

Two Drivers Charged In Four-Car Accident

A four-car accident Monday night at an entrance to Coastal Plaza Shopping Center in Shallotte resulted in charges against two drivers, but in no apparent serious injuries, reports the Shallotte Police Department.

The accident occurred about 8:37 p.m.

Sgt. Rodney Gause said that Robert G. McHenry, 48, of Shallotte was charged with having no turn signal and with failure to make a safe movement. Another driver, Florence Earl Todd, 74, of Shallotte, was later charged with felony hit and run.

McHenry was northbound on N.C. 179 in a 1973 Plymouth when he attempted to make a left turn into the shopping plaza, turning in the path of a 1966 Volkswagen operated by Whitney Arrants Woodall, 19, of

Wilmington. The Woodall vehicle struck the right rear of the McHenry car. The impact, said Gause, forced the McHenry vehicle into a third vehicle about to exit the shopping center, a 1982 Ford pickup operated by Larry Wayne Cain, 34, of Chadbourn.

Todd, in a 1983 Ford LTD traveling north on N.C. 179 behind McHenry, struck the left rear of McHenry's Plymouth but did not stop.

State Highway Patrol Trooper B.D. Barnhardt determined from the serial number of a broken front beam from the Todd vehicle that it was a 1983 Ford, Gause said.

About 1½ hours later, Brunswick Hospital notified Gause that a woman complaining of injuries received in an accident had come to

the emergency room seeking treatment. Gause had notified the hospital earlier to be on the alert, he said.

Gause said Todd confessed to leaving the scene.

Leaving the scene of an accident in which you are involved is a felony offense, he said, when someone has been injured.

Gause predicted there would be more accidents near the entrances to the shopping center on both N.C. 179 and U.S. 17, partly because of a hilly approach on N.C. 179 and also because of high speed limits. The limit on U.S. 17 by the entrance is 55 mph, while the speed limit on N.C. 179 or Village Point Road, is 45 mph.

The Town of Shallotte has asked the N.C. Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on U.S.

17.

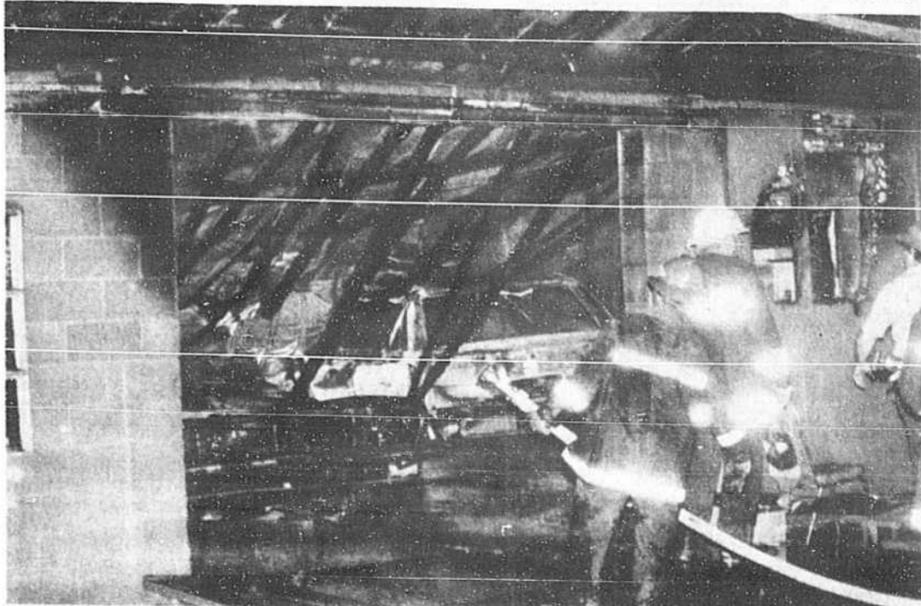
April Report

Gause said that during April the police department made nine arrests, served eight warrants, issued 14 citations and handled 25 investigations.

Two juvenile petitions were served, one for breaking and entering larceny and one for having no operator's license, and 19 wrecks were reported, mostly minor fender-benders.

Officers recovered two stolen vehicles and \$4,700 in property taken during the breaking and entering larceny of Dr. B.B. Ward's office and the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalog store.

They drove 8,591 miles on 658 gallons of gas, averaging 13.05 mpg.



Fire Destroys Garage

A fire that apparently started from welding sparks destroyed a garage and two automobiles Monday night on N.C. 130 west of Shallotte. Waccamaw Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gregg Warren said the garage,

owned by John Duboise, was engulfed in flames when the department arrived. Three Waccamaw trucks and another pumper from Shallotte responded to the 8 p.m. blaze that was extinguished within 20 minutes.

Williamson Named To UCB Bank Board

Odell Williamson, 65, developer of Ocean Isle Beach and a veteran of six terms in the N.C. House of Representatives, was elected to the board of directors of United Carolina Bank at the annual shareholders' meeting in Southern Pines last week.

Williamson is a native of Brunswick County and attended Waccamaw High School. He served in the U.S. Army where he received several distinguished awards as a liaison pilot during World War II. After his discharge as captain, Williamson went into business and politics.

In 1947, he was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives where he served six terms. He is presently serving on the governor's Economic Development Board.

Williamson and his wife, the former Virginia Alma Cox of Horry

County, have two children—a daughter, LaDane W. Bullington who is a real estate developer and mayor of Ocean Isle Beach; and a son, DeCarol who is in real estate, construction, and insurance. They also have seven grandchildren.

New VFW Post Installed

A new post for the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be formally installed in a ceremony Wednesday, May 1 at 7:30 at Brunswick House Restaurant in Calabash.

Members and prospective members are invited to attend the event. VFW is a fraternal, patriotic and historical organization, according to Fred Boege, fifth district junior vice-commander.

The family attends Camp United Methodist Church where Williamson is chairman of the board of trustees.

He and his wife developed a scholarship program in the Brunswick County schools to promote public speaking. This program has made it possible for many students to attend college. They are also widely recognized as very valuable supporters of the Boy Scouts.

UCB has \$1.3 billion in assets and 98 branches in 55 North Carolina communities, including nine in Brunswick County.

County Group Backs Martin's Tax Cuts

A busload of 38 Brunswick County residents went to Raleigh Tuesday to offer the General Assembly visible public support for Gov. Jim Martin's proposed tax package.

Sponsored by the Brunswick County Republican Party, the group of both Republicans and "a few" Democrats left at 5 a.m. from the Brunswick County Government Center, said Republican Party Chairman John Dozier, and was to return Tuesday afternoon.

Four of the group were scheduled to speak for five minutes each during a House Finance Committee hearing on the proposed budget. The hearing was scheduled even though the House gave the package a no-confidence vote several days ago.

"Little may come of it," said Dozier, "but we want to give the governor our support."

"We felt like the governor's getting a bum rap and we felt we needed to let somebody up there know we support him across the state."

Martin's budget package includes numerous tax reductions such as abolition of the food tax, inventory tax and intangibles tax.

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