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Car Strikes Boat On U.S. 17

A rear-end collision on U.S. 17 in downtown Shallotte about 1:42 p.m. Saturday knocked a 14-foot boat into the rear windshield of the northbound truck towing it. William Ralph Sessoms, 37, of Route 7, Lumberton, was towing the boat behind a 1979 Chevrolet truck

when the boat was hit by a 1980 Pontiac operated by Anna Katherine Hill, 17, of Sunset Beach. Damage to each vehicle was an estimated \$1,500, reported Lt. Rodney Gause.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Churches To Observe Homecoming

Jennies Branch Baptist Church will observe homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 22.

All members, former members, and friends are cordially invited. Dan Bennett, pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

The church is located on N.C. 179 between Shallotte and Ocean Isle Beach.

Observes Homecoming

Brown's Chapel Church will celebrate its annual homecoming Sunday, Sept. 22.

Dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. after morning service. The evening program will start at 3 p.m. with Rev. Richard Rice of New Jerusalem Baptist Church of Wilmington and his congregation. Brown's Chapel AME

Zion Church will also be on the program.

The public is invited to come and worship, said Rev. James Canty, pastor.

Dr. Pearce Returns

Dr. J. Winston Pearce, writer-in-residence at Campbell University at Buies Creek, returns to the Holden Beach Chapel Sunday, Sept. 22, to speak at the 11 a.m. worship service. Earlier in the season, he conducted Easter services at the Protestant chapel, located on Rothschild Street across from the town hall.

Witnesses Gather

Brunswick County Jehovah's Witnesses are among the more than 1,100 expected to attend the denomination's fall 1985 circuit convention at the Fayetteville-Cumberland County Auditorium Sept. 21-22, said Tripp Sloane, local elder.

The program, "Doing Our Part In Glorifying God," will consist of talks and interviews. In the main address on Sunday, the question, "Is global peace attainable through human efforts?" will be answered from God's word, Sloane said.

Presbyterians Busy

A pig pickin' is set at the Oak Island Presbyterian Church for Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is for all members and guests. Reservations may be made by calling the church office at 278-9741. New member who have joined the church within the past year will be honored at the dinner.

Other activities for the month will include the installation of the Women of the Church officers on Sunday, Sept. 22, attendance at the Presbytery meeting at Camp Kirkwood in Watha on Friday, Sept. 27, and a congregational meeting to elect an officer nominating committee on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Shelter Announces Pets of The Week

Pets of the week at the Brunswick County Animal Shelter include a short-haired gray and white cat and three short-haired kittens, said Animal Control Supervisor Zelma Babson.

The shelter also has a black and silver mixed-breed poodle and a small black mixed-breed dog.

These animals, and many more, can be seen at the Animal Shelter Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The shelter is located off N.C. 211 near Supply.

Deaths And Funerals

MOLLIE G. HOLDEN

Mollie Belle Gore Holden, 82, of Route 3, Supply (Holden Beach community), died Tuesday, Sept. 10, in Brunswick Hospital following an extended illness.

The funeral was held Thursday at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, with Revs. Hayden Carter, Franklin Myers, Dennis Hewett and Sidney Britt officiating. Burial was in the Riley Sellers Cemetery.

Mrs. Holden was born Oct. 23, 1902, in Brunswick County. She was the daughter of the late John Henry and Alice Sing Gore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Mur-chinson, on Sep. 20, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ina Belle H. Fulford of Holden Beach; a brother, Frank Gore of Leland; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

JOHN K. VARNAM

John Kinwood Varnam, 69, of Southport, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport.

The funeral was held Friday at First Apostolic Church in Southport, where he was a member. Rev. David Kelly officiated, with burial in Northwood Cemetery.

A native of Supply, Varnam had lived in Southport most of his life. He was retired from the Brunswick County Schools and was a commercial shrimper for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ena Etheredge Varnam of the home; a son, J.K. Varnam Jr. of Southport; four half-brothers, John B. and Murdock Simmons, both of Southport; Herbert Simmons of Boiling Spring Lakes and Routhy Simmons of Texas; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Watts of Southport; a half-sister, Mrs. Ada Mae Brown of Wilmington; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

MILES F. MERCER

Miles Fletcher Mercer of Wilmington died Tuesday, Sept. 10, in New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was held Friday at Bethel United Methodist Church, of which he was a member, with Revs. Ralph Hill and Rev. David Surratt officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mercer was born in Bolivia on Nov. 8, 1889, the son of the late John Fletcher and Mary Alma Robinson Mercer.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Thelma M. Gregory of the home; three sons, Cameron Mercer of Clayton; Miles Mercer Jr. of Augusta, Ga.; and Donald Mercer of Cedar Island; a brother, Dorman L. Mercer of Bolivia; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

MINNIE I. HILL

Minnie Irene Hill of Wilmington died Wednesday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was held Sunday at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church in Leland, with Rev. J.W. Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Johnson Chapel Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Robert J. Hill of the home; two daughters, Jerlyn Hill of Wilmington and Carol Hill of Newport News, Va.; two sons, Jerome Hill of Wilmington and Robert J. Hill of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Juanita Pellom of Leland; two brothers, John Baldwin Jr. of Leland and Arthur Baldwin of Somerset, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

EUGENE MILLIGAN

Eugene "Mutt" Milligan, 66, of Route 1, Ash, died Monday in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham.

The funeral was to be held 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Ash Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Garland Suggs officiating. Burial was to be in the Smith Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mazelle E. Milligan of the home; his

daughter, Wanda Milligan of the home; his brother, Wallace (Bingo) Milligan of Supply; and his sister, Evie Benton of Shallotte Point.

WALTER C. WILSON

Walter Curtis Wilson, 66, of Shallotte, formerly of Ash, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

The funeral was held Friday in New Britton Baptist Church, with Revs. Gaston Hester, Anson Smith and Eugene Evans officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Sally Wilson of the home; a son, Walter Curtis Wilson Jr. of Ash; two daughters, Lynette Long of Shallotte and Sharon Creech of Whiteville; a brother, Craven C. Wilson Sr. of Ash; three sisters, Pauline Babson of Ash, Eva Mae Robinson of Candler and Lila Mae Burney of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

ETHA S. McCUMBEE

Etha Laura S. McCumbee, 78, of Route 3, Shallotte, died Sunday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

The funeral was to be held 3 p.m. Wednesday at Letties Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Shallotte with Rev. Maurice Milligan and Rev. Johnnie Guyton officiating. Burial was to be in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Shallotte.

Mrs. McCumbee was born in Robeson County on Oct. 22, 1906, the daughter of the late Rev. J.I. and

Hester Stone. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ithel Thomas (Tommy) McCumbee in 1981. She was a member of Letties Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Lemuel McCumbee of Ash; four daughters, Mrs. Ida M. Brennan, Mrs. Glen (Margaret) Guyton, Mrs. Curtis (Euzina) Coleman and Mrs. Raymond (Betty) Ferguson, all of Shallotte; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Danford and Mrs. Inez Gray, both of Shallotte; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

AMELIA S. BIDDLE

Amelia Stefano Biddle of Wilmington died Monday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection was to be said 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with burial in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington.

Mrs. Biddle was born in Mount Casino, Italy, on Oct. 22, 1900, the daughter of the late Joseph and Rose Stefano. She was owner and manager of Biddle Grass Farm and Nursery.

Survivors include a son, Robert A. Biddle of Wilmington; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Buttress of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Albert Stefano of New London, Conn., and Fred Stefano of California; a granddaughter, Mrs. Julia Anderson of Leland; four great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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