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Hitchhiker Faces Charge in Death Of Zebulon Youth

Roanoke Rapids Man Allegedly Placed Obstruction on Road to Get Ride

A charge of manslaughter was lodged against a Roanoke Rapids painter, 26-year-old Russell Mason Myrick, after he allegedly had rolled a concrete base mailbox onto the highway near Lenoir and gave that someone would stop and give him a ride.

A car struck the mailbox, careened into a utility pole, killing one youth and injuring another.

Investigating officers found the rural mailbox with a heavy concrete base in a ditch near the smashed auto. Deputy Sheriff Joe Champion said police had a witness who heard Myrick say he had rolled the box into the highway to stop a ride.

David Barbee Jones of Zebulon, was killed in the crash and Wesley Lee Carroll, 22, of Youngsville, was injured. Both were soldiers stationed at Fort Myers, Va.

Champion said a front wheel of the car struck the box in the early morning darkness. Myrick was at the scene when officers arrived and Champion said he had been drinking.

A hearing on the manslaughter warrant is to be held in Franklin Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

Dr. Ben Rose Lacy And Committee To Visit Oxford Soon

Committee on Name for New College to Make Report on January 31

Dr. Ben Rose Lacy is head of the committee of the trustees of the consolidated Presbyterian College which is to visit Oxford some time next month.

Dr. Lacy and his committee of five members will also visit Goldsboro and Red Springs. Other committees are to visit other communities among the 17 seeking to land the new college.

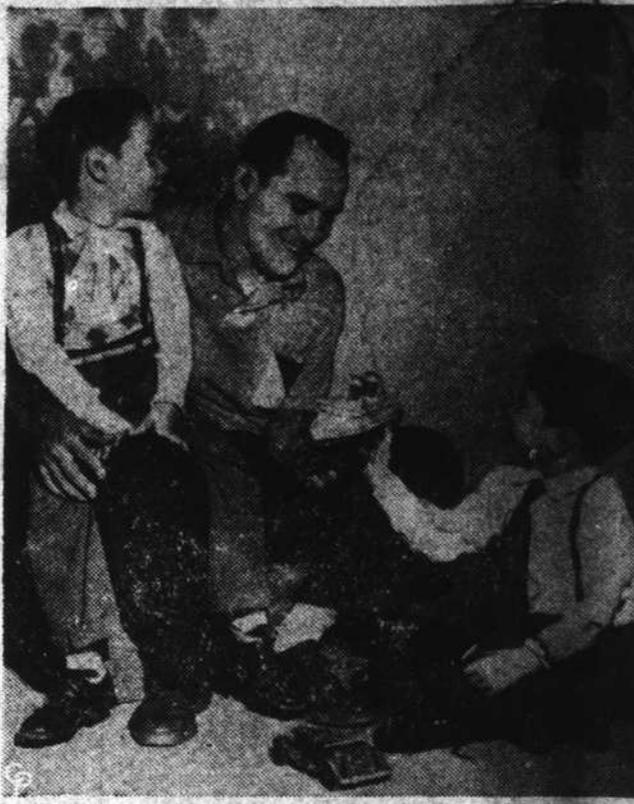
Meeting in Raleigh on Tuesday, the college trustees named a New York firm, Ward, Dreshman and Reinhardt, to conduct a three and a half million dollar fund-raising drive. The fund-raising effort is to be conducted largely in the first six months of 1956.

The board also instructed the committee on the name for the new college to report January 31. Suggestions for naming the new school it was stated, should be sent to Dr. S. H. Fulton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg.

In other actions, the board named James K. Dorsett, Raleigh attorney, as legal counsel and designated Raleigh as headquarters for the fund-raising effort.

The board is to hear the 17 towns seeking the new college between January 31 and Feb. 2.

YOGI ALSO A MOST VALUABLE COP



YOGI BERRA, Yankee catcher named the most valuable player in the American League for the third time in five years, finds that some of his best fans are right at the home plate in Woodcliff, N. J. They are his sons Timmy and Larry, and they're mighty proud. (International)

Orphanage Glee Club to Present Program Sunday

Christmas Selections to Be Featured in Program at York Rite Chapel

The annual Christmas program of the Oxford Orphanage Glee Club is to be presented at 7:30 p. m. in York Rite Chapel.

Miss Virginia McQueen, director of public school music at the Orphanage, has planned a program featuring Christmas music with appeal to an audience of all ages.

The Glee Club consists of approximately 40 male and female voices.

Miss Mary Ann McSwain will be accompanist for the program.

Mrs. Bessie Scher Buried at Clayton

Oxford Orphanage Cottage Counsellor Found Dead Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Bessie Holt Scher, a cottage counsellor at the Oxford Orphanage, was found dead in the bathroom of her cottage late Monday afternoon. Death of the 62-year-old former resident of Clayton was attributed to natural causes.

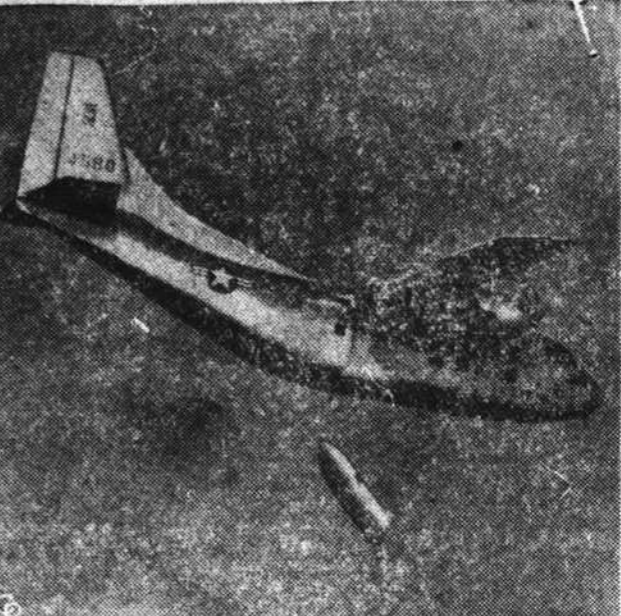
Mrs. Scher's death occurred on the eve of her departure for a vacation from her duties. When she failed to respond to calls of the relief counsellor, entry was made into her apartment and Mrs. Scher was found sitting on the floor of the bathroom, where she obviously was stricken ill. She had been employed at the Orphanage for the past two years.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Wednesday from Horne Memorial Methodist Church in Clayton, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Russell Caudill. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery there.

Mrs. Scher was a native of South Carolina, and a member of First Baptist Church and Eastern Star in Smithfield, where she formerly resided.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. John I. Barnes, Jr., of Clayton, a sister, Mrs. Harry Whitaker of Swansboro, Ky.; three brothers, D. N. Holt of Pine Level, Paul Holt of Swansboro, and Jack Holt of Loris, S. C., and three grandchildren.

AIRBORNE PLANE TESTS DEFUELING



A C-123 ASSAULT TRANSPORT drops its starboard nacelle fuel tank in an Air Force test near Hagerstown, Md., to determine the effect of different weight loads, air speeds and altitudes. The ability to discard the fuel pods has been found to increase flight safety during emergencies which arise in combat training. (International)

Youth Convicted Of Assault Upon Woman on Street

George Thomas Elkerson Given Term of Two Years Suspended by Mayor

Arrested here Sunday night after a resident of New College Street complained that she had been assaulted by a youth intending to commit rape, George Thomas Elkerson, 17, was convicted in Mayor's Court Monday morning and given a suspended two year term.

Elkerson's arrest followed an investigation by Assistant Chief Nathaniel White and Officer Dickerson.

Mayor W. Z. Mitchell sentenced the youth to a road term of two years then suspended the sentence on condition that the defendant remain of good behavior and report to the chief of police or mayor one a month to show good behavior.

A Negro woman, Hazel Nichols, said she was attacked as she walked toward home Sunday night carrying several weiners which she had purchased a short time earlier at the bus station. She identified her attacker as a youth she had seen leave the bus station when she was being waited upon.

Returning a short while later to the bus station in company with officers, she pointed out Elkerson, who dashed away and only to be arrested later and identified by the woman. While in custody, the youth admitted that he had assaulted the woman with his hands and by making improper advances.

Opportunities Are Offered by County Welfare Department

Agency Offering Assistance to Clubs and Classes Planning to Aid Families at Christmas

The Welfare Department is getting more calls for needy families than it has of record to supply the requests.

Mrs. D. H. Hall, senior case worker, said yesterday, "But," said Mrs. Hall, "that does not mean there aren't a lot of families and old people about the city and county who are not most deserving of thoughtfulness and generosity from persons in their fortunate circumstances at Christmas."

There are, Mrs. Hall added, many opportunities among old people—people who for one reason or another don't attend church or participate in community activities as much as they did some years ago. "These people," she said, "are not cases of the Welfare Department, but they are people who are grateful for thoughtfulness in the holiday season. They welcome visits from neighbors and friends."

Mrs. Hall said the Welfare Department would like to keep tabs on families and individuals which churches, clubs and other groups are taking for Christmas cheer. "It is possible," she said, "that we can help avoid excessive duplication."

The Welfare Department worker said she did not want to leave the impression that there are no charitable cases, or no deserving families. "There are a lot of them, and there are others who are having to cut their Christmas very close this year because of reverses of one kind or another—crop failures, sickness and hospital expenses, and for other causes."

The Welfare Department, Mrs. Hall said, will be glad to work with anyone who is planning to share their Christmas with others.

Ralph W. Jones, 36, Succumbs in Durham

Funeral services for Ralph Willard Jones, 36, resident of Durham, were held Thursday afternoon at Temple Baptist Church, Durham, with burial following in a Durham cemetery.

He was the husband of the former Miss Frances Curran of Rowland. His death occurred suddenly Wednesday morning as he suffered a heart seizure. He was associated with Durham Telephone Company.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Newton, Jr., of Prospect Ave., a son, Ted Lewis, Dec. 4, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel Oresham of Route 2, Kittrell, a daughter, Carolyn Irene, Dec. 5, at Granville Hospital. Mrs. Oresham is the former Miss Irene Hart.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Albert Harris of Route 2, Kittrell, a son, Dec. 6, at Granville Hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Thompson of Coggeshall Street, a daughter, Dec. 7, at Granville Hospital. Mrs. Thompson is the former Miss Julia Montague.

Two Cars Stolen During This Week

Wheeler Auto Recovered in Bedford, Va.—L. A. Allen Car Stolen

Theft of two more cars in the community was reported to police here this week as search continued for the sedan of J. E. Pittard, Jr., stolen from Littlejohn Street several weeks ago.

L. A. Allen, a Virginia man who retails apples from a truck here, reported that his 1951-model Plymouth sedan was stolen, allegedly by a man whom he had befriended. Allen procured a police warrant charging W. M. Cozart of near Richmond, with the theft. Cozart told police he had brought Cozart to Oxford a day or so before loss of his car.

Stolen Monday night from the front yard of the H. G. Averett home west of the city on the Stem road was a 1951 model Mercury which police located Tuesday in Bedford, Va. The car was the property of Averett's son, W. G. Averett. The Averetts went to Bedford Wednesday to repossess the car.

Feed and Groceries Not Yet Returned

Somebody's conscience may become painful before the end of the holiday season.

The party who drove away from a parking lot here the past week with a bag of feed and some \$15 worth of groceries has not revealed himself, according to B. G. Clark of Granville Feed Store.

The items were loaded onto a wrong car and trailer by an employee of the store who followed directions of the purchaser. The purchaser learned too late that she had given incorrect information.

Clark said he had a gift at the store for the person who probably is holding the merchandise to be returned on the next trip to the city.

\$3,200 Given For Orphanage Project

The annual Thanksgiving-Christmas fund drive for the Oxford Orphanage as of yesterday was \$800 short of its \$4,000 goal, according to G. T. Eakes, who with W. H. Yeargin is co-chairman of the project.

Eakes said yesterday that \$3,200 has been turned in. "We hope that before the close of the campaign, the additional \$800 needed to bring contributions in balance with the goal will be in hand," the co-chairman said.

Benefit Supper To Be Served Tonight

Arrangements have been completed for serving around 400 persons at the barbecue supper at the Credle School luncheon this evening from 5:30 until 7:30 o'clock. The supper is a benefit affair for the Oxford Parent-Teacher Association. A turkey is to be given away as door prize.

Purchase Orders Being Redeemed

Reports on Practices Wanted by Granville County ASC Office

Application for payment for seed, limestone and fertilizer on certain Granville County farms are being forwarded to the State Office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, according to Glenn Montague, chief clerk of the local ASC office.

Montague said farmers who received any of the three items should report at once to the office in the Farm Building as to use of the products so that payment can be approved.

Purchase orders which were issued and not used should be returned at once to the ASC office here, Montague added. A report of all practices carried out under the program is needed at once so the ASC personnel can close out the 1955 ACP program year, Montague explained.

Reflectors, Turn Signals Required By New State Law

Highway patrol officers in this area are busy acquainting motor vehicle operators with 1955 legislation which affects their operation.

Required on pick-up trucks, irrespective of size, Patrol Corporal J. E. Rawls noted yesterday, are two reflectors, one at the right and one at the left, on the rear, in addition to the conventional tail lot and stop light.

Another new requirement affecting truck operators, Rawls said, is that turn signals be installed on vehicles longer than 14 feet and on vehicles on which there is a greater distance than 24 inches from the center of the steering wheel to the left side of the truck, or where the body extends beyond the 24-inch distance.

Cpl. Rawls said he or any member of the patrol would be glad to give information to truck operators regarding legal requirements for their operations.

Committees Named For Shrine Dance

J. M. Falkner to Head Ticket Sales Committee for Affair Dec. 22

Committees to handle details of the many arrangements necessary for the successful Shrine dance which the Shrine Club is planning here on Wednesday night, Nov. 22, were announced yesterday by Leonard S. Curran, president of the Oxford club.

Thomas B. Curran is general chairman with F. E. Young as ambassador. Macy Falkner is chairman of ticket sales and on the committee with him are Dr. Hal Pittard, Dr. R. W. Taylor, Richard Hamme, Sidney Harris, Robt. Boswood, James Calkett, W. W. Whitfield, Allen Cross, C. B. Caldwell and Marshall Parham.

A. N. Critcher heads the advertising committee and serving with him are C. E. Coble, Pat Flanagan, Harv. Curl, Mike Hight and Bob Smith.

Thomas Curran also heads the concessions committee, on which he is to be assisted by J. G. Wheeler, Jr., and V. W. Taylor.

R. M. Curran, Jr., is chairman of the armory committee. Working with him are George T. Eakes, Doc Forsythe, B. L. Hightower, E. T. Regan and John N. Watkins, Jr.

Jim Thornton and His Country Style Band are to furnish music for the pre-Christmas party.

Seven From Area Sent For Service

Seven persons were forwarded Monday for induction by the armed forces.

As named by Local Board No. 39, the selectees were Tom Thornton, Jr., Route 1, Rougemont; Harvey Thomas Howard, Route 4, Oxford; Horace Graham Dement, Creedmoor; Burley Benton Adcock, Rt. 2, Virgilia; Henry Norman Thorpe, Jr., Rt. 1, Oxford; Herbert Hargrove, Rt. 1, Oxford; and Dan Edward Woody, Rt. 1, Oxford.

Briggs Family Moves Into New Dwelling

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Briggs moved Wednesday into their new home on the Oxford by-pass.

The home, first constructed on the route, is of brick and stone with half-basement and central heating plant. It includes three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and porch in addition to bath. It is of ranch style.

Mr. and Mrs. Briggs have three children, Donnie, Marvin and Darcel.

PATIENTS MAY WORK

The State Hospitals Board of Control, meeting Wednesday in Raleigh, said that patients at State Hospital at Goldsboro could continue picking cotton in the fields of Wayne county farmers. The board, however, set up new rules and regulations which will insure the safety and welfare of the patients.

Grange Members Schedule Party

Santa to Be Featured at Christmas Tree on Evening of Dec. 20

Oxford Grange members, in meeting here Tuesday night, made plans to take Christmas cheer to some community family during the holidays and also planned the organization's own Christmas party.

Grange Master Alvis Clement presided. Ten officers of the organization were on hand to assist with the formalities.

The Grange family party is to be held on Dec. 20 with a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. Santa will be present to greet Grange children.

Mrs. Seth Glover, lecturer and program chairman, presented E. A. Mayes, Jr., who gave a reading, "The Second Table." Mrs. Dorothy Wilkinson presented Mrs. Brodie O'Brian, president of the Granville Home Demonstration Club Federation, who told of her recent visit to United Nations.

Mrs. Fielding Knott served refreshments in the social hour which concluded the bi-weekly meeting.

Dr. Murdock Named For Hospital Post

Dr. James W. Murdock, who for the past several months has been acting superintendent, this week was appointed general superintendent of all state mental hospitals.

The appointment came at a meeting of the State Hospitals Board of Control held in Raleigh. Dr. Murdock had been in acting capacity since resignation of Dr. David Young.

Dr. Murdock, a resident of Butner, formerly was superintendent of the Butner hospital.

DR. LAMOTTE CHOSEN

At the annual meeting of the Southeastern Junior College Athletic Association, held in Miami Beach, Florida, on November 29, the president of Presbyterian Junior College, Dr. Louis LaMotte, was elected vice president of the association.

Christmas Plans Made by Jaycees

Benefit Movie to Be Presented at Orpheum Theatre December 21

Oxford Jaycees have drafted plans for distributing Christmas cheer to many aged and infirm as well as distressed families in the community during the approaching Christmas season.

That was the word yesterday from John D. Mackle, who with Hugh M. Curran is serving as co-chairman of the Jaycee project.

To support the undertaking, Manager George Duffy of the Orpheum Theatre has announced that a benefit movie, "The Fall Man," is to be shown in the afternoon of Dec. 21. Admission to the cinema-scope movie, featuring Clark Gable and Jane Russell, will be by contribution of food, toys and clothing which the Jaycees will use for their Christmas project.

Mackle said around ten families would be taken food baskets and that an additional 15 to 20 families will be aided by joint action of the Salvation Army and the Jaycees.

TB Seal Program Related to Club

Mrs. A. D. Leon Gray Speaker at Weekly Meeting of Oxford Kiwanians

The role of Granville County people in control of tuberculosis through the purchase of TB seals each Christmas was portrayed by Mrs. Leon Gray at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Gray is chairman of the Welfare Department of the Woman's Club, sponsor of the annual sale in this community. She related that a part of the funds obtained from prior annual sales had been used toward the cost of X-ray equipment for case finding at the Granville Health Department and for employment of a health educator in the Granville Health Department.

A movie prepared by the National Tuberculosis Association was presented, showing the development of the seal sale on a nationwide basis and depicting some of the control work being carried on for the eradication of tuberculosis.

During the business meeting, a former club member, John N. Watkins, Jr., was welcomed as a returning member.

Highway Commission To Study Alternate Routes on Jan'y 26

North Carolina Highway Commissioners are to hold a special meeting in Raleigh on Thursday, Jan. 26, to discuss and consider the recommendations of the chief highway engineer regarding deletion of certain alternate highway routings.

Two of the alternate routings to be considered are located in Granville and adjoining counties. One is on 15-A between Creedmoor, Raleigh, Fayetteville and Laurinburg; the other is on 158 from the junction of U. S. 1 and 158 north of Henderson to junction of U. S. 158 in Granville County west of Henderson.

In revealing that the meeting is to be held, Chairman A. H. Graham stated that the commission would give all groups interested in the alternate routings an opportunity to express their opinions at that time. The alternate or "A" routes have generally been established on the old routes through the heart of towns where a highway improvement has been made by bypassing the town, Graham stated.

Ordination To Be Conducted Sunday

An ordination and installation service for newly elected deacons and elders will be conducted at the Oxford Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. Sunday.

The Rev. Thomas T. Traynham, pastor, is to conduct the service. Seven deacons to be installed are Graham Curran, John Sult, Dr. James Tarry, Wilson Comer, Ralph Boswood, Jimmy Jones and L. S. Bryan, Jr. The elders are D. H. Hall, Jr., H. B. Jennings, Jr., and E. G. McSwain.

Cotton Referendum Scheduled Tuesday

By GLENN MONTAGUE

The cotton referendum is to be held Tuesday, Dec. 13. On that day farmers will be given an opportunity of voting in a referendum to decide the level at which cotton will be supported next year.

Farmers will vote on the 13th for marketing quotas and marketing penalties next year along with the highest available rate of price support or they can vote against quotas. This will consequently bring the support rate down next year to 50 per cent of parity. This year a 50 per cent loan rate would have amounted to approximately 10c per pound on 15-16ths inch middling in most sections of North Carolina.

If 2-3 of the voters vote in favor of marketing quotas we will have See REFERENDUM, Page 4

NEW PLANE EXPLODES

The Navy's new Seamaster, a huge jet seaplane with a speed of 600 miles an hour, exploded in flight Wednesday and fell in shattered pieces into the Chesapeake Bay. Three employees of Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore, the plane's builder, and a naval officer were aboard when the four-engine craft broke up in a test flight.

Table Top Hiding Place for Booze

Saphonia Harris, 28, Facing Trial in Mayor's Court Here This Morning

The traditional "festive board" in the home of Saphonia Harris, 28, Granville Street resident, turned out to be Tuesday night a liquor cache.

The Harris woman was charged with illegal possession after a riding party of police officers located six jars of booze cleverly concealed in a trap beneath a removable table leaf.

In the party were Chief D. E. White, Assistant Chief N. E. White, Bryson Dickerson and C. B. Woodlief.

Stores Open Tonight

In accord with a schedule adopted by the Merchants Bureau here, Oxford stores are to be open tonight, Friday, until 9 p. m.

Hides 10 Years



IZMAZO KANO, 35, a Japanese soldier who has been hiding out in a Borneo jungle village for 10 years, arrives in Hong Kong on his way to Tokyo. When his unit was wiped out by the Allies he was told: "Don't surrender—hide out." This he has been doing since the end of World War II. In the meantime, he married a native girl. (International)