

Soft Shoulder Upsets Heavy Truck

By FLYNN SURRETT
A Fayetteville truck driver, Michael Morris, pulled his 70,000-pound tractor trailer off of U. S. 17 slightly beyond Edenton Marina Friday and was seized with a falling feeling which proved not to be a less balance. The tractor trailer toppled over in the soft mud with Morris hanging desperately onto his steering wheel.

He was in the process of transferring a load of peanuts from Seabrook Blanching Corporation to Dublin when the accident occurred.

Morris had stopped to ask for directions. Said Morris as he stood by the slowly sinking truck, "I was not actually scared. It was more of amazement really. Then I felt kind of rotten. It felt weird to have all that weight going over. I was practically sitting still. The front wheel gave way first, then pulled the rest in."

The accident occurred at 11:40 A. M., but it was well past dark before the rig was righted by a Waff Brothers crane. During the afternoon the discussion centered primarily around exactly how the crane was going to pick up the muddy machine. A crew from Seabrook labored at moving the 40,000 pounds of peanuts into another truck standing by.

Everyone took the unfortunate occurrence good na-

tedly, especially Morris, even though he had heard that his boss in Dublin was rushing to Edenton to check things out. He commented that he had been driving trucks for nine months without accident and had never had an accident before in his life.

"The only thing that hurts is my pride. It would be different if the truck was torn to pieces, but to have something like this happen . . ."

Sgt. Wayne Mizelle of the Edenton Police Department stated that no charges would be made. "It was just one of those things," he said, nursing a stiff arm from directing traffic.

Taking advantage of the novel situation, Morris stat-

ed, "What we're thinking about doing is building a diner over the truck and have a real truck stop. There ought to be a soft shoulder sign and railing along this shoulder. The ground looked solid enough, but I've never seen stuff this swampy except in Louisiana."

By about 9 P. M. the rig was out of the mud and sitting on its wheels ready to be driven away, only a little worse for that wear.

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League Meeting Dates Are Set

The growing partnership between city and state will be the theme surrounding the 63rd annual convention of the N. C. League of Municipalities to be held in Greensboro October 29-31.

An estimated 1,000 mayors, councilmen and other key city officials from across the state will meet at the Greensboro Coliseum for three days of meetings, speeches and comments from the major state political candidates in this election year. "Interaction—City and State" will be the theme for the annual con-

vention. The role of the state in understanding and aiding in city problems and the new awareness by cities of the role and assistance available to them from state agencies has become particularly apparent in the last few years. North Carolina voters have approved a \$150-million bond issue through which the state will aid cities and towns in water and sewer construction programs and the 1971 General Assembly recognized the burden of maintaining city streets and doubled the allocation of funds for that purpose.

The major political candidates for the office of governor, lieutenant governor, and U. S. Senate will be speaking to municipal officials at various points during the convention. Gov. Bob Scott will be bestowed honorary League membership, recognition given to only nine men in the long history of the league.

Atlanta's Mayor Sam Massell, who is now serving as president of the National League of Cities, will deliver a keynote address on October 30. A long time friend of municipal government, Prof. Emeritus Albert Coates of the University of North Carolina, will appear before the officials during the convention. He is founder of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Mayors and councilmen, managers and other key city officials will be attending respective concurrent sessions held Monday and Tuesday during the convention. Topics will range from the pending Constitutional Amendment which would limit the incorporation of new cities in North Carolina to a discussion of the allocation procedures of the \$150-million clean water bond funds.

The convention will close with the annual banquet and Halloween dance October 31.



TRACTOR-TRAILER TAKES A DIVE—Michael Morris, on his way to Dublin, pulled off U. S. 17 to ask directions and was surprised when his rig fell over in the soft mud. He was uninjured, but it was many hours until Waff Brothers was able to pick up the muddied truck with a crane. Morris, at the far right, sizes up the situation as two youth look on.

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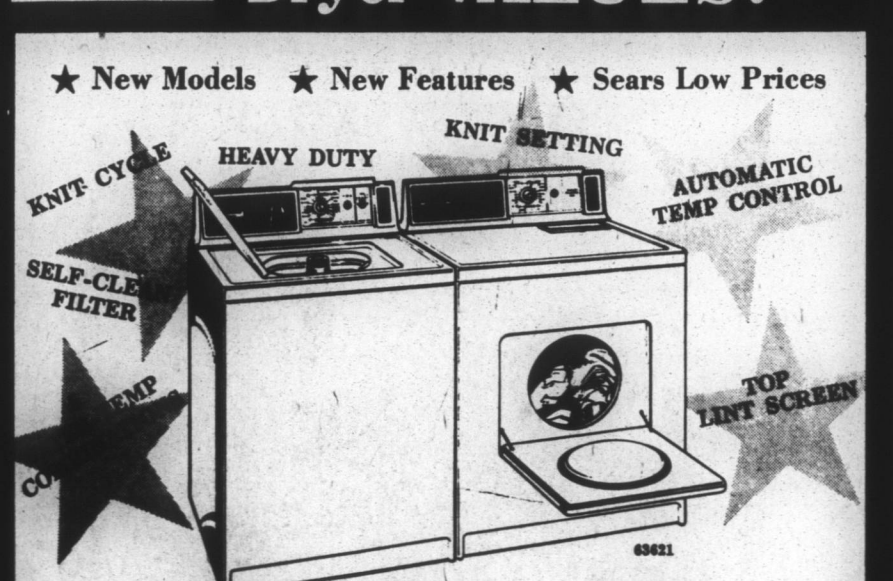
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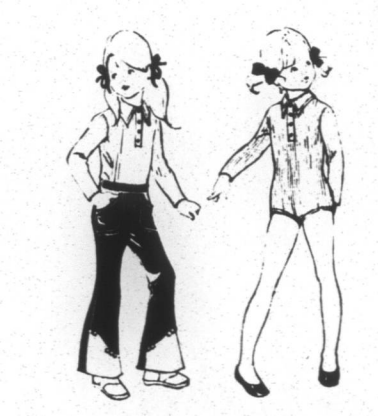
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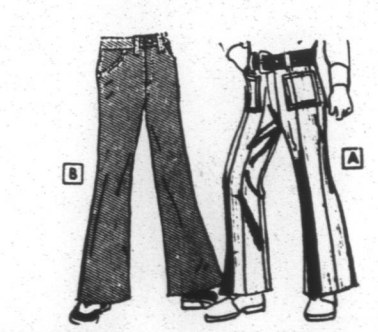
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