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74 PEOPLE KILLED IN AIRLINER CRASH



PATROLMAN TURNS PHOTOGRAPHER — To help out with a massive study of automobile injuries involving new model cars, Patrolman Paul Alberghine (seen here) and other North Carolina highway safety officers are submitting extensive reports and many photographs of wrecks which they investigate. Car above was a 1956 Chevrolet — and very beautiful, too — until two nights ago when it went off the road. See below. (Daily Record Photo by Ted Crail)

Rec. Board Taking Budget Before Council

A tentative budget for the city recreation department which runs to "eight or nine thousand dollars," according to the vice-chairman of the recreation board, will be put before the city council Thursday night.

This is a lower figure than was submitted last year. The tentative budget was adopted at a special meeting of the recreation board which convened Monday night, with the vice-chairman, R. A. Duncan, Jr., presiding. City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., recently warned that recreation and other special activities supported by the town may receive no appropriation unless the town is successful in finding some new source of revenue.

THREE-WAY SUPPORT
In the past, recreation activities have been sustained jointly by city funds, United Fund allotments, and self-support from swimming pool receipts.

Mrs. John Dalrymple, a member of the recreation board, reported that attendance and participation records were gone over at the Monday meeting. The reports showed that a total of 6,760 participated in all activities sponsored by the department. While this represents some duplication (the same child participating in general countable categories), it demonstrates that many local children have been benefitting from the diverse program of the recreation department.

Vice-chairman Duncan stated that the reason the budget is at a somewhat lower figure this year is because the department has dropped the idea of a year-round, full-time director.

Following the resignation of Gene Driver last winter, the board did not hire a new full-time director until Dunn High's Coach Jim Brown was hired to supervise the various program in progress during the year.

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DOUBLE HONORS — Two Wilmington boys, Bobby Matthews (center) and Jimmy Cherry (right) composed the only team to win two first places in the annual 4-H Club District Elimination Contest held in Lillington on Tuesday. And Harnett County 4-H Club leader Bertha Lois Ray, (left) was the first to congratulate them. The New Hanover team placed first in dairy management and forestry, two of 18 different types of demonstrations presented by contestants from 17 Southeastern Counties. District winners will participate in the finals during State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. More than 350 club boys and girls and 50 Extension Service Specialists attended.

Suicide Banker Left Shortage

KINSTON — A thorough check of the books of the First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. was in progress here today in the wake of the suicide of a bank official who confessed a shortage. Joseph Edward Peterson, vice president of the company and chief here shot himself to death Monday night in his office at the bank. Coroner Raymond Jarman ruled the death a suicide. Before shooting himself with a .38 caliber pistol, the highly respected banker wrote two notes, one to his wife and the other to bank President R. P. Holding of Smithfield.

Contents of the notes were not disclosed but Holding said Peterson "admitted a shortage and assumed full responsibility for the same, saying it was incurred without the knowledge of his associates."

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Armed Bandit Kills Man, Injures Wife

JEFFERSON, Ga. — Police widened a search today for a bandit who killed a merchant in a bedroom gun duel last night, knocked the victim's wife unconscious and fled with an empty money bag.

Police found 60-year-old Charles Drake, his body pierced by three pistol shots, dying on his bedroom floor. His wallet was missing but about \$5,000 cash remained concealed in an inner pocket. Drake's pistol lay nearby, police said. Drake apparently had rushed to the bedroom for the weapon, police said.

The bandit was described as a short-statured, swarthy man 20 to 25 years old wearing fatigues. Mrs. Drake said she remained in the rear of the house while her husband fought with the intruder, at one point smashing through a glass door. After the shooting, she said, the bandit beat her.

Sheriff John Brooks quoted the woman as saying the bandit interrupted her attempt to call police from her telephone the only one in the rural neighborhood, ripped out the telephone and beat her with the receiver. On reviving, she ran to a neighbor's home 200 yards away. Her screams aroused Ptl. Hoyt Jackson, at home in another nearby house, who ran to the scene. Jackson hailed a passing autoist who summoned help.

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Worst Airliner Crash On Record None Rescued

NEW YORK — A Venezuelan airliner Super Constellation burst into flames and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean today, killing 74 persons aboard, including 20 Americans in the worst regular civilian airline disaster in aviation history.

The plane plummeted at almost a 90-degree angle, hit the water, burst into flames and disappeared in full view of passengers aboard an Eastern Airlines flight to Puerto Rico and a Coast Guard amphibian Albatross.

The Lines Aeropostal Venezolana LAV airliner was attempting to limp back to New York's Idlewild Airport with one of its engines dead when it crashed into the sea at 12:32 a. m. EST. The Coast Guard reported it had "no hope for survivors" but could not officially declare all aboard the plane dead until the bodies had been recovered or a sufficient search time had elapsed.

NAVY SHIP ON SCENE
The U. S. Navy transport USS Robert Craig, first ship to reach the scene, reported "recovery of two bodies and sighting of several more."

Location of the disaster was 49 degrees 10 minutes north latitude and 73 degrees 15 minutes west longitude, about 35 miles east of Asbury Park, N. J., and 40 miles south of New York City.

The airliner was about 200 miles out of New York flying nonstop to Caracas, Venezuela, when the pilot radioed at 11:24 p. m. EST that the number two engine was running wild and he was returning to Idlewild.

The loss of 74 lives was the largest death toll of any regular airline service crash. It was the fourth worst crash in aviation history. On June 19, 1953, a U.S. Air (Continued on Page Two)

These Little Things

By ROOVER ADAMS

Crash Information Goes To Cornell

Patrolman Paul Alberghine, like other North Carolina highway safety officers, is compiling special information for Cornell University Medical College on accidents involving 1956 model cars.

First to come his way since the study began was a wreck night before last in which a new 1956 Chevrolet two-door sedan was almost totally demolished. The owner and driver of the car, Charles Franklin Butler, is a carpenter who lives on Dunn Route 3. Butler received a gash in the forehead when his car turned over on the highway near the Parrish Garage four miles north of Coats. The wound was sewed up at Dunn Hospital and Butler was released. Butler's car went off the road at 7:45 p. m. Monday night, just as a wild storm was kicking up its heels around Coats, Alberghine, fighting his way to the scene said it took him 45 minutes to go 12 miles. At one time the storm was so bad he "couldn't see to know where the road was" and had to stop. On arrival, he found the Butler Chevy had traveled 80 feet beyond the point of impact. The marks were still clearly visible after the storm had cleared off the next day and showed the course of the car into the ditch. Alberghine conducted what examination he could, and was following up yesterday with a fuller examination. Complete data will be forwarded on the wreck to the Cornell Medical Center which is correlating millions of pieces of data from

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+ Record Roundup +

DRIVING TROPHIES — Faye C. Avery of Coats and William J. Creech of Benson, district winners in the School Bus Road-E-O, didn't make the winners circle in the state contest. But each of them received a handsome silver trophy from Pyramid Life Insurance Co. of Charlotte as a district winner. Top Bus drivers in state were Miss Alice Faye Patrick of Greensboro and

Robert M. Dunn of Hillsboro. Each received a \$500 scholarship from the North Carolina State Automobile Association. Sixty high school students — each a district champion — participated in the contest on the UNC campus.

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FAMILY NIGHT — New Jaycee President Paul Perry said today

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Winners Announced In 4-H Contest

Winners were announced late yesterday in the District 4-H contest at Lillington which brought around 400 boys and girls, leaders in the 4-club of 17 eastern counties, into competition with each other.

Bobby Matthews, and Jimmy Hanover county were the only double-winners at the meet, the pair taking first place in dairy management and forestry both.

TEAMWORK STRESSED
The majority of the demonstrations given yesterday involved teamwork and the winners were mostly in teams. Eighteen different subjects were covered. The 4-Hers were out to show ways and means of improving farm life.

Cotton production and marketing demonstrations were applauded by Glenn Tussey, specialist. Winners were Bruce Bell of Route 1, Maxton, and Perry Lowry of Rowland in Robeson County.

Forage crops — Carl Blake, specialist, winners, Carlton Baldwin and Harold Coffey of Whiteville Columbus County. Peanut production and marketing — A. D. Stewart, specialist; winner, Jesse Simmons, Fayetteville Cumberland County.

BEEKEEPING
Bee-keeping — W. A. Stephen, specialist; winner, Billy Shepherd Aberdeen Moore County. Dairy foods — Virginia Wilson, specialist; individual winner, Gwendolyn Mc-

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SHERWIN-WILLIAMS OPENS TOMORROW Ribbon - Cutting At 10 A. M.

Everything was in readiness today for the grand opening tomorrow of the new Sherwin-Williams paint store in the Quinn Shopping Center on West Cumberland St.

The ribbon-cutting ceremonies will take place Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, with city and county officials, civic leaders of the area and officials of Sherwin-Williams in attendance.

Branch Manager Lawrence Marshall said today that all arrangements have been completed and that he is expecting a large crowd.

Among local dignitaries who will take part in the grand opening festivities are: Mayor Ralph E. Hanna, President Charlie Hildreth of the Chamber of Commerce; J. Edgar Black, Jr. of the Retail Merchants Association; Miss Becky Lee, the current "Miss Dunn"; Chairman Lofton A. Tart of the county board of commissioners; Former Mayor Earl McD. Westbrook; Grover C. Henderson, former chamber president, founder of Quinn Shopping Center and owner of the building, and various other



AMONG HONOR GUESTS — Lofton A. Tart, left, chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, and J. Edgar Black, Jr., right, chairman of the Dunn Retail Merchants Association, will be among the local dignitaries and guests of honor participating in ribbon-cutting ceremonies formally opening the new Sherwin-Williams Paint Store in Dunn Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. In addition to these two widely-known business men, various other officials, civic leaders and other notables will be among the big crowd expected. Mr. Tart is president of The Commercial Bank and Mr. Black is owner of Star Furniture Co.



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KEATON SAYS FIGURES REAL BACK THEN

Sweaterspert OKs Marilyn, Says Others Just Too Big

By ALINE MOSBY

United Press Hollywood Reporter HOLLYWOOD — When Buster Keaton reflects upon the five most beautiful sweater girls of all time in the movies, he thinks of bosomy beauties back in mother's day. And what about the busty queens of 1956? Either top-heavy or phony, he charges. The famed silent screen comedian didn't even hesitate when I asked him about the champions of today? Jane, Gina, Sophia and the rest. "Too big!" said Keaton. "Marilyn Monroe is all right, though," he added. To him the most beautiful sweater girls "aren't necessarily the biggest, but the most beautiful." On his list the undisputed champ of all time is the late Barbara LaMarr. "ALL-OVER BEAUTY" "She had beautiful proportions plus a gorgeous face," he said. "Nowadays the girls concentrate too much on the bust. It's the all-over proportions that count." The other Keaton champs in the measurement department are Billie Dove, Betty Blythe, Ollie Thom-

as and Jean Harlow—all stars 25 and more years ago.

Buster explained he picked old-



MARILYN MONROE

timers because in those days, the female figures were not only top-heavy, but real.

"The girls who had good figures didn't wear bras or girdles," he said. "Today you never know whether a girl's figure is real or not."

Keaton picked his list at the studio where he's teaching Donald O'Connor his famous falls and stunts for a movie on the deadpan comic's life.

BUSY RETIREMENT
Buster is extra busy these days. He also appears often on television. And with the fortune he collected from Paramount for his story he's setting up a one-acre "ranch" far out in the San Fernando Valley.

Every day Keaton shows O'Connor his routines as they rehearse for the picture. Between scenes the veteran made out his list of cheesecake beauties and showed it to another expert on females in Hollywood history, Director C. B. DeMille.

"DeMille wanted to add Nita Naldi, but I said no. She was a big girl," said Keaton. "If they want size, I'll say Marie Dressler! She had such a

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Blood Clot Takes Injured Man's Life

City Employee James McNeill, seriously injured two weeks ago when a tree limb accidentally struck him, died Monday evening. The cause of death was given as a blood clot.

Death of the colored man, who was in his mid-thirties, came very unexpectedly. Although he had suffered a broken pelvis bone, two ribs and a broken ankle in the accident, his recovery was proceeding very satisfactorily.

City Manager A. B. Uzzle, Jr., who announced this morning that McNeill's death was an "indirect result" of the accident suffered while working for the city, said, "It's the sort of thing that might happen to anyone who's injured in any way."

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