

Five Injured In Friday Accident

Brunswick County was the scene of four traffic accidents this week, according to state highway patrol spokesman Ruby Oakley.

Five persons were injured in a two-car accident about 8:15 p.m. Friday at Regan's Crossroads (the intersection of N.C. 904 and S.R. 1300) about four miles southeast of Ash.

James Elderice, 47, of Tabor City was driving south on N.C. 904 in a 1963 Chevrolet when Patricia Ann Gore, 24, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., ran a stop sign and struck his vehicle.

Gore had been traveling east on S.R. 1300 in her 1977 Pontiac.

Elderice was taken to Brunswick Hospital with Class A injuries, or injuries involving broken bones or massive blood loss.

Gore received less serious Class B injuries. Three other passengers in her car were also hurt. Quisanda Gore, 6, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., received Class B injuries, and Mary Anne Riggins, 30, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Kevin Simmons, 4, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., received Class A injuries.

Both cars were totaled.

Gore was charged with failure to yield at a stop sign by Trooper J.V. Dove. She also knocked down a stop sign belonging to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Three other Brunswick County accidents all occurred on Saturday and involved only one vehicle.

The first took place at 7:40 a.m., 4.8 miles south of Bolivia.

Dennis Lewain Dawson, 23, of Bolivia was driving north on U.S. 17 in his 1977 Mercury at a speed too fast

to negotiate a curve properly, according to Oakley. He struck a ditch bank on the shoulder of the road and traveled north in the ditch before the car tipped on over on its left side.

Trooper B.D. Barnhardt charged Dawson with crossing the center line and driving while impaired.

Dawson was taken to Brunswick Hospital with Class A injuries.

His car received \$2,000 in damages.

Saturday's second accident involved Michael Earl Long, 27, of Southport, who was traveling west on N.C. 211 at 2:15 p.m. in a 1970 Plymouth when he crossed into the eastbound lane, ran another driver off the road and lost control. He pulled back into the westbound lane and continued off the shoulder of the road into a private drive, striking a fence belonging to Pfizer Chemicals.

Trooper D.A. Lewis charged Long with driving while impaired, driving with a revoked license, having no insurance and leaving the scene of an accident.

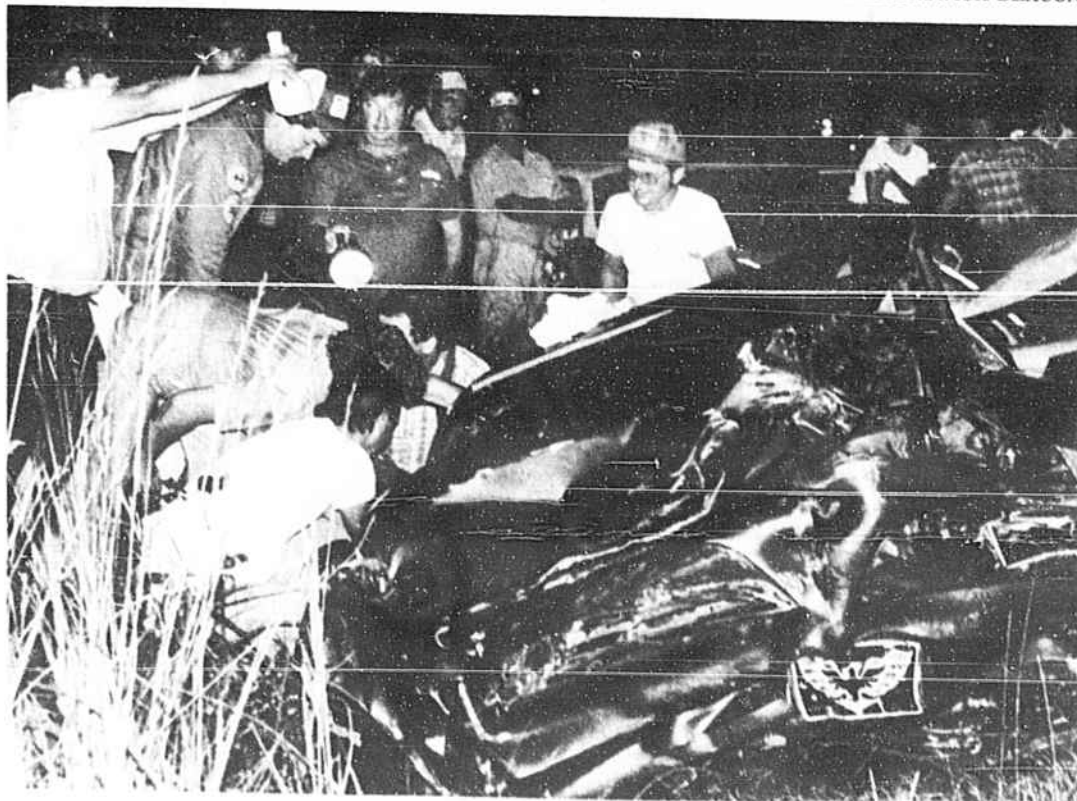
The car received \$400 worth of damage, and the fence received \$250 in damages.

Saturday's third accident occurred five and a half miles south of Shallotte on U.S. 17 at 7:15 p.m. and involved a pedestrian.

Constance Platt Campbell, 37, of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., was passing another car traveling north on U.S. 17 in her 1978 Chevrolet when she struck a pedestrian, Juanita Ward Davis, 44, of Shallotte.

Davis was taken to Brunswick Hospital with Class A injuries.

Trooper D.B. Harvell investigated the accident. No ticket was issued.



FIVE PERSONS were injured Friday night at Regan's Crossroads when an eastbound auto on the Ash-Little River Road (S.R. 1300) allegedly ran a stop sign and collided with a car headed south on N.C. 904. One

passenger was pinned temporarily inside a smoking auto before fire and rescue personnel (above) arrived and freed her with a Hurst tool.

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Correction

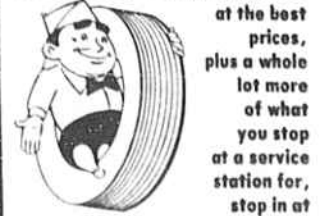
A story in last week's paper reported that Loren Michael Mankin Jr., who wrecked the car he was driving when the vehicle ran off the road at a high speed and flipped over, was 16 years old.

It also reported that the accident occurred three-tenths of a mile south of Bolivia on rural unpaved road 1345.

Mankin is actually 17 years old, and the accident occurred 13 and six-eighths miles south of Bolivia on rural unpaved road 1345, just north of Shallotte.

A spokesman for the N.C. Highway Patrol office in Wilmington had reported the numbers inaccurately to The Brunswick Beacon last week.

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SBI Report On Alleged Assault Due Next Week

Results of an SBI investigation of the alleged assault on a prisoner by a Brunswick County jailer are expected the first of next week, according to 13th District Attorney Michael Easley.

Ronnie McNeil was charged Oct. 14 with simple assault in a warrant taken out by his alleged victim, Terry Wayne Wooten, 23, of Route 2, Supply.

In the complaint, Wooten alleges that McNeil assaulted him by "choking with your hands."

The case is scheduled to be heard in Brunswick County District Court on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Easley said the SBI is routinely called in to handle the investigation of any charge against a local law enforcement.

"I don't think it would be fair to ask Sheriff (John Carr) Davis to investigate his own department and it would have the appearance of im-

propriety," said Easley. "Usually the investigation precedes the warrant, but in this case the warrant was issued before the investigation."

Magistrate Ephraim Swain issued the misdemeanor warrant late on the 14th after initially refusing to do so until an investigation of the incident was completed. The warrant was issued apparently at the insistence of District Judge William C. Gore, who asked an assistant district attorney to see that Swain issued it.

The assault allegedly occurred early Sunday morning after Wooten was arrested Saturday night on a driving while impaired charge and taken to the county jail.

After the allegations were made, said Easley, the sheriff's department took up the matter with the district attorney's office.

McNeil has been suspended with pay until the SBI reports its findings.

Cemetery Gate, Flag Among Reported Thefts

A gate to a cemetery, a ski suit and a flag are among the items recently reported to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department as stolen, with three larcenies reported in the Tanglewood area.

The following breaking and entering with larceny were released by the department this week.

•On Oct. 13, at 1:20 a.m., Clyde Bowen of the Tanglewood area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of food, liquor and cigarettes.

•On Oct. 11, at 11:05 a.m., someone reported the gate had been stolen off the fence at St. Thomas Cemetery in the Leland area.

•On Oct. 12, at 11:10 p.m., Joe Kirby of the Shallotte area reported breaking and entering of a vehicle. A purse containing several credit cards was taken.

•On Oct. 8, at 8:35 a.m., Tom Rich of the Leland area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of a large amount of tools and equipment.

•On Oct. 11, at 9:05 p.m., Finis Floyd of the Leland area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of cash.

•On Oct. 11, at 11:45 p.m., Caroline Lineberry of the Tanglewood area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of groceries.

•On Oct. 11, at 4:15 p.m., Norman L. Gore of the Ash area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of a videocassette recorder, television, stereo and camera.

•On Oct. 11, at 11 p.m., Gurney Bullard of the Shady Rest area, reported a breaking and entering with larceny of a boat motor, rods and reels, tackle box, ski suit and groceries.

•On Oct. 11, at noon, Mary Trammell of the Seaside Heights area, reported attempted breaking and entering, with property damage, but nothing taken.

•On Oct. 13, at 2:25 a.m., Melinda Stephens of the Ash area reported a breaking and entering with property damage and nothing taken.

•On Oct. 13, at 12:15 a.m., Alex Gray of Carolina Shores reported a breaking and entering with larceny of a television, radio and several household items.

•On Oct. 13, at 3:30 p.m., Julian Adkins of the Tanglewood area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of tools and a flag.

•On Oct. 11, at 5:39 p.m., James Ferguson of the Supply area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of an air conditioner, microwave, tools and several household items.

•On Oct. 11, at 8:48 p.m., Carolyn Midgett of the Leland area reported a breaking and entering with larceny of a stereo.

Correction

In last week's coverage of the N.C. Oyster Festival dog show, the owner of Killer, the winner in the smallest dog category, should have been identified as Jennifer Holden.

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce had identified Allysun Abbot as the owner.

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