



A TRUCK AND CONTAINER loaded with sodium dichromate crystals overturned on U.S. 17 north of Bolivia Tuesday morning, tying up traffic in both directions for several hours.

Chemical Spill Avoided After Truck Overturns Near Bolivia

BY TERRY POPE

An overturned truck carrying sodium dichromate crystals created a traffic snarl along U.S. 17 near Bolivia Tuesday morning.

State Trooper C.E. Ward said wrecker crews used caution in uprighting the truck because of the caustic chemicals inside the container.

"As far as I know, none of it spilled," said Ward.

The truck, registered to H.C. Williams Trucking Co. in Leland, was traveling north on U.S. 17 around 7:20 a.m. when the accident occurred.

Its driver, Randy Wayne Jackson, of Leland, took to the right shoulder after approaching slow moving traffic at an intersection with Mill Creek Road, one mile north of Bolivia, Ward said. The truck slid into the ditch and landed on its side.

No charges were filed, said Ward. "We probably had traffic backed up a couple of miles each way," Ward said. "It was backed up all the way into Bolivia."

Wrecker crews had to block the highway temporarily to upright the truck and container.

Sodium dichromate is a crystalline salt substance used in cleaning

metals and as an oxidizing agent.

No one was injured in the accident.

Ward estimated damages between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to the truck.

Deer Blamed

A Supply teenager was seriously injured early Saturday after she drove into a ditch to avoid hitting a deer.

Crystal Kelly Hunnicutt, 17, was traveling on Old Ferry Road (RPR 1155) about 4.5 miles northwest of Holden Beach when the accident occurred, reported State Trooper J.V. Dove.

Ms. Hunnicutt ran off the right shoulder and struck a ditchbank around 12:35 a.m., said Dove.

She was taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply. No charges were filed.

Damage was estimated at \$500 to her 1984 Chevrolet.

Driver Leaves Scene

A Calabash man says he was hit from behind after putting on brakes to avoid hitting a deer near Sunset Beach.

Charles Edward Bass, 29, told State Trooper D.V. Harvell the car that someone hit his 1984 Ford then sped away.

Bass was charged with driving

while impaired, Harvell reported.

The other driver has not been found.

According to Harvell, Bass was traveling north on Old Georgetown Road (RPR 1163) around 5 a.m. Saturday when he stopped quickly to avoid the deer. Another car then knocked Bass' vehicle off the right shoulder.

Bass received minor injuries and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital.

Damage was listed at \$1,000.

Ten Injured

A Bolivia teenager was injured last Wednesday morning, May 15, when the car he was driving ran off the right shoulder of U.S. 17 and struck a ditch.

Kurt Allen Davis, 17, was charged with failing to drive on the right side and with wearing no seatbelt, reported Trooper B.L. Wilkes.

According to Wilkes, Davis' 1983 Oldsmobile was traveling north when it ran off the road, crossed over to the left shoulder and hit the ditch around 8:15 a.m.

Davis received Class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating, and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital.

Damage was listed at \$3,000.

Supply School Ground-Breaking Activities Focuses On Future

BY SUSAN USHER

Focus was on the future Tuesday morning as students and soon-to-be students helped break ground for the \$5.2 million Supply Elementary School.

A group of approximately 50 school and community leaders and children gathered under a yellow and white striped tent at the former farm tract on Benton (Grapevine Road) at Supply.

"Two years from now we will no longer be growing crops on this land but doing something more important. We'll be preparing and growing students," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bob Etheridge told the group.

Those students have the potential of making a difference not only in Brunswick County, but elsewhere, he continued.

Etheridge praised Brunswick County Commissioners, none of whom were present, for the commitment to education evidenced by county residents in allocation of county funds for the project.

While a new facility doesn't equate with better students, Etheridge said a new school does give teachers and students alike "important tools".

While providing a pleasant and safe place in which to learn, it also gives students "a sense that learning is truly valued in this community," he said.

Four students or soon-to-be students—Josh Sellers, Blake Stone, Brittany Sellers and Bryant Price, along with school officials, received special mementos of the occasion from Charles Boney, architect with Boney and Associates of Wilmington.

Calling them "future board of education members" as well as parents, he presented commemorative

plaques, saying, "I want you to remember how important a day this is."

The four were joined by Shawn Lennon, Whitney Sellers and Kristen Price as the third and last group to break ground for the school.

Others who took shovels in hand were school board members and parents from the office.

Among other to speak were Donna Baxter, school board chairman; Doug Baxley, vice chairman, and Bette Sellers, the lay representative on the county planning committee for the new school.

Mrs. Sellers circulated petitions to marshal public support for the project and praised residents for their support and understanding of

the need for the new school.

Michael Reaves, president of Brunswick Community College, told the group BCC is "equally excited" at the prospect of the new school because the two institutions are educational partners. "The better job you do, the better job we are able to do," he stressed.

Land-clearing will begin May 27, according to William Turner, assistant superintendent for operations, and the school is to be turned over to the school system no later than Aug. 1, 1992, for the start of the 1992-93 school year. The facility will serve students from portions of the existing Southport Elementary, Shallotte Middle and Union Primary school service areas.

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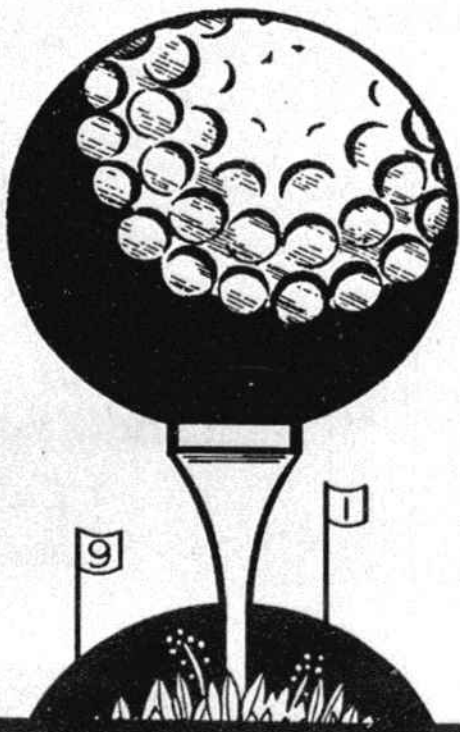
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