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Weyerhaeuser Cited For Explosion

May 17 Accident Killed One; Company Hit With \$560 Fine

A fine of \$560 has been levied and a citation issued against Weyerhaeuser Co. by the N.C. Department of Labor (DOL) for a safety violation at the company's New Bern pulp mill that killed one employee and seriously injured three others.

The company's investigation into the accident is continuing, said company spokesman Keith Hundley. Hundley, who issued a statement last Friday about the

fine and citation, declined in an interview with the West Craven Highlights on Tuesday to discuss some details of the accident or citation beyond what he said last week. He said he did not have the expertise to answer some of the questions.

He said the company would do its best to see that similar acci-

dents did not occur again.

The New Bern pulp mill has been cited for three safety violations in the past three years, one considered serious enough to warrant a \$300 fine. That violation occurred in 1987, said Russ Edmonston, a DOL spokesman. The company was cited for not placing a guard over fan blades

on a fan in the mill.

The DOL will conduct an inspection of the New Bern pulp mill to make sure the company is complying with the order, but DOL officials would not say when that inspection would be made.

A report by the DOL contends the company failed to adequately

inspect equipment for damage and that proper maintenance was not carried out on the equipment, a tower holding "stock" — a mixture of wood fiber, water and chemicals.

The company, according to the DOL report on the accident, was cited for not providing "each of his (its) employees conditions of

employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to: (a) mill, bleach plant — hypochlorite tower No. 3 was not adequately inspected for structural defects and was not maintained in a safe and service-

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Tarheel Preacher 'Unretires,' Takes To Pulpit In England

Editor's note: After 40 years as a minister in the N.C. Methodist Conference, Bill Wells retired in June. But he will "unretire" in September and serve for three years in England. A Wilson native, he married the former Dixie Poe Huske of Fayetteville. Their daughter, Dixie T., is a sophomore at Duke University. Among other places, Bill has served as a minister in Martin, Montgomery, Northampton, Richmond and Scotland counties. Laurinburg is their intended home in retirement. Wells plans to send reports from England to this newspaper every two weeks. During a sabbatical leave in 1982-83, Wells served as a correspondent for the West Craven Highlights in England.

British Methodist Church is still short of ministers, that their pay (although equalized) is less than our minimum in North Carolina, there would be no secretary and we would be expected to supply a car. The Methodist manse would be for us, and a friendly circuit may even supply furniture.

Finally, their invitations went out to British ministers 15 months before they would move; then, to others who might be available. (I'm "others.") A telephone call from the chairman of the Darlington District in October, 1987: "Have you accepted an invitation for September, 1988, yet?"

"No." (But we would like to have one.)

In a few days the phone rang again—and a deep voice said, "This is Jim White in Redcar, England. I am senior circuit steward of the Redcar, Saltburn and Guisborough Circuit. We have heard about you and talked with some who know you. If we invite you, will you accept?"

That is how it came about that Dixie and I interrupted our happy pastorate in Richmond County and shall be living in the Methodist Manse, 32 The Chine, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, TS12 1QL, England, for three years, begin-

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By BILL WELLS

I don't ever plan to retire! I may as well get paid for doing what I want to do anyway! It had not been six weeks since I had said that to our congregations in Richmond County when Dixie said, "Let's retire here and go to England and you serve as a minister there for three years."

"Ok. Let's go," I said. Thus began our plans and anxious wait. Would we get an invitation? We had served in England while I was on sabbatical leave in 1982-83 and knew the



Still Wet Behind The Ears

Monica, Ike and Jason Jennette bid farewell to their summer on the river last week. One more chance to ski and swim and do headstands in the river before returning to Texas. They know the

solution to the heat is not to stray far from the water. As their lower parts get most of the soak time, the kids decided to give their top halves a good drenching. (Photo by Ric Carter)

Restrictions On Duck Season Imposed

RALEIGH — North Carolina waterfowl hunters will see a 10-day cut in the duck season, a 30-minute cut in hunting time, and a one-duck cut in their daily bag limit this fall.

The restrictions, forced by severe drought, are necessary to protect the brood stock of many waterfowl species so populations can rebound next breeding season if conditions are favorable for reproductive success.

"We call on our waterfowl hunters to respond positively to these stringent reductions in seasons and bag limits and to realize that strict compliance with these measures is necessary to ensure that the future of waterfowl hunting is secure," said Charles R. Fullwood, executive director of

the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "The unusually poor conditions for waterfowl this year require unusually strict measures. We will be giving our full effort to enforcing these rules during the season."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued its guidelines for states in the Atlantic Flyway allowing a 30-day duck season and a three-duck daily bag limit. Last year, North Carolina had a 40-day duck season and a four-duck daily bag limit. Because of severe drought conditions in the northern United States and central Canadian prairies where ducks breed, seasons and bag limits were cut severely in all flyways.

The Service also has cut the

half-an-hour before sunrise from the daily hunting time. This year, hunters may hunt waterfowl only from sunrise to sunset. Violations of any waterfowl regulations including the sunset-to-sunrise provision will mean an automatic revocation of the person's hunting license in addition to other fines and penalties provided by the courts.

The federal framework restricts the number of certain species of ducks that may be taken in the daily limit of three. Only one may be a black duck, hooded merganser or hen mallard; no more than two may be wood ducks; and special restrictions limit hunters to one pintail of either sex during the first seven days, no pintails during the mid-

season and two male pintails during the last seven days.

Waterfowl hunters will be required to buy a \$5 state waterfowl license for the first time in North Carolina in addition to the federal stamp. Lifetime sportsman license holders do not have to buy the state license.

The Canada goose season will be cut to 11 days, which is five days less than last year, and will be closed west of Interstate 95. The Canada goose season bag limit will remain at one per day. The snow goose, brant, swan and sea duck seasons will retain the same number of days but the opening and closing dates may shift slightly. Bag limits for these

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Bill Wells



Dixie Wells

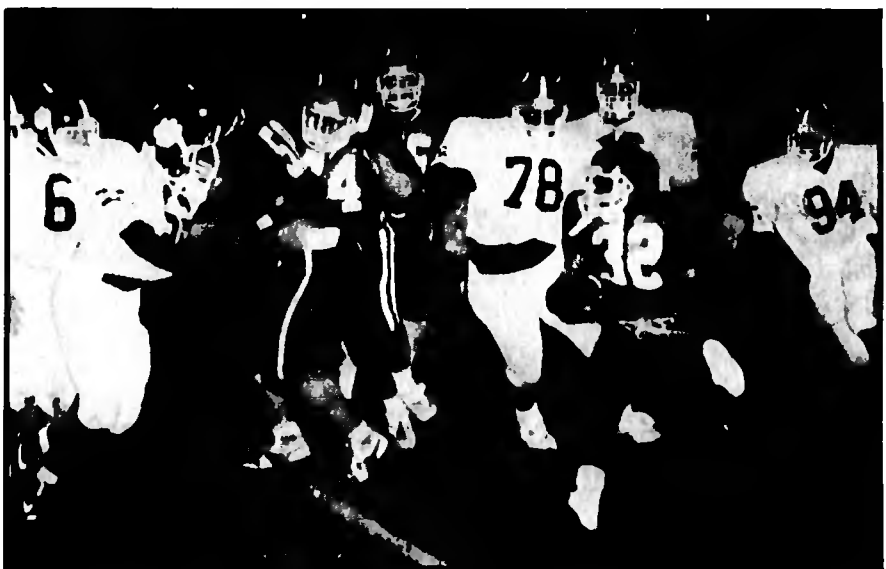
Beneficiaries Targeted By Social Security

Social Security beneficiaries who are working received a notice this month urging them to report their earnings to Social Security to avoid overpayment problems.

Disabled beneficiaries who fail to report their return to work are generally discovered during Social Security's annual earnings enforcement process, officials said. But by that time, a beneficiary may have received months of benefits which must be repaid.

The mailing includes a copy of the leaflet, "Benefits for Disabled People Who Return to Work." The leaflet describes how benefits may continue during nine months of trial work. Benefits may be paid during a 36-month extended entitlement period following the trial work for any month the beneficiary does not earn above \$308 (\$700 if blind). In addition, Medicare coverage for disabled beneficiaries who work may continue for up to 39 months beyond the

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Looking For Daylight

West Craven's Tony Gatlin, a junior running back, scampers downfield last Friday in a scrimmage against New Bern. The two schools were taking part in the New Bern Sun-Journal's Jamboree. West Craven's Eagles begin their football season at 8 p.m. Friday with an away game at

North Pitt. Coach Clay Jordan has had his charges preparing since Aug. 1. The Eagles have plenty of size on the line and appear to have some speed in the backfield. West Craven finished with a 7-4-1 record last season. See special sections for a complete football outlook. (Jim Green photo)

Preparation Is Key, Say Area Coaches

By JIM GREEN

Sports Writer

NEW BERN — Preparation. That the key word used by West Craven head football coach Clay Jordan and Williamston head coach Harold Robinson following the Sun-Journal Jamboree Friday night at New Bern High School.

The two schools were part of an unusual seven-team scrimmage as part of their final tuneups for the 1988 high school season that begins Aug. 28.

In addition, Class 1-A Jones Senior, Class 2-A Pamlico County, Class 3-A Havelock and Class 4-A New Bern and Goldsboro participated in the event that lasted just over three hours.

The scrimmage gave Jordan and Robinson and the other five coaches a chance to play all of their players. The main goal, Jordan and Robinson said, was to iron out the rough spots and hopefully find an offensive and defensive combination that'll work not only Aug. 28, but the remainder of this season.

Four teams were on the field at the same time, two on offense and two on defense. The offensive teams started from the defensive team's 40-yard line and had ten plays in which to score. If successful, it would return to the 40-yard line and start again. The process also applied to interceptions and fumble recoveries.

After the offensive teams each ran ten plays, four different teams would trot out and resume the process. Coaches were allowed on the field with the players and officials during play.

No time or score was kept. There was no punting, field goals or extra points. In other words, it was See If You Can Score-type football.

Robinson liked the idea of the round-robin scrimmage.

"It gives the offenses a chance to see all different types of defenses and vice versa," he said. "The fellowship was what I liked about it — everyone helping each other."

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