



LOCAL POSTMASTER RETIREES honored at the reception in Severn Sunday afternoon were from left (front row), Mrs. Louise Pittman, Gates; Mrs. Sara Forbes, Shawboro; Mrs. Sarah T. Gilliam, Milwaukee. Second row, from left,

Bruce Conyers, sectional manager, Rocky Mount; Wesley B. Draper, Weldon; Cecil Satterthwhite, Facterlus, Rupert R. Rawls, Oak City.

## N'ampton Injured Include 7 People, 11 Cars, 1 Cow

WELDON — Nine automobile wrecks in Northampton County have caused \$6775 worth of damage to 11 cars and left seven people injured and one cow demolished.

A 1968 Plymouth, driven by Randy Brooks, 22, of Washington, D.C., was traveling east on RP 1214 when a 1967 Ford pulling a boat, driven by Ronnie James Ball, 26, of Gaston, made a left turn in the path of the Brooks vehicle. Damage came to \$600 to the Plymouth and \$800 to the Ford. Injured was Sandra Johnson, 20, a passenger in the Brooks car. She was taken to Halifax Memorial Hospital. Ball was charged with a safe movement violation by Trooper R. E. Worley. The accident occurred at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, July 22, 3.2 miles west of Henrico.

James Lee Boone, 20, of Pleasant Hill was charged with driving too fast for conditions when he failed to make a curve due to excessive speed. The vehicle skidded off the highway onto the left side and collided with trees. The right rear tire on the 1972 Chevrolet suffered a blow out. The car was a total loss with damages coming to \$2500. The incident was investigated by Trooper B. W. Corey Sunday, July 22, at 1:30 p.m., two miles west of Seaboard on RP 1317. Three people were injured and taken to Halifax Memorial Hospital when a 1966 Ford, driven by Bruce Mayo, 20, of Halifax, ran off the roadway onto the right shoulder in a curve. The vehicle skidded back across

the road and overturned coming to rest in a ditch. All occupants were thrown from the car. The driver, Johnnie Taylor, 18, of Weldon, and Jerome Welch, 29, of Halifax were hospitalized and Mayo was charged with reckless driving by Trooper R. E. Worley. Damage came to \$500 to the car. The accident occurred Sunday, July 22, at 2:20 a.m. on US 158, 3.4 miles west of Jackson.

Carlton Harvey Day, 20, of Conway was charged with reckless driving by Trooper R. E. Worley following a one-car collision on RP 1545, 3 miles east of Milwaukee Saturday, July 21, at 1:45 a.m. Day was traveling east on RP 1545 when he ran off the roadway

onto the right shoulder, skidded across the road striking the left ditch bank, crossed the road again and came to rest in the right ditch. Damage to the 1962 Chevrolet amounted to \$250 and Day was taken to a doctor of his choice.

Also charged in a one-car collision was Samuel Lincoln Daniel, 44, of Richmond with failure to decrease speed when his vehicle, a 1970 Rambler, tried to make a turn into a parking area at too great a speed and skidded into a shoulder marker and sign. Damage came to \$125 to the car. The accident happened Saturday, July 21, at 4:25 p.m., 7.6 miles north of Weldon on I-95. The investigating officer was

Trooper R. E. Worley. A cow darted out of a cornfield into the path of a 1968 Chevrolet truck, driven by James Osca Outland, 32, of Rich Square Friday, July 20, at 7:15 a.m. on RPR 1109, 3.1 miles west of Rich Square, doing \$500 of damage to the truck. Investigating officer was Trooper B. W. Corey. Marian Jones Clary, 39, of Gasburg, Va. and Melvin Stokes, 19, of Garysburg were both charged with indicated violation of improper or no signal by Trooper B. W. Corey when the two vehicles sideswiped each other Friday, July 20, 7:10 a.m. on NC 46, 5.6 miles east of Gaston. Damage

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## Local Retired Postmasters Honored At Reception

SEVERN — Postmasters of the 278-279 Rocky Mount Sectional Center honored all area postmasters who have retired since July 1 at a reception in the Severn Community Building Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Twenty-eight retirees were honored on this occasion for their years of dedicated public service and were reminded that even though they are no longer in active postal service, they are remembered in the hearts of those with whom they were closely associated for many years.

The following postmaster retirees from the immediate area were honored: Wesley B. "Wick" Draper, Weldon; Perry C. Millikin, Halifax; Leland L. Allsbrook, Scotland Neck; James Atkinson,

Garysburg; M. A. Coker, Pleasant Hill; Howard G. Barnes, Severn; Addie L. Harriss, Gumberry; Lola Wheeler, Lasker; Sarah T. Gilliam, Milwaukee.

## 5 Odom Inmates Taken To Raleigh

JACKSON — Five inmates of Odom Correction Center have been transferred to Cecil Faison in Raleigh after an unsuccessful escape attempt Sunday.

According to C. T. Caudle, superintendent of the Odom center, parking arrangements for visitors have been changed to prevent the problem from arising again.

The inmates had climbed a fence near the visitor's parking lot and guards were

hesitant to fire for fear of hitting a visitor.

Two of the inmates stopped one of the visitors and took his car key, Caudle said, but the key broke as it was inserted into the ignition.

Caudle said the escape was "spontaneous and not planned."

None of the prisoners had caused previous trouble of any significance, Caudle said. All five men are serving terms for armed robbery.

## Wheeler Released From Hospital

JACKSON — James Wheeler, the Woodland youth who is a candidate for a kidney transplant, was released from Norfolk General Hospital last Friday following surgery which removed his only kidney.

Wheeler is now on his past schedule of going to Norfolk twice a week for sessions on the kidney machine and the social services department is again asking for volunteers to transport him to the hospital Tuesdays and Fridays through the month of August until he receives the kidney machine at the end of the month.

## Squirrels

Traffic laws in Olney, Ill. grant right-of-way to the town's squirrels. If one is hit, the unlucky motorist must pay a \$25 fine.

## Severn Man Charged With DUI, Assault

SEVERN — A Severn man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and assaulting an officer Sunday afternoon following a chase by Trooper John Wood.

Charlie Turner, 32, threatened to kill the officer and fired a few shots over his head with a shotgun. He later surrendered to Wood and was released on \$2500 bond.

## Highway Patrol Gets 2 New Officers

RALEIGH — Two new highway patrolmen have been assigned to work out of the Halifax-Northampton Highway Patrol office.

Fred H. Hampton of Aurora is assigned to Rich Square and Charles D. Gould of Newport is assigned to work in Roanoke Rapids. Both are recent graduates of the 54th Highway Patrol Basic School.

The patrol school is conducted at the Institute of Government on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a cooperative effort between

the University and the State Highway Patrol.

The Highway Patrol Basic School offers 92 different subjects totaling 662 instructional hours. The academic load is equivalent to approximately one year of college.

Lieutenant Clay Fox, instructor for the school, said there were graduates from the 54th Basic School. These graduates will be assigned patrol cars and report to their assigned areas within the next two weeks.

## Elizabeth City Man Faces Grand Larceny Charges

JACKSON — An Elizabeth City man is now in custody of the Northampton Sheriff's Department, charged with grand larceny.

According to Deputy Otis Wheeler, John Calton Sisson, 20, of Elizabeth City is charged with attempted larceny of a 1969 Mercury belonging to Della Johnson Britt of Severn.

About two o'clock Deputy Wheeler said he responded to a call six miles east of Jackson

on U.S. 158 near Faison's Old Tavern to the residence of Mrs. Teddy Longs.

Wheeler stated Mrs. Longs and her sister Mrs. Britt, told him that a man later identified as Sisson had knocked on the Longs' door and when he received no reply, he went to the car in the driveway and sped off.

The two women began screaming and Sissons jumped from the auto and began to run when officer

Wheeler arrived. Wheeler went on foot pursuit and captured Sissons shortly thereafter.

Sissons is now in the Northampton County jail under \$1,000 bond.

Following the incident, Jones drove to Jackson and turned himself in, reportedly

received a Viking sewing machine from the Lily Mills Company, manufacturer of Lily Thread, in Shelby.

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on upper sleeve cap and lower sleeve edge:

2. there are no tucks or pleats in sleeve or bodice;

3. the sleeve band is flat and

smooth and gives support to the sleeve;

4. the sleeve stands at the shoulder line.

To achieve this quality, she suggests that the seamstress follow these guidelines:

1. select a fabric suitable to her pattern; light and medium weight fabrics will puff better than heavy weight fabrics;

2. choose an interfacing that will complement the fabric, it should have the same basic characteristics as the fabric. The interfacing is applied to the band of the sleeve to give shape and support;

3. use 6-8 stitches per inch for machine gathering. A good choice of thread for gathering is buttonhole twist, as it will gather more easily;

4. use 10-12 stitches per inch

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## Garysburg Resident Held In Slaying

JACKSON — A Garysburg man is being held without bond in Northampton County Jail today, charged with first degree murder in a Friday night slaying.

Northampton Deputy Otis Wheeler said James Lee Jones, 28, has been charged in the fatal shooting of Melvin Lee, also 28 and of Garysburg. A hearing will be held Aug. 6 in Jackson.

According to Wheeler, Jones reportedly shot Lee three times with a .22 caliber rifle while in Jones' yard early Friday night.

Following the incident, Jones drove to Jackson and turned himself in, reportedly

telling officers there he had shot a man but did not know if he was alive or dead.

Wheeler said Jones was put in jail while deputies went to find the shooting victim.

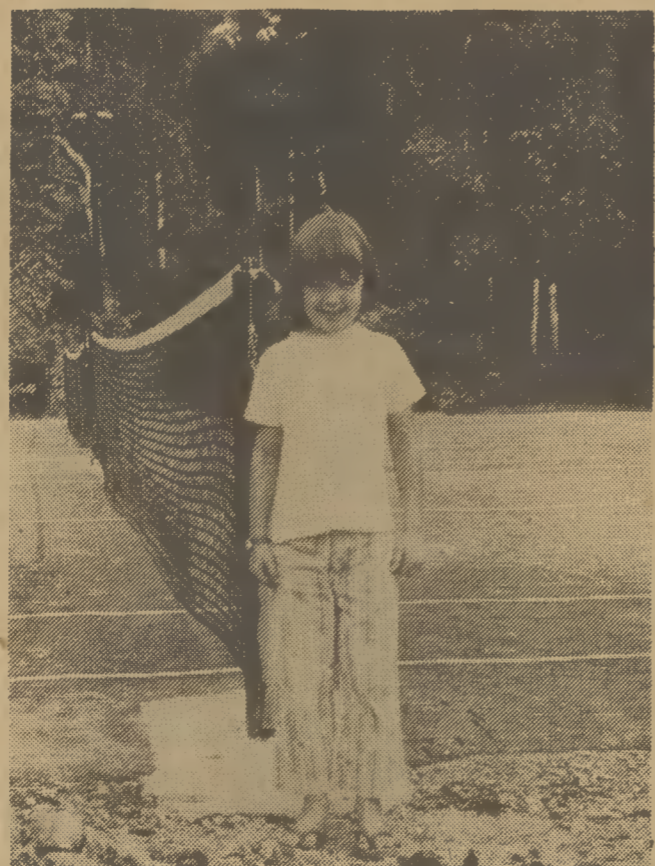
However, a search of the area where the shooting allegedly occurred failed to reveal anything and residents of the area told deputies they knew nothing of a shooting.

Early Saturday morning Jones was released from jail in Jackson for lack of evidence. However, Wheeler said, later Saturday morning Lee's body was found in the brush off U.S. 301 in

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THE NEW TENNIS COURTS in Rich Square are already sporting players. Tony Cooke returns a serve while Annette Ivey watches from the sidelines. Judging the match is Lisa Branch who came out early that morning to



watch. After the first game, Rickey Cooke (left) and Tony exchange sides of the net.

