddy) Blue Jr. is recovering in the Moore County Hospital after being injured when his car left the road and overturned in a deep ditch off Highway 211 Monday.

Blue, 52, was traveling toward Aberdeen at about 7:35 Monday morning when the accident occurred, State Trooper K.W. Weston said.

According to the report, Blue was behind a slow car and went to pass it just after another car behind him started to pass.

When Blue saw the other car beside him, he whipped his car back into the proper lane and when he did, one of his tires left the road, the report says.

The car then skidded off the road and into the wet grass on the narrow shoulder of the road and overturned in the eight-foot deep ditch, said Weston.

The former Chamber of Commerce Director was reported to be comfortable in his hospital room as of Tuesday noon, a spokesman for the hospital said.

Due to his injuries, Blue had a tube down his throat into his stomach and could not eat or drink, a nurse at the hospital said.

His main injury is a "fracture of the thoracic spine" or the middle back, she said, adding that he was able to move all of his extremities and that there appeared to be no chance of paralysis.

Management changes made at rest home here

John and Kathy Leandro are reassuming the management of Open Arms Rest Home in Raeford.

The Leandros, who operated the facility for nine years prior to 1983, will be taking over the duties which have been held down by John and Joanne Plummer.

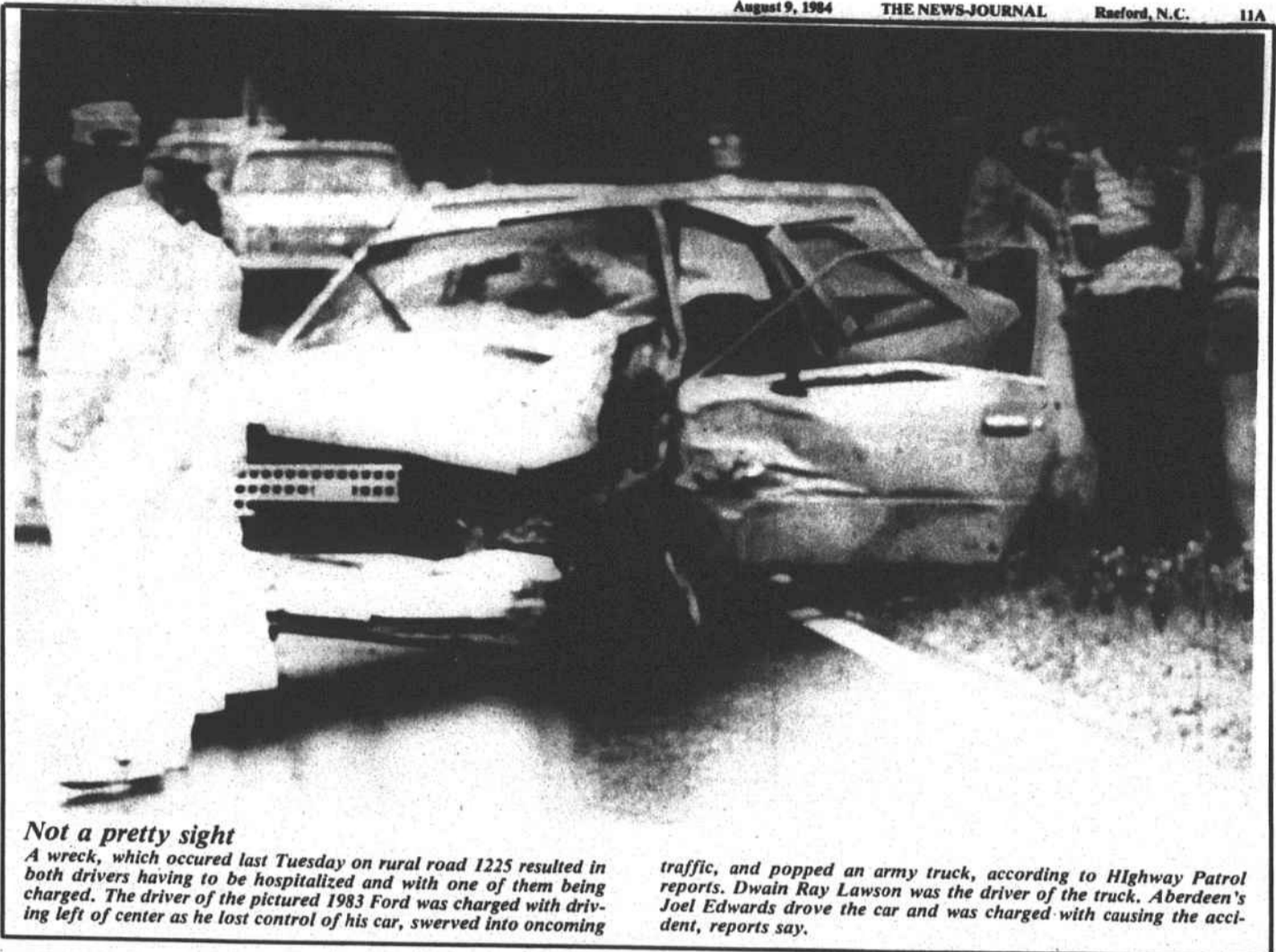
Although John Plummer will pursue some outside business interests, both he and Joanne will remain on the staff of the rest home. The Plummers will also continue

to operate the Edinborough Place Family Care Home.

Leandro, who left Open Arms last year to devote more time to a business venture in Fayetteville, said that the facility had improved under the guidance of the Plummers.

"We are going to continue to provide the care with the warmth and concern that the Plummers did," Leandro said. "They have made the transition easy."

The changes in management will take effect September 1.



Not a pretty sight

A wreck, which occurred last Tuesday on rural road 1225 resulted in both drivers having to be hospitalized and with one of them being charged. The driver of the pictured 1983 Ford was charged with driving left of center as he lost control of his car, swerved into oncoming

traffic, and popped an army truck, according to Highway Patrol reports. Dwain Ray Lawson was the driver of the truck. Aberdeen's Joel Edwards drove the car and was charged with causing the accident, reports say.

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ed that the case be appealed to the federal government but warned that if the case is lost, the government could tack 12% interest on the balance due.

"The state feels that it may take several years before the issue is settled," according to the letter.

The discrepancy arose when the county accepted applications for CETA jobs from persons who had

not been unemployed for 30 days.

Although the wording of the section of the rules and regulations governing CETA hiring is vague, and no one was actually hired before they were unemployed 30 days, the USDOL is questioning the acceptance of the applications and therefore wanting repayment of money paid to those persons whose applications were taken early.

The commission also voted to let

County Attorney Duncan McFadyen handle the appeal.

401 meeting set

On another matter, Commission Chairman John Balfour informed the other members of the body that a meeting has been set with the Secretary of Transportation William R. Robinson Jr. to discuss the fate of Highway 401.

According to Balfour, the

meeting will be in Raleigh on August 15 at 11 a.m.

In still further business, approval was given to a request by County Extension Service Chairman Willie Featherstone to hire a new 4-H agent to replace Alice Pettit, who took over the responsibilities of the Home Economics area after Ellen Willis retired.

Commissioners expressed some concern that even though the total salary of the new agent was lowered, the state received the benefit of all the reduction while the county's share of the salary remained the same.

Featherstone said Hoke County was not paying any more than the

commission had budgeted for the salary.

The county is still paying a smaller percentage of the total salary in comparison with some surrounding counties, the extension chairman said.

The starting salary for the new agent will be \$16,500 with the state paying \$10,087 and the county paying \$6,413, Featherstone said.

Since the agent is to be hired in September, the county will save two months of the costs.

In other business, the commissioners took action on these matters:

• Granted a request from the Literacy Council to expand their

offices and classrooms into the building just adjacent to one now being used on West Elwood Street. This building was also being eyed by a Senior Citizens group as a future meeting place.

• Approved the creation of a new budget line item of \$1,200, to be paid by the Department of Agriculture, for the renting of refrigerated trailer units for storage of cheese and butter until it can be disbursed to recipients.

• Extended the operation of the Driver's License Examination Office to four days per week.

• Approved a resolution allowing the Health Department to sell a surplus X-ray developing tank.



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This the 9th day of August, 1984.

HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RAEFORD, N.C.