

STAFF PHOTOS BY SUSAN USHER
FOUR PEOPLE were injured when a car crossed the center line and struck this pickup truck head-on last Friday afternoon on N.C. 130 west of Shallotte. Detective Lindsey Walton directs traffic around the accident scene.



DAVE TRIPP grimaces as rescue workers attend to his father, James Tripp of Ash, sitting, who suffered facial injuries. Both were taken to the Brunswick Hospital for treatment.

Four Injured In Head-On Wreck

Four people were injured Friday afternoon in a head-on collision near the intersection of N.C. 130 and RPR 1320 (McMilly Road) just north of Shallotte.

According to State Highway Patrol reports, the accident occurred when a 1970 Plymouth driven by Susan Fiona Gow, 19, of Providence, R.I., crossed the center line and ran head-on into a pickup truck hauling a farm tractor.

Ms. Gow was charged by State Trooper W.H. Morgan with driving while impaired and driving without an operator's license. Morgan reported Ms. Gow had pulled onto N.C. 130 from RPR 1320 when she crossed the center line and struck the 1977 Dodge pickup driven by James R. Tripp, 46, of Ash.

Both Tripp and Ms. Gow received serious injuries and were taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply. A passenger in Ms. Gow's car, Lanell

Grissett, 32, of Shallotte received minor injuries as did Dave Tripp, 9, a passenger in the Tripp vehicle.

The accident occurred around 4:50 p.m.

Three people were also injured Saturday morning about three miles north of Bolivia on U.S. 17 when a car and truck collided as they were both attempting to pass the same vehicle.

According to the State Highway Patrol reports, a car driven by Lenora Gresham Morris, 37, of Leland was struck by a Ryder rental truck operated by Geoffrey W. Bristoll, 35, of Durham, as Ms. Morris was attempting to pass the truck.

Bristoll was charged with making an unsafe movement. Ms. Morris and two passengers in her 1978 Chrysler, Robert Morris, 48, and Teerin Gresham, 13, received minor injuries. They were taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington for treatment following the

9:30 a.m. accident.

In another accident early Sunday morning, a Leland man received serious injuries after his car ran off the highway and overturned on U.S. 74-76 ten miles west of Belville.

According to Trooper D.A. Lewis' report, John Dudley Bryant, 42, was traveling east when he ran onto the median, lost control of his vehicle, crossed the highway, struck a ditchbank and overturned.

Bryant told Lewis a deer ran out in front of his car and he swerved to avoid it. No charges were filed in the 4 a.m. accident.

Bryant was taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. His 1980 Chevrolet received around \$2,000 in damage.

A Cary teenager led State Troopers and Brunswick County sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase across the county last Wednesday before the stolen car he was driving

wrecked near Bolivia.

Wade Hampton Bishop, 15, of 904 W. Durham Road, was charged with reckless driving and driving without an operator's license by State Trooper B.C. Jones. Bishop was also charged by the sheriff's department with attempting to elude arrest, possession of stolen goods and failure to stop for a blue light and siren.

According to Jones' report, the 1984 Plymouth station wagon Bishop was driving had been reported stolen from a North Myrtle Beach business sometime Wednesday afternoon. Around 10 p.m. Wednesday, sheriff's deputies spotted the car and attempted to pull it over, but the driver led the patrol car on a chase.

Jones also pursued the vehicle before it ran off the highway on RPR 1500 about 2.8 miles south of Bolivia. The driver received minor injuries in the 10:08 p.m. accident.

Ninth-Grade 'Close-Up' Program Set For Friday

More than 180 ninth-graders from Brunswick County's high schools will participate in a "Close-Up" program at the county government complex Friday beginning at 9 a.m.

The social studies program will give students a view of the legal, political and economic professions. County government departments and officials joined with the county schools to sponsor the program.

Six students from each ninth-grade social studies class, or 50 students from each high school, were chosen to participate. The students will be divided into groups of 60 with a

general session for each group from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The general session in the field of economics will be led by David Batten, general manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation. Batten will speak on the county's economy and the impact of BEMC on county finances.

Economic mini-sessions will include programs by Leo Johnson, bank executive with United Carolina Bank in Shallotte; Percy Woodard of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation and Tom Corbett, director of the Carolina Power, and Light

Company's visitors center in Southport.

In the political-government field, County Manager Billy Carter, County Commission Chairman Chris Chappell and Commissioner Herman Love will open the program.

Government programs will be presented by Ms. Perita Price, public housing director, and John Harvey, planning department director. Political programs will also be presented by Glen Peterson, chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Party, and John Dozier, chairman of the Brunswick County

Republican Party.

Students in the legal field will hear from Greg Bellamy, clerk of court, Lee J. Greer Jr. district court judge, Wanda Bryant, assistant district attorney, and Roy Treast, a Shallotte attorney.

Students in the legal field will also tour the Brunswick County Jail and hear Sheriff John Carr Davis speak on the sheriff's department. A mock trial will conclude the program.

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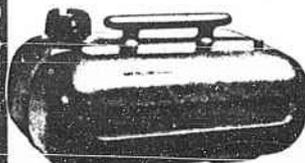
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